

ELECTION RESULTS

Local Primary Election Results

Turnout for the August 6th Primary ranged from 20-28% over both Clinton and Shiawassee Counties. Here is how the registered voters voted in our coverage area in contested races and ballot proposals.

Clinton County: County Commissioner District 1 Duplain Township, Greenbush Township, Ovid Township, Victor Township and City of Ovid Combined.

Nicole Fickes: 698

Val Vail-Shirey: 528

Shiawassee County Commissioner District 1

Josh Haley: 869

Christopher Eveleth: 481

Shiawassee County Commissioner District 7

Matthew Shepard: 429

Thomas Emery: 397

John Plowman: 246

State Representative 71st District

Brian Begole: 4,742

Kevin Rathbun: 2,527

Clinton County Drain Commissioner

Phil Hanses: 4,854

Tim Gill: 2978

Shiawassee County Prosecuting Attorney

Scott Koerner: 4028

Robert Hinojosa: 3535

Sciota Township Clerk

Jamie Parker-Wing: 154

Morgan Arnold: 46

Ballot Proposals

Clinton Aear Transit Proposal

Yes: 10,424

No: 4,822

DuPlain Township Road Improvement Repair & Maintenance Renewal & Increase

Yes: 232

No: 150

Greenbush Township Road Millage

Yes: 298

No: 216

Emergency Services Millage Renewal

Duplain Township

Yes: 232

No: 150

Ovid Township

Yes: 286

No: 152

Middlebury Township

Yes: 169

No: 99

Fire Services Millage Proposal

City of Laingsburg:

Yes: 152

No: 85

Sciota Township

Yes: 214

No: 128

Woodhull Township

Yes: 575

No: 272

The Ovid Carriage Days committee has planned a one day, community fun filled day on Saturday, September 7th, with events for the entire family to enjoy, and the best part is most everything for the kids will be free.

The day will start early with a 5K Walk/Run at 7:30am, Pancake Breakfast, 8am-10am, Car Show, 9am-2pm, Arts & Crafts Vendors, 10am-6pm, awesome Inflatables, 11am-6pm, Parade at 11am, Kids Pedal Pull, after parade, Community Mural Painting after parade until 3pm, Kids games, Magician, Cake/Cookie walk and face painting from 1pm-4pm, Historical Museum, Open 2pm-4pm, Arm Wrestling Tournament (men, women and kids) 11am-4pm, Wrestling Exhibition, 4pm-6pm. A variety of Food Trucks serving BBQ, Hot Dogs, Mexican, Ice Cream, Lemonade, Cotton Candy and more available 11am-6pm.

There will also be a co-ed softball tournament held that day, beginning at 8:30am. Eight team bracket, double elimination, hosted by Chloe Taylor. Proceeds from tournament will be donated towards the Christmas in Ovid event held in December. For more information or to sign up a team call Chloe at 989-413-6722.

If you haven't signed up for the parade or arts and crafts, applications are available at the Meridian Weekly (Tue 8:30-Noon or Wed-Thur from 8:30-4:00) or online by logging onto meridianweekly.org. Raffle tickets for a Cash Raffle are now available for purchase. Tickets are \$20 each and are available at the Meridian Weekly or from any committee member. First prize, \$1500.00, second prize, \$750 and third prize, \$350. Watch the paper for additional event information over the next few weeks or check us out online and on facebook.

Stay tuned each week for more details on events as they are firmed up



Bannister Harvest Festival a Success

submitted by Joanne Fornusek

More than 800 people gathered in Bannister on Sunday to enjoy the old world traditions of harvest time in Czechoslovakia. Volunteers were busy all week preparing food, decorating the grounds and setting up the hall for the many guests who attended the celebration.

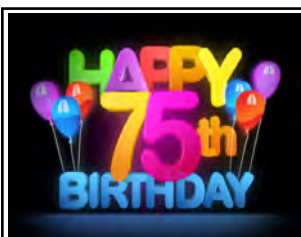
Following a traditional Czech dinner, program participants dressed in kroj (ethnic costumes) marched onto an outdoor platform carrying decorated rakes, scythes and wreaths. American, Czech and Slovak flags were carried by local veterans, Mary Levy, John Ladiski, Frank Chvojka and John Chvojka. The singing of the national anthems was led by Bob Ladiski and a prayer for a successful harvest was offered by MC Mary Bradley. Talented musicians played favorite Czech songs on their accordions and the Bannister ZCBJ Folk Dancers, aged two through adult, performed many traditional dances for the audience. Tom and Diane Bradley were honored for their efforts to preserve and promote the Czech and Slovak heritage and for their service to the community. Drawings were held for children's bikes as well as teen and adult prizes.

When the formal ceremonies ended there were games for children and dancing to the wonderful music of the Just 4 Fun Band with Frank Moravcik from Cleveland.

Bannister ZCBJ Lodge Michigan #225 would like to thank all who worked so hard to make this event possible and all the guests who supported the festival.



Social



Carol Smolka on August 12th



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Clarkston Gospel Band Concert

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Upcoming Events at the Ovid Public Library

On Wednesday, August 14 we will be showing the movie, "Written on the Wind" starring Robert Stack, Lauren Bacall, Rock Hudson and Dorothy Malone. Movie time will be 1:00.

Monday, August 19 join us at 1:00 for a presentation on the Medicare Assistance Program (MAP). Madison Miller from the Tri-County Office on Aging will be here to talk about the MAP program and provide help with the medicare process. This program is open to everyone.

Monday, August 26 will be the Adult Book Club. If you love reading and would like to share your love of books with others or find out about a new author or book, come join us at 1:00.

Wednesday, August 28 we will be showing the movie, "Move Over, Darling" starring Doris Day and James Garner. Movie time is 1:00.

50th Reunion Planned for Grove Christian School

submitted by Melissa Holmquist

"Grove Christian School will be hosting a 50th reunion on August 17th at 2:30 pm in the original school building!

Call 517-651-5729 or email grovebiblechurch@gmail.com for more details."

The church is located at 6990 E. Price Rd., St. Johns.

Grove Bible Church Celebrates 70 Years.

submitted by Melissa Holmquist

On August 17th at 4:30 to celebrate Grove Bible Church's 70th anniversary with a community picnic! Food and fun for the whole family! You won't want to miss our giant Sasquatch, dunk tank, bounce houses, and hayride. Plus we'll be joined by some first responders.

Call 517-651-5729 or email grovebiblechurch@gmail.com for more details."

The church is located at 6990 E. Price Rd., St. Johns.



Longs Celebrating 74th Anniversary

Gaylord and Shirley Long of Elsie will be celebrating their 74th wedding anniversary on August 19th.

Wishes may be sent to: 8673 W. Juddville Rd., Elsie, MI 48831.

Second Saturday Monthly Barn Dance

The Second Saturday monthly barn dance will run thru October 12th at 10901 Hollister Rd., Laingsburg from 6:30-9:30pm. Next one is August 10th.

