



Sheldon Packing House being raised on Monday, August 12, 2024. Insert: Brothers Scott, Greg and Allen Martin watched the demolition. Photo by Allen Martin

Sheldon's Packing House

Lewis Sheldon was the first of three generations to own and operate what would become known as Sheldon's Packing House. Lewis worked as a meat cutter before buying the downtown Ovid meat market with a partner in 1908. Eventually Lewis became sole owner, and was later joined in the business by his son Dale. Dale took ownership in 1937, with Lewis staying on to help.

In 1947, after Lewis retired, Dale moved the operation to 657 W. Front St. under the name Sheldon's Packing House. The business primarily did custom butchering and processing for area farmers. In 1967, ownership was transferred to Larry and Margo Martin, Dale's son-in-law and daughter. Larry and Margo successfully operated the business until closing the doors in 1998, ninety years after Lewis first purchased it.



Lewis Sheldon



Dale Sheldon



Margo and Larry Martin



1947 Sheldon Packing House



1950 Sheldon Packing House

Elsie Village Council Proceedings

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE - The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Elsie was held Tuesday, August 13, 2024. Mr. Ken Harris was present to update officials on the status of the former Elsie High School project. It was a full house due to the discussion about the village commitment to the fire department.

Mr. Ken Harris, developer, updated officials on the status of the Elsie High School project. Noting that the first round of grants did not happen. The State is requesting that the Brown Field TIFF (tax captures) funding be considered. Next month a TIFF program request will be brought to the village and the township. The village will give up tax dollars for a period of time which is up to 20 years. The project will be approximately 3 million dollars. Hopefully studies will begin in December followed by construction. The community will have to weigh the benefits. The property will house twenty-six apartments. Paperwork will be presented at the September 2024 meeting.

Discussion of the Fire Agreement in reference to Schedule A was addressed. It was proposed that a \$1.00 lease of the building beginning with a two-year agreement including, electric, heat, sewer, water, building up keep, will not pay for phone or cable, and the building insurance, not contents. The village will propose a yearly contribution be made to the department, that amount could vary from year-to-year based on the municipalities budget. Noting that the Village will no longer pay insurance on the contents and property owned by the Elsie Area Fire Association. There is a concern regarding the amount of the contribution. This proposal will

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City of Ovid Proceedings

by Dawn D Levey

OVID - The regular meeting of the City of Ovid officials was held Monday, August 12, 2024. Officials addressed a variety of issues including Carriage Days.

Officials took action to approve the resolution for the USDA Bond Loan and to authorized the mayor to sign it. Adopted.

Bill Lasher, mayor, reported that a number of the projects associated with the water project came in less than anticipated one \$24,000 and the other \$4,000. The DWA grant for hydro-vacating random curb stops, noting that this is a 100% grant. Approximately \$47,000 and will cover 100 sites, leaving 13 sites not checked.

The city attorney, Mr. Scott Gould, reported that a proposal had been drafted regarding employee disciplinary action and human resource issues. The current policy does not address specific disciplinary infractions and the actions to be taken. The proposal is guidelines for the personnel committee. Noting that the guidelines will add continuity, consistency and steps to both disciplinary action and hiring of new employees. Criminal background checks were also addressed. Officials were asked to review the proposal. Items that need to be addressed include personal leave.

Next, blight enforcement continues to be a challenge, code enforcement and penalties could be strengthened in the policy. He added, progressive penalty system which provides more teeth and will encourage residents to take care of the issue-- \$500 fine and up to 90 days in jail. This would increase the consequences from civil infraction progressively to a misdemeanor. The next step is to proceed with an amendment to the ordinance.

Police Chief Lisa Rousseau presented the monthly police report. She thanked the Blue Moon for the EMS event, a very positive event. Sgt. Hamilton thanked the City Council for the SOT Team contribution of \$1,500. Training continues for the Ovid Police Department, as mandated by MCOLES, funding allocations are assisting with the training costs. The department was dispatched to 132 calls for service during the month of July, it has been a busy month. It was further reported the OCPD is still looking for part-time officers for the department. July 10, twelve larcenies from vehicles were addressed, the individuals are from the Flint and Owosso areas and involves two adults and three juveniles. New police truck should arrive in one to two weeks.

The police department made the following expenditure requests. Go Gov software to address code enforcement regarding blight. Cost \$4,200 annually, this is a tool for implementation of blight enforcement. SOP needs to be put in place prior to implementation. Purchased was approved with implementation after the policy is approved and put in place.

Officials were asked to donate funds to have the police patch and village logo on the proposed community mural, \$500 gets you on \$1,000 a predominate place. To be discussed under new business. Mural appropriation - police and city = \$500 for each entity for advertising, the idea has to run through legal. Additional information is needed regarding the mural and does it meet sign ordinance criteria and can officials approve the expenditure. The mural is sponsored through Carriage Days.

Request to participate in the county mobile field force unit to address civil arrest the investment \$1,500 per officer requesting three officers. In addition, training approximately three times per year. Time frames a ten-year investment for the cost, and the funds are for equipment. Clarification it is a riot force, and what are the criteria for dispatch. Whenever there are large crowds in the Lansing area, high risk areas, Clinton County and beyond. The need for updated mutual aid agreements, what are the details or is there a statewide mutual aid agreement a possibility.

Finally, Municiple Garage is going to be cleaned and painted, a decision will need to be made on what to do with the DPW equipment after the floors are painted. The consensus is that the equipment come back and be stored in the present location. The Police Chief is not sure it all needs to return to the area, and could be in conflict with the police department. DPW supervisor, Rich Simpson, indicated that the equipment must be returned, be plugged in, and in a climate-controlled area. There was a difference of opinion between the police department and department of public works regarding storage of equipment. Discussion followed. Officials need to take a comprehensive look at the issue, not a simple answer for the current situation. Mayor Lasher would like to evaluate the possibilities, and develop a solution to the current issue.

