

## Ovid-Elsie Boys and Girls Cross County Teams Conference Champions Girls 4-Peat - Boys Last Championship 2003



*Boys Team includes: Colton Sempstrott, Mitchell Gonzalez, Clay Powell, Joshua Miller, Jeremiah Stewart, Darin Richardson, James Kelly, Travis Wright. Girls Team includes: Madalynn Bushard, Audrey Bensinger, Clarissa Baese, Kendal Tokar, Hannah Koutz, Piper White, Dana Juhas, Ava Juhas, Katelyn Wright.*

The stage was set for an exciting night of competition at the MMAC Cross Country League Championship, held at Uncle John's Cider Mill on October 9th. The boys kicked things off first with the team from Ovid-Elsie remaining unbeaten in the league and bringing home the conference championship! They were once again led by senior captain Clay Powell who finished the course with a time of 17:09, his fellow teammates put forth a tremendous effort, Joshua Miller 18:05, James Kelly 18:17, Travis Wright 19:06, Mitchell Gonzalez 19:35, Jeremiah Stewart 20:34, Colton Sempstrott 21:10 and Destin Kinney 31:30 to help secure the win for Ovid-Elsie over a very talented team from LakeVille.

Once the dust settled from the boys' race, the girls stepped up to the starting line in what promised to be an extremely competitive race. Ovid-Elsie entered the final conference meet tied with Chesaning and the title of conference champs would come down to this third and final conference matchup. The O-E girls put forth a gritty team effort to edge out a young and very talented team from Chesaning. This allowed the Marauders to secure their fourth straight MMAC Conference Championship! Leading the way for Ovid-Elsie was junior Clarissa Baese with a time of 20:43, followed by teammates Kendal Tokar 21:50, Madalynn Bushard 22:58, Piper White 23:15, Audrey Bensinger 23:32, Ava Juhas 24:18, Dana Juhas 24:21, Hannah Koutz 24:55, and Katelyn Wright 29:52.



*On Sunday, October 6th, Owosso Speedway owner, Rex Wheeler (left) made a \$5,129 donation to the Ovid-Middlebury Fire/Rescue Department. Accepting the check was Fire Chief, Jerry Stevens. The donation will go towards the purchasing of medical supplies.*

## Elsie Village Council Will Seek Forensic Audit

*by Dawn D. Levey*

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Elsie Village Council was held Tuesday, October 8, 2024. Officials addressed a variety of issues to a full house including setting the Halloween Trick Treating hours, 6pm-7:30pm.

Officials took action to table the establishing of a Brownfield Authority until the November 2024 regular meeting. There is new information regarding additional grant possibilities. Also, officials tabled a decision on the generator requested by the Elsie Library Board.

Diane Jones, MML Insurance representative, presented information on the workman's compensation fund and the MML liability and property pool programs. The pros and cons were presented for officials to consider. It was noted that the Village has been a member since 1982, one of the municipalities who have participated since the onset of the program. Two cost summaries for officials to consider prior to the renewal date of April 1 of each year. The policy does not cover a forensic audit that falls on the entity. Jones noted that a larger deductible was selected for a savings of \$200 April 1, 2024. A question-and-answer opportunity followed.

There is access to village financial account issues that need to be addressed by Thomas Frink, village president, due to the resignation of Shane Grinnell. Officials took formal action to remove former employees from all documents and financial accounts.

At the next meeting there will be a public hearing prior to the November and December meetings at 6:45, regarding the Consumers Energy Resolution. This is an action that is taken periodically.

Police Chief Destinee Bryce, presented the September 2024 police department report. The Department conducted five traffic stops. Complaints increased during the month with a total of sixty-two calls that included domestic assaults, civil disputes, and 911 hangups.

September was a month of training for the department. The Department continued MCOLES CPE mandated training – taser recertification, police civil liability, family law and trouble legal aspects and election law updates. The training was provided by the Clinton Area Law Enforcement Core training program that was implemented earlier this year.

In addition, Chief Bryce met with the Clinton County Health Department regarding opioid addiction and task force administration division with suggestions regarding the increase of crimes resulting in addition.

Finally, the department received a renewal if the BVP Grant for bullet proof vests which provides 50% of the funding.

Bryce presented the village manager's report. A Downtown Development Association re-establishment was discussed and a possible village planning commission. Tim Fare, from Clinton Catalyst was present to discuss both suggestions. He noted that he is discussing with the Clinton County Commission regarding a land bank.

October 18 there will be training for the manager and clerk with BS&A the financial and accounting software company. In addition, looking at the bank reconciliations which have not been completed in house since 2018.

The Village office is in a state of transition since the resignation of the former village manager. It was noted that a reimbursement of \$2,520.52 was made to the Elsie Area Fire Department for Spectrum services of the village, officials approved the action. It was recommended that a forensic audit be conducted of all financial books, the cost will be approximately \$15,000. It was requested that the action be taken before Bryce takes full control of the office. The request was approved. A letter of engagement was presented to secure the services of Maner and Costerisan.

Chris Ormes, Department of Public Works, opened his report by addressing the controversial building addressed at the September meeting. The cost of the repair is \$4,500 plus new doors. Officials approved the request. Maintenance of the water system is ongoing and is looking to the future to address concerns before they become an issue. Preparing for a discharge of the lagoons. Noting that two values need to be considered in the next fiscal budget.

Jason Freeman, presented a Fire Board update noting that this is a time of rebuilding relationships.

Annual action was taken to set the trick-or-treating hours. Halloween hours are 6p-7:30p followed by a party at the Elsie Area Fire Department base.

Jayna Passmore voiced concern about the walking trail at the Village Park and the lack of maintenance. There are cracks and safety concerns. The public is willing to help with park improvements.

Rick Zemla, Fairfield Township Supervisor, thanked the council for the action they are taking and the forensic audit.

Monthly action was taken to approve the meeting agenda with the addition under committee fire board update, and brownfield redevelopment authority and the managers request for a forensic audit. The minutes of the September 10, 2024 regular meeting and the closed session minutes of September 30, 2024 and the financial reports were approved. Expenditures including payroll totaling \$102,892.52 were approved.

