

Early in-person voting

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Clinton County Early Voting Locations:

DeWitt Charter Township Hall, 1401 W. Herbison Rd, DeWitt, MI 48820

Bingham Township Hall, 2057 N. Lansing St St. Johns, MI 48879

EARLY VOTING DATE AND TIMES:

Clinton County will offer early voting for nine days beginning the second Saturday before an election and ending the Sunday before the election.

Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 27, 2024: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 28, 2024: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2024: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2024:

11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 31, 2024: 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 1, 2024: 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 3, 2024: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Shiawassee County Early Voting Locations:

To the qualified electors of THE CITIES of Corunna, Durand, Laingsburg and Perry.

THE TOWNSHIPS of Antrim, Bennington, Bums, Caledonia Charter, Fairfield, Hazelton, Middlebury, New Haven, Owosso Charter, Perry Rush, Sciota, Shiawassee, Venice, Vernon and Woodhull in THE COUNTY OF SHIAWASSEE, STATE OF MICHIGAN

Early voting for the November 5, 2024 General Election (except the City of Owosso) will be the following: SGT CLAY W. REEVE'S VETERANS CENTER (voting entrance in the back) 1042 NORTH SHIAWASSEE STREET, CORUNNA, MI 48817

Early voting will be available at the early voting site for the following hours:

Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 27, 2024: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 28, 2024: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2024: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2024:

10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 31, 2024: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 1, 2024: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 3, 2024: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Gratiot County Early Voting Locations:

Early voting begins Saturday, October 26th until Sunday, November 3rd at the **Gratiot County Commission on Aging building located at 515 S. Pine River St.**

Early voting hours of operation for the November 5, 2024

General Election are as follows:

Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024: 12 pm to 8 pm

Sunday, Oct. 27, 2024: 12 pm to 8 pm

Monday, Oct. 28, 2024: 9 am to 5 pm

Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2024: 9 am to 5 pm

Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2024: 9 am to 5 pm

Thursday, Oct. 31, 2024: 9 am to 5 pm

Friday, Nov. 1, 2024: 9 am to 5 pm

Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024: 9 am to 5 pm

Sunday, Nov. 3, 2024: 9 am to 5 pm



Ovid - Thursday, October 31, 2024, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Halloween Party, Hosted by the Ovid Lions Club, 4:30 p.m. at the Lions/VFW Hall, downtown Ovid, **before trick-or-treat.** Costume Judging at 4:30pm, prizes for top 5. Games, Hot Dogs, Chips, Cider and Donuts.

Elsie - Thursday, October 31, 2024. Trick-or-Treat hours 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

An Event So Good It's Scary - Thursday, October 31, 2024, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Daytime trick-or-treating for young children at various businesses in St. Johns. Participating businesses will have a "pumpkin" sign on their store window/door.

St. Johns - The trick-or-treat hours are from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2024. The beginning and ending of the candy gathering period will be signaled by the fire whistle. Please use caution when driving as there will be lots of children running door to door to collect candy.

Owosso - Thursday, October 31, 2024. Trick-or-Treating hours are from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Ashley - Trick-or-Treating hours: Thursday, October 31, 2024 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Laingsburg - Thursday, October 31, 2024. Trick-or-Treating from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. The Fire Whistle will sound at 6pm.

Ovid-Elsie Area schools

by Dawn D. Levey

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools was held Monday, October 21, 2024, 5:30 pm, the highlight of the evening was the curriculum and instructional updates and highlights and staffing changes.

Karle Delo, presented curriculum and instructional updates and high lights including professional develop. Goals for 2024-25 which included the k-5 newly implemented reading curriculum entitled Bookworms, based on phonics; and at the 6-12 level the focus is prioritizing the districts standards to improve vertical alignments.

Delo, expanded on the reading curriculum – a lot of shared reading, one-to-one reading program and getting a book into every student's hands. The program addresses the variety of reading levels in smaller groups. K-5 changing to Standard-Based grading which is based on understanding the standard using numeral scale 1-3.

OE AI Advisory Team – is creating standards regarding AI use and misuse, using the tool to prepare students for the world of work. Using AI in an ethical and responsible manner. The district is ahead of the curve regarding AI use. The team begins by defining what generative AI is followed by setting the guidelines and using AI to enhance not to replace the effort put into teaching learning. The guidelines include: 1) Prioritize data and student safety; 2) privacy, and security using AI. 3) Always review AI outputs for accuracy and uphold standards of academic integrity.

Delo expressed her gratitude for the experience at OE, she will be leaving to take a position at Michigan Virtual as An AI Strategist. The team approach at OE has made the district special.

Dr. Wayne Petrolje presented the monthly superintendent's report. First, the student fall count. Ovid-Elsie has a total of 1,272 students compared to the 2023 count of 1,317 students. The original projection was 1,274 students, the projection was very close. The district continues to run excellent programs, more detailed reports will be presented at the November 2024 regular board meeting. The count reflects a reduction of approximately 45 students. The budget for 2024-25 reflected the anticipated reduction in students noting that the result is \$400,000 less money from the State.

In other business officials addressed the Ovid-Elsie Middle School Fire Panel that needs to be replaced. Cody Stelik and Dan Davenport presented a recommendation that JC Electric be contracted to complete the work in the amount of \$128,029. It was noted that the fire panel was installed in 1986. It was further noted that \$81,000 will be covered by a grant. This expenditure was included in the 2024-25 budget. The request was approved.

Petrolje presented a request to the board for an additional paraprofessional position at EE Knight for the special education department. Discussion followed with approval granted.

Contracts for new employees was presented to the Ovid-Elsie Board of Education. Isaac Hungerford for the position of business office specialist. Hungerford excited to join the O-E team and is a CMU graduate. The start date was 10/22/24 8 am. Next, Heather Kimmel was hired to fill the recently vacated first grade position at Leonard Elementary School effective November 8, 2024 and Roni Behrens was hired to fill the newly established paraprofessional position at EE Knight, start date October 22, 2024.

Officials approved the Advisory Curriculum presented to be added to the curriculum guide at the high school.

Lastly officials took action to approve the resignation of Karle Delo with regrets. Delo filled the position of Director of Instruction and Curriculum and will be missed, the resignation is effective November 8, 2024.

Monthly action was taken to approve the meeting agenda, the minutes of the September 16, 2024 regular meeting, approval of the September 23, 2024 special meeting, approval of the expenditures and the monthly financial statements. Petrolje commented on the monthly financial reports, noting that the current fund balance is 4.4 million and that is revenue over expenditures, or 23% of the overall budget. It is recommended that a district maintain a 15% fund balance. O-E Area Schools is in healthy financial shape. Noting that this is as of August 2024. Due to a healthy fund balance, it is not necessary to borrow funds to begin the school year. "O-E is very healthy financial condition prior to receiving the state aid funding."

Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Special Meeting

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – A special meeting of the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education was held at 6:30 pm. Monday, October 21, 2024 for the purpose of attorney client privileged communication.

Upon opening the meeting action was taken to retire in closed session to consider attorney client privilege 6:32pm

Upon returning in open session at 6:50 pm officials took action to once again retire in closed session regarding a personnel matter as requested by Mr. Ben Smith.

Once reconvening in open session officials took action to proceed with tenure charges.

Social

Duplain Township to Hold Site Visit at the Elsie Dam

by Dawn Levey

DUPLAIN – Duplain Township will host an onsite visit at the Elsie Dam Wednesday, October 30, 2024, 4-6 pm. The event is an opportunity for the community to see the state of the dam removal project, and the current state of the project area. Officials and experts will be onsite to answer questions, the community is encouraged to participate.

Chapin Methodist Church Annual Ham & Turkey Supper

The Chapin Methodist Church, 19848 S. Chapin Road, will be holding their annual Ham & Turkey Supper on Saturday, November 2, 2024, serving from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Menu includes: Ham, turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, coleslaw, rolls, dessert and beverage.

Take outs available. Free Will Offering.
Proceeds to Building Maintenance Fund.

Craft Show at Laingsburg American Legion Auxiliary

submitted by Cindy Suggate

Mark your calendars...The Laingsburg American Legion Auxiliary Post 248 will be having a craft show on Saturday, November 9th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The craft show will be held at the American Legion in Laingsburg at 1240 E. Grand River Rd.

There will be a wide variety of items to choose from so come on out and get some Christmas gifts, 50/50's and bake goods. Light refreshments will be sold.

Vendors include: Keen Eye Diamond Art, Party Bomb Jewelry, Decoupage, Bird Houses, Macrame, Vinyl Cuts, Paper Items, Cross Stitch, Christmas Decorations & Wreaths, Stained Glass and more.

Hope to see you there.

Girl Scout Spaghetti Dinner

The Ovid-Elsie Girls Scouts will be hosting a fundraising Spaghetti Dinner on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5th from 5pm-8pm at the American Legion Post 502 home in Elsie. The dinner will include spaghetti, salad, bread, drinks and dessert. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children at the door.