Music (variety, country, oldies, line dance). Tess Clarkson, Kathy Ford, Bill Fuller and Jack Clarkson.

Ovid Cafe will be selling sloppy joes and potato salad. Ther is a 24'x24' pro dance floor, gifted from Kalamzoo CC.

BYOB, snack and own lawn chair. (Just in case we have 75 charis.

Rain or shine.

Owosso Parkinson Support Group Meeting

submitted by Owen Prussner

The Owosso Parkinson Support Group is to meet on Wednesday, August 14th at 5:00pm at the Shiawassee Council on Aging. 300N Washington St., Owosso. Phone 989-723-8875.

Owosso Parkinson Support group meets the second Wednesday of each month.

We will have a short meeting and will have an enjoyable meal together. Please bring a passing dish. Plates and cup, and silverware will be provided. We will have a fellowship evening.

If you or a loved one Has been diagnosed with Parkinson Disease, please join us, we provide information, encouragement, fellowship, and support.

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Clinton County to Hold Fall Waterfowl Hunt at Clinton Lakes County Park Fall 2024

submitted by Kyle Thornton

The objective for public hunting of waterfowl in Clinton Lakes County Park is to manage nuisance geese. While geese are a special focus of the hunting program, successful applicants may hunt any waterfowl species, subject only to current federal and state game laws. An equally important objective is to provide area residents with a recreational opportunity to responsibly harvest an abundant source of nutritious food.

The local goose population is found in area parks year-round. Goose droppings deposited on swimming beaches, picnic areas, trails and other areas is unpleasant to view and recreate around. Droppings carried by rainwater into lakes and streams increases the bacteria found in the water which can cause waterborne illness in humans. Once the presence of bacteria reaches unhealthy levels, swimming beaches must be closed to the public.

The year-round resident goose population found in Clinton Lakes and Francis Motz County Parks is estimated at several hundred. In the fall, the population swells to one-thousand or more birds when migratory flocks join the local birds. Unmanaged, the goose population will continue to grow making an existing bad situation worse. The Parks and Green Space Commission will accept applications for a managed waterfowl hunt on ten (10) days in 2024.

The deadline for the drawing is Sunday, August 25, 2024, at 11:59pm. The drawing will be conducted on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, to select seven (7) successful applicants for each of the ten (10) days when waterfowl hunting will be allowed in Clinton Lakes Park. Successful applicants will be provided a Hunting Permit for their approved date/s. Each permit holder may be accompanied by up to two guest hunters, as further defined in the conditions page of the permit.

The location of the 2024 waterfowl hunt is Clinton Lakes County Park, 4665 N. DeWitt Road, St. Johns, MI 48879. The 272-acre park was acquired by Clinton County in November 2013. The park contains a 90-acre lake and a 12-acre lake with a combined shoreline of approximately three miles. Hunting is an important way to manage the flock by providing area residents with an enjoyable outdoor recreation activity and food for the family table, while dispersing geese and other waterfowl across the many other water bodies and wetlands in the area.”

Full details can be found on the application and permit forms available on the Clinton County website at Waterfowl Hunt | Clinton County, MI (clinton-county.org). Questions can be directed to Clinton County Parks and Green Space office at parks@clinton-county.org or 989.224.5128.

Obituaries

Milan “Mike” McDiarmid

On August 6, 2024, Milan “Mike” McDiarmid, 84, of Laingsburg, Michigan passed away from this earthly life into the arms of his savior, Jesus Christ. Mike died peacefully at his home, surrounded by family and friends after a brief illness. Like most things Mike did in life, he went on his own terms. Earlier this year he said he wanted to attend his granddaughter Sara’s college graduation and wedding; then he was ready to go. Mike was preceded in death by his wife Gloria Ann McDiarmid, his mother, Florence Cain Hill, his father, Voigt McDiarmid, and his sister Judy Berrio.

He is survived by a son, Thomas McDiarmid (Debby), a daughter, Tammy Roppel (Thaddeus), four grandchildren, Tomlinson McDiarmid (Brianna), Jessica McDiarmid (Marc Mrazic), Nicholas McDiarmid, and Sara Potts (Chris) of Birmingham, Alabama, five great-grandchildren, and his special loving friend, Pearl Huffman.

Mike was born February 29, 1940 in Ashley, Michigan. He met the love of his life, Gloria Ann Tomlinson, in Laingsburg and they were married in 1960. Their love was a model for everyone who knew them. Mike worked first as a bricklayer, and then for 30 years at the Fisher Body plant in Lansing. He had numerous hobbies and skills, including motorcycles, fly tying, flying model airplanes, hunting, electronics, stereos, machine work, and amateur radio. He loved fishing, camping, and hiking with friends and family at his cabin in Canada. When Ann died in 2009, he poured his life energy into his family, CB Radio (handle Busy Body), old cars, and antique engines. He annually attended and showed his beautifully restored hit-and-miss engines at shows in Portland, Indiana and Clio, Michigan. Mike could make any gas engine run like a charm, and he had no fear when it came to climbing trees, antenna poles, roofs, or anything else that needed to be done. Besides all that, he was tenderhearted, funny, and always ready to help a friend or a stranger in need. He never took a theology class, but had a remarkable gift for explaining passages from the Bible and making them understandable to anyone. He was an inspiration and an encourager to everyone who knew him.

There will be a graveside service August 17, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. at Reed Cemetery in Laingsburg, Michigan.

The family is being served by Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes, Laingsburg Chapel where online condolences and memories may be shared at www.watkinsfuneralhomes.com.



Mid-Michigan Old Gas Tractor Show

Thursday, August 15th

Noon.....Club Kitchen Opens
3:00.....Transfer Sled Pull - Track 2
3:00.....Webberville Garden Tractor Pull - Track 1

Friday, August 16th

6:30.....Club Kitchen Opens
7:00.....Gate Opens
8:00.....Flea Market Opens
.....Steam & Engine Barns In Operation
.....Founders Building Opens
9:00.....Arts & Crafts Opens
.....Souvenir Shack Opens
10:00.....American Legion Flag Raising & Parade
.....Garden Tractor Pull - Track 1
.....Saw Mill Demo Kids Crafts - 4-H Log Cabin
.....Petting Zoo Opens
10:30.....Handle Mill Demo
11:00.....Cider Mill Demo
.....Bean Soup Opens
11:30.....Handle Mill Demo
Noon.....Members Only Junior Pull - Track 2
1:00.....Saw Mill Demo
.....The Silverado Express - Founders Bldg
1:30.....Threshing & Baling Demos
2:00.....Shingle Mill & Veneer Mill Demos
.....Gang Saw & Drag Saw Demos
.....Crop Demos
2:30.....Handle Mill Demo
3:00.....Cider Mill Demo
3:30.....Handle Mill Demo
4:30.....Handle Mill Demo
5:00.....Jim Pontack - Founders Bldg
.....Kathy & Friends Ctry Music - Handle Bldg
.....Members Only Powder Puff Pull - Track 2
.....Shingle Mill & Veneer Mill Demos
.....Gang Saw & Drag Saw Demos
5:30.....Handle Mill Demo
9:00.....Gasoline Alley - Pavilion
10:00.....Display Area Closed