Rich Simpson, Department of Public Works, reported that the alarm at the lift station needs to be addressed. The cost of the repair is \$1,350 which was approved. Fall leaf pick-up options were discussed. The Village of Elsie uses bags, the bags come in 362 bundles per pallet at a cost of \$814. In Elsie residents get two bundles per week until they run out. Reduced number of employees to pick-up leaves would be needed if the bag issue was adopted. No decision it was made. The generator is up and running, but needs some adjustment. Bids received for the street lamp total cost \$5,576, insurance company has been contacted, there is a \$500 deductible, approved. Tree bids were presented for review, Pearl Street \$1,450 and High Street \$2,675, approved. Finally, new water meters are being installed.

Under the topic of new business officials addressed the front office furniture the options included selling or disposing. Officials decided to advertise on Facebook free for pickup, as soon as possible. All furniture must be picked up by Friday, August 16.

Officials took action to approve the engagement letter with Maner and Costerisan, auditor,

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Social

Elsie Historical Society Meeting

The next Meeting of the Elsie Historical Society will be held on Wednesday, August 21st at 7pm in the Historical Room at 145 W. Main St., Elsie, located adjacent to the Public Library. Visitors are welcome to join us.

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Clarkston Gospel Band Concert

The Clarkston Gospel Band will be at the Ovid Bible Church, 8975 E. M-21, Ovid on Sunday, August 25th at 6:00 p.m.

Free will offering.

Elsie Businesses Meet

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The Elsie businesses met to discuss the possibilities of the future. Clinton Catalyst was present to discuss opportunities and resources available to the businesses in the Elsie Area.

Updates were given regarding the project at the former Elsie High School; the village has received calls to get on the waiting list for apartments. Joe Porubsky has purchased the former Schwartz Miller property and plans to bring back a self-serve hardware store. Officials present Todd Carroll, Jason Freeman, and Dorothy Ornelas. Participants outlined the top priorities the school, the other is housing. Carroll wants to see the downtown area revitalized. An Elsie Dam update was also provided.

The group will meet next the second Tuesday October 8th, 6 pm Duplain Township Hall.

Library News

Elsie Library Adventures

submitted by Ann Trierweiler

There is a new service at the library. We now have a blood pressure checking station. Feel free to come in and do a quick check any time we are open. Additionally, we have blood pressure kits available to check out. The kits have instruction sheets as well as blood pressure logs for you to use.

The Ice Cream for Books Contest continues to delight our patrons. Whenever our patrons check out a book, they get to draw a number from a jar. If that number is on the ice cream list, they win a free ice cream cone coupon, courtesy of the Blue Moon Ice Cream Shop. There are still plenty of numbers left. Come on in, check out a book and try your luck.

Under coming attractions, Monday afternoon children's programming resumes on September 9th with Story time and a craft. Every other week we have Music and Motion for our littlest readers. Join us for a really fun time.

Please remember, the Elsie Public Library is closed from August 31st through Sept 3rd for the Labor Day holiday. Have a safe holiday and come and see us on Wed. September 4th.

Our library board meeting is scheduled for August 21st at 7PM. Held at the library.

City of Ovid cont' from front..

for the current fiscal year. This is required by the USDA in reference to the grant funds.

Next, officials received a request from the Clinton County Mounted Division to sponsor an ad for \$125. No action was taken.

Officials wrapped up the evening with a Carriage Days 2024 update. The committee requested that the streets to be closed for the celebration Friday, September 6, 6 pm between Main Street, Oak to Williams, through September 7th 7 pm. The request was approved.

This year the festival is a one-day event. There will be large inflatables, a parade and activities with a community focus and down-home entertainment. Cost to City of Ovid will be limited to the portable bathroom facilities at a cost of \$980, which was approved. In addition, the Main Bar will have music until 2 am both Friday and Saturday nights.

Monthly action was taken to approve the meeting agenda was approved as presented, minutes of the July 8, 2024 regular meeting and the invoice/check registry July 10 to August 13, 2024. Action was taken to make budget amendments.



Rep. Filler Recognizes Deb Price, Meridian Weekly

State Rep. Graham Filler this week presented a tribute to Deb Price, editor and publisher of The Meridian Weekly, recognizing the important role she has played delivering local news and sports coverage to the community. The newspaper distributes weekly to more than 10,000 residents in Clinton and Shiawassee counties.

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Early Morning Start to Carriage Days on Saturday, September 7th

A 5K Walk/Run will get the day started on Saturday, September 7th. The location of the event will be at the Bike Trail (a fast, flat and safe trail for runners) between the Main Bar and Ovid Elevator. Race packet pick-up will be from 6:30am-7:15am with racing to begin at 7:30. The cost to enter is \$22 per-person, to register online go to <https://runsignup.com> or on race day before 7:30am. Dogs on a leash allowed and strollers are also welcome. The first 50 to sign up will get a Gator Scarf.



Proceeds from this fundraising race organized by Kathy Adair (Pugh) will go towards the "Sherbert Foundation", a foundation set up in honor of Kathy's parents. Thru that foundation, \$1,000 will be given away each year to a high school senior in OE, Owosso or Corunna. Sign up today.