Presale tickets (\$13 for adult and \$8 per child) are available until November 1st by Venmo or at the Meridian Weekly office in downtown Ovid, Tuesdays 8:30-noon or Wednesday and Thursday 8:30-4.



CITY OF OVID
ORDINANCE # 145
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 14-21

Purpose and Finding:
Chapter 14 regulates Environment. The purpose of this Chapter is to prevent, reduce or eliminate blight and nuisance or potential blight in the city by the prevention or elimination of certain environmental causes of blight nuisance or blighting factors which exist or which may in the future exist in the city. There is a growing public interest in wanting eliminate and prevent certain environmental causes of blight and blighting factors. Gaining public interest warrants review of the ordinance.

THE CITY OF OVID ORDAINS:
Sec 14-21. Enforcement and penalties.

(a) This article shall be enforced by such persons who shall be so designated by the mayor and council.

(b) The owner, if possible, and the occupant of any property upon which any of the causes of blight or blighting factors set forth in section 14-20(6) are found to exist shall be notified in writing to remove or eliminate such causes of blight or blighting factors from such property within 14 days after service of the notice upon him. Such notice may be served personally or by certified mail, return receipt requested. Additional time may be granted by the enforcement officer where bona fide efforts to remove or eliminate such causes of blight or blighting factors are in progress.

(c) Failure by the owner and/or occupant to comply with terms of the notice required by subsection (b) of this section within the time allowed shall constitute a violation of this article.

(d) Any person who shall continue any violation beyond the time limit provided for in subsection (b) of this section shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction.

(e) Progressive penalty may be imposed for repeated violations by a person of any requirement or provision of this Code or ordinance within Chapter 14-Environment. As used in this section, "repeat offense" means a second or any subsequent violation of the same requirement or provision as described in Chapter 14 – Environment, committed by a person within any twelve-month period, unless some other period is specifically provided by this Code or any ordinance, and (ii) for which the person admits responsibility or is determined to be responsible. Unless otherwise specifically provided by this Code or any ordinance for a particular municipal violation, the increased fine for a repeat offense shall be as follows:

1. The fine for any offense which is a first repeat offense shall be two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00), plus costs.

2. The fine for any offense which is a second repeat offense, or any subsequent repeat offense shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of not more than 90 days jail and/ or five hundred dollars (\$500.00) fine, plus costs.

(f) In addition to all other penalties, the city may bring an action for costs of enforcement and prosecution expense upon any person, corporation, business entity and firm that has violated this article. Such action shall be a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction. The action shall be entitled in the name of the city and shall be against the person who has violated this article.

This Ordinance shall take effect after publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Ovid and on November 1, 2024.

The adoption of the ordinance was offered by Council Member L. Perrien And Supported by Council Member M. Perrien.

Yes: E. Starn, M. Perrien, E. Brown, W. Lasher, L. Perrien, L. Ordway

No: None

Absent: M. Olger

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

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Noon-5 pm Sun.



Elsie Lions Club Donation to Elsie Food Pantry

submitted by Richard Easlick

Lion Arden Densmore, presenting a \$1,200 check , from the Elsie Lions Club, to Sue Peterson from the Elsie Food Pantry. This money was donated from the Elsie Lions Food Trailer from the Elsie Fall Festival.

Life Purpose Sessions Conclude For The Fall

Please join us on Friday, November 1st from 2-4PM for the final Life Purpose/Grief Loss sessions for this fall. Bannister United Methodist Church will be hosting. The church is located at 103 E. Hanvey St, Bannister, MI. Darlene Larson is the facilitator & has many years experience in coaching men and women. Come & join us! We will save you a seat!

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Obituaries

Wilma Mae Stammersky

Wilma Mae Stammersky, age 96, of Bannister, Michigan, passed away Thursday, October 17, 2024, at Ashley Care Center.

Wilma was born in Bannister, Michigan, on May 28, 1928, the daughter of Barney and Mary (Malek) Cerny. She graduated from Bannister High School. She married Michael Stammersky on October 25, 1947, in Bannister, Michigan. Mike passed away on April 4, 2010.

In Wilma's early years she worked for Redmond's in Owosso, and ITT Hancock in Elsie. She was a member of the ZCBJ #225 Lodge in Bannister, Michigan. Wilma enjoyed canning, working in her garden and going to the events and dancing. Her grandchildren brought her much enjoyment.

She is survived by two sons: Gary and Ginny Stammersky and Michael Stammersky; three grandchildren; Susan and Kevin Dittrich, Jason and Hollie Stammersky, and Holli and Chuck Silk. She is also survived by six great-grandchildren: Jordan, Kayla, Madalin, Sophia, Ruby, and Jack; her brother Jim and Sue Cerny, and two sisters: Gladys Patrick and Mildred Chapko. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Mike, one grandson Mark Stammersky, three brothers, and three sisters.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan on Monday, October 21, 2024, with Mr. Thomas Bradley officiating. Burial has taken place at Ford Cemetery, Gratiot County, Michigan.

Memorials may be made to ZCBJ Lodge #225, Bannister, Michigan. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



Alfred Alva Harris

Alfred Alva Harris, age 96, of Bath, MI, passed away Sunday, October 20, 2024, at Hazel I. Findlay Country Manor, St. Johns.

Alfred was born in Weidman, MI on October 10, 1928, the son of Tiney Alfred and Lula (Jackson) Harris. Alfred graduated from Haslett High School with the class of 1947. He married Beverly Ann Olger on August of 1949; they had 75 years together, 5 children, many grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Alfred retired from Motor Wheel in 1993 after 46 years. He was a professional "tinkerer" in his garage or outdoors. He loved the outdoors, birthday bonfires and decorating for the holidays. His family was most important to him and he loved spending time with them. He was part of the Civil Air Patrol during WWII and was very patriotic.

He is survived by his wife Beverly Harris, daughters: Kathy Willson of Perry, MI; daughter Pamela Watson of Bath, MI; daughter Kristi Harris of Bath, MI; Patricia and Jim Spagnuolo of Bath, MI; and daughter-in-law Vicki Harris of St. Johns, MI. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren: Sherry (Kirk) Wurm, William (Corissa) Harris, Shannon (Erik) Bonga, Bradley (Mallorie) Harris, Beverly (Tim) Blair, Fred (Darci) Willson, Ashleigh (Kris) Sysak, Matthew (Dani) Spagnuolo, Jonathon (Danielle) Spagnuolo, and William Spagnuolo; many great-grandchildren, and a few great-great grandchildren. Alfred was preceded in death by his parents, beloved son William A. Harris, son-in-law James Willson, grandson Michael Watson, great grandson Nicholas Lester and 4 brothers: Cleveland, Norman, Ronald, and Larue.

A Celebration of his life will be held at Victor Township Hall, 6843 Alward Road, Laingsburg, MI, on Saturday, November 9, 2024, at 1:00 P.M. with Jonathon Spagnuolo.

Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, Michigan.



The family of Burt Case would like to express their deepest thank you to our family and friends for the cards, calls, food and prayers during this difficult time.

A big thank you to Smith Family Funeral Home for such kindness and helping guide us through our grief. Another thank-you to Suzanne, Chara, and Robin for the delicious luncheon provided after the funeral.

Sincerely, Sandy Case, Karen Case, Ashli (Sam Irrer) Friesorger, Justin (Amber Clark) & Levi Friesorger, Nicole, Pete, James & Cooper Salava, Nathan, Malarie, Hollis, Chandler, Sutton, and Wellson Russell; Clayton & Jolyn Case and Joe Audia.



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Advice for Bullying & Problem Solving

Dear Andy,

My mom is making me write this to you. So, here it is.

I am 15 and a sophomore this year. My problem is some of the other guys at school like to bug me and I feel bullied. They have made remarks like, "Did you get that Arthuuurr. Do you want me to call you later and explain it, Arthuuuuurrr" (not my real name)

A couple of the guys have called me on my cell phone just to give me a hard time. I don't like what they say, and it is making me {feel} embarrassed. I stopped participating in group talks or classroom participation last year because I know one of them would call or text me. I am smart and I do my best when I do my assignments.. I want to enjoy school the next 2 1/2 years and get the most out of what I need to learn, so I can go to college.

They have been bugging me since middle school. We were friends in elementary school at one time. I just do not understand how they can say such mean things to me and call me names. I don't want to say which school because the school knows about these guys. It is not just me they bully so that is why my mom said to write to you. Some days I just can't stop thinking about it. I am stressed every day and my stomach is quizz. Can you help me? Feeling Bullied

Dear Bullied,

The definition of bullying is.." any written or spoken words intended to, or harass another person causing emotional or physical harm to them or their property, unwanted negative, threatening, or insulting verbal remarks" Your situation certainly qualifies as "Bullying." Unfortunately it happens in 20% of the school population according to a report I read just today.