Saturday, August 17th

6:30.....Club Kitchen Opens
7:00.....Gate Opens
8:00.....Flea Market Opens
.....Steam & Engine Barns In Operation
.....Founders Building Opens
9:00.....Pedal Pull - Track 1
.....Arts & Crafts Opens
.....Souvenir Shack Opens
10:00.....Saw Mill Demo
.....Kids Crafts - 4-H Log Cabin - Petting Zoo Opens

10:30.....American Legion Flag Raising & Parade
.....Dead Weight Pull - Track 2
.....Cement Pull - Track 1 (Following Parade)
.....Handle Mill Opens
11:00.....Cider Mill Demo - Bean Soup Opens
11:30.....Handle Mill Demo
Noon.....FFA Pig Roast
1:00.....Shingle Mill & Veneer Mill Demos
.....Gang Saw & Drag Saw Demos Threshing & Baling Demos
.....Saw Mill Demo Crop Demos
.....The Silverado Express - Founders Bldg.
2:30.....Handle Mill Demo
3:00.....Shingle Mill & Veneer Mill Demos
.....Gang & Drag Saw Demos - Cider Mill Demo
3:30 and 4:30.....Handle Mill Demo
5:00.....Kathy & Friends Ctry Music - Founders Bldg
.....Shingle Mill & Veneer Mill Demos
.....Gang Saw & Drag Saw Demos
5:30.....Handle Mill Dem
9:00.....Mandi Layne & The Lost Highway – Pavilion
10:00.....Display Area Closed

Sunday, August 18th

6:30.....Club Kitchen Opens
7:00.....Gate Opens
8:00.....Flea Market Opens
.....Steam & Engine Barns In Operation
.....Founders Building Opens
9:00.....Arts & Crafts Opens
.....Souvenir Shack Opens
10:00.....Saw Mill Demo
.....Kids Crafts - 4-H Log Cabin - Petting Zoo Opens
10:30.....American Legion Flag Raising & Parade
.....Handle Mill Demo
11:00.....Transfer Sled Pull - Track 2
.....(V-8 Tractors In Between) Shingle Mill &
.....Veneer Mill Demos Gang Saw & Drag Saw Demos
.....Cider Mill Demo
11:30.....Handle Mill Demo
Noon.....Tractor Plowing Demo
.....Chicken Barbecue Opens
1:00.....Slow Race - Track 1
.....The Silverado Express - Founders Bldg
.....Threshing & Baling Demos - Saw Mill Demo
2:00.....Shingle Mill & Veneer Mill Demos
.....Gang Saw & Drag Saw Demos - Cider Mill Demo
2:30.....Handle Mill Demo
3:00.....Cross Cut Saw Contest - Track 1
3:30.....Handle Mill Demo
4:00.....Steel Wheel Tractor Pull - Track 1
4:30.....Handle Mill Demo
5:00.....Kathy & Friends Ctry Music - Founders Bldg
5:30.....Handle Mill Demo
8:00.....Bar Closed to Public
10:00.....Display Area Closed

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Obituaries

London Izabell-Ryen Gadd

London Izabella-Ryén Gadd, age 12, of Ovid, MI, passed away Thursday, August 1, 2024.

London was born in Lansing, MI on February 3, 2012, the daughter of Robert Moskaitis and Charay Gadd. London was attending Ovid-Elsie Area Schools.

London loved playing soccer and played all year long. She also loved to read. Being with little children and helping them was dear to her heart. London was wonderful at complimenting people and loved to make others laugh. Wearing her comfy clothing was a great joy to her. London had visited Mexico and had such a great time; she could not wait to return. London enjoyed doing skin care and doing her makeup. All that knew her heart, knew her love of life. London and her mom had attended House of Prayer in Haslett and that is where she welcomed Christ into her life.

She is survived by her mother and father Charay and Jason Spencer of Ovid, MI; her father Rob Moskaitis of St. Johns, MI; sister Charleigh-Rae Gadd of Ovid, MI; sister Macy Spencer of Ovid, MI; sister Taylor Spencer of Chesaning, MI; sister Logann Spencer of North Carolina; nephew Elliott Hopkins of North Carolina, MI; grandparents Charmelle "Grammy" and Ray Gadd of Perry, MI; grandparents Beverly "Sue" and Mark Kennard of Lansing, MI; great-grandmother Charlene "Nana" Bragg of Perry, MI; grandmother Judy Kovarik of Owosso, MI. London is also survived by special family members: Avi Gadd and her parents Justin Gadd and Jolena McAlister of Perry, MI. London is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. London was preceded in death by her great-grandfather Melvin Bragg, also her great-grandparents Dwight "Lucky" and Carol Gadd.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, MI on Monday, August 5, 2024, with Rev. Mollie Loveall officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Wishes of the Family. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan.



John Joseph "Johnny" Kusnier

John Joseph "Johnny" Kusnier, Jr., age 82, of Elsie, MI, passed away Monday, August 5, 2024, at Hazel I. Findlay Country Manor, St. Johns, MI.

John was born in Owosso, Michigan on December 13, 1941, the son of John J. and Anna M. (Caudy) Kusnier, Sr. on May 15, 1965, John married, Diane G. Thelen at St. Joseph Catholic Church in St. Johns, Michigan.

John worked with Nemanis Electric for 28 years in Ovid, MI. He went on to work 15 years at Green Meadow Farms. He was a member of Mid-Michigan Old Gas Tractor Association and enjoyed collecting Allis Chalmers. John was a charter member of the Elsie Area Ambulance serving for 16 years. He also served 28 years on Elsie Fire Department. John was a lifetime member St. Cyril's Catholic Church, Bannister, MI and the Knights of Columbus. John proudly served his country in the United States National Guard. He will be remembered for his willingness to help others.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years Diane Kusnier, his children: John and Michelle Kusnier, III, Larry and Ginger Kusnier, Kevin Kusnier, and Tammy and Brian Sparks; grandchildren: Kaitlyn, Emma, Courtney (her fiancé Michael Beno), Evan, Alexis, Kelsie, Sidney, and Aubrie. He is also survived by his sisters: Margaret Ann and Jerry Horak, Mary Jane Holmes, Anna Marie and Chris Anderson; brothers: Robert Kusnier, Richard and Carol Kusnier; in-laws: Carlene Smith, Joyce Houska, Mary Jane Feldpausch, Eileen Schneider, Judy and Bruce Cameron, Lynn and Janet Thelen; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers: Joseph Kusnier and Jerome Kusnier, sister-in-law Donna and John Seay, brothers-in-law: Jerome Smith, Joe Houska (lifelong best friend), Dale Feldpausch, and Ron Schneider.