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## Social

### “Meet the Candidates” on WOES

*submitted by Olyvia Coon*

On October 18th and 25th, at 12 and 6 PM, a recording of the program, “Meet the Candidates”, will be aired on 91.3 FM WOES The Polka Palace. This program will consist of interviews of all five candidates running for positions on the Ovid-Elsie School Board.

The election will take place on Tuesday, November 5th. The candidates we spoke with include Becky Williams, Sue Kadlek, David Huff, Eric Jones, and Charles Green.

These interviews were conducted by Olyvia Coon, a senior at Ovid-Elsie High School. Listeners can also access the interview online by typing in WOES FM.



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### Candidate Meet & Greet in Ovid

The Meridian Weekly will be hosting a candidate Meet & Greet on Wednesday, October 16th at 7pm at the Ovid/Lions Hall in downtown Ovid. There are a number of contested races on the November 5th ballot in The City of Ovid, Ovid Township and Ovid-Elsie School Board.

The candidates who have accepted our invitation include: City of Ovid Mayor candidates, Bill Lasher and Mary Perrien, Ovid Township candidates for Supervisor, Jennings West and Gary Kriner, Clerk candidates, Claudia Pluger and Keith Jones, Trustee candidates, Bobby Byles, Kurt Wolf and Greg Atwood, OE School Board Candidates, Dr. David Huff, Sue Kadlek and Becky Williams.

The event will not be a debate, but an opportunity for voters to meet the candidates and ask questions they may have of those who wish to represent and speak for the voters in the community. People with questions are asked to bring them in written form that evening. Those questions will be put forth to the candidates by the event moderator, Art Wainwright, a retired newsman from Channel 10 in Lansing.

Watch also the Meridian Weekly on Sundays, October 20th and 27th for candidate profiles and proposals in the upcoming November 5th General Election in Clinton, Gratiot and Shiawassee County.

### Youth Group Pop Up Market

*submitted by Mandi Harden*

The Youth Group from Heartland Church Ovid is working to raise money to attend this year's youth convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The event will be on the lawn by Mary's Country Kitchen, on M-21 in Ovid, parking lot on Saturday, October 19th from 9-1. There will be various baked and canned goods available including jams/jellies, sourdough, homemade breads and rolls, cakes, brownies, pies and so MUCH MORE!

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### Elsie Library Adventures

*submitted by Ann Trierweiler*

The Elsie Fall Festival was a great success! We had over two hundred people come through our doors in our four hours of business. Over fifty faces were painted with different designs by our artists Sharon, Kathy and Ellie. Sharon Shutes has been painting faces here for 19 years. So many smiles, so much joy! The festival celebrates and helps the Elsie Food Pantry. It was the perfect day for a lovely festival!



The “CANDYLAND Contest” began September 23rd and runs through October 31st. There are already quite a few people through the Candyland and ready for the drawing...Check out for more information by signing up for our monthly newsletters.

Mondays our Story Time at noon alternates between a story with a craft and a story with music and motion. On Saturday the 19th, there will be another Story Time and Craft at 11:30 a.m.

Remember if you live in Shiawassee, Clinton, or Saginaw Co. or Elba Township, you are eligible to use our library for free. Anyone outside these areas will need to pay a \$50 per family, per year, fee.

Please follow our Facebook page for all updates and time changes that may occur.

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### Upcoming Events at the Ovid Public Library

On Friday, October 18 the library will be having a Preschool Story Hour. It will begin at 10:30 Kids (and adults) can wear their halloween costume. We will be reading some halloween/fall themed books and making a pumpkin craft.

There will be another Classic Movie on Wednesday, October 23 at 1:00. We will be showing an Abbott and Costello movie. (We still haven't settled on which one yet) We will have light snacks and coffee and water available but you are more than welcome to bring your own snacks and a friend as well.

The Adult Booktasting will be held on Monday, October 28 at 1:00. If you love to read then you need to join us. You may just find out about a brand new author or even a book that may become your next favorite.

On Tuesday, October 29 the Junior Bookclub will be meeting at 5:00. This group is for kids aged 12-16 who love to read and who would like to meet some new people. The meetings usually last about an hour. If you would like more information you can call us at 989-834-5800.

And, as always, on Tuesdays we craft. Our back room tables are available to use for your crafting project. Maybe you just don't have enough room in your house or you would just enjoy crafting with other people. Whatever the case, come in and craft with us on Tuesdays. The room is open from 1-4 and later as long as there are no other programs scheduled for that evening.

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## Inspired Women Network Offers Free Domestic Violence Awareness and Self-Defense Event

submitted by Jordan Hankwitz

Owosso — Inspired Women Network is hosting Safety for Sisters and Staff Oct. 21 in support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. It will run from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Shiawassee Family YMCA, 515 W. Main St., Owosso.

This free event is in collaboration with SafeCenter, Voices for Children, Shiawassee Family YMCA and Owosso Public Safety.

SafeCenter is a shelter for those recovering from domestic violence and sexual assault. Its CEO, Hannah Gottschalk, will share about warning signs and what human resources and other staff members can do if they are concerned about a fellow employee's safety. Located in Owosso and St. Johns, SafeCenter's mission is "Empower. Advocate. Educate. Prevent." It serves all gender identities who have experienced intimate partner domestic violence or sexual assault.

Officer Tim Applegate, defensive tactics instructor with Owosso Public Safety, will also be teaching a basic self-defense class that is open to all. Together with SafeCenter and OPS, Inspired Women Network's goal is to bring awareness to a vitally important, sometimes life-and-death issue in our society. The group believes there is value in learning not only about personal safety, but how to identify and address the domestic violence coworkers, friends or family may be facing.

"What women in particular suffer can be invisible to those around them; they suffer in silence out of fear, shame or guilt," explains Gottschalk. "We have to keep our eyes open for ways we can keep our loved ones and colleagues safe."

Applegate agrees and recognizes an opportunity to empower women with ways to protect themselves.