Make sure your teacher knows when it happens. Your teacher will understand and will take appropriate action at the time. Even if it is giving them a warning to "knock it off" The school has policies for Cyber Bullying as well as verbal and physical offences.. Stand up for yourself. Do not escalate the problem. Report it! Sometimes the police need to be involved.

Let your lesson be... to not be like these guys. Unfortunately, many grow up to be bullies and become rude and mean to spouses and co-workers. It is highly likely these boys are insecure and dealing with problems of their own. Often teens do not understand their own emotions; Like jealous, angry, and confusion, and display their immature behavior towards you or someone else who becomes the victim. It is important to discuss it with your parents, school counselor, or vice principal, who is usually the rule enforcer for behavior.

I like to suggest you use this technique to help you to stop thinking about what has been said to you from the bullies. It is called: Problem Solving 3-3-3. In 3 hours, the words and actions may still hurt. In 3 months they, hopefully, will be more mature and change and stop. In 3 years, you'll be graduated and off to college and your career. Life will get better, I promise. Unfortunately, there will often be bullies but you will be better prepared to handle difficult situations.

Study; turn in your assignments and do your best so you can develop the habits and behavior it sounds like you want to have. Do NOT bully back. Walk away and be positive with your words and actions. Use 3-3-3 to address issues and/or challenges you may need to face. 3 hours, 3 days, 3 months.. Sometimes we need to use 5-5-5-5 = 5 min, 5hrs, 5 days, 5 months, 5 years. Try it for problem-solving in most any situation. Join a club or school activities so you have a peer support group. If it doesn't work, find a therapist. Your parents or family doctor find someone. You do not need to feel threatened or physically ill.

Thank you for writing and sharing this with others; you are not alone in this situation. I am so sorry you have to go through this challenge but you will be stronger in the future.. Andy. askandyforadvice@gmail.com or ask_andy@aol.com

P.S. To find more information about stopping Bullying in our schools and community: <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/basics/bullying>



Michigan the Beautiful

A few months ago the phone rang and the Weekly Sportsman was surprised to hear Tom Cook's voice at the other end of the line. Most people would probably be surprised to learn that Tom Cook and the Weekly Sportsman have a lot in common with each other despite personal political ideologies and beliefs falling on opposite ends of the spectrum. What's commonly shared is a very passionate love for conservation and the outdoors. There have been many times when both individuals have ended up working together in one way or another on a project. The purpose of the call was Tom extending an invitation to participate in a workshop/group session being held at the DeVries Conservancy to discuss local natural resources. Without hesitation the invitation was accepted. Little did the Weekly Sportsman know, or if it really even mattered, that this was part of a policy effort created by Governor Whitmer.

What is Michigan the Beautiful? The program is a statewide effort to conserve, connect, and restore 30% of Michigan's land and waters by 2030 as part of the journey toward a thriving Michigan. As part of the MI Healthy Climate Plan, Michigan is committed to developing a strategy and roadmap that will meet this conservation challenge in ways that also sustains the health of our communities, address inequities in access to nature and its benefits, contribute to local economies, and play a role in combating climate change.

Is there a strategy? Michigan the Beautiful aims to represent the multitude of conservation activities in the state and empower forward momentum in all areas on both public and private lands. To strengthen this strategic endeavor a set of useful tools and resources will be developed for meaningful discussions and public engagement. The focus will be on fostering support of this work with a diverse array of Michiganders by empowering communities and individuals to actively participate in conservation.

What is the DNR's role? One cornerstone of Michigan the Beautiful is management of state-owned public lands, which comprises over 4.6 million acres. Many of the overarching principles, objectives, and strategies from the public land strategy can be applied to this effort. These large-scale collaboration efforts will only be successful with successful effective collaboration. The DNR will work in partnership with the Nature Conservancy and the Sault Tribe on a collaborative process that includes participation and input from a wide group of tribal governments, organizations, stakeholders, and the public.

The short term 2024 goals of this project consist of four items; statewide baseline assessment, online conservation viewer, public information and engagement, and a "Pathways" report which will be a suite of conservation actions that contribute to Michigan the Beautiful goals. The workshop that the Weekly Sportsman attended was because of the third goal of public information and engagement. Seated at the Weekly Sportsman's table and participating were Tom Cook from the Cook Family Foundation and co-host of the event, Shiawassee River expert

Phil Hathaway along with local farmers Russ Mars and Ken Kirkman. A lot was discussed about Shiawassee county natural resources with its river systems, open space farmland, and wooded areas. Water trails and land trails often intersect numerous city and county parks but the commonly mentioned resource missing were two items; public access to lakes and state parks within the county. If you would like to provide comment and offer input please send a message to DNR-OPL@michigan.gov

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Editorial

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Middlebury Township Notice of Public Accuracy Test of Voting Equipment For the November 5, 2024 General Election

To the qualified electors of the Middlebury Township, Shiawassee County, State of Michigan: Notice is hereby given that a Public Accuracy Test for the electronic equipment that will be used in Precinct 1 for the November 5, 2024 General Election.

Testing is scheduled for Monday, October 28, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. at the township hall at 7627 E. M-21.

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

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CITY OF OVID
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE NO. 146

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, AND EQUIPPING OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF OVID; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF REVENUE BONDS TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF; TO PRESCRIBE THE FORM OF THE BONDS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF REVENUES FROM THE SYSTEM SUFFICIENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COST OF THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM AND PAYING THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND THE ISSUER'S PRIOR BONDS; TO PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE RESERVE ACCOUNT FOR THE BONDS AND THE PRIOR BONDS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEGREGATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE SYSTEM'S REVENUES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE HOLDERS OF THE BONDS AND THE PRIOR BONDS AND ENFORCEMENT THEREOF; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE BONDS, THE PRIOR BONDS, AND THE SYSTEM.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OVID HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Definitions. The following words and terms used in this Ordinance shall have the meanings assigned in the preamble to this Ordinance and in this Section, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

The word "acquired," as used in this Ordinance, shall be construed to include acquisition by purchase, construction, or by any other method.

"Act 94" shall mean Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended.

"Authorized Officer" shall mean the Issuer's Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, City Clerk, City Treasurer, or a deputy or designee thereof.

"Bond" or "Bonds" shall mean the Issuer's 2024 Water System Improvement Revenue Bonds, issued in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Dollars (\$1,531,000), authorized to be issued pursuant to this Ordinance and the Prior Bonds Authorizing Ordinance, together with any additional bonds of equal standing hereafter issued.

"Department of Treasury" shall mean the Department of Treasury of the State of Michigan.

"Engineer" shall mean Fleis & Vandenbrink, Midland, Michigan.

"Fiscal Year" shall mean the fiscal year of the Issuer and the operating year of the System, commencing January 1 and ending December 31 of that year, as such fiscal year may be changed by the Issuer from time to time.

"Government" shall mean the government of the United States of America, acting through the Department of Agriculture, or any agency thereof.

"Issuer" or "City" shall mean the City of Ovid, Clinton County, Michigan.

"Ordinance" shall mean this Ordinance and any ordinance or resolution of the Issuer amendatory or supplemental to this Ordinance, including ordinances or resolutions authorizing the issuance of additional bonds.

"Prior Bonds" shall mean the Issuer's 2023 Water System Improvement Revenue Bonds, dated September 8, 2023, issued in the original principal amount of \$1,860,000.

"Prior Bonds Authorizing Ordinance" shall mean Ordinance No. 140, enacted by the Issuer's City Council on July 17, 2023, with respect to the Prior Bonds. Except as changed by the provisions of this Ordinance, all of the provisions of the Prior Bonds Authorizing Ordinance shall apply to the Bonds, the same as if each of those provisions was repeated in this Ordinance in its entirety. It is the purpose of this Ordinance to authorize the issuance of additional bonds to finance a portion of the cost of the Project, additional bonds for such purpose being authorized by the provisions of the Prior Bonds Authorizing Ordinance, upon the conditions therein stated, which conditions have been fully satisfied.

"Project" shall mean the acquisition and construction of certain improvements to the City's water system, including, but not limited to, (A) the replacement of certain water mains; (B) the replacement of certain lead and non-lead service lines; (C) the replacement of water meters; (D) the installation and construction of water main loops and related improvements and equipment; (E) the replacement of filter media, and upgrades to valves, at the water treatment plant; (F) site improvements, including, but not limited to, pavement, sidewalk, and lawn/grass restoration; (G) acquiring necessary easements and rights in land; and (H) making other necessary and related improvements and acquiring related equipment, as well as paying engineering and financing costs.

"Public Improvements" shall mean the Project and any other public improvements, as defined in Section 3 of Act 94, which are authorized to be acquired and constructed under the provisions of this Ordinance.