The family would like to thank, Cathy Winkler, for her wonderful care and friendship to John.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Cyril's Catholic Church Bannister, MI on Friday, August 9, 2024, with Rev. Fr. Andizej Boroch presiding. Burial has taken place at Riverside Cemetery, Elsie, MI.

Memorials may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation or St. Cyril's Catholic Church. 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:

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Elsie Lions Club Thank You

Letter to the Editor:

The Elsie Lions Club would like to thank the Community and all the workers and volunteers who helped at the Lions Food Tent and Lions Kids Sight this past Dairy Festival. Your help and support is greatly appreciated. We live in a great community!

The Elsie Lions Club

Thank you

Letter to the Editor:

THANK YOU!! We would all like to thank you for a wonderful 2024 Elsie Dairy Festival! We are excited to have the community support and enjoy seeing everyone in Elsie during our weekend of fun! We were glad to be able to honor our Grand Marshals, Dwight and Gwen Nash. Thank you to the Village of Elsie Council, Elsie PD, & DPW for their teamwork and assistance in making this festival happen. We are grateful also for the use of the Masons' building for our silent auction and to Doug Sturgis for the use of the old bank for storage. Thank you to BC Barns for the use of a beautiful barn for our information center. A gracious thanks to the Duplain Church of Christ for supporting our ice cream tent with many scoopers, set up, and cleanup! Great job to the hardworking Family FunTyme Amusements team who brought a large variety of rides and games and wowed our community with your cleanliness of a carnival and a beautiful setup! Thank you to the businesses, organizations, clubs, families, and volunteers who donated money, goods and services, and time. Without you we would not have such a fantastic schedule of events and offering of food and treats! A special thank you to those that sponsored and participated in our Ice Cream Tent, Talent Show, Golf Cart Drivers, Kiddie Tractor Pull, Arts & Crafts Vendors, Lions Tent, Kids Day, Dairy Dash, Super Parade, Softball Tourney, Silent Auction, Car Show, Light Parade, & Royalty Pageant. We look forward to seeing you in 2025!

~The Elsie Dairy Festival Committee

Clinton County Residents' Voices Delay Proposal Allowing Unlimited Dogs

Letter to the Editor:

We are writing to provide an important update regarding the recent proposal by the Clinton County Planning Commission, which would allow residents to have up to 10 dogs with unlimited puppies under six months old. This proposal represents a significant shift from the original intent of adding conditions and operating standards for the current "private kennel" classification. The new proposal aims to eliminate the "private kennel" entirely, pushing the enforcement responsibilities onto individual townships by reclassifying dogs as Class 1 farm animals.

Thanks to the overwhelming support from concerned residents, other concerned townships and Michigan Pet Alliance, the Planning Commission chose not to address the amendment as planned at the meeting on July 11, 2024. Instead, they have stated their intention to address it later. This decision is a testament to the power of community voices coming together to protect the well-being of our neighborhoods.

Many townships within the county lack specific nuisance ordinances, and this change could lead to an uncontrolled environment, fostering the creation of additional puppy mills and backyard breeders. This lack of regulation is likely to result in increased noise, odors, and poor health conditions for dogs, creating a negative impact on the quality of life for residents. Additionally, an increase in the dog population will likely lead to a rise in dog bites, increased pressure on already stressed shelters, animal control facilities, and other dog-related policing issues.

The original task of setting operating standards and conditions for private kennels was a reasonable and responsible approach, mirroring the practices of other counties in Michigan. It would provide residents with clear guidelines and the ability to address grievances. Owning dogs should be considered a privilege, especially more than three, and it is essential that residents in surrounding areas maintain their right to peacefully enjoy their properties.

We urge our fellow residents to remain vigilant and ready to voice their concerns when this proposal is revisited. Let us continue to stand together to ensure responsible pet ownership and protect the well-being of our community.

Sincerely,

Fred and Lisa Boling

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A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Summer Reading

Letter to the Editor:

As the sun sets on another fantastic summer of reading adventures, we want to take a moment to extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who made our Summer Reading Program a resounding success!

To Our Participants: You truly brought the magic of books to life this summer! Your enthusiasm, curiosity, and dedication turned each reading challenge into a memorable experience. We hope you enjoyed the stories and discoveries as much as we enjoyed sharing them with you.

To Our Incredible Volunteers: Your hard work and passion were the backbone of this program. From organizing events to cheering on our readers, you gave countless hours and boundless energy to ensure everything ran smoothly. Your commitment did not go unnoticed, and we are incredibly grateful for your support and dedication.

We would like to show our deep appreciation with an extra special thank-you to Jillian Boots and Brooke Wooley for running the show. The 2024 Summer's Reading Program was a marvelous success.

We would also like to thank anyone else who helped on the program this year... Margaret Remenar, Patti Munson, Paula Breining, Chief Bryce, Pam Dunham, Olivia Darling, Mary Levey, Diane Bradley, Ellie Steinhurst, the library crew and all the parents/caregivers and siblings who pitched in to help, Pathway Home Retirement Home and to all those we may have missed.

Together, we've created a vibrant community of readers and learners, and we couldn't have done it without each and every one of you. Thank you for making this summer unforgettable!

See you next year when the program is "Color Our World", and we are also pleased to announce that everyone finishing the summer reading challenge won a prize from the prize showcase...and a special thanks to Blue Moon Ice Cream Shopp for helping us continue the fun during the July-August "Ice Cream for Books Contest".

With heartfelt thanks, The Elsie Public Library



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster

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BeGole Featured on Nugent Podcast

Uncle Ted Nugent spends several hours every Friday recording a podcast called Ted Nugent Spirit Campfire. The show focuses around news and commentary about politics, patriotism, hunting, and of course the 1st and 2nd amendments. A few weeks ago, State Representative Brian BeGole was on the show to discuss HB 5792 which would designate the AR-15 the state rifle of Michigan. Representative BeGole invited Ted Nugent to testify on the bill when it receives a committee hearing and he stated he would be the first in line. Listed below is the link:

<https://americasvoice.news/video/RC7560Cg7PdwIyf/?rela ted=playlist>

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A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Another week has started... I started the week by mowing my lawn. This involved putting a jack under the lawn mower's carriage because I managed to clog the mower deck. Again I tried to simplify a process. I tried to mow through the weeds pulled last week. Need I say that I was looking for an easier way to clean up the weeds. The word is lazy. Somehow I don't believe that this is not one of those "lazy days of summer". The lawn is rather brown and a bit brittle. I'm still thrilled that the ditch has been mowed by the county road commission. The clear view is amazing and much safer. I also managed to get the tiller back into the shed without starting it. Now I need to put new line on the weed wacker. I must get motivated.