"Knowing even basic self-defense moves can help fend off violent attacks. Hopefully I'll help people feel safer and more emboldened to start to break the cycle of abuse. These tactics can also be used with any kind of attack, whether in a domestic violence or other personal safety situation."

IWN is the women's leadership program of the Shiawassee Regional Chamber of Commerce. It was born out of a desire by women in the Shiawassee County region to have social, networking and professional development opportunities. Inspired Women Network is generously underwritten in part by an anonymous donor.

Safety for Sisters and Staff is a free event, but registration is kindly requested at [www.shiawasseechamber.org](http://www.shiawasseechamber.org) under the Inspired Women Network tab or by calling the chamber at 989-723-5149.

## BetterLife Bannister ZCBJ Lodge Collecting for Gratiot County Toys for Tots

submitted by Joanne Fornusek

BetterLife Bannister ZCBJ Lodge is again collecting for Gratiot County Toys for Tots. We want to assist families in our area who are struggling to provide Christmas gifts for their children. Last year this Toys for Tots organization made sure more than 1300 local children could celebrate the holiday with gifts and a book. If anyone (member or nonmember) would like to help with this project, toys and/or financial donations can be brought to the hall (405 E Main St. Bannister) on Saturday Nov. 2 or Nov. 9 from 7 am until 4 pm or Sunday, Nov. 10 at 1:30 pm. Thank you for helping put a smile on a child's face this Christmas season.

## Independent Painting Series and Watercolor Series

submitted by Linda Ruehle

The Shiawassee Arts Center is offering an Independent Painting series with Philip Ruehle, MFA, Artist/Instructor. This six week session begins Wednesday, October 30 through December 11, (No class on November 27). Noon - 3pm.

Receive one-on-one instruction while exploring the painting genre of your choice (still life, landscape, portraiture, non-objective abstract, etc.). This is a great opportunity to experiment with something new or to improve upon something with which you currently find challenging. Students need to bring their own supplies. Mineral spirits will be provided. New session will follow.

Holiday Still-life Watercolor Class: Thursdays, Oct 24th, 31st, Nov 7th & 14th from 12Noon until 4pm - with award winning watercolor artist & instructor, Lisabeth Curnow.

This series of 4 classes will focus on creating still life paintings inspired by the upcoming holidays. Each class will feature skill building exercises - that will include exploring wet on wet backgrounds, realistic shadows, composition, shiny/glass surfaces, and working from life.

This class is for anyone who has used watercolor in the past and would like to start again, experienced artists who are looking to improve their skills, or if you just want to have some fun while painting with other artists.

(Experienced beginners to Intermediate level artists)

Bring your favorite watercolor supplies - paint, watercolor paper, brushes, paper towel, and 2 (yes two) water containers for cleaning your brushes.

Pre-registration and payment required. Supply list is available on the website at [shiawasseearts.org](http://shiawasseearts.org) or by calling or stopping in. Call The Arts Center at (989) 723-8354 for questions or registration. The Shiawassee Arts Center is located at 206 Curwood Castle Drive, Owosso. The classrooms are handicap accessible.

## The "Haunting of Circle Dr" Annual Event

Sun & Moon Photography's Annual Event, The "Haunting of Circle Dr." will be open on October 26th, 27th, & 31st from 6pm-9pm.

The "Haunting of Circle Dr." is filled with laughs, screams, and spooky things for Halloween! From a haunted house to the Sun & Moon Graveyard, this event creates fun for all ages!

AND... This year, the Award-Winning Actors from the Saint Johns Theatre Program will be joining in on the fun!

These talented performers will be stirring up some ghoulish frights in the haunted house and the Sun & Moon Graveyard!

All donations collected from this free event goes directly to the Saint Johns Theatre Program to support these amazing students in doing what they love!

Come have a Ghostly Halloween!

"The Haunting of Circle Dr." is located at Sun & Moon Photography, 606 Circle Dr., Saint John's, MI.

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grandchildren,  
and great-grandchildren

# Obituaries

**Raymond “Ray” Howard Bigford**

Raymond “Ray” Howard Bigford, a man who was known as the favorite for his sense of humor, died on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at the age of 83.

Raymond of Charlotte, was born on June 19, 1941 to Albert and Ester (Johnson) Bigford, Sr. in Jackson, Michigan. He attended and graduated from High School from Laingsburg in the class of 1959. Ray was a familiar face at Olivet College serving as the Head Housekeeper beginning in 1986 and retired in 2008 and took great pride in the relationships over the years.

On April 23, 1966, Ray married Dorothy Collins and they enjoyed their 46 years together until her passing in 2012.

In his younger years he enjoyed fishing and hunting. Each year he looked forward to the family rabbit and squirrel hunting adventures and Deer camp spent with the guys each year. Ray loved to bowl, participating in various bowling leagues, and enjoyed singing as well as playing his guitar. He was a faithful member of the former South Cochran Church of God in Charlotte. Ray loved reading his Bible and attending church each Sunday. Above all his biggest joy in life came from his family.

Raymond is survived by his daughter, Dawn McLeod; grandchildren, Heidi (Jonathon Wicker) McLeod, Krystal (Arynn) Moon, Raymond McLeod, Tyler (Shasta) McLeod; great-grandchildren, Raylen, Leon, Sondra, Joseph, and Taylor-Rose; siblings, Marilyn (Jan) Vantassel, David Bigford, Shirley (Thomas) Mahoney, and Albert Bigford Jr.; and numerous extended family members. He was predeceased by his parents; his wife, Dorothy; siblings, Bob Bigford, Frank Bigford, Terry Bigford, and Cathy Bigford.

Friends are encouraged to support Raymond’s family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). Funeral Services were held Saturday, October 12, 2024 at Pray Funeral Home with Rebecca Douglas officiating. Burial has taken place in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland, Indiana.

The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

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In chapter 16 of his Gospel, Matthew records a time when, “The Pharisees and Sadducees came to Jesus and tested him by asking him to show them a sign from heaven.”  
- Matthew 16:1

Jesus did give them a sign, but it wasn’t what they were expecting. They were expecting Jesus to work some miracle right then and there. To dazzle them before their eyes.