"Revenues" and "Net Revenues" shall mean the revenues and net revenues of the Issuer derived from the operation of the System and shall be construed as defined in Section 3 of Act 94, including with respect to "Revenues", the earnings derived from the investment of moneys in the various funds and accounts established by this Ordinance and/or the Prior Bonds Authorizing Ordinance, to which may be made the following adjustments: (1) Revenues may be augmented by the amount of any rate increases adopted before the issuance of additional bonds or to be placed into effect before the time principal or interest on such additional bonds becomes payable from Revenues as applied to quantities of service furnished during the operating year or portion thereof that the increased rates were not in effect; (2) Revenues may be augmented by amounts which may be derived from rates and charges to be paid by new customers of the System; and/or (3) if there is a bond reserve account to be funded from the proceeds of additional bonds, then the Revenues may be augmented by an amount equal to the investment income representing interest on investments estimated to be received each operating year from the addition to the bond reserve account to be funded from the proceeds of the additional revenue bonds being issued.

"System" shall mean the Issuer's water system, including such facilities thereof as are now existing, acquired and constructed as the Project, and all enlargements, extensions, repairs and improvements thereto hereafter made.

"Transfer Agent" shall mean the transfer agent and bond registrar for each series of bonds as appointed from time to time by the Issuer as provided in Section 6 of this Ordinance and who or which shall carry out the duties and responsibilities as set forth in Section 5, Section 6 and Section 7 of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Necessity; Approval of Plans and Specifications. It is hereby determined to be a necessary public purpose of the Issuer to create, establish, and improve the System and to acquire and construct the Project in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by the Issuer's Engineer and on file with the Issuer, which plans and specifications are hereby approved, and the System is hereby created and established.

Section 3. Costs; Useful Life. The total cost of the Project is estimated to be approximately Nine Million Eight Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$9,820,000), including the payment of incidental and/or issuance expenses as specified in Section 4 of this Ordinance, which estimate of cost is hereby approved and confirmed, and the period of usefulness of the Project is estimated to be not less than forty (40) years. Project costs not financed through the issuance of the Bonds shall be paid from grant monies received by the City from the United States of America/USDA Rural Development ("USDA"). City funds on hand and available for that purpose, and the proceeds of the Prior Bonds.

Section 4. Payment of Costs; Bonds Authorized. To pay a portion of the cost of acquiring and constructing the Project and the legal, engineering, financial and other expenses incidental to said acquisition and construction, and expenses incidental to the issuance and sale of the Bonds, it is hereby determined that the Issuer shall borrow the sum of not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Dollars (\$1,531,000), and that revenue bonds be issued therefor in one or more series pursuant to the provisions of Act 94. The remaining Project costs will be paid for from grant proceeds and/or available City funds on hand.

Section 5. Bond Details. The Bonds shall be designated **2024 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BONDS**, with such series designation as necessary and approved by an Authorized Officer, shall be dated as of the date of delivery of the first installment, shall consist of one (1) fully-registered nonconvertible bond for each series of bonds in the denomination of not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Dollars (\$1,531,000); shall be issued in denominations of \$1,000, or integral multiples thereof; shall be payable in not more than forty (40) annual principal installments serially on October 1 (or such other date as shall be approved by an Authorized Officer) of each year, with the first installment coming due not later than one (1) year from the date of delivery/funding of the Bonds (i.e., October 1, 2025). The Bonds shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed two and seventy-five hundredths percent (2.75%) per annum. The Bonds may be issued in one or more series, as approved by an Authorized Officer. If more than one series of Bonds is issued, the title for the bond issue shall be revised to reflect the year that the series of Bonds is issued, and, if necessary, any series designation.

An Authorized Officer, or a designee thereof, is hereby authorized to: approve and/or adjust the maturity schedule, including the dates/years for the first and last maturities for the Bonds; approve and/or adjust the interest payment dates; and/or reduce the principal amount of the borrowing as deemed necessary and reasonable to the Project.

The Bonds are expected to be delivered to the Government as the initial purchaser thereof in installments (the "delivery installments") and each delivery installment shall be noted on the registration grid set forth on the applicable Bonds. The delivery installments shall be deemed to correspond to the serial principal installments of the applicable Bonds in direct chronological order of said serial principal installments.

The serial principal installments of the Bonds will each bear interest from the date of delivery of the corresponding delivery installment to the registered holder thereof as shown on the registration grid set forth on the Bonds at the applicable interest rate as described above, payable on April 1, 2025, and semiannually thereafter on October 1 and April 1 (or such other interest payment dates as shall be approved by an Authorized Officer) of each year until maturity or earlier prepayment of said installment. Acceptance of the interest rate on the Bonds shall be made by execution of the Bonds which so designates the rate specified by the Government and accepted in writing by the Issuer. The Bonds shall be issued in fully-registered form and each series of the Bonds shall not be convertible or exchangeable into more than one fully-registered bond.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 517 of the Revised Municipal Finance Act, Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended (the "Act"), the Issuer has been designated as a "qualified" issuer and the Issuer is authorized to issue and sell the Bonds. Thus, the Issuer's Authorized Officers are hereby authorized and directed to negotiate privately the sale of the Bonds to the Government within the parameters established in this Ordinance. Further, based upon expense considerations associated with publishing a notice of sale, as specified in Section 309(2) of the Act, as well as the advantages and favorable terms (including the interest rate and reduced costs of issuance) reasonably expected to be realized from selling the Bonds to the Government through a negotiated sale versus selling the Bonds on the open market through a competitive sale, the Issuer authorizes the negotiated sale of the Bonds to the Government, without publication of a notice of sale. The Issuer hereby determines that it is in the best interest of the Issuer to accept the offer from the Government to purchase the Bonds at the price of par, and the Issuer hereby determines to sell the Bonds to the Government pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance.

An Authorized Officer is hereby authorized to deliver the Bonds in accordance with the delivery instructions of the Government, after approval of the issuance and sale thereof by the Department of Treasury, if such approval is at that time required.

The Bonds or installments thereof will be subject to prepayment prior to maturity in the manner and at the times as provided in the form of the Bonds set forth in the form of the bond as attached as **Exhibit A**, and as otherwise provided by this Ordinance.

Section 6. Bond Registration and Transfer. The Transfer Agent shall keep or cause to be kept at its principal office sufficient books for the registration and transfer of the Bonds, which shall at all times be open to inspection by the Issuer. The Transfer Agent shall transfer or cause to be transferred on said books Bonds presented for transfer, as hereinafter provided and subject to such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe.

Any Bond may be transferred upon the books required to be kept by the Transfer Agent pursuant to this Section, by the person in whose name it is registered, in person or by his duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of such Bond for transfer, accompanied by delivery of a duly executed written instrument of transfer in a form approved by the Transfer Agent. Whenever any Bond or Bonds shall be surrendered for transfer, the Transfer Agent shall record such transfer on the registration books and shall register such transfer on the registration grid attached to the Bond. At the time of such transfer the Transfer Agent shall note on the Bond the outstanding principal amount thereof at the time of such transfer. The Transfer Agent shall require the payment by the bondholder requesting the transfer of any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to the transfer. The Issuer shall not be required to: (A) issue, register the transfer of, or exchange any Bond during a period beginning at the opening of business fifteen days before the day of the mailing of a notice of prepayment of Bonds or installments thereof selected for redemption and ending at the close of business on the day of that mailing; or (B) register the transfer of or exchange any Bond or portion thereof so selected for prepayment. In the event any Bond is called for prepayment in part, the Transfer Agent, upon surrender of the Bond, shall note on the Bond the principal amount prepaid and shall return the Bond to the registered owner thereof together with the prepayment amount on the prepayment date.

An Authorized Officer is hereby appointed to act as Transfer Agent with respect to the Bonds. If and at such time as a series of the Bonds is transferred to or held by any registered owner other than the Government, the Issuer by resolution may appoint a bank or trust company qualified under Michigan law to act as transfer agent and paying agent/bond registrar with respect to such series, and the Issuer may thereafter appoint a successor Transfer Agent upon sixty (60) days notice to the registered owner of the applicable series of the Bonds.

Section 7. Payment of the Bonds. Principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America by check or draft mailed by the Transfer Agent to the registered owner at the address of the registered owner as shown on the registration books of the Issuer kept by the Transfer Agent. If the Government shall no longer be the registered owner of the Bonds, then the principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be payable to the registered owner of record as of the fifteenth day of the month preceding the payment date by check or draft mailed to the registered owner at the registered address. Such date of determination of the registered owner for purposes of payment of principal or interest may be changed by the Issuer to conform to future market practice. An Authorized Officer is also hereby authorized to execute an agreement with any successor Transfer Agent.

The Transfer Agent shall record on the registration books the payment by the Issuer of each installment of principal or interest or both on the Bonds when made, and the canceled checks or drafts representing such payments shall be returned to and retained by an Authorized Officer, which canceled checks or drafts shall be conclusive evidence of such payments and the obligation of the Issuer with respect to such payments shall be discharged to the extent of such payments.