Now if I could only stay motivated. I seem to be misplacing notes that I need. The note pad is a bright pink and easy to see... Too bad that I have erred in finding the notes. I have updated the price sheets and was in the process of making new fliers. And yet, I can't find where I have put the note with the new information on it. I have searched both desks, my pockets, the dining room table and even my purse. So far I have not had an ounce of luck. I suppose that I will need to check with Diane again. I do hate bothering her.

Karen is in the process of making sauerkraut and just gave me a call to see if I had any kosher salt. I do, and she will be down shortly to get it. I have never made kraut but it wouldn't hurt to learn. Karen and Betty came into the shop this morning to wait for young Master Spencer. The gals had coffee, and Betty tried one of the chocolate cupcakes with peanut butter frosting and filled with chopped peanut butter cups. She approved. By the way, MG's Perx & Pastries will be closed from August 14th thru August 20th while we replace the ceiling tiles and storage racks. We will be open on August 21st and will have our breakfast burritos.

The renovations will be starting this Saturday afternoon. Karen and I went to Home Depot to pick up the ten cases of ceiling tile and the new storage racks. Fortunately the pick up was loaded for us at the store but we had to manage the unloading. The darned things were much heavier than I had expected. Even though we used the table on wheels it wasn't that easy to get the cases into the building. I believe that it took us almost an hour to unload. My leg muscles have to be lying because they say that it was about a four hour job and are doing nothing but complaining today. Karen and I then went out to eat and managed to be home right around five. I walked into the house, let Prudence out and back in... she hopped into my lap and the next thing that I knew it was seven thirty in the evening. At least it was on the same day. Robin informed me that we lose muscle mass yearly so of course the ones that I have are complaining miserably.

Of course Diane let me know that her and Brent could have unloaded the pickup. However, I am one of those pig headed individuals and was determined to do it myself. With Karen's help and we both thought of easier ways to accomplish our goal after the job was done. And yes, I learned something. The next time I need help I will call Diane and Brent. Karen just stopped and picked up the kosher salt and left me with half a watermelon. I set it on the corner of the table and it hit the floor before Karen got to her vehicle. Yes, it cracked but did not smash. A watermelon supper.

Robin called last night or maybe I called her. Lucky girl is going out on Lake Michigan to do some salmon fishing. I think that the last time that I went charter fishing on the Great Lakes was about forty years ago. I had to take something for motion sickness but survived, my kids were lucky and got to catch a fish that was almost as big as they were. I think that they were only six and eight at the time, it was quite an experience. Of course we had a picnic when we got back on land, and they both fell asleep before we got home. Lots of excitement, sun and water fortunately no sun burns.

May your days be filled with interesting experiences that you can share with your loved ones. Cherish them and those memories. May God bless you.

Crystal Mitchell©2024



Laingsburg: A crowd at Twigs on Wednesday evening, gathered on August 8, 2024, to help celebrate Alberta Whitford's 101st birthday. She danced with her grown children and grandchildren to one of her favorite Statler Brothers songs, played by the Jack and Tess Clarkson Band, on the sidewalk in front of Twilliger's Tavern. Alberta said, "My long healthy life is because I work hard everyday." She still bags her own leaves and has always been a happy person. She said she wakes up and makes plans everyday. She loves nature and was a hard worker on her farm all of her life.

Photos and story by Karen Anderson



Elsie National Night Out

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The weather broke and the community came out for the 2nd annual National Nigh Out event held in Elsie. Those in attendance had an opportunity to enjoy live music, meet with representatives from community services, enjoy free food and to meet their neighbors.

Next, Elsie United Methodist Church and Shepardsville United Methodist Church will host worship in the park Sunday, September 8, 11 am at the Elsie Park. Worship service at 11 am followed by a pot luck dinner, games and music.



Memorial Healthcare Board of Trustees Welcome New Members

submitted by Vicki McKay

Owosso – Memorial Healthcare has welcomed three new members to its Board of Trustees, who will serve three-year terms. These new members include Bryan Marks, Dr. Hazem Tabbaa, and David Wakeland.

Bryan Marks is the owner of the "Great Lakes Family of Companies," which includes Great Lakes Fusion, Great Lakes Ready Mix, Great Lakes Rental and Supply, and Great Lakes Fabrication and Machining. He began this journey in 1998 with the founding of Great Lakes Fusion, initially employing just two people. Since then, the organization has grown to multiple companies with over 65 employees, specializing in heavy civil construction, excavation, concrete ready-mix supply, equipment rentals and sales, construction and landscape supplies, and industrial machining and fabrication for industrial, commercial, and residential markets.

Bryan's hobbies include hunting, fishing, maintaining his family farm, enjoying the outdoors, and beekeeping, which has taught him the importance of bees in nature and sustainable farming.

Dr. Hazem Tabbaa is a fellowship-trained and board-certified Gastroenterology and Advanced Interventional Endoscopy physician. He received his medical degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and is double board-certified in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology. Dr. Tabbaa served as Chief Resident and Fellow at Franciscan Health and completed a fellowship in Advanced Interventional



Brian Marks



Dr. Hazem Tabbaa

Endoscopy at Parkview Health in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dr. Tabbaa was elected Vice-Chair of Memorial Healthcare's Medical Staff in January. He is keenly interested in the executive side of hospital administration and believes that physician voices add significant value. With his background in medical education and involvement in various hospital departments, Dr. Tabbaa aims to offer valuable input at the Board level.

Dr. Tabbaa is happily married with three children. He enjoys traveling and spending time with his family in his free time. He is also dedicated to sports, particularly basketball and soccer, and loves exploring new restaurants and watching movies.

David Wakeland is a distinguished professional with a rich background in the petroleum industry and extensive community involvement. He began his career as a Department Manager at Marshall Field's in Chicago before transitioning to Wakeland Oil Co. in Owosso, where he became president in 1994. In 1999, he purchased 100% of Wakeland Oil stock and expanded the business further in 2004. Though he sold the wholesale agreement in 2012, he retained all company-owned retail and commercial properties.



David Wakeland

David is married with three adult children. He is a parishioner at St. Martha's Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus. He enjoys running, snowboarding, and golfing.

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Wolfpack Soccer Alumni Invited to Play in Feature Game

LAINGSBURG -- August 17 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. Please note: the game was originally scheduled for August 10, but has been moved back one week to August 17.

Come enjoy some great soccer action.



Detroit Surf Band Hits the Stage at the 'Concert in the Park' Series on August 14th

submitted by Bill Tennant

SURF ZUP, a high energy driving music machine, is on a mission to bring back the great iconic surf guitar hits from the 60's. The group is modeled after the most famous best-selling instrumental Rock Band of all time... The Ventures. This historic tribute performance will take place on Wednesday evening, August 14th starting at 7:00 in the William E. Tennant Performance Shell in the beautiful St. Johns City Park.