Instead, Jesus points them back to Scripture (Jonah who died in a huge marine animal and was brought back to life) and connects that to His future death and resurrection. Which will also in time be recorded in Scripture.

Today some are saying the same thing. It’s amazing how little changes in 2,000 years. They say that they will believe in God if He will show them a miracle. Or if He will make a personal appearance to them. Just give me a sign and I’ll believe.


Scripture actually has a rebuttal to this claim and that rebuttal is Scripture itself. That is, the Bible says that if people won’t believe what is written in it, then people won’t believe no matter what kind of sign they are given.

For example, in Luke chapter 16 there is recorded a conversation between someone who has died and is suffering apart from God and Abraham, who is in Heaven.

The person in torment at one point said, “...send Lazarus to my family, 28 for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.”  
29 “Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’  
30 “‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’  
31 “He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”  
- Luke 16:27-31

May this not be you today. You have probably heard of Jesus, but do not believe in the Gospel- that Jesus is fully human and fully God, that He died on the cross and rose bodily from the dead as the full payment for all of your sins.

If so, ask God to open your heart to Him and to the truth of the Gospel today. We don’t need see a miracle to believe, just the desire to know God and have a personal relationship with Him.

  
**Religious Thoughts**  
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**St. Johns Seventh-Day Adventist Church**  
**Presents “HOPE” Series**

*submitted by Patsy Towar*  
HOPE coming to St.Johns! The Seventh-day Adventist Church at 1600 S. Oakland St. is presenting "Countdown To Eternity" Evangelistic Series beginning Tuesday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m. There are 11 presentations in total on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays through November 2.  
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To register go to: [AttendSeminar.live/Eternity](https://AttendSeminar.live/Eternity).





## A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

First I must apologize for missing a note last week. It was an unusually busy and hectic time and I was running on frustration and exhaustion. One of the dumb things that I accomplished was to smash a plate, two glasses, and a pottery bowl while chopping potatoes and boiled eggs for the rehearsal dinner. I quickly put the eggs and taters into the refrigerator and exited my kitchen. I needed a brown paper bag to put the glass into ... otherwise I would probably just cut holes into the garbage bag and dump everything out upon the floor. No bags and no other reason to reenter my kitchen. I grabbed one at the shop on Friday and forgot it. But I did finish and deliver the salad on time. Even though I had to be in Carson City at 1:30 at the dentist office and then back in Elsie to get my hair trimmed. I did bring a brown paper bag home on Saturday, which was the day of my grandson's wedding. It didn't get applied until Sunday. And then not by me, one of my good friends did the task. It was embarrassing to have been in such a snit as to walk away from my mess.

Saturday was also Elsie's Fall Festival and MG's was only open until 10 AM because of the wedding. And yes we were busy. When I got home I finished up a couple of big salads for the reception and delivered them. The food was awesome, Charlotte had smoked pork butts and turned them into the best pulled pork that I have ever eaten. She also made some delicious chicken. Charlotte is the bride's mother and Jasmine was the bride. I've seen many pictures of the event on Face Book and yes I am in one of them. Diane created some beautiful cupcakes and the wedding cake plus some of the other side dishes. Oops, I did make one hundred and fifty dinner rolls and buns, so that the guests could chose which size worked best for them. Please note, Diane and Brent hustled constantly to have the yard up to snuff, Diane decorated the barn by herself because we all know that Brent is a bit klutzy and it was not time for the groom's father to fall off a ladder.

I do believe that Nick and Jasmine were pleased with the results. Robin (Brent's stepmom and my good friend) is an ordained minister and she officiated the wedding. The three of us ladies sat at one of the reserved tables and gabbed quite a bit. After the dinner I moved out to sit under the willow tree. I was much more comfortable, my leg wasn't as aggravated. Again we watched the event as the older traditions were done. "Another One Bites the Dust" was played when the bridal bouquet was thrown. I didn't catch what happened when the garter was pitched. Sad to say, I had been up since four that morning so I left the fun at about 7:30 and I was tacky because I forgot to hug the bride and groom or to tell Diane and Brent that I was leaving. Celly and Noah both got hugs and sent me on my way (this was after I knocked over one of the garbage bins because I had to get out without hitting the four wheeler). The four wheeler was fine and Celly picked up the bin for me. Life is good.

Sandy followed me home and we got her camping cot set up. I laid back in the recliner and drifted off to sleep by 8:30 PM. I finally woke up at 5:15, checked my email and let Prudence out and I used the bathroom. I've been looking at new toilets because I need a taller seat. I never realized that there are so many different options out there. Sandy was pointing them out to me, being a good friend she is trying to save me some money. It's not like I don't have any but I'm extremely careful when pilfering my savings account. But my attitude changes when it comes to making my life easier, then it is only money and if I'm careful it is replaceable. I've got to also replace the faucet on the kitchen sink.

I missed communion on Sunday, I did get to have coffee on the deck and have a good chat with Sandy. After Sandy went back home I did pick tomatoes and peppers. I wasn't expecting many ripe ones but it was a nice surprise. I will be heading out later this morning to see if I can find any green tomatoes for Therese. Next I need to stop at the shop and make up a shopping list so that we will have all that we need for the week. The hog that we ordered is coming in on Thursday, so it is time to rearrange the freezer again. Did I mention that we will be doing the 'Foodies' show at the UAW Hall in St Johns on the Tuesday afternoon before Thanksgiving. And yes, we are still taking pie orders at MG's for Thanksgiving dinner. May your lives be filled with happy events and many smiles. God bless you.

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## Every Votes Count: Celebrate Over 100 Years of Women Voting

Dear Andy, What is the point in my voting when the Electoral College is going to make the final decision anyway? I don't get how the purpose of the Electors and why the popular vote is not the final vote. Sarah

Dear Sarah, Good Question! Your vote counts and so does every vote. Getting out to vote on November 5th vote or with an absentee mail in ballot will be counted. Voting is the American process of demonstrating our freedom to choose our like-minded leaders.