Upon payment by the Issuer of all outstanding principal of and interest on a series of the Bonds, the registered owners thereof shall deliver the Bond or Bonds to the Issuer for cancellation.

Section 8. Execution and Delivery of the Bonds. The Bonds shall be manually signed by the Mayor and counter-signed by the City Clerk and shall have the corporate seal of the Issuer affixed thereto or impressed thereon. After execution, the Bonds shall be held by an Authorized Officer for delivery to the Government. No Bond or any installment thereof shall be valid until registered by an Authorized Officer or by another person designated in writing by an Authorized Officer to act as Bond Registrar, or upon transfer by the Government and thereafter, by an authorized representative of the Transfer Agent.

Section 9. Bond Form. The form and tenor of the Bonds shall be in substantially the form as attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, subject to appropriate variation upon issuance of any additional bonds.

Section 10. Security for Bonds. The Bonds hereby authorized, together with interest thereon, shall be payable solely from the net income and Net Revenues to be derived from the operation of the System. To pay such principal and interest as and when same shall become due, there is hereby created a statutory lien upon the whole of the Net Revenues of the System, which lien shall be a junior lien on the Net Revenues, subordinate to the existing lien on the Net Revenues recognized and created for the Issuer's Prior Bonds, to continue until the payment in full of the principal and interest on the Bonds and said revenues shall be set aside for that purpose and identified as the "Bond and Interest Redemption Fund Account".

Section 11. Budget. Immediately upon the effective date of this Ordinance for the remainder of the current Fiscal Year, and thereafter prior to the beginning of each subsequent Fiscal Year, the Issuer shall prepare an annual budget for the System for the ensuing Fiscal Year itemized on the basis of monthly requirements. A copy of such budget shall be mailed to the Government without request from the Government for review prior to adoption (as long as the Government is the registered owner of any of the Bonds), and upon written request to any other registered owners of the Bonds.

Section 12. Rates and Charges. Rates and charges for the services of the System have been, and will continue to be, fixed by ordinance in an amount sufficient to pay the costs of administration, operation and maintenance of the System, to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds and the Prior Bonds and to meet the requirements for repair, replacement, reconstruction and improvement and all other requirements provided herein, and otherwise comply with the covenants herein provided. The Issuer hereby covenants and agrees to fix and maintain at all times, while any of the Bonds or Prior Bonds shall be outstanding, such rates for service furnished by the System as shall be sufficient to provide for the foregoing expenses, requirements and covenants, and to create a Bond and Interest Redemption Account (including a Bond Reserve Account) for all such Bonds and Prior Bonds. The rates and charges for all services and facilities rendered by the System shall be reasonable and just, taking into consideration the cost and value of the System and the cost of maintaining, repairing, and operating the same and the amounts necessary for the retirement of all the Bonds and Prior Bonds, the Outstanding Bonds and accruing interest on all of the Bonds and Prior Bonds, and there shall be charged such rates and charges as shall be adequate to meet the requirements of this Section, and as otherwise required by this Ordinance.

Section 13. Rates, Billing and Enforcement. Except as provided in Section 12 above, the rates charged for the services of the System, and the billing, enforcement, and collection of charges for such services, as well as the general management of the System, shall be as in effect in the Issuer's jurisdiction as of the date of the issuance of the Bonds, and as adjusted from time to time by the Issuer, provided by the ordinances and resolutions of the Issuer.

Section 14. Custodian of Funds; Funds and Accounts. An Authorized Officer shall be custodian of all funds belonging to or associated with the System. An Authorized Officer is hereby directed to create and maintain the following funds and accounts into which the proceeds of the Bonds and the Revenues from the System shall be deposited in the manner and at the times provided in this Ordinance, which funds and accounts shall be established and maintained, except as otherwise provided, so long as the Bonds and the Prior Bonds remain outstanding and unpaid.

A. Water System Receiving Account. Upon and after the effective date of this Ordinance, the Revenues of the System shall be set aside into a separate account to be designated the WATER SYSTEM RECEIVING ACCOUNT (the "Receiving Account"), and moneys so deposited therein shall be transferred, expended and used only in the manner and order as follows:

(1) Operation and Maintenance Account. There is hereby established a separate account to be designated the OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT (the "Operation and Maintenance Account"). Revenues shall be transferred each quarter of the Fiscal Year, commencing upon the effective date of this Ordinance, from the Receiving Account to the Operation and Maintenance Account to pay the reasonable and necessary current expenses of administration, operation and maintenance of the System for the ensuing quarter.

(2) Water System Revenue Bonds - Bond and Interest Redemption Account. There is hereby established a separate account to be designated as the WATER SYSTEM PROJECT - BOND AND INTEREST REDEMPTION ACCOUNT (the "Bond and Interest Redemption Account"). After the transfer required in (1) above, Revenues shall be transferred each quarter of the Fiscal Year, commencing January 1, 2025, or such other date as approved by an Authorized Officer, from the Receiving Account, before any other expenditures or transfer therefrom, and deposited in the Bond and Interest Redemption Account for payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds and to fund the Bond Reserve Account. Upon any delivery of an installment of the Bonds there shall be set aside at the time of delivery and on the first day of each quarter of the Fiscal Year thereafter to the next interest payment date an amount equal to that fraction of the amount of interest due on the next interest payment date on the installment so delivered, the numerator of which is 1 and the denominator of which is the number of full and partial Fiscal Year quarters from the date of the delivery to the next interest payment date. There shall be set aside each Fiscal Year quarter on or after January 1, 2025, or such other date as approved by an Authorized Officer, an amount not less than 1/2 of the amount of interest due on the next interest payment date on all outstanding installments of the Bond not delivered during the then-current interest payment period. Upon any delivery of an installment of the Bonds there shall be set aside at the time of such delivery and on the first day of each quarter of the Fiscal Year thereafter to the next principal payment date an amount equal to that fraction of the amount of principal due on the next principal payment date on the installment so delivered, the numerator of which is 1 and the denominator of which is the number of full and partial Fiscal Year quarters from the date of the delivery to the next principal payment date. There shall also be set aside each Fiscal Year quarter on or after January 1, 2025, or such other date as approved by an Authorized Officer, an amount not less than 1/4 of the amount of principal due on the next principal payment date. Except as hereinafter provided, no further deposits shall be made into the Bond and Interest Redemption Account (excluding the Bond Reserve Account) once the aforesaid sums have been deposited therein. Any amount on deposit in the Bond and Interest Redemption Account (excluding the Bond Reserve Account) in excess of (a) the amount needed for payment of principal installments of the Bonds for the then current principal payment period, plus (b) interest on the Bonds for the then-current interest payment period, shall be used by the Issuer for redemption of principal installments of the Bonds in the manner set forth in this Ordinance, or if such use is impractical, shall be deposited in or credited to the Receiving Account.

If for any reason there is a failure to make the quarterly deposit in the amounts required, then the entire amount of the deficiency shall be set aside and deposited in the Bond and Interest Redemption Account out of the Revenues first received thereafter which are not required by this Ordinance to be deposited in the Operation and Maintenance Account or in the Bond and Interest Redemption Account, which amount shall be in addition to the regular quarterly deposit required during the succeeding quarter or quarters.

There is hereby established in the Bond and Interest Redemption Account a separate account to be designated the WATER SYSTEM PROJECT BOND RESERVE ACCOUNT (the "Bond Reserve Account"). Commencing January 1, 2025, or such other date as approved by an Authorized Officer, there shall be made a separate withdrawal from the

Receiving Account on the first day of each Fiscal Year, to be set aside in and transferred to the Bond Reserve Account, after provision has been made for the Operation and Maintenance Account and the current requirements of the Bond and Interest Redemption Account, the sum of not less than \$6,400 (or such other amount that is equal to 1/10th of the Issuer's annual total principal and interest payments on the Bonds) per year until there is accumulated in the Bond Reserve Account the sum of \$64,000 (or such other amount that is equal to the Issuer's annual total principal and interest payments on the Bonds). Except as hereinafter provided, no further deposits shall be made into the Bond and Interest Redemption Account for the purposes of the Bond Reserve Account once the sum of \$64,000 (or such other amount that is equal to the Issuer's annual total principal and interest payments on the Bonds) has been deposited therein.

The moneys in the Bond Reserve Account shall only be withdrawn by the Issuer once written approval from the Government has been obtained. The moneys in the Bond Reserve Account shall be used solely for the payment of the principal installments of and interest on the Bonds as to which there would otherwise be default; provided, however, that in the event the amount on deposit in the Bond Reserve Account exceeds the Reserve Amount, the moneys in excess of the Reserve Amount shall be used to pay principal installment of and interest on the Bonds on the next payment date.