"SURF ZUP last performed in St. Johns in 2022 and totally blew everyone away," states Bill Tennant, concert coordinator. "They will definitely have that same energy when they again hit the stage at this year's 'Concert in the Park' performance. I would highly recommend that you come out to hear this wonderful concert if at all possible."

The formula is simple but powerful. Guitars, drums, catchy beats, great melodies, and plenty of reverb results in songs that are familiar to many. Playing on authentic instruments, you'll hear that wonderful sound in songs like Hawaii Five-O, Wipe Out, and others. Their powerful guitar and drum sound are highly infectious, so bring a blanket or chairs and prepare to be totally transported back in time for this unique musical experience!

Members of the group include Jack DeFranco, guitarist, who performed for a while with The Ventures, Al Carmichael, guitarist, Ken Murphy, drums and Dennis Kiraga, bass guitarists -- all highly regarded Detroit musicians with national touring experience. The band, formed in 2012, is true to the original works, using vintage guitars, amps, effects and playing styles, just like it was 1963.

The Concert in the Park series is co-sponsored by the Clinton County Arts Council and the City of St. Johns. 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.

Wolfpack Sports Boosters Enter 2024-25 with New Officer Team

LAINGSBURG -- The Wolfpack Sports Boosters enter the 2024-25 prep sports seasons with a new officer team in place.

New president Beth DeShone takes over from Jamie Nixon, while Lynne Renee is the new treasurer, replacing Ed Tyler in that role.



Beth DeShone



Lynne Renee

Vice president Tom Turek and secretary Shannon Grettenberger retained their roles, in the election of officers that occurs at the August meeting of the Boosters each year. Also continuing in his role is Tyler as the organization's communications / marketing director.

Between major fundraising efforts from the sale of concessions to hosting Texas Hold 'Em poker events, the Boosters annually raise thousands of dollars to benefit Laingsburg High School athletic teams. Highlighting the past year was the completion of spring sports pavilions, including batting cages and field turf; coaches' apparel; new football and track IT / camera / timing equipment; new wrestling mats; and seed money for the baseball program's vertical fundraiser.

At the August 6 meeting, the Boosters approved volleyball travel bags for 1st-year coach Mickey (Putnam) Fox's team, and got an update on Scorevision fan-integrated software that they help provide.

The Boosters also provide champion T-shirts for all CMAC-winning title teams -- and there were several of them in 2023-24, as the Wolfpack athletics program continues to thrive.

The Sports Boosters are always welcoming new members. You are invited to attend a monthly meeting -- the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at LHS -- or call Tom Turek at 517-282-1528 for more information.





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Sports

Wolfpack Senior Bila Caps Historic Softball Career as Area Player of the Year

LAINGSBURG — Most high school players would covet having their name attached to a state softball individual record.

Wolfpack senior Ashley Bila capped her LHS career holding down national records.

Advantage, Bila. Now it's on to a Central Michigan University scholarship for the slick-fielding shortstop.

Ashley is now the national record holder for runs scored in a career, finishing the 2024 season with 88 runs scored — 28 more than her closest competitor — giving her 332 for her 4-year career. She also used her plus-plus speed to lead the area in steals with 53. Her 13 doubles and nine triples helped her slug .938 (which combined with her OBP for a 1.676 OPS). She ranks as the No. 1 run-scorer according to the National Federation of State High School Associations.

Bila's talents helped propel Laingsburg to an impressive 33-4 record and achieve the No. 1 spot in the MHSAA Division 3 Rankings by May 7, but the Wolfpack were bested by eventual district champion Lansing Catholic in the semifinals.

Already a Michigan High School Softball Coaches Association Division 3 All-Star, Bila's resume made her a no-brainer for All-Area Player of the Year, as named annually by the Owosso Argus-Press.

Bila was a winning machine over her four years at Laingsburg, contributing to 127 victories and just 24 losses. Laingsburg's career hit leader batted .619/.738/.938 in her senior season, with 60 hits, 13 doubles, nine triples, 53 stolen bases and 88 runs scored.

She wasn't the only player to win All-Area post-season honors, however. Laingsburg's Addyson Buchin, Savvy Stirm, Bella Latuszek and Harper Strouse, and Ovid-Elsie's Maddisyn Miller and Mercedes Grieder earned local plaudits. Grieder will be returning for her junior season to a strong Marauder team.

Buchin, starting 24 games for the Wolfpack and appearing in 28, Buchin was the area leader in wins with 22 and one of just two area pitchers to reach the 20 mark. Handling the third-highest innings total in the area at 135.2, Buchin topped all area pitchers in ERA at 1.34 and WHIP at 1.017. Her 169 strikeouts were third-most in the area.

In addition to her work in the circle, Buchin was one of the area's most productive power bats, hitting four home runs and driving in 64 runs, both of which were second-best in the area. Fifth in the area in batting average and third in slugging percentage, Buchin slashed .534/.556/.853 and finished second in the area in hits with 62 and third in doubles with 19.

Only a sophomore, Wolfpack first-sacker Stirm hit in the 2-spot in the Wolfpack order. Going exactly .500 (55-110) at the dish — the eighth-best batting average in the area — Stirm scored 60 runs and knocked in 50.

Posting the sixth-best batting average in the area at .514 (56-109), Wolf second baseman Latuszek was also top-10 in the area in hits, runs scored with 52 and RBI with 54.

Miller was the Marauders' power-hitting backstop and the cleanup hitter, tied for fifth in the area in home runs with three and slugged .687 — the ninth-best mark in the area. Overall, she slashed .434/.515/.687 in her senior year, good for an OPS of 1.202.

Wolfpack's Randall, Marauders' Bowen Lead All-Area Baseball Honorees for 2024

OWOSSO -- Local All-Staters Ty Randall and Jake Bowen slugged their way to the top of the Shiawassee All-Area Baseball Team for 2024.

The prestigious honor team is named annually by the Owosso Argus-Press. O-E's Corby Janes, and Laingsburg's Dom Garcia, Cam Ballard, RJ Garcia, Mo Garcia and Elliott Wilsey were also area standout sackers named to the honor squad.

Chesaning pitcher / shortstop Brady Sager took over Player of the Year honors, after Randall captured that plaudit in 2023.

Bowen, Ovid-Elsie's slugging catcher, reached base in better than 68% of his plate appearances, Bowen led the area in on-base percentage and was fifth in batting average at .486. A backstop with pop, Bowen was one of four area players to hit two home runs and one of only six to record 10 doubles.

Janes, firing two-thirds of his pitches for strikes, Janes went a tough-luck 5-4 for the Marauders. He finished his junior campaign with a K/BB ratio of 71/20. Holding the opposition to a .243 batting average, Janes worked the second-most innings in the area at 55 2/3 and had the seventh-best ERA at 2.64.