Kathy is also organizing a Fund Raising Car Show which will run from 9am-2pm. Participants may arrive starting at 8:30am. The \$20 registration will be collected at the time of registration which begin at 9:30am. This event will also benefit the "Sherbert Foundation". Dash plaques will be given to the first 100 cars, Goodie bags to the first 50 entrants. Door prizes will be given away and a 50/50 drawing. The Top Ten, Best of Show and Grand Marshals Award will be recognized at 2pm. For more information on either of these two events email Kathy at runner0704@gmail.com

Ovid Carriage Days New Format

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



Bouncing Bellas Inflatables Coming on September 7th

The Carriage Days Committee have hired Bouncing Bellas Inflatables from Saginaw to set up and provide kids of all ages a FREE fun-filled day on Saturday, September 7th. They will be located on Main Street and will run from 11am-6pm with manned employees at each inflatable. Make plans now to bring the family and enjoy a day filled with events and fun for the entire family.



OVID CARRIAGE DAYS COED SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT 2024

- Saturday, September 7, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.
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Obituaries

Michael Saxton

Michael Saxton, 65, of Ovid, Michigan, died on August 11, 2024, at Sparrow Hospital following a series of strokes.

Mike was born on March 21, 1959, in Titusville, Florida, as one of four children to Lynn K. "Mike" Saxton and Beverly (Beeman) Saxton.

Mike was a skilled welder and owned his own welding company in Hastings for many years. He continued to work in the trade, most recently in Owosso until his recent retirement. Mike had a passion for crafting recumbent bikes, a hobby that brought him joy and allowed him to showcase his creativity.

He is survived by his daughter, Jacey Champlin; his mother, Beverly A. Saxton; his sisters, Kathleen (Kam) Washburn and Suzette (Jeff) Keck; his brother, Brian Saxton; and numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Lynn "Mike" Saxton in 2014.

A private graveside service will be held at Riverside Cemetery in Elsie.

Memorials may be made in his honor to the family.

The family was served by the McGeehan Funeral Home.



London Izabella-Ryén 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 make-up. 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.



William H. Coon

William H. Coon died peacefully at his home in St. Johns, Michigan, on August 9, 2024, at the age of 72.

Bill was born on June 6, 1952, in Mason, Michigan, to William R. and Rachel (Taylor) Coon. He spent his career as a switchman for Michigan Bell Telephone Company, dedicating 30 years to the company. After retiring, Bill opened Crystal Graphics, a sign shop that he successfully ran for many years.

As the son of a lumberman, Bill had a deep connection to his roots and took great pleasure in restoring his 1892 farmhouse. He was an avid woodworker, often collaborating with his beloved wife, Gwen, on various projects.

Bill was a dedicated HAM radio operator, K8KQ, and enjoyed doing show and tell with others. His love for photography allowed him to capture countless memories of the people and places he cherished. He took pictures of everything and everyone.

A man of many interests, Bill embraced life with enthusiasm. He was an active participant in downhill and cross-country skiing, sailing, ping pong, tennis, pickleball, hiking, canoeing, a friendly match of Uno or Euchre, and enjoyed throwing bumpers for the numerous Coon family Golden Retrievers.

Bill had a deep appreciation for toys, collecting everything from Tonka trucks to Lionel trains, as well as antique cameras and World War II memorabilia. He was a dedicated 4-H leader for many years, focusing on shooting sports and assisting Gwen with dog sports.

Bill will be remembered for his kindness, his willingness to share knowledge, his love of talking and his genuine curiosity about the world around him. He was, in every sense of the word, a "good guy." His presence will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his beloved wife of forty seven years, Gwen Coon; his brother-in-law, Keith (Judy) Van Poperin; nieces, Dana (Nathan) Ellsworth, Amy (Shane) Gold; numerous great nieces and nephews; his best friends, Steve & Jill Lyon and Sam & Jill Griffet, as well as extended family members and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Rachel; his sister, Ann Marie Coon Butler; his favorite aunt, Ruth Taylor and his favorite uncle, Howard "Doc" Coon.

Services will be held privately.

Memorial contributions may be made in his name to Clinton County 4H.

The family was served by the McGeehan Funeral Home, Keck-Coleman Chapel, St. Johns.



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Obituaries

Mary Elizabeth Hughey

Mary Elizabeth Hughey, age 77, of Elsie, MI, passed away Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at the Hospice House of Shiawassee County, Owosso, MI.

Mary was born in Escanaba, Michigan on March 16, 1947, the daughter of John and Delima (Scheer) Olinger. She attended Holy Name High School and Bay de Noc Community College in Escanaba. In the Fall of 1967, Mary and a group of "Yoopers" decided to cross the bridge and attend Central Michigan University where she got her degree in Education. In the summer of 1968, Mary met Tom while taking summer classes at Central. They were married in the summer of 1969 and bought a house in Ovid. Mary taught 3rd grade at Leonard Elementary (known then as East Elementary) for 7 years. In the Summer of 1976, Tom and Mary moved to their new house on Ridge Road in Elsie, which was built with the help of family and friends. Mary then taught 5th Grade at E.E. Knight for 3 years.

Their son, Brennan, was born in July of 1979. Mary chose to stay home for 3 years, before going back to teaching. Upon returning to teaching, Mary taught Science, Math and Social Studies to sixth graders for the next 19 years, first in partnership with Ivah Risley and then Georgann Coon, who taught the Language Arts. Mary retired in 2001, after 29 years of teaching in the Ovid Elsie District. She continued to sub in the Ovid Elsie District an additional 7 years. Upon retiring, Tom and Mary did some traveling, visiting all 50 states plus Canada, Mexico, Ireland and Scotland. Their son, Brennan accompanied them on many adventures.