If at any time it shall be necessary to use moneys in the Bond Reserve Account for the payment, then the moneys so used shall be replaced from the Net Revenues first received thereafter which are not required by this Ordinance to be used for operation and maintenance or for current principal and interest requirements for the Bonds. In the event that moneys in the Bond Reserve Account are withdrawn, then deposits shall be made or shall continue pursuant to this Section until the Bond Reserve Account has been fully funded as provided in this Section.

No further payments need be made into the Bond and Interest Redemption Account after enough of the principal installments of the Bonds have been retired so that the amount then held in the Bond and Interest Redemption Account (including the Bond Reserve Account), is equal to the entire amount of principal and interest which will be payable at the time of maturity of all the principal installments of the Bonds then remaining outstanding.

(3) General Purpose Account. The balance of income and revenue after the transfers required in (1) and (2) above have been made, shall be deposited to a General Purpose Account, which Account shall be used and disbursed only for the purpose of paying the cost of repairing or replacing any damage to the System, which may be caused by an unforeseen catastrophe, for making extensions or improvements to the System, and, when necessary, for the purpose of making payments of principal and interest on the Bonds hereby authorized if the amount in the Redemption Fund Account and Bond Reserve Account is insufficient to meet such payments, then these funds shall be transferred to the Redemption Fund. The funds in the General Purpose Account may be invested in obligations of the United States or such other obligations as are permitted by law. Any such investment will be a part of the General Purpose Account.

(4) Repair, Replacement and Improvement Account. There is hereby established a separate account designated REPAIR, REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT (the "RRI Account"). After the transfers required in (1) and (2) above, commencing January 1, 2025 (or such other date as approved by an Authorized Officer) until the Bonds have been fully paid and retired, funds in the sum of at least \$32,087 per year, shall be transferred on the first day of each Fiscal Year from the Receiving Account and deposited in the RRI Account in an amount to be approved by an Authorized Officer. Moneys in the RRI Account shall be used and disbursed only for the purpose of paying the cost of: (a) repairing any damage to and emergency maintenance of the System; (b) repairing or replacing obsolete, deteriorating, deteriorated or worn out portions of the System; (c) acquiring and constructing extensions and improvements to the System; and (d) when necessary, for the purpose of making payments of principal and interest on the Bonds. If the amount in the Bond and Interest Redemption Account and the Bond Reserve Account is not sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds when due, the moneys in the RRI Account shall be transferred to the Bond and Interest Redemption Account and used for that purpose.

(5) Reverse Flow Of Funds: Surplus Money. In the event the moneys in the Receiving Account are insufficient to provide for the current requirements of the Operating and Maintenance Account, the Bond and Interest Redemption Account (including the Bond Reserve Account) or the RRI Account, any moneys and/or securities in the funds of the System described by this Ordinance shall be transferred, first, to the Operation and Maintenance Account, second, the Bond and Interest Redemption Account, and third, to the RRI Account.

All moneys remaining in the Receiving Account at the end of any Fiscal Year after satisfying the above requirements for the deposit of moneys into the Operation and Maintenance Account, the Bond and Interest Redemption Account and the RRI Account may be transferred to the Bond and Interest Redemption Account and used to call Bonds or portions thereof for redemption, or at the option of the Issuer, transferred to the RRI Account and used for the purpose for which the funds were established; provided, however, that if there should be a deficit in the Operation and Maintenance Account, the Bond and Interest Redemption Account, the Bond Reserve Account or the RRI Account, on account of defaults in setting aside therein the amounts hereinbefore required, then transfers shall be made from such moneys remaining in the Receiving Account to such funds in the priority and order named in this Section, to the extent of such deficits.

Section 15. No Free Service. No free service shall be furnished by the System to any individual, firm or corporation, public or private, or to any public agency or instrumentality.

Section 16. Covenants. The Issuer covenants and agrees with the holder(s) of the Bonds that so long as any of the Bonds or the Prior Bonds remain outstanding and unpaid as to either principal or interest that it will keep and maintain each of the covenants and agreements as set forth in the Prior Bonds Authorizing Ordinance. Further:

A. The Issuer covenants to operate the System and to fix rates and charges for the services of the System sufficient to provide Net Revenues equal to at least 100% of the debt service requirements of the Bonds and the Prior Bonds. Rates and charges for the services of the System shall be fixed in an amount sufficient to pay the costs of operating and maintaining the System, and to provide sufficient revenue for the payment of principal and interest on the Bonds and the Prior Bonds, debt service, reserve, replacement and improvement requirements, and all other requirements provided herein.

B. The Issuer will comply with applicable State laws and regulations and continually operate and maintain the System in good condition.

C. The Issuer will cause to be maintained and kept proper books of record and account, separate from all other records and accounts, in which shall be made full and correct entries of all transactions relating to the System. The City Council of the Issuer shall cause an annual audit of such books and records and account for the preceding operating year to be made by a recognized independent certified public accountant. Such audit shall be completed and so made available not later than six (6) months after the close of each operating year.

D. The Issuer will maintain and carry, for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds, insurance on all physical properties of the System of the kind and in the amounts normally carried by municipalities engaged in the operation of municipal sanitary sewer systems. All monies received from losses under such insurance policies shall be applied solely to the replacement and restoration of the property damaged or destroyed, and to the extent not so used, shall be used for the purposes of calling Bonds.

E. Any extensions to or improvements of the System shall be made according to sound engineering principles and plans.


F. The Issuer will periodically review the System's rates and charges for services to ensure that same are adequate to pay the costs of operating and maintaining the System and to provide sufficient revenue for the payment of principal and interest on the Prior Bonds and Bonds, debt service, replacement and improvement requirements, and any other



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Please exercise your right to vote on Tuesday, August 5th
Paid for by: William Keith Jones, 1515 S. Hollister Rd., Ovid, MI 48866

Elsie Library Adventures

submitted by Ann Trierweiler

The "CANDYLAND Contest" began September 23rd and is still running through October 31st. Check out for more information by signing up for our monthly newsletters.

Save the date for a Spiderman movie/party on November 16 at 11:30 a.m. There is a rumor of cupcakes and maybe popcorn...just saying! Come for fun and, of course...Spidey!

On Mondays our Story Time at noon alternates between a story with a craft and a story with music and motion. The last music and motion included hopscotch outside the door. You can still hop into our library. On Saturday the 19th, there will be another Story Time and Craft at 11:30 a.m.

We are continually adding to our book inventory. When you visit, ask us about our new books.

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 fee per family, per year.

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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!

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Applications for Christmas Baskets

submitted by Holly Hibbard

The applications for Ovid-Elsie Christmas Assistance will be available starting Tuesday, November 8, 2022. The applications will be available at the following locations:

Ovid – Leonard Elementary, Ovid City Hall and Ovid Public Library

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submitted by Katherine Neese

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Sopocy Seeks Re-Election in Gratiot County

Steve Sopocy, age 53, seeks re-election as Commissioner District 4 in Gratiot County.

He and his wife Theresa have four adult daughters. He currently serves as County Commissioner in District 4. Is a retired Gratiot County Sheriff's Office Undersheriff and Retired Ingram County Sheriff's Office Lieutenant. He earned a Bachelors on Science degree from Western Michigan University and a Dual Major in Criminal Justice and Environmental Studies.

He was appointed a Gratiot County District 4 Commissioner in November of 2023. He currently sits on the Mid-Michigan Health Department, Gratiot Co. Parks & Recreation and Northern Michigan Counties Boards. He has 30 1/2 years of Law Enforcement Experience and served for 8 1/2 years on the Ovid-Elsie School Board.

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Sports

Ovid-Elsie Takes Care of Business at NL, But Chesaning Wraps up MMAC Football Title

NEW LOTHROP -- An iconic football coach (we can't remember who. Woody Hayes?) once said, "Only three things can happen when you throw the ball."

"And two of them are bad."

The host Hornets lived by the pass and died by the pass here October 18. The Marauders intercepted New Lothrop freshman quarterback

Karson Agnew four times, with Owen Long thefting him twice, Mikey Bancroft once and Tryce Tokar one time.

The result was a 42-0 Ovid-Elsie victory, closing out their MMAC campaign at 6-1, 7-1 overall and dropping the Hornets to 2-5, 3-5.

The Marauders needed some help to forge a tie in the 2024 MMAC title race at Durand. While the Railroaders led much of the contest, Chesaning escaped with a 39-36 victory, wrapping up an unbeaten league season and the MMAC crown.

The Hornet passing attack looked polished, albeit too often errant.

The Marauders made them pay.

After a scoreless opening quarter, on nearly every running play coach Travis Long's Marauders executed, they looked like they were going to bust it. Brock Spitzley did just that, taking it to the house at 11:12 of the 2nd quarter from 62 yards. Dannika Campbell tacked on the PAT kick and O-E had all the points it needed, 7-0.

The methodical ground-pounding continued. Clayton Fruchey ran it in from three yards and 21 yards, and midway through the third quarter O-E built a 21-0 lead.