Randall, the 2023 Area Baseball Player of the Year after setting numerous Wolfpack records on the mound and with the bat, largely focused on hitting this year as he rehabbed from Tommy John surgery, and this resulted in him leading the area with a .518 batting average. A disciplined hitter with power to all fields, the Grand Valley State Lakers signee racked up an area-best 59 hits, nine more than the next closest player, tied for the area lead with four triples, had the area's third-best OPS at 1.303 and was only of only six area players to record 10 doubles.

Dom Garcia concluded his season with a 4 for 4 showing in the district championship game loss to Lansing Catholic on June 1, the left-handed-hitting Garcia was the leadoff man for the Wolfpack and helped provide traffic on the bases for Ty Randall and Elliott Wilsey in the No. 3 and 4 spots in the Laingsburg lineup. Hitting .387 (48-124), he scored the second-most runs in the area at 48, was third in hits and third in doubles with 11.

Mo Garcia saw time on the mound in an area-leading 16 games, Garcia was a lights-out presence out of the Wolfpack bullpen. Ten of his appearances came in relief, and he held opposing hitters to a .215 average. Totalling 46 2/3 innings of work and finishing with a 3-3 record, Garcia's 1.393 WHIP was ninth-best in the area and his 43 strikeouts were just outside the top 10. After holding down the No. 2 spot in the Wolfpack batting order, right after Dom Garcia and before Randall, Emilio Garcia put together a very strong batting season for LHS, accumulating a slash line of .345/.471/.418. Fourth in the area with 45 runs scored, he was also seventh in doubles with eight and 10th with his 38 hits.

RJ Garcia, becoming the third Garcia from Laingsburg to appear on the 2024 All-Area Team, hit in the No. 5 spot for the Wolfpack and rounded out a terrific trio of three consecutive left-handed hitters in the Laingsburg order following Randall and Elliott Wilsey. Slashing .404/.496/.442, Garcia's 42 hits were eighth-most in the area and he was ninth in RBI with 28.

Wilsey, occupying the cleanup spot in a talented Wolfpack lineup and hitting right behind standout classmate Ty Randall, made the most of his opportunities to drive in the traffic on the bases ahead of him, finishing fourth in the area with 37 RBI. Putting together a .271/.368/.381 slash line, Wilsey showed special power in his left-handed swing, as he was one of only four area players to hit multiple home runs.

Senior versatile P / IF Ballard was a three-year starter for coach Todd Randall's Wolfpack, adding honorable mention All-CMAC honors to his 2024 accomplishments.

Madaloni, Hart, Kline, Bancroft Lead Local Golfers on All-Area Team

OWOSSO -- A solid quartet of local linksters leads the Ovid-Elsie and Laingsburg contingents on the annual All-Shiawassee Area prep golf team.

The Wolfpack's Aidan Maddaloni reaped 1st Team honors, while LHS teammate Colin Hart joined O-E's Michael Bancroft and Dominic Kline on the Honorable Mention squad.

Owosso's Ryan Dahl captured prestigious Golf of the Year honors, as named annually by the Owosso Argus-Press.

Maddaloni, a senior, led coach Greg Beavers' squad to a Central Michigan Athletic Conference crown this year and was the Wolfpack's lone representative on the All-CMAC 1st Team. He shot 83 at the CMAC year-end tournament at Forest Ackers East in East Lansing, finishing one stroke behind Fowler's Kenny Thelen for the tourney title. He also led Laingsburg at the D-3 regional in Ypsilanti with a score of 93.

Bancroft and Kline were solid 1-2 finishers all season long for the Marauders, both taking home All-MMAC plaudits for coach Josh Latz's O-E team.

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Shiawassee Regional Chamber of Commerce Welcomes Jordan Hankwitz as New President an CEO

submitted by Ruthann Liagre

Owosso – The Shiawassee Regional Chamber of Commerce (SRCC) is thrilled to announce the appointment of Jordan Hankwitz as its new President and CEO, effective August 12th. Hankwitz brings a wealth of experience and a dynamic vision for the future of the SRCC.

Jordan Hankwitz is a seasoned leader with a proven track record in strategic planning and execution, financial management, and community engagement. His previous roles include Chief Strategy Officer at Stunio Inc., Director of Economic Development & Planning for the City of Lansing, and Director/Chief Financial Officer at the Michigan Senate Business Office. His extensive experience and innovative approach will help drive the Chamber's mission forward and strengthen its impact on the local business community.

“We are excited to welcome Jordan Hankwitz as the new President and CEO of the SRCC,” said Char Hebekeuser, Chair of the SRCC Board. “Jordan’s leadership experience and passion for community advocacy make him the perfect fit to lead our organization. We are confident that his strategic vision will elevate our Chamber and bring new opportunities for our members.”

Hankwitz, who lives in Laingsburg with his wife and three daughters, expressed his enthusiasm for the new role, stating, “I am honored to join the Chamber of Commerce in my community and look forward to serving the board, staff, and our members. Together, we will continue to connect leaders and support entrepreneurs as we build an extraordinary Shiawassee region.”

The SRCC Board also extends its heartfelt gratitude to Ruthann Liagre for her exceptional service as Interim Executive Director over the past 18 months. Her hard work, dedication, and leadership have been invaluable during this period of transition. “Ruthann’s commitment and tireless efforts have significantly contributed to the stability and progress of the Chamber, and we are deeply grateful for her contributions,” added Hebekeuser.

For more information about the Shiawassee Regional Chamber of Commerce and its initiatives, please visit www.shiawasseechamber.org.

Memorial Healthcare Allergy & Immunology Specialist to Owosso

submitted by Dianna Vsetula

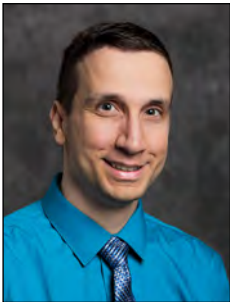
Owosso – Memorial Healthcare is pleased to welcome Jeffrey Kepes, MD, a board-certified and fellowship trained Allergist and Immunologist to Memorial Healthcare and the Owosso Community!

Dr. Kepes earned his medical degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit. He completed his Internal Medicine residency at the University of Alabama at Birmingham in Birmingham, Alabama and his fellowship in Allergy and Immunology at Washington University at St. Louis/Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. Dr. Kepes is board-certified in Internal Medicine and Allergy/ Immunology. He treats adults and pediatric patients.

Prior to joining Memorial Healthcare, Dr. Kepes ran a busy outpatient Allergy/Immunology clinic at Sanford Health in Bismarck, North Dakota. Dr. Kepes was an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Children’s Hospital of Michigan through Central Michigan University’s College of Medicine. He also serves on several medical boards and committees. Dr. Kepes has co-authored numerous journal articles and book chapters and has served as a reviewer for various journals. He routinely presents regionally and at national conferences.