In answer to your question, for the need, and a definition of an electoral vote is a process of checks and balances. The electoral college is made up of 538 trusted voters who cast their vote in accordance with the popular vote of their individual state. Electoral votes are represented by 2 senators from each state and Representatives in accordance with the State's population, who take an oath to vote along with their state's popular votes. Our forefathers, who wrote the Constitution to include the voting process to be fair. They felt it was too easy for voters to be manipulated in the larger populated areas. There is much controversy if it is still necessary but that would require a Constitutional change.

The candidate who receives the most votes wins the electoral votes for that state. Campaigning in larger states to gain more electoral votes is a popular strategy used by candidates. The winner of the Electoral College vote is designed to vote for the people and the candidates according to their states most popular vote. In 3 times of our history, it has happened that the electoral vote was not in line with the popular vote. To win the Presidency they must receive 272 electoral votes. The electoral college is not a place, it is made up of a group of leaders represented by 2 Senators from every state and Congressional representatives based on the number of voters in each of the states. Electoral votes are counted on Jan 6, 2025 and the President and Vice President elect will be official on Inauguration Day is January 20, 2025.

The US passed the 19th Amendment in 1920. Over 100 years ago. It read: "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex." Get out and Vote to honor the 124th anniversary of woman suffrage. They marched, chanted, and met with representatives of the states to get this passed so women can vote.

You can google it. It is a fascinating subject with more information than I know ...or get the short answer from just emailing Andy. ask\_andy@aol.com or askkandyforadvice@gmail.com

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## Editorial



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## Duplain Township November 5, 2024 Election Information

DUPLAIN - The Public Accuracy Test for the November 5, 2024 General Election will be held Friday, October 18, 11 am, at the Duplain Township Hall, 145 W Main Street, Elsie. Office hours prior to the November 5 election are slated for Saturday, November 2, 8:30am-5:30pm. Polls will be open election day from 7am-8pm.

Prior to the election office hours will vary to register to vote or to request an absentee ballot call for an appointment, 517-927-6258.

Dawn D Levey

Duplain Township Clerk

# Editorial

## Endorsing Jessica Parker-Sternburgh for St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education

Letter to the Editor:

I am pleased to endorse Jessica Parker-Sternburgh as a candidate for the St. Johns Public Schools Board of Education. Jessica is first and foremost an engaged parent, working to promote the well-being of the students of SJPS. Her commitment to our students has been shown through her involvement with the elementary PTO, youth sports, and the facilities steering committee. On the Board, Jessica will bring the passion, perspective and problem-solving voice of a mom, a voice the Board always needs to hear. Please join me in voting for Jessica Parker-Sternburgh for the St. Johns Board of Education.

Scott Darragh, Vice President  
Board of Education  
St. Johns Public Schools

## OVID TOWNSHIP Public Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the November 5, 2024, General Election has been scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 3 p.m., at the Ovid Township Hall, 1015 Baese Court, Ovid, Michigan

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

Claudia Barrett Pluger, Clerk  
Ovid Township

## City of Ovid Special Meeting October 3, 2024

**Open Public Meeting:** Mayor Lasher called the Special Meeting to order at 5:02 PM in the Council room located at 114 E. Front Street, Ovid, Michigan.

**Roll Call:** L. Ordiway, L. Perrien, M. Olger, W. Lasher, E. Brown-Absent, M. Perrien, E. Starn

**Guests-** There was 1 guest present Susan Tomasek Swan- Clerk.

**Agenda:** Council Member M. Perrien made the motion to approve the agenda as presented Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote

**Open Public Comment:** Opened: 5:03 pm Closed: 5:03 pm - none

**New Business**

a. Pay App #10

Council Member M. Perrien made a motion to approve the submission of pay application #10 in an amount of \$357,231.65 and to authorize the mayor to sign all documents required for submission. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote.

b. Banners

Council Member E. Starn reviewed the process of developing the banners and the two selected for the council approval. With all the invoices, the total was \$11,140.00 (\$11,000 will be from grant money with the city out of pocket money of \$140.00). The banners will need to go up right before the Christmas decorations to comply with the grant program.

Council Member M. Perrien made a motion to approve the recommendation of the planning commission and purchase banners, banner design and hardware for the lamp post for a total of \$11,140.00. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote.

**Old Business:** None

**Final Comments:**

Adjournment-

Council Member E. Starn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:07 pm.

Council Member L. Ordiway seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote

Meeting adjourned at 5:07 pm

Susan Tomasek Swan, Clerk

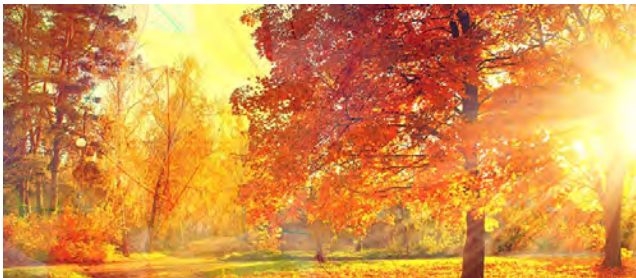


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## UM Health-Sparrow Clinton Honors Emergency Department Nurse with DAISY Award

submitted by Corey Alexander

LANSING – A University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Clinton nurse has been recognized with the hospital's DAISY Award for going above and beyond to help one of our most vulnerable patients and her husband.

Andrea Rich, who works at the hospital's Emergency Department, recently advocated for an elderly patient to be transferred and admitted to UM Health-Sparrow Lansing. The patient's husband decided to drive to Lansing to be with his loved one but got confused and never made it to the hospital. Concerned about his safety, Rich did everything she could to find the husband, eventually teaming up with local EMS to locate him at a Big Boy restaurant.

"Andrea drove to the Big Boy to be with the patient's confused husband and ensured he was safely reunited with his family," the DAISY Award nomination said.

Said Rich: "It was a team effort and I just wanted to safely do my part to have the patient and her husband together during a stressful time. I truly am blessed to be able to care for patients just as they are family, and advocate for the best outcome."

The DAISY Award is an international program that rewards and celebrates the extraordinary, compassionate, and skillful care given by nurses every day.