The ground-pounding set up a beautiful play play at 4:49 of the 3rd, when Tryce Tokar found Javen Belill with a 17-yard scoring strike. Spitzley tallied his second rushing TD a little over 2:00 later, staking the Marauders to a 35-0 advantage.

Tokar completed the scoring with a 35-yard sprint to paydirt with 6:28 remaining in the contest. Campbell was perfect on all six of her extra-point kicks; 42-zip final score.

The blue-and-gold pummeled the Hornets with 353 yards rushing, Fruchey gaining 140, Spitzley 84, Tokar 50 and Chase Fabus 49. Tokar tossed just 7 passes, completing two of them for 31 yards and a score. Belill and Bancroft were on the receiving end of the Tokar aerals.

Agnew's 33 pass attempts resulted in 17 completions for 164 yards. The O-E defense limited to hosts to 105 yards on 31 rushing attempts -- an average of just 2.7 per crack.

Leading the Marauder 'D' were Ben Wildes, Owen Long, Michael Bancroft, Joe Fabus, Chandler Hart-Butcher, Nolan Rasch, Bryce Krueger, Clayton Fruchey, Tucker Loynes, Tryce Tokar, Brock Spitzley, Javen Belill, Robert Kebler, Dylan Henning, Logan Mason, Brooks Lohr, Joe Bancroft, Jaxon Ladiski, Jake Bowen, Daniel Olger, Braxton O'Bryant and Harris Evans, all credited with tackles. Bancroft forced a fumble and Belill boasted a fumble recovery. Belill, Tokar and Howard all swatted down Hornet pass attempts.

Coach Long and the Marauders now await their MHSAA post-season pairing.



Jake Bowen making the tackle on New Lothrop ball carrier, #17 Tucker Loynes assists with the take down.

Photo by Michelle Ladiski

Fowler Wraps Up 2024 CMAC Football Championship, 69-14 Over Laingsburg

FOWLER -- The tradition-rich Fowler Eagles put an emphatic exclamation point on their unbeaten season here October 18:

The road to the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) football title ran directly down M-21 and through Fowler in 2024.

Known for decades as a CMAC powerhouse, it had been since 2014 that the Eagles ran through their first 8 games in unbeaten fashion. They duplicated the feat with a resounding 69-14 victory over Laingsburg. The only thing standing between FHS and perfection was an October 25 meeting with McBain.

It was just two short seasons ago that Brian Borgman's Wolves went into Fowler and handed the Eagles their only loss, 27-14, to wrap up a share of the 2022 CMAC championship.

Since then, Fowler has had its revenge with 49-0 and 69-14 wins over the Wolfpack (2-5, 2-6 overall).

In this one, the Birds jumped out to a 21-0 lead before the end of the first quarter on TD rushes of 10, 2 and 5 yards. They advanced the lead to 42-0 in the second stanza with three more rushing TDs, before LHS fought back.

Leandro Dolega-Caceres sprinted 80 yards with a kickoff return, then got the Wolves within 42-14 on a 7-yard TD strike from Waylon Rowley. Caiden Nidefski booted both point-afters before the halftime break.

The hosts then slammed the door shut in the third period on long TD runs. Touchdowns of 56, 40 and 91 yards upped the score to 62-14 heading into the final quarter.

A 23-yard interception return closed the scoring in the 4th quarter at 69-14.

Fowler amassed 404 yards on the ground and limited the Wolves to just four first downs.

Rowley clicked on 7 of 20 passes for 104 yards and the one touchdown. Caceres enjoyed another outstanding game with 6 catches for 115 yards and a TD.

Liam Esch, Harvey Montgomery, Dakota Allen, Bryce Curry, Tucker Dunn, Josiah Hawes, Shaun Mills, Rowley, Caceres, Nate Malone and Dylan Koenig all recorded defensive stops for the red-and-white.



Defensive players along the sidelines discussing how to stop the Fowler Eagles.

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Sports

Birch Run Deals Ovid-Elsie Volleyballers a Tough Loss; Marauders Now 16-14-2

OVID-ELSIE -- High-flying Birch Run ran its state-rated record to 30-5-2 and remained unbeaten in the MMAC race at 6-0, with a three-set girls varsity volleyball victory here.

The Lady Panthers' 12-25, 23-25, 14-25 conquest dropped coach Angela Ehle's O-E volleyballers to 16-14-2 overall, 4-3 in the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC).

Kyden Ehle once again led O-E with 18 assists, 2 kills, 1 ace and two digs. Isabelle Ryal added 1 assist, 9 digs; Ashton Ehle 10 kills, 1 block, 17 digs; Ellyanna Carman 4 kills, 1 ace, 6 digs; Lilian Bates 3 kills, 1 ace, 2 blocks, 10 digs; and Tava Kvalevog 2 kills, 2 blocks, 2 assists and two digs.

O-E traveled to the non-league Hemlock Tri-Meet on October 16 and came with a 22-25, 14-25 loss to the host Huskies, and a 25-23, 25-15 win over Saginaw Swan Valley. For the entire tournament, Kyden Ehle led the way with 33 Assists, 1 ace, 2 kills, 5 digs; Isabelle Ryal 9 digs; Ashton Ehle 17 Kills, 4 aces, 15 digs; Ellyanna Carman 11 kills, 2 aces, 12 digs; Tava Kvalevog 8 kills, 1 block, 5 digs; Lilian Bates - 2 aces, 1 block, 11 digs; Kortlynn Loynes 1 kill, 4 digs; and Olyvia Coon 2 aces and 2 digs.

Wolfpack Soccer Team Ends Solid 2024 Season in District Final

MONTROSE -- Coach Natalie Elkins' Wolfpack boys soccer team completed a solid, 8-6-5 campaign by advancing to the MHSAA District Finals here October 18.

The end game didn't end up as the Wolves wanted it, with a 5-0 loss to Flint Powers Catholic.

Still, the 2024 season will go down as another in a long string of successes for Elkins and her program.

Laingsburg advanced to the District Final after a 2-1 semi-final win over Chesaning. Kaleb Salas scored two goals, as the Wolfpack kept its postseason run alive. Chesaning wrapped up the season with a 16-3 record, including a 10-0 mark in Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) play and its third straight conference title.

Salas started the scoring Tuesday in the 16th minute, and the Wolfpack took a 1-0 lead into the halftime break.

Salas who came through once again for Laingsburg, tallying the match-winner on a scrum in front of Chesaning senior goalkeeper John Talbot with 9:31 to play.

Said coach Elkins, "Our teamwork, we kept pretty positive. When they get in their heads, they tend to get sidelined a little bit and they've learned that, so today, they were cheering each other on, the guys who didn't get in, and there's only a couple, were cheering the guys, not pouting because they weren't in. That's pretty cool teamwork."

Halloween Hours and Events



Ovid - Thursday, October 31, 2024, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Halloween Party, Hosted by the Ovid Lions Club, 4:30 p.m. at the Lions/VFW Hall, downtown Ovid, **before trick-or-treat.** Costume Judging at 4:30pm, prizes for top 5. Games, Hot Dogs, Chips, Cider and Donuts.

Elsie - Thursday, October 31, 2024. Trick-or-Treat hours 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

An Event So Good It's Scary - Thursday, October 31, 2024, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Daytime trick-or-treating for young children at various businesses in St. Johns. Participating businesses with have a "pumpkin" sign on their store window/door.

St. Johns - The trick-or-treat hours are from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2024. The beginning and ending of the candy gathering period will be signaled by the fire whistle. Please use caution when driving as there will be lots of children running door to door to collect candy.

Owosso - Thursday, October 31, 2024. Trick-or-Treating hours are from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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Laingsburg - Thursday, October 31, 2024. Trick-or-Treating from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. The Fire Whistle will sound at 6pm.

GRIDIRON GURUS GOING INTO NOVEMBER 2 WEEKEND

THIS WEEKS WINNERS

PIZZA -- Luke Nixon

SUB SANDWICH -- Russ Ginther

BREADSTICKS -- Jack Nutter

Hold on there, Hoss!

Whatta wild ride Week 8 turned out to be, with nearly all of our pigskin pundits a-rumblin' and a-stumblin' and a-bumblin' over our college slate. It was rough: Texas losing to Georgia. Bama losing to Tennessee. Iowa losing at Michigan State -- in what looked like Sparty's best game of the year to date.

In the NFL, our crazy crystal ball-gazers had a heckuva time with the Broncos besting the Saints and (somehow) the Chiefs beating up on the 49ers. There were some true stumbers in there.

Luke Nixon of Carson City shone through like a diamond, going 10-2 to win that yummy Weekly pizza ol' Wolfie gives away each week. Determining the next two spots was a definite challenge, though:

No fewer than 8 players tied, all at 9-3. No make matters worse, the tie-breaker was really screwy, with TCU and Utah combining for a paltry 20 points between them. When the smoke cleared, Russ Ginther got the closest to 20 and earned himself his 2nd-straight sub sandwich. And fellow Elsie wunderkind Jack Nutter snapped another tie to take home some saucy breadsticks.