Mary was a member of St. Cyril Church in Bannister and was a member of the Altar Society and Christian Service Committee. She was also a member of Ovid Elsie Lioness, Delta Kappa Gamma, and Elsie Arts Council. Mary had worked with Rose Thering in planning Summer Story Hours at the Elsie Library from 2001-2018. Mary also volunteered at the Dorman Gallery and helped with various Elsie Art Council projects.

She is survived by her husband Tom Hughey of Elsie, MI, son Brennan Hughey of Prescott, AZ, sister Susan Turovaara and brother John and Mary Ann Olinger. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Mary was preceded in death by her parents and infant brother James.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Cyril's Catholic Church, Bannister, MI, at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, with Rev. Fr. Andizej Boroch presiding. Burial will take place at Riverside Cemetery, Elsie, MI. Visitation will be held on Monday, August 19, 2024 from 2-8 P.M. with family present from 2-4 & 6-8 P.M. at Smith Family Funeral Homes Elsie, MI.

Memorials may be made to the Elsie Area Food Pantry or the Elsie Baby Pantry. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



Have a Question for Andy?

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Uptake on Car/Deer Collisions

Dear Andy, I recently had a car/deer collision. It didn't seem to do much damage and the deer trotted away like I bopped him with a red balloon full of water. It was dusk and raining. I was driving 20 miles below the speed limit. I am fine but still shaken up. It has been 3 weeks; my car is still drivable. I reported it to the police, filed a claim with my insurance company, and drove the next day to get an estimate.

My problem is my insurance company communicates online only and looks at pictures. The collision repair shop has an estimate of \$1,400 more than the insurance company. The insurance company said they will send me a check when I agree to the terms. I called the repair shop and they said that was normal. Sign for the check and bring it to them. They will bill the insurance company with additional invoices and further documentation when the work is completed. And, to drop off the car next Tuesday.

I reread all the online 20 pages from my insurance company and it says that "agreement to the terms" and "receipt of the check was a final transaction". I don't know who or what to believe. My 2023 car needs to be my new car for about 5 more years. I am on a fixed income and cannot afford to pay an extra \$1400. Above my deductible of \$400. What should I do? I am nervous to make a decision and.....Scared

Dear Scared, I understand your apprehension in making a decision. You can certainly get another estimate. Please make sure they are reputable or recommended collision and a certified repair business. First, call your adjuster. There will be a name of a person overseeing your claim on the first page of your email correspondence. Leave a detailed message. They may want to inspect it in person. Ask if it is policy to pay more than the deductible and if it is your responsibility for amounts over the estimate, or can the repair shop invoice over the estimated costs after the repair.

Just to understand your policy, ask your insurance agent. If you need to delay the repair, it will not affect the time frame or obligation of your insurance company to get your car fixed. Be patient. There were over 288,000 crashes in Michigan last year and 58,984 were car/deer collisions. We are down 2% so far this year at this date last year according to MDOT.

I am pleased to know that you were not injured. And, that the deer is also ok. It is the time of year; Fawns have trouble keeping up with the mama deer. So, even if a Doe has crossed the road, look for fawns following her at a slower pace. It will soon be deer hunting season and they start to run at dusk and early morning. I am a believer in deer whistles. Costs run anywhere from \$6.97 to \$10.99 for multiple pairs. They can be purchased online or at a sporting goods store. They attach to your front bumper. Whistlers work! Great stocking stuffers and it does not hurt the ears of the deer. It warns them to take a pause and be aware of a car driving nearby. Drivers, be careful and thank you for not speeding. Andy.
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Editorial

A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell



It is Thursday morning and of course the week has flown by... I'm beginning to believe that it is a matter of age perception. At my age I perceive that which pleases me?! As a rule I see what pleases me, too bad that I don't enjoy doing the dishes or housework. I enjoy making headway on projects even though it appears to take longer than I remember. If I take the time to map out my intentions I get better and quicker results. I do wish that my body worked as quickly as my brain does. This past week I have had some edifying experiences. I had forgotten how much work is involved in having a booth at an event. I was hired to help because I can do math in my head (correctly) and I enjoy chit chatting with others. Who would think that doing math mentally would become such a sought after skill? It is nice to be perceived as having a functional head filled with computational gray matter.

Working at the St Johns Mint Festival was an illuminating experience. I got to watch interesting folks and meet up with old acquaintances. Since I have done Farmer's Markets for about fifteen years I have had the pleasure of meeting many different individuals. My Uncle Jim once noted that I was 'related to half the folks in Michigan and friends of the other half'. Not quite true, but I usually relate well with others unless they irritate the 'whohahs' out of me. And yes, I do get irritated at times and try not to show it. Life is too short to let others know what antagonizes me. Besides that it is not a very positive trait.

On the twenty-first MG's Perx & Pastries will be having breakfast burritos when we reopen. Right now you would be walking through a jungle of shelving and supplies that have been moved to the front of the shop. We are installing a new ceiling in the back room and hopefully will have everything back in place with a new face by this coming Tuesday afternoon. Good news, the owner of the bike has finally contacted us and will be picking it up shortly. Good thing that Diane posted it on our Face Book site. Too bad that the local constabulary didn't have the time to return our calls on Tuesday and Wednesday after the Dairy Festival. They must have been terribly busy. Such is life.

Oh, I will be at Uncle John's Cider Mill helping Mr Sodman this next weekend. I am looking forward to being able to park behind the tent and not having to walk a great deal. Our vehicles will be parked behind our set up and we won't have to wait on a golf cart to reach vendor parking. Did I mention that between the walking and the perching upon the stool seemed to aggravate my left leg greatly? Yup I'm whining, it took a couple of days to work the kinks out. But it did give me time to be extra lazy. I do believe that next Saturday morning I will have time to stop at the shop and grab a large coffee to go. Of course that also means that I can pick on Diane and Brent also. Life is good.