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Estate of Phyllis A. Simon. Decedent's date of birth September 4, 1930. TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Phyllis A. Simon who lived at 15114 Yorkleigh Drive, Lansing, Michigan, died July 24, 2024. There is no probate estate. The Trust estate will be administered pursuant to the provisions of the Phyllis A. Simon Trust, under agreement dated September 29, 1998. Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the Trust estate will be forever barred unless presented to the Successor Trustee, Susan Marfio, 14088 Boichot Road, Lansing, Michigan 48906 within four (4) months of the publication of this notice.

Susan Marfio
14088 Boichot Road
Lansing, Michigan 48906
SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE

(08/11)

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 48820 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.

Diane Miles
3893 Round Lake Rd.
DeWitt, MI 48820
(517) 420-3801

Wieber Pratl Law, PC
Alexa B. Pratl P83426
201 E. State Street
St. Johns, MI 48879
(989) 224-9449

(08/11)

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of DOUGLAS D. VENABLE, DECEASED Date of Birth: June 21, 1937 TO ALL CREDITORS: ** NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, DOUGLAS D. VENABLE, died on July 20, 2024. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Kevin Douglas Venable, personal representative, at 490 Macduff Drive, Mount Morris, MI 48458 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Kevin Douglas Venable
490 Macduff Drive
Mount Morris, MI 48458
(810) 513-8510

(08/11)

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 September 04, 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): Brian A. Stoddard and Deborah Stoddard a/k/a Deborah S. Stoddard, husband and wife Original Mortgagee: The Huntington National Bank successor by merger to Firstmerit Bank, N.A. Date of mortgage: October 10, 2013 Recorded on October 18, 2013, in Document No. 5207522, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Forty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Four and 70/100 Dollars (\$42,674.70) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clinton County, and described as: BEGINNING AT A POINT OF THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 333.00 FEET SOUTH 00 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 57 SECONDS EAST FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 15 TOWN 5 NORTH RANGE 1 WEST TOWNSHIP OF BATH CLINTON COUNTY MICHIGAN THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 57 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EAST SECTION LINE 330.00 FEET THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 27 SECONDS WEST PARALLEL TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 1332.0 FEET THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST ON THE WEST LINE OF EAST 1/2 OF SAID NORTHEAST 1/4 330.00 FEET THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 27 SECONDS EAST 1332.05 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as 13100 Upton Rd, Bath, MI 48808 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. The Huntington National Bank successor by merger to Firstmerit Bank, N.A. Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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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
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515

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(07-21)(08-11)

Editorial

Hope Not Handcuffs

Letter to the Editor:

It is a great honor to announce our partnership with Face Addiction Now to bring the Hope Not Handcuffs program to Shiawassee County. The initiative is a beacon of hope for those struggling with substance use disorder, offering them a compassionate and supportive path to recovery through our local law enforcement agencies.

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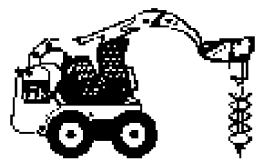
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Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM on 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.

15340 Upton Rd, East Lansing, Michigan 48823
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 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.
Dated: July 21, 2024
File No. 24-008097
Firm Name: Orlans PC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Julie Elizabeth DeGraw, a single woman
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): SELENE FINANCE, LP
Date of Mortgage: May 1, 2023
Date of Mortgage Recording: May 1, 2023

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$146,465.03
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Bath, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 28, Town 5 North, Range 1 West, Bath Township, Clinton County, Michigan, and including a part of Lot 29 of East Bank, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 35, Clinton County Records, described as: Beginning at a point that is North 00 degrees 05 minutes 48 seconds West on the North and South 1/4 line, as occupied, a distance of 1780.60 feet from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 28; thence North 00 degrees 10 minutes 19 seconds East 40.69 feet; thence North 00 degrees 25 minutes 50 seconds West 135.60 feet; thence South 66 degrees 29 minutes 49 seconds East 59.83 feet; thence North 22 degrees 54 minutes 26 seconds East 19.01 feet; thence South 76 degrees 03 minutes 57 seconds East 37.12 feet to the centerline of Park Lake Road; thence South 17 degrees 04 minutes 42 seconds West on said centerline a distance of 167.88 feet; thence South 89 degrees 22 minutes 39 seconds West 48.10 feet to the point of beginning.
Common street address (if any): 15632 Park Lake Rd, East Lansing, MI 48823-9433

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Date of notice: August 4, 2024
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63rd Annual Chamber Golf Classic Registration Now Open

submitted by Ruthann Liagre

The 63rd annual Shiawassee Regional Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at the historic Owosso Country Club. There is still an opportunity for a presenting sponsorship.

Registration and the driving range will open at 8:00 am with a shotgun start at 9:00 am. The day will include lunch, 18 holes of golf, and fun networking opportunities. The Golf Classic will conclude with player awards and a speedy awards dinner.

Tee sponsorships begin at \$100.00 and provide display space on the golf course. This sponsorship is an efficient way to meet and greet 140 business owners and professionals! Businesses interested in sponsoring this event should contact Erin Huska at the chamber at 989-720-5044.

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Sponsorships are a terrific way to market your business to over 140 golfers. Call Erin Huska on 989.720.5044. All are welcome to take part. Online registration is available NOW at www.shiawasseechamber.org.

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submitted by Dianna Vsetula

Owosso – Please join us in welcoming Lauren Esper, DNP, RN, FNP-BC to our active medical staff and the Perry community!

Lauren will be joining Dr. Jan Liu, Dr. Michael Tuczynski, and Mary Mankey, PA-C at Memorial Healthcare Family Medicine in Perry. Lauren has diverse patient care experience working with patients of all ages. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing, her Master of Science in Nursing and her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree from Michigan State University.

Lauren joins Memorial Healthcare from White Lake Family Medicine in White Lake, Michigan where she provided family medicine care to patients of all ages. She looks forward to providing her patients with high-quality, evidence-based, individualized care.

Lauren is currently accepting new patients with most insurances.

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*Stronghold Quartet: L to R:
Dennis Byers Bill Neathamer, Don Byers, Jim Kitchen*

SUMMERPrise! Closes Season with Stronghold

submitted by Lynn Webster

Stronghold Quartet will wrap up the 2024 SUMMERPrise! season Sunday, Aug. 11, at the Owosso Church of the Nazarene at 7:30 p.m. The church is located at 1865 S. M-52. The evening will start at 7:20 with Mike Reath and Leonora Fruchey leading sing-along songs.

Stronghold began singing at Howell Nazarene Church in 2005, and their ministry developed quickly. They are now a mid-Michigan favorite. They have now recorded 8 CD's, including their latest, "Almost Home."

The group consists of Don Byers (tenor), Dennis Byers (lead), Jim Kitchen (baritone/lead), and Bill Neathamer (bass). The Byers brothers grew up in Owosso, as did sound tech Dan Dodd. Ben Kitchen helps with sound. "It's always a real joy to come to Owosso and share our music and message with friends," said Don.

SUMMERPrise! started in 1998 and has been presented annually since then. Come and enjoy this wonderful concert.



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