"Andrea exemplifies all characteristics to be honored as a DAISY nurse! Her advocacy for her patients and genuine concern for others are remarkable," said UM Health-Sparrow Clinton Chief Nursing Officer Mariah Hesse, MSN, R.N., CENP.

Nurses and nursing leaders are nominated for the award throughout the year by patients and patients' families.

To learn more about the DAISY Award, go to [UofMHealthSparrow.org/DAISY](http://UofMHealthSparrow.org/DAISY)



University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Clinton Emergency Department Nurse Andrea Rich, BSN, R.N., poses with her DAISY Award for going above and beyond to ensure the safety of her patient and family member.

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## Ovid Historical Society Update

by Karen Anderson, Correspondent

Ovid - The Ovid Historical Society monthly meeting was held at the Centennial Home of Mary Myer, on Monday, October 7, 2024. The meeting was called to order by President Roger Matthies. Two new members joined the Society, originally from Ovid and have returned to their retirement homes in the Ovid area were accepted and welcomed into the group. A motion was made by Karl Heckman, currently one of the elected directors on the Executive Board, that dues paid in October and November be applied for the 2025 year for membership.

Old Business: Ken Miller updated his progress with the digitizing of historical documents and items donated to the Historical Society being stored at the City Library. Miller stated that the Digital project is going smoothly, however, additional help would be greatly appreciated. Miller is usually at the library on Tuesday afternoons and Fridays. If interested in working on the project, Miller is willing to train and is donating another computer for digitizing endeavors. If interested, contact Miller on Facebook to send a Private Message in Messenger.

Next, Heckman addressed these logistics to be compliant for the 401C 3 status and tax-free exemption in 2025 for buildings and properties of the Historical Society of Ovid in that elections must take place prior to filing. Also, in discussion of guidelines from the current by-laws, any position can be consecutive or a reelection of an individual upon a new majority vote. A count was taken and it was confirmed a majority was present.

Treasury Report: Updated and approved as read. Application for 401C 3 status application will be completed and submitted as required by law.

New Business: First order of business was the Election of Officers. After a brief review of Bylaws in agreement and 501C3 compliance, any position can be consecutive in a reelection of an individual upon a new election if a majority vote is taken. Review of attendees to vote confirmed a majority was present. Motions were made for each office with a 2nd and discussion. The following officers were elected, and some re-elected for another 2-year term.

Elected Officers: President: Roger Matthies, Vice President: Marla Dobski. Treasurer: Scott Bates (also acting as a temporary recording secretary) Directors: re-elected: Karl Heckman and Ken Miller. There is an opening for a 3rd director. Elections will be reopened at the next meeting and discussion on updating the Current Bylaws will be addressed. And, parliamentary procedures and Roberts Rule of Order will be presented to ensure continued productive and successful meetings.

Committee Reports: Historians Heckman and Miller are working on Digitizing artifacts and documents being stored in the Ovid Library. Miller proposed an elimination of certain committees due to no recent activities. No motion was made and the issue will be addressed at the next meeting. The position of Hospitality Chair was assigned to Karen Anderson, who is working on publicity and future activities to build interest and the importance of Historical Society records for future generations.

The next regular meeting of the Ovid Historical Society will be on Monday, November 4, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

A Christmas Gala will be hosted by the current members and open to the public. (Date to be announced)

Interested new members are encouraged to attend the next meeting. Charter membership is still available at this time and is extended to businesses and posthumously from donors families. A special thank you to the ladies who provided the refreshments. Especially the carrot cake. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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# Sports

## Marauders Pass Latest Test, Humble Birch Run 30-14

**BIRCH RUN** - Tryce Tokar ran for a pair of touchdowns and Clayton Fruchey pounded the ground for 67 yards and a TD, as Ovid-Elsie stayed unbeaten on the varsity football gridiron here.

Coach Travis Long's Marauders had to overcome an early 7-0 deficit to move to 6-0 overall, 5-0 on top the Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC). The host Panthers drooped to 1-4 in league play, 2-4 overall.

The Marauders took a commanding 20-7 lead on TDs by Fruchey (2 yards) and Tokar (16 and 3 yards) midway through the contest. Dannika Patrick booted a pair of PATs, then quashed some Panther momentum after the hosts had moved within 20-14.

Campbell's 25-yard field goal boosted the O-E lead to 23-14, and Mikey Bancroft dashed an end to any Birch Run comeback thoughts with a 39-yard pick six that completed the scoring at 30-14.

The Marauders bulled their way to 284 yards total offense, with Tokar gaining 88 on the ground, Fruchey 67, Owen Long 36 and Brock Spitzley 15. Tokar hit on 8-of-14 passing for 78 yards and suffered one interception. Long hauled in 6 receptions for 60 yards and Javen Belill one for 10.

Spitzley and Belill led an attacking Marauder defense with 17 tackles apiece, and Belill added an interception. Ben Wildes, Long, Bancroft, Fruchey, Tokar, Joe Bancroft, Jake Bowen, Daniel Olger and Braxton O'Bryant were all in on tackles for O-E.

The brawling win was a key tuneup for O-E's upcoming MMAC showdown with the Chesaning Indians.



OE defensive players #62 Jake Bowen and #24 Brock Spitzley tackle Birch Run player in the October 4th match up.

Photo by Michelle Ladiski



Wolfpack #12 Waylon Rowley breaks through the PW defensive line to score two touchdowns on Friday, October 4th.

Photo by Burg Sports

## Wolves Hang Tough, But Bath Hits the Ground in 2nd Half

**LAINGSBURG** -- In the 2024 CMAC football race, there are three teams -- Fowler, Pewamo-Westphalia and Saranac -- and then there's all the rest.

The Bath Bees may not be in the league title chase, but they solidified their case for the MHSAA playoffs with a tougher-than-it sounds, 50-25 victory over neighboring Laingsburg here October 4, at the LHS Sports Complex.

The first half was a tussle, the Fightin' Bees clutching a razor-thin 20-18 lead.

Could Brian Borgman's Wolves pull off the upset? No. Not in the second half. Instead, LHS dropped to 1-4 in league play, 1-5 overall, while Bath climbed to 3-2 in the CMAC, 3-3 for all games.