One other element needs to be addressed by me. Strange as it is, I managed to sunburn the right side of my head. I should have worn a hat and did not. It is very tender when I try to brush my hair or move it off of my eyes. The weather was comfortable and I even had to wear my long flannel shirt, and we were set up under shady trees. Of course I didn't realize how much sun was being filtered and now my scalp is being fidgety. Thankfully it doesn't appear to be blistering.

My tomatoes are finally starting to turn and I'm salivating at the thought of eating my first vine ripened fruit from my garden. I'm about four weeks behind my normal schedule this year. Fortunately I have jars ready to can them and I have many of the lids that I will need. I do hope that there is more than a bit of ambition in that mix. The tomatoes will do well, it's me that I'm concerned. I've gotten this 'oh well' attitude and need to remind myself why I do what I do. I already have enough stewed tomatoes canned for me but have a couple of friends that I also help with canning. This of course helps me with having a purpose. Be purposeful and enjoy helping others. God bless. And laugh loudly.

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Religious Thoughts

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Paul writes to the Church in Corinth- "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

- 2 Corinthians 5:17

When we come to faith in Christ we are made into new creations. We receive the Holy Spirit and God starts to change us to be the people He wants us to be.

We start to think godly thoughts and live for Him and for others in ways that we didn't do before. We often keep the same jobs, friends and neighbors, but now we live with God as the focus. With God as the motivator, the main reason behind what we are doing. God becomes our "why" behind the "what."

It is often said that atheists can be moral people and this is true. But here is a key difference between atheists and Christians. It can be shown in the late atheist Christopher

Hitchens's challenge: "Name one moral action performed by a believer that could not have been done by a nonbeliever."

The answer? As Amy K. Hall writes in the article, "Hitchens's Challenge Solved,"

"The highest moral good a person can do is to worship the living, true, sovereign God- to love Him with all one's heart, soul, mind, and strength. Not only will no atheist ever do this, no atheist can do this."

One of the main points about believing in and following God is not to be moral. Anyone can be moral, but doing so just leads to legalism and possibly pride.

While anyone can be moral (to a degree) not everyone can or will want to worship God. Only a believer in God will want to do this. And yet the act of worshiping God with all of one's actions and being is the highest moral or good act that one can perform. Christianity is not about a list of dos and don'ts for God, but being in a personal relationship with Him. Because we are living with God, we want to live for God.

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10th Annual Warrior Appreciation Rally a Success

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Brian Valentine, Elsie American Legion Post Commander and the entire Elsie Legion membership that helped put together this annual event.



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Detroit-based 'The Blueflowers' Take the Stage in St. Johns on Wednesday, August 21st

submitted by Bill Tennant

The popular 6-piece Detroit-based indie rock band, The Blueflowers, will be taking the stage at the William E. Tennant Performance Shell in the beautiful St. Johns City Park on Wednesday, August 21st at 7 PM. The band, formed in 2009, has been gathering an enthusiastic fan base as they continue to perform throughout the state.

The Blueflowers blossomed out of a songwriting collaboration between singer/lyricist Kate Hinote and guitarist/producer Tony Hamera. Both performers made an initial impression on the Detroit music scene in 2005. When the two began experimenting with a more "Americana" sound, they decided to form a different band entirely. The Blueflowers were born. That Americana sound would prove to be just the beginning of their sonic journey.

Anyone following this band's evolution through their five full length albums can hear a continuity in The Blueflowers' unmistakable mood and sound, with an intentional insistence on edging each album towards something else entirely and a refusal to be bound by genre. From their early roots in Americana to their more current indie rock sound, The Blueflowers continue to grow and test new ground.

Their newest material has subtly altered its routes with the addition of newest member and songwriter, Bryan Talaski, on bass guitar. With longtime core members Jim Faulkner (drums), David Johnson (guitar), and Erin Williams (keys, backing vocals, lyricist) still on board.

"I first heard Kate Hinote perform when we invited her acoustic trio to take part in our 'Brown Bag Concert Series' back in 2022," said Bill Tennant, Concert in the Park spokesperson. "Two things I remember about that performance were: 1. her beautiful voice and 2. that she wrote some great songs. At the time she told me about a larger group she had - I told her that we'd be very interested in having them perform at our Shell. So come, give a listen and enjoy the ride as we board The Blueflowers express for a most wonderful musical journey."

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.

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Michigan Charities are Benefited as Laingsburg, Ovid Lions Host 2024 Golf Outing

LAINGSBURG -- A cool, blustery day greeted 25 four-somes competing in the annual, joint Laingsburg / Ovid Lions Club golf outing -- one of the biggest events on the yearly calendar at Pine Hills Golf Course.

The 25 teams participating set a new record for participation in the event. Last year, the work of all the volunteer efforts came to fruition with the presentation of twin \$3,000 checks to the Lions of Michigan Foundation (LMF) and the Lions' sponsored Bear Lake Camp. The \$6,000 grand total was primarily raised during the 2023 joint golf outing, sponsored jointly by the two local Lions Clubs.

The Lions are reaping more of the same kind of benefits in 2024. The annual outing has become a major event on the local golf scene, and has helped develop a legacy of service to both the Ovid and Laingsburg communities. Longtime Ovid Lion Larry Martin and Laingsburg Lion John Carroll, Jr. were honored posthumously for their enormous contributions to the joint golf outing.

The foursome of Terry Fraidenburg, Mayo Hurst, R.J. Miller and Greg Beavers, taking over the mantle from 2023 champs Jeremy Merrell, John Saller, Sr., Matt Farr and Andy Hamilton. The winning score for 2024 was a blistering 15-under-par.