Wolfie suffered one of his worst weeks in quite some time in our staff competition with Jared Campbell. The Wolf still holds a meager .687 to .625 lead over the not-quite-impressive newbie.

We will be running the contest every week until the end of the regular college football season (no bowls). The picks will include some NFL games, most weeks.

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Don't forget to fill in the tiebreaker as this will decide any and all ties. Entries are accepted in person at The Weekly's offices at 200 S. Main in Ovid, by e-mail at "news@meridianweekly.com" or "tomturek20032003@yahoo.com," or via USPS delivery.

For those of you that get your Weekly fix on line at the paper's website -- remember to email your picks to news@meridianweekly.com.

Each week the top three winners will receive a coupon for redemption at the sponsor of their choice; 1st place (pizza), 2nd place (sandwich) and 3rd place (breadsticks) will be awarded.

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Best of luck to all, and please remember our sponsors!



GRIDIRON GURUS

by Tom Turek

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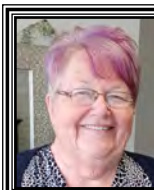
Holy Smokies, I had one weird dream/nightmare this morning. It was a horrific bit of nonsense. I seemed to be trapped in another time continuum. In this other place I was in heavy debt and was taking care of someone's baby. I don't believe that I knew them but was expected to drop her off on my way home from a college campus. Basically I was told that I was investigated because I was oblivious to what was happening around me. The nightmare was that no one would listen to me or believe me or what I said. It was not how I view this world. And I was about twenty or thirty years younger than I am. I believe that I was having one of those 'count your blessings' moments. It is interesting how one's imagination can mix elements of reality with fantasy. I had been watching a rerun last evening so that is where the baby came from. And we just got a new professional mixer yesterday for MG's Perx & Pastries (you can google us now) and it was a struggle getting it out of its packing crate.

Speaking of that, MG's will be open for trick or treaters on Halloween. Brent will be in costume and I will be my normal self. Diane misses the event because she must work. So of course the lights will be on and hopefully we will give out a lot of candy. An of course, the coffee pot will be on in case the adults need something to warm them up. I hope to see lots of nifty costumes. In case you haven't had time to drop by, the shop is well decorated with cobwebs, black cats, jack-o-lanterns. The ambiance is there and we do hope that we will get to see many interesting characters and costumes.

I had a few days off last week and took time to tidy up my lawn for this coming winter. I did get the lawn mowed then I had to try and get the shed realigned. My thoughts were to take the straw out and load it on my little trailer. First I had to get it hitched to the rider, as I did that I realized that both tires were flat. So I towed it over to my pickup where I had one of those handy dandy gewgaws that you plugged into the cigarette lighter to re-inflate tires. It worked beautifully as it should. It was when I went to pick up one of the straw bales that I had a problem.

I had used them last winter to put around the north east corner of my house to insulate the water pipes that run along the wall under the bathroom. Yes, I also have the pipes wrapped in heat tape. This is the first time that the strings rotted on the bales. So I won't be using them two years in a row. It was weird because that was the first time in over forty years that the strings rotted. Bummer. However Diane and Brent are coming over Monday afternoon and bringing me fresh bales of straw. Karen is coming over to get a bale and I will be putting some of it into the raised garden beds and onto the asparagus patch.

In the meantime, I did manage to move the lawn equipment that was sitting outside of the shed. After moving it I had to clean out the garden area and set the mower deck as high as it would go and mowed down the weeds and the last of the tomato and pepper plants. Of course I realized that I have a plethora of dried burdock on the back of shed. So maybe this afternoon



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

I will get them removed. I don't need the cats or Prudence getting tangled up in them. It was bad enough that I managed to bring in a couple of large clumps on my jeans. Of course I didn't notice them until I took my shoes off, sure was glad that I had a blanket on the recliner because it snagged the burrs. So I spent a good fifteen minutes removing them from the blanket and my jeans.

Diane and Brent came over after the shop closed to un-crate the commercial mixer yesterday. It was an interesting experience. The crate was made of quarter inch plywood with metal seams. It protected the mixer very well. The crate sat by the dining room table and we had to pry the metal strips off the corners to get access to the well packed mixer. Pliers, screwdrivers, and rubber hammer were used plus two crow bars. It was an event in and of itself. The new mixer now is at MG's ready to be used. I swept up the mess from the crate and it is now in the garbage. I think that I have the tools all back where they belong. My life is interesting and I'm blessed with numerous options. I just have to remember that I have many options and opportunities plus I have also been blessed with good health. Of course I also need to remember that I need to have a bit more care when doing somethings. Yup, there are aches and pains from pushing the boundaries but everything is working. Remember to count your blessings and don't let you imagination shake you up. God bless.

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Make America Great Again

Letter to the Editor:

What is a dictator? According to Webster dictionary a dictator is "one holding complete control: a person with unlimited governmental power."

I have to ask why the democrats see former President and presidential candidate Donald Trump as a dictator when their own party nominee Kamala Harris is adopting communist policies for her campaign. Catherine Rambell, a columnist for the Washington Post and a CNN economics and political commentator, recently critiqued Harris' proposal to control prices on food and groceries as "totally unworkable" and compared it to failed efforts by communist governments. "We've seen this kind of thing tried in lots of other countries before; Venezuelan, Argentina, the Soviet Union, etc. It leads to shortages, it leads to black markets, you know, plenty of uncertainty," she said.

"It's hard to exaggerate how bad this policy is. It is, in all but name, a sweeping set of governmental-enforced price controls across every industry, not only food. Supply and demand would no longer determine prices or profit levels. Far-off Washington bureaucrats would. The FTC would be able to say, a Kroger in Ohio the acceptable price it can charge for milk," Rampell wrote.

The TV commercial sponsored by Democrats First for the young boy fishing in a boat with his grandfather, implies that Presidents are not dictators, has to make one chuckle at the ridiculous accusations the Democrats once again are flinging in their campaign to bring down former President Trump.

Dictator they say? Harris and Biden have been implementing socialist/communist ideology for the last four years. President Trump's last tenure, brought down inflation, created jobs, and allowed all Americans the opportunity to prosper. If you value your freedoms, believe in founding principles of this country, and share in the spirit for a better future, then vote to "Make America Great Again" by electing former President Trump.

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CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF
MICHIGAN COUNTY OF CLINTON
The Scott Family Trust as amended
and restated on September 11, 2015
TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO
CREDITORS:

The Grantor, Nancy Kay Scott,
whose date of birth was
September 25, 1940, who lived at
13613 Tucker Drive,
DeWitt, Michigan 48820,
died on September 27, 2024.
Currently there is no Personal
Representative for the estate of the
Grantor to whom Letters of
Administration have been issued.
Creditors of the grantor/decedent are
notified that all claims against The
Scott Family Trust, as amended and
restated on September 11, 2015, will
be forever barred unless presented
to Steven Scott, trustee, or to the
Gallagher Law Firm, PLC,
Attn: Craig S. Gerard,
at 6025 N. Hagadorn Road,
East Lansing, Michigan 48823,
within 4 months after the date of
publication of this notice.

Craig S. Gerard P66855
The Gallagher Law Firm, PLC 6025
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Restatement of The Irish Family
Trust dated September 21, 1999
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Keith Richard Irish,
who lived at 2418 North DeWitt
Road, Saint Johns, Michigan 48879
died on October 24, 2024.
Creditors of the decedent are notified
that all claims against the deceased
will be forever barred unless
presented to the Trustee of the Irish
Family Trust within 4 months after
the date of publication of this notice.

Dawn Benson, Trustee
2418 North DeWitt Road
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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Justin Keibler, an unmarried man
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): PennyMac Loan Services LLC
Date of Mortgage: March 5, 2021
Date of Mortgage Recording: March 9, 2021

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$161,117.23

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of St Johns, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 31, Briggs-Stoller Subdivision, City of St. Johns, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 6, Clinton County Records.

Common street address (if any): 505 S Traver St, Saint Johns, MI 48879-2041
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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

Date of notice: October 27, 2024
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515

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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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Date of notice: October 13, 2024
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Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, November 6, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Steven M. Gorham, A Single Man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Mortgagee, as Nominee for Amerifirst Financial Corporation, its successors, and assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 15, 2021, and recorded on March 18, 2021, as Document Number: 5306975, Clinton County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated September 18, 2023 and recorded September 25, 2023 by Document Number: 5338798, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred Two and 57/100 (\$116,202.57) including interest at the rate of 3.12500% per annum. Said premises are situated in the Township of Bath, Clinton County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 30 and 31, Loving's West Side Plat, Bath Township, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of plats, page 46, Clinton County Records.

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