The Bees took no time taking charge, producing all the points in the first quarter on a 27-yard passing TD, a 9-yard TD hookup and a two-point conversion for an early 14-0 lead.

Laingsburg was bowing, however. The Wolves came right back to score on a one-yard plunge by Waylon Rowley, then added on Caiden Nidefski's PAT boot to make it 14-7.

Scoring in the second quarter was just getting started. Another Bath pass play -- this one covering 55 yards -- got the Bees up 20-7. Yet they couldn't contain Rowley. He broke through for a 66-yard TD spring to get the Wolfpack within 20-15. Then, before the half ended, Nidefski boomed an impressive 42-yard field goal and it was nearly knotted up at 20-18.

Tossing aside its successful passing attack, the Fighting Bees launched their ground assault in the third quarter. It was effective. Bath took back control on rushing TDs of 44 and 38 yards, and added both PAT running conversions, to forge a 36-18 advantage.

Then came the special teams' highlights. Leandro Dolega-Caceres put the Wolves back on the board with a 100-yard kick-off return. Nidefski's PAT made it 36-26. But on the next kick-off, Bath returned the favor with a 100-yard scoring sprint of its own. Another two-point conversion tallied the score at 44-25 to end the third quarter.

The Bees completed the scoring on a 15-yard rush in the final period, final score 50-25.

Rowley ran wild on the Bees with 174 yards on 20 carries, including the two TDs. Dylan Witgen added 49 yards on 14 rushes. Rowley hit 50% of his 6 passes, but for just 9 yards. Collin Logghe led the Wolfpack in receiving.

Dakota Allen, Caceres, Logan Holm, Logghe, Josiah Hawes, Tucker Dunn, Witgen, Dylan Koenig, and Harvey Montgomery were all in on tackles for the Wolfpack defense.

## Riddled with Injuries, Bears Lose Again

by Ashleigh Shaw

The Ashley football team started the year with low numbers and when players get injured this makes it tough to win games. In their game last week against Merritt Ashley started the game with 8 players but ended with 7.

"It's hard to compete when the team is injured, and players play in positions that they aren't familiar with. My team has a ton of heart and I'm so proud of the work that they put in" exclaimed Coach Saylor. Unfortunately, the Bears lost 45-14. Offensively, Robert Kral had 24 carries for 56 yards and 2 touchdowns, Gibby Jason had 6 carries for 19 yards. On defense, Kral had 12 tackles and a forced fumble, Jason had 8 tackles, Tristan Ringle had 4 tackles and a fumble recovery, and Seth Stahr had 6 tackles.



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# Sports

## Powell, Baese Pace Ovid-Elsie Harriers at 2024 Greater Flint Championships

DAVISON – Clay Powell and Clarissa Baese paced the Ovid-Elsie cross-country teams in impressive style, on a sun-baked October afternoon.

The event was the Division 2 portion of the Greater Flint Cross Country Championship, hosted by Davison High School.

A total of 24 schools, broken down into three divisions – D-1, D-2 and D-3-4 – participated in the race. Frankenmuth's boys won the D-2 meet while Grand Blanc won in Division 1 and Dryden captured the D-3-4 race. The top seven runners in each division earned first-team all-Greater Flint Area first team honors, while the second seven earn second-team status.

Ovid-Elsie's male team, which placed fourth in the D-3-4 meet, was paced by Clay Powell, who was third in the division in a time of 17:17. James Kelly (7th, 18:05), Travis Wright (24th, 19:02), Joshua Miller (27th, 19:10) and Mitch Gonzalez (30th, 19:23) also scored for the Marauders.

In the girls' meet, Clarissa Baese was O-E's top runner, finishing third in Division 3 in a time of 20:38. She was followed across the finish line by teammates Kendal Tokar (fifth, 21:43), Madalynn Bushard (16th, 23:17), Audrey Bensinger (20th, 23:49) and Ava Juhas (26th, 24:41).

Harland won the Division 1 meet, while Goodrich won in D-2 and Dryden in girls' D-3-4.

## Christmas Applications Being Taken at Capital Area Community Services

*submitted by Becky Zemla*

Capital Area Community Services, Inc., will begin taking Christmas applications for CHILDREN 18 or under who reside in Shiawassee County on Monday, October 7, 2024 and continue through November 22, 2024. All HOUSEHOLDS must meet 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines to qualify. Applications are available by calling 989-723-3115 or stopping in at CACS (1845 Corunna Ave., Owosso).

## Corunna Soccer Boys Scoot past Ovid-Elsie, 4-0

CORUNNA — Landon Perdue scored two goals, and host Corunna beat Ovid-Elsie 4-0 in a neighboring clash.

Braden Hartsuff and Carter Doyle also had goals for the Cavaliers, who improved to 5-12 on the season.

Corunna scored all of its goals in the first half. Goaltender Paul Galesk recorded his second shutout of the season.

Ovid-Elsie fell to 4-13-2 with the non-league loss.

## Durand Ousts Ovid-Elsie Soccer From MHSAA Quarterfinals, 5-2

DURAND – During the 2024 regular season, Ovid-Elsie went 0-1-1 opposite Durand in some hard-fought, tight boys soccer matches.

Things seemed to bode well for the Marauders if they were going to advance past the opening round of the MHSAA post-season tournament.

Instead, the host Railroaders cranked up the offense and escaped with a 5-2 win, ending Ovid-Elsie's boys' soccer season at 4-14-2 Wednesday in the Quarterfinals of a Division 3 Michigan High School Athletic Association's District Tournament.

The Railroaders received a pair of goals from senior Brayden Joslin en route to a 5-2 home win.

Ovid-Elsie tied it at one on a free kick by sophomore Ryker Parsons. Then, down 2-1, the Marauders delivered the equalizer on freshman Dom Martin's goal, to tie the score at 2-2, which it remained until just before halftime. With 49 seconds left in the first half, Durand's Jake O'Bryant found the back of the net, giving the Railroaders a lead they would not relinquish.