Terry Fraidenburg is a Past-President of the Laingsburg club. "The Laingsburg and Ovid Lions Clubs continue to grow this outing," he said. "From the beginning when Jack Epple and Ron Gorsline came up with the idea to the second generation of Lions John Carroll (Laingsburg) and Larry Martin (Ovid) to the current chairs Mary Perrien (Ovid) and myself it has always been about giving back and helping in areas wherever we can.

"Prizes were plentiful and we thank all the various businesses from Lansing, Dewitt, Ovid, Laingsburg, Owosso, Corunna who made our outing the success it was. We couldn't have done this without those businesses and the Lion volunteers."

The raffle following the outing is one of the biggest in the community throughout the year.



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Sports

Cole Repeats as Soccer Player of Year; Marauders, Wolfpack Dominate All-Area

OWOSSO -- Ovid-Elsie senior Evalyn Cole repeated as Player of the Year, and standout players from both O-E and Laingsburg dominated the All-Area Girls Soccer Team for 2024.

The honor squad is named annually by the Owosso Argus-Press.

In addition to Cole, Marauder teammates Ava Bates, Dannika Campbell, Lillian Bates, McKenzie Keck, Hailee Campbell and Laingsburg standouts Joy Antcliff, Callie Clark, Addison Elkins, Desire Knoblauch and Payge Woodworth took up all but two spots on the team, before Honorable Mention selections were named.

After earning co-All Area Player of the Year honors in 2022 as a sophomore, Cole, who remained a first team selection as a junior, offered Marauder fans a bigger, better sequel performance for her prep career swan song.

Cole was one of the central players on an O-E squad that had a season for the books in 2024. Coach Jerome White's Marauders cruised to their fourth Mid-Michigan Activities Conference title in Cole's four years, going 6-0 in league play. They followed this up by picking up back-to-back shootout victories over Williamston and Eaton Rapids along the way to the program's first district title.

Ultimately, O-E advanced all the way to a Division 3 regional championship match, falling to Grosse Ile, 4-2, to finish the year at 15-4-3.

Even on a roster loaded with senior talent that has played a lot together over the last four seasons, Cole stood out for the Marauders. Cole paced Ovid-Elsie in multiple categories, finding the back of the net 20 times and dishing out 21 assists. She collected first-team All-MMAC and All-State honors.

Antcliff, after garnering all-conference recognition for the third-consecutive season, a two-year team captain for the Wolfpack, posted eight shutouts in her senior campaign, including one in the postseason, as Laingsburg advanced to a Division 4 district title match.

Ava Bates, picking up first-team all-MMAC, all-district and all-region accolades, posted 58 saves and 8.5 shutouts on the Marauders' run to a Division 3 regional championship match, highlighted by the senior coming up big in two playoff shootout victories for Ovid-Elsie. Also starring for the Marauders on the basketball court, Ava Bates and her younger sister, Lilian, are cousins of player of the year Evalyn Cole.

Lillian Bates, another all-MMAC honoree, tallied four goals and four assists for the Marauders, and buried the match winner in the regional semifinal shootout victory over Eaton Rapids on June 4, a boot that sent Ovid-Elsie to the state's elite eight.

Dannika Campbell, with Cole, Hailee Campbell and Keck taking care of business on the offensive end of the pitch for the Marauders, was a rock on the back end, receiving all-MMAC honors.

Hailee Campbell put up numbers that were not far behind Cole's totals, and affectionately known as "Soup," had a player of the year case of her own. Scoring 16 goals and compiling 20 assists, she was a second-team all-state selection and was tabbed as the MMAC's No. 2 overall field player, behind Cole. Campbell will be continuing her studies and soccer career for the Albion Britons of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association at the NCAA Division III level.

The Wolfpack's Clark, after receiving the Playmaker Award from her teammates at the Wolfpack spring sports banquet, was an all-Central Michigan Athletic Conference selection and finished the year with 11 goals and six assists for Laingsburg.

Elkins was voted as the Wolfpack team MVP and graduates as Laingsburg's all-time leader in tackles and compiled 10 goals and nine assists as a senior. A first-team all-CMAC, all-district and all-region selection, as well as an honorable mention all-stater, Elkins plans to attend Western Michigan University to pursue a degree in the medical field.

Knoblauch, the Player of the Year as a junior in 2023, turned in another fantastic season as a senior, scoring an area-best 24 goals and tallying six assists. Despite not recording any as a freshman in 2021, Knoblauch graduates as Laingsburg's all-time career leader in goals with 78 — 42 of which came in her award-winning junior campaign. She will continue her academic and soccer careers at Muskegon Community College.

Woodworth, only a ninth grader, recorded 18 goals and eight assists for the Wolfpack while splitting her time between the striker, winger and midfielder positions.

2024 GIRLS SOCCER SHIAWASSEE ALL-AREA TEAM

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Evalyn Cole, Ovid-Elsie, Sr.

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Evalyn Cole

Nearly 100,000 Student-Athletes Started MHSAA Fall Practices

EAST LANSING -- Nearly 100,000 Michigan high school student-athletes were anticipated to begin Fall 2024 practices on Monday, Aug. 12, across nine sports for which the Michigan High School Athletic Association sponsors postseason tournaments.

The fall season includes the most played sports for both boys and girls; 35,174 football players and 19,119 girls volleyball players competed during the Fall 2023 season. Teams in those sports will be joined by competitors in girls and boys cross country, Lower Peninsula girls golf, boys soccer, Lower Peninsula girls swimming & diving, Upper Peninsula girls tennis and Lower Peninsula boys tennis in beginning practice next week.

Competition began Aug. 16 for cross country, golf, soccer and tennis, Aug. 21 for swimming & diving and volleyball, and Aug. 29 for varsity football. Football teams at all levels must have 12 days of preseason practice — over a period of 16 calendar days — before their first game.

In girls volleyball this season, for the first time, the top two teams in each District bracket will be seeded based on Michigan Power Ratings (MPR) that take into account a team's regular-season success and strength of schedule. Those two seeded teams will be determined the Sunday prior to the final week of the regular season and placed on opposite sides of their District brackets.

Boys soccer also will see a slight change to its seeding this fall, as the entire bracket will be seeded based on MPR, not just the top two teams as in previous seasons.

The 11-Player Football Finals schedule at Ford Field also will have a slightly different lineup and earlier start times. On both Friday, Nov. 29, and Saturday, Nov. 30, the first games of the day will begin at 9:30 a.m., with the final games of both days slated to start at 7 p.m. On Nov. 29, Division 8 at 9:30 a.m. will be followed by Division 4 at 12:30 p.m., Division 6 at 4 p.m. and Division 2 at 7 p.m. to conclude the day. On Nov. 30, Division 7 kicks off at 9:30 a.m., followed by Division 3 at 12:30 p.m., Division 5 at 4 p.m. and Division 1 at 7 p.m. to finish the weekend.

A few more game-action rules changes will be quickly noticeable to participants and spectators.

In football, uniforms now must have clear contrast between the colors of the jersey body and numbers; for example, white numbers with blue outline on a white jersey are no longer allowed. The visiting teams must wear white uniforms, and home teams must wear dark jerseys that clearly contrast with white.

In soccer, the eight-goal differential rule remains but with the addition of a running clock during the first half if the differential reaches eight.

In volleyball, line judges beginning this fall will switch sides of the court between sets.

The 2024 Fall campaign culminates with postseason tournaments beginning with the Upper Peninsula Girls Tennis Finals during the week of Sept. 30 and wrapping up with the 11-Player Football Finals on Nov. 29 and 30. Here is a complete list of fall tournament dates:

Cross Country: U.P. Finals — Oct. 19, L.P. Regionals — Oct. 25 or 26, L.P. Finals — Nov. 2

11-Player Football: Selection Sunday — Oct. 27, Pre-Districts — Nov. 1 or 2, District Finals — Nov. 8 or 9, Regional Finals — Nov. 15 or 16, Semifinals — Nov. 23, Finals — Nov. 29-30

8-Player Football: Selection Sunday — Oct. 27, Regional Semifinals — Nov. 1 or 2, Regional Finals — Nov. 8 or 9, Semifinals — Nov. 16, Finals — Nov. 23

L.P. Girls Golf: Regionals — Oct. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 or 12, Finals — Oct. 18-19

Boys Soccer: Districts — Oct. 9-19, Regionals — Oct. 22-26, Semifinals — Oct. 30, Finals — Nov. 2

L.P. Girls Swimming & Diving: Diving Regionals — Nov. 14, Swimming/Diving Finals — Nov. 22-23

Tennis: U.P. Girls Finals — Oct. 2, 3, 4 or 5, L.P. Boys Regionals — Oct. 9, 10, 11 or 12, L.P. Boys Finals — Oct. 17-19 or 21-22

Girls Volleyball: Districts — Nov. 4-9, Regionals — Nov. 12 & 14, Quarterfinals — Nov. 19, Semifinals — Nov. 21-22, Finals — Nov. 23

Michigan Renaissance Festival Celebrates 45th Anniversary with Exciting New Attractions

submitted by Allison Joslin

Holly — The Michigan Renaissance Festival is thrilled to announce its 45th Anniversary season, promising an unforgettable experience for visitors from August 17th through September 29th. This year's festival, a beloved tradition in the heart of Michigan, will feature an array of new and exciting attractions, alongside the cherished activities that have delighted guests for over four decades.

New Highlights for 2024:

- **House of Dragons:** Step into a fantastical world with our brand-new House of Dragons pub. Explore an immersive dragon-themed adventure that will enchant guests of 21 years of age and older.
- **Freeze Dried Candy:** Discover a unique culinary treat with our new freeze-dried candy offerings. These whimsical sweets add a new twist to your festival experience.
- **Barbi Mermaid:** Meet the magical Barbi Mermaid, who will enchant festival-goers with her mesmerizing tales and aquatic allure.
- **VIP Pampering:** For our Season and Royal Pass holders, we are introducing exclusive VIP Pampering experiences. Enjoy enhanced comfort in upscale restrooms and special perks like cool drinks in a designated shaded area to elevate your festival experience to royal heights.
- **Crow's Nest and Barrell Ride:** Get ready for two thrilling new games! Test your skills and enjoy the excitement of the Crow's Nest and the Barrell Ride, new additions that promise fun and adventure for the whole family.

In addition to these fantastic new features, the festival will be open on special days including Labor Day, September 2nd, and Festival Friday, September 27th, to ensure that even more guests can partake in the celebration.