It was the third matchup between the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference rivals. The two teams played to a 3-3 tie at O-E on Sept. 10, and Durand won at home, 2-1, on Oct. 3.

Durand (8-10-4) will next play at 5 p.m. Monday in a district semifinal against Flint Powers at Flint's Atwood Stadium. Powers (14-3-2), which advanced to the D-3 state semifinals a year ago, had the lone first-round bye in the seven-team district.

The other side of the district bracket featured Chesaning at Montrose and Laingsburg at Corunna.

## Marauder Netters Keep Pace with MMAC Front-Runners

OVID-ELSIE -- The host Marauders evened their overall record at 11-11-2 and kept pace with the MMAC leaders with a 25-23, 20-25, 25-20, 25-16 conquest of New Lothrop.

The Hornets dipped to 4-13-2 overall, 2-3 in league play with the hard-fought loss.

"We were without starter Lilian Bates due to illness," said O-E coach Angela Ehle. "Many of our players have been out or playing through sickness the past couple of weeks. It was a full team effort to get this league win."

Marauder leaders on the night were:

Kyden Ehle- 38 assists, 7 aces, 4 kills, 8 digs

Ashton Ehle- 21 kills, 3 aces, 15 digs

Tava Kvalevog- 9 kills

Ellyanna Carman- 4 kills, 2 aces, 19 digs

Isabella Phillips- 3 kills, 1 block

Isabelle Ryal- 12 digs.

## Attention Winter Sports

*by Chris Winter*

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A triple tie was forged in last weeks winners of our fabulous foray into football forecasting between longtime players Don Coe, Tom Doubrava and Rod Weisenberger. All tied atop the leader board at 9-3 in an extremely challenging slate; most other players weren't even close.

The toughest games to call? Arkansas upset of Tennessee and the Cowboys nipping of the Pittsburgh Steelers. The Guru only wishes he had thrown in the Vandy vs. Alabama game ... where the Vanderbilt students nearly tore down Nashville after turning back the Tide for the first time in 45 years.

Mr. Coe prevailed over his competition by being the closest in the tie-breaker (actual total, 41 points). The tie-breaker was also used to ease the standoff between Mr. Doubrava and Mr. Weisenberger.

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Alicia Custer, a married 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): MidFirst Bank  
Date of Mortgage: February 17, 2016  
Date of Mortgage Recording: February 26, 2016  
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$43,146.44

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Village of Elsie, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 14, Block 1, Village of Elsie, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded on Liber R of Deeds, Page 579, Clinton County Records. Common street address (if any): 130 W Main St, Elsie, MI 48831-5106 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.

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Robert Maurice Westcot, a single man  
Original Mortgagee: LAFCU  
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None  
Date of Mortgage: September 9, 2020  
Date of Mortgage Recording: September 28, 2020  
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$28,638.00

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Dewitt, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: A part of Lot 28, Supervisor's Plat of Hacker Acres, a subdivision on the Southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Town 5 North, Range 2 West, DeWitt Township, Clinton County, Michigan, beginning at a point on the North line of said Lot 28, 300 feet East of the West 1/4 post of Section 28; thence South 00 degrees 46 minutes West parallel with the West line of Lot 28, a distance of 122.58 feet; thence East parallel with and 47.73 feet distant from the South line of Lot 28, a distance of 568.23 feet to the Westerly line of the DeWitt Road; thence North 17 degrees West 130 feet to the Northeast corner of said Lot 28; thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes West 531.89 feet along the North line of said Lot 28 to the place of beginning. Being otherwise described as Lot 28, Hacker Acres except the South 47.47 feet and also except the North 122.58 feet of the West 300 feet thereof.

Common street address (if any): 15522 Turner Rd, Lansing, MI 48906-1134 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).

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## CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Amanda Hunt and James Hunt, wife and husband

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC Date of Mortgage: December 29, 2023 Date of Mortgage Recording: January 3, 2024

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$185,199.61

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Dewitt, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: South 1/2 of Lot 38, Supervisor's Plat of Ballentine's Wee Farms, Dewitt Township, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 2, Clinton County Records.

Common street address (if any): 15850 Florence St, Lansing, MI 48906-1144 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).

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Commonly known as: 5954 PARK LAKE RD, BATH, MI 48808 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) 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. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: October 6, 2024 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 23MI00718-2

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Matthew Peck, a married 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): Quicken Loans Inc.

Date of Mortgage: November 2, 2015 Date of Mortgage Recording: November 3, 2015

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$211,563.15

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Duplain, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Parcel A: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 8 North, Range 1 West, Duplain Township, Clinton County, Michigan, described as: beginning at a point that is North 00 degrees 17 minutes 19 seconds West on the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 8, a distance of 1709.69 feet and South 81 degrees 47 minutes 06 seconds West on the centerline of Ridge Road, a distance of 92.30 feet and South 89 degrees 50 minutes 57 seconds West on said centerline, a distance of 805.89 feet from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 8; thence South 89 degrees 50 minutes 57 seconds West on the centerline of Ridge Road, a distance of 448.26 feet to the North and South 1/8 line in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8; thence North 00 degrees 53 minutes 11 seconds West on said North and South 1/8 line, a distance of 975.76 feet to the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 8; thence South 89 degrees 09 minutes 07 seconds East on said East and West 1/4 line, a distance of 448.42 feet; thence South 00 degrees 53 minutes 11 seconds East 967.94 feet to the point of beginning.

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Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: September 29, 2024 Trott Law, P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 642-2515

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14.5-24 oz.

\$1.89



Chi Chi's Salsa  
16 oz.

\$3.19



Our Family Premium Bath Tissue  
12 ct.

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\$4.99 lb.

Boneless Pork Loin Chops



\$2.49 lb.

Boneless Pork Tenderloin



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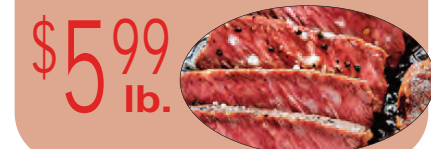
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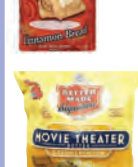


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