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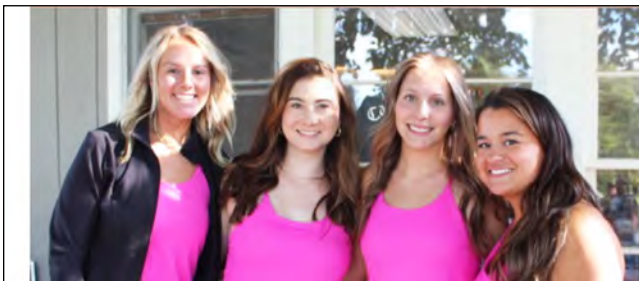
Sports



First Place Team: Doug Adams, Shane Brunn, Ryan Powell and Jordan McGee



Second Place Team: Matt Fabus, Matt Gamblin, Cathy Gamblin and Ken Gamblin



Last Place Team: Makenna Vincent, Vanessa Bowers, Raygan Fluharty and Leah Batora

OE Youth Baseball & Softball Golf Outing a Success

On behalf of the Ovid-Elsie Youth Baseball & Softball (OEYBS) Rec program we would like to express our deepest gratitude to all our sponsors, donors, golfers and supporters! Your contributions to this year's outing made the event a successful and sustainable fundraiser!

Our first annual OEYBS golf outing, held on Sunday, August 11, 2024, turned out to be an enjoyable and exciting day. This year's golf scramble, along with a generous match donation of \$2,500 from Modern Woodmen Fraternal Financial, helped raise a total of \$6,300! This money will be used toward new equipment for the program. Together, with your support, we plan to make this an annual event that will bring the community together and continue to raise funds for our youth organization every year.

Thank you Pine Hills, Laingsburg MI for hosting us this year. Their entire staff were more than accommodating and easy to work with!

Thank you to the OEYBS board members! This event wouldn't have flourished without your tireless efforts and continued support to grow and improve our youth program.

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Village cont' from front page...

have to go before the Elsie Area Fire Association with this proposal. A lot of discussion went into this proposal. The next step is taking the proposal to the Elsie Area Fire Association. The lease agreement should be a separate agreement and not included in the EAFA agreement.

Shane Grinnell, manager, reported that had been received information from MML regarding training for elected officials, there will be in person and online opportunities. The Village received a medication drop box which is located in the business office. The second set of Hero bricks have been installed and Larry Melvin continues to take care of the landscaping at the park. The lagoon project is in a holding pattern but the investors do stay in contact with the Village.

The first meeting with business owners was held prior to the regular meeting, it was exciting to here that the Swartzmiller building has sold and there is a possibility of a self-serve lumber type business. The next meeting will be the second Tuesday in October prior to the regular council meeting.

Code enforcement was busy this month with twenty-six issues addressed. There were five rental inspections. In addition, blight enforcement was addressed. More than half have been resolved. An LED sign has been ordered, no exact date of installation. Insurance is paying for the sign because the previous sign quit working due to a disaster, there was a \$250 deductible.

The employee handbook is being updated with the assistance of APD, a service contracted by the village. When completed the personnel committee will review the updates followed by presentation to the full council. The water ordinance being reviewed.

Sidewalk repair requests were presented to officials, seven different properties were selected. The ordinance states that the homeowner will be responsible for 50% of the cost. The contractor is Morton's. The village will spend \$11,752. Two opposed the motion Jason Freeman and Kory Witt.

Officials took action to approve the auditors for 2024, Shae and Associates for \$5,950.

Chris Ormes, DPW Supervisor, reported that the pump has arrived and will be installed soon. Lead and copper inspections must be completed by October and the new street signs are up.

Police Chief Desinee Bryce reported that the department conducted six traffic stops resulting in three citations and two arrests. Complaints increased during the month of July with a total of 69 calls. The calls included traffic crashes, traffic enforcement, civil neighbor disputes, and a number of suspicious situations. It was noted that there were two separate incidents at Dollar General resulting in both individuals being apprehended.

In addition, the Clinton County Inspections were conducted with no citations issued. The Elsie Police Department participated in a number of community events including the Elsie Dairy Festival, Elsie Public Library, and the National Night Out.

Public comment included a final update on Dairy Festival 2024. Brook Wooley, Elsie Dairy Festival, extended a huge thank-you to the Village for their continued support. New activities included royalty crowned during the festival, Elvis started the Dairy Dash, people liked the vendor village, and the parade was good. In addition, Kids Day far exceeded expectations. \$1,900 was raised by the softball tournament for the food pantry. The donation to the Village was double last year's contribution, \$2,000.

An individual will be submitting paperwork for storage unit which would remove two trailers and then build. His request is to change the zoning designation from residential to commercial, and would like the zoning board to meet soon. Financing has been approved for the project.

Chris Darling concerned about the lack of cycling water; hydrants need to be flushed more often. Please address this issue.

The Fire Department, Zach MacNamara, chief, comment-ed that they appreciate the work the Village of Elsie is doing and is available if there are questions.

Monthly action was taken to approve the meeting agenda as presented; approval of the July 10, 2024 regular meeting, the July 30 Special meeting and July 30 closed session minutes; and the financial reports. Officials took action to approve expenditures totaling \$123,212.75. Officials went into closed session to make corrections to the July 30, 2024 closed session minutes.

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thence South 240 feet; thence West 138 feet; thence North 240 feet to the place of beginning. Commonly known as 146 E Maple St, Elsie, MI 48831 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. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale will be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. 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 been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc. Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON FAMILY DIVISION

State of Michigan Clinton County Family Division
 100 East State Street, Suite 4300
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 Safe Delivery of Newborn Case #24-31919-AG
 TO: Birth Parents of BD born on 07/16/2024 and surrendered on 07/16/2024 to Henry Ford Macomb Hospital, Clinton Township, Macomb County, Michigan.
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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Helen D. Cornell Living Trust Date of Execution: March 12, 1991, as amended
 TO ALL CREDITORS: **
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
 The decedent, HELEN D. CORNELL, who lived at 1601 East Centerline Road, St. Johns, MI 48879 Died on July 16, 2024. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustees of the Helen D. Cornell Living Trust within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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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.

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