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Outgoing City Officials

On Tuesday, November 12th, the Ovid City Council recognized two outgoing city officials during the regular monthly city council meeting. Pictured here is Mary Perrien, Mayor ProTem with Larry Ordiway. He was presented a plaque for his 22 years of service on the Council. Larry's wife, Melinda, daughter, member of the Elsie Area Fire Association Andria and Mother-In-Law Marilyn were also in attendance.

Mayor, Bill Lasher, thanking him for his 29 years of service. He was not in attendance for

Light refreshments were shared by those in attendance.



Chapin Township Celebrates the End of An Era

by Dawn D Levey

CHAPIN TWP - After fifty-four years of service Robb Maynard retired as the Chapin Township supervisor. During his tenure in office, he served as a trustee, assessor and supervisor. In addition, Robb was a charter board. Monday, November 11, the communicelebrated and thanked Robb Maynard for The council also had a Plaque for outgoing his years of community service. The full house crowd included members of the Duplain and Fairfield Township boards, Elsie Fire Department and community members.

In addition, to honoring Maynard the newly elected board was sworn into office: Ronald Maynard, supervisor; Frank Gross, clerk; Jennifer Clark, treasurer; and trustees Brenda Radabaugh and Logan Schlutz.



OVID: On Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28th, Suzanne and Chara, the Mother/Daughter team from Mary's Country Kitchen along with community volunteers, will hosting a Free Thanksgiving Dinner at the Ovid Lions/VFW Hall in downtown Ovid. A delicious turkey dinner with all the fixings will be served from 11am-1:30pm. Shut-in deliveries will be available if pre-ordered by calling the restaurant at 989-834-9640. Donations will be accepted at the dinner and will be going towards the Ovid Christmas Basket Program.

'My daughter and I are excited about continuing the tradition that my Mom started years ago. My staff and I will be preparing the meal and will be accepting desserts from those who would like to contribute from the community," explained Suzanne. Those desserts can be dropped off at the hall on Wednesday the 27th after 3pm. All are welcome to bring the family and enjoy this holiday meal together.

LAINGSBURG: The Laingsburg American Legion Post 248 along with the Laingsburg Lions Club will be hosting a Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner on November 28th from 1pm-3pm at the Post home hall located at 1240 East Grand River in Laingsburg. The menu will consist of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cranberries, cole slaw, rolls, pumpkin pie and beverage. "Dine-In Only"

The Greater Recyclers will be taking part this year in a Zero Waste event during the dinner. GLR members will be onsite to assist with the recycling of food, plates and utensils.

ST. JOHNS: The St. John's Lutheran Church, 511 E. Sturgis St., St. Johns, will be holding a 11:00am Worship service followed by dinner from Noon until 3pm on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28th. RSVP at (989) 292-0972 or CCThanksgiving.org

Food, fellowship, music, football and kids activities.

Village of Elsie

ELSIE - The regular meeting of the Elsie Village Council was held Monday, 12, 2024. Prior to the meeting two public hearings were held. One addressed the, request to establish a Brown Field Redevelopment Authority. Next, the Consumer's Energy Gas Franchise res-

The evening was highlighted by two special reports. First, Mrs. Janet Dennings and Ron Simpson presented on behalf of the Elsie Heroes' Park Scripture Fund Committee. The initiative is being coordinated by Duplain Church of Christ. The option to include a scripture for past and present service men and women and emergency services. The scripture will be added with no cost to the individual. The donation will cover 40 bricks with scripture, name and affiliation. \$3,000 has been donated by an anonymous benefactor. The committee is looking for additional members, a meeting is scheduled for tentatively December 4, 2024. The Village officials support the committee and their plan.

Next, Ken Harris presented a Brownfield and school development project update. Upon approval of the Brown Field Authority a meeting needs to be set within the next few weeks. An environmental study has been completed. The drawings have been completed and will go before the Authority, followed by EGLE approval. Final approval will come from MEDC. Looking at January to start the asbestos abatement. A laundry facility will be included in the

Officials took action to approve the establishment of a Village of Elsie Brown Field Authority. Next, Tom Frink, village president, appointed the council members as members of the authority. A meeting will be held Thursday, November 21, 6 pm, at 145 W. Main Str, Duplain Township Hall.

The action steps included the following. Introduction of ordinance for the appointment of a clerk. The intent will be presented at a public hearing prior to the December 10, 2024 regular meeting. The purpose is to establish an ordinance to appoint a clerk in lieu of an

Officials took formal action to renew the Consumers Energy Gas Franchise ordinance.

The Elsie Police Department conducted six traffic stops during the month of October, complaints have increased from last month with a total of seventy-four calls for service. Police activity included domestic assaults, warrant arrests, civil disputes and traffic enforce-

The community is getting know Officer Rich Crooks, who is an asset to the community. Halloween 2024 was another safe and fun event for the Village of Elsie. In addition, Elsie Rescue assisted with patrolling during the evening.

The Village of Maple Rapids has requested assistance from the Elsie Police Department to patrol a bridge that has weight restrictions which are being ignored. The Village of Maple Rapids is requesting to contract Elsie PD for one eight-hour shift per week with the purpose of decreasing the truck traffic and putting the scales to good use for a set fee. The agreed amount for service is \$85.00 per hour and the revenue from tickets issued. Both will generate additional revenue for the Elsie Department. The request was approved.

Destinee Bryce, presented the manager's report. Leaf pick-up is underway, a number of complaints have been addressed. BS&A is being upgraded and a request was presented to change to BS&A in the cloud costing \$2,000 more than what is being paid annually. The transition would take place in January 2025. The use of paper was discussed and possibly looking at electronic devices for council documents. The stress is transparency. Officials voted to make the transition to BS&A in the cloud.

The JB Cosley project, the storage unit was discussed. The issue is the roadway between Third Street and Pine Street. Spicer Group will take the lead and Cosley will pay any costs involved. Officials support the proposal with the stipulation that Spicer Group is involved.

Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony was set for December 7, 2024, 7pm the arrival of Santa. In addition, officials approved the idea of jazzing up the iconic steer in holiday attire. Brooke Wooley will oversee and decorate for this year's program. There will be cookies and hot chocolate for all. More to come

Chris Ormes, Department of Public Works, reported that the former salt shed will be repaired within the next month. Also, dead end signs have been installed where requested. The track at the park has been cleaned up and with some maintenance work. Ormes was advised to get an estimate to coat the track for consideration in the next fiscal budget. In addition, the ground around the playground equipment needs to be addressed.

Monthly action was taken to approve the meeting agenda, approval of the October 8, 2024 regular meeting minutes and the financial reports. Action was taken to approve expenditures totaling \$78,258.45.

Under public comment it was reported that the Elsie Area Fire Department now has its own internet and telephone service.

Ed White requested council permission to complete upgrades and improvements to the old tennis courts at the park. He and volunteers would like to give new life to the tennis courts by installing four basketball hoops, refurbishing the tennis court and adding a pickle ball court. Noting that there would be no cost to the village. Officials support the action; however, research will be done to ensure that there are no restrictions due to previous grant funding.

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Ovid Christmas Basket Donations

submitted by Holly Hibbard

The month of November is here and the Ovid Christmas Basket Committee is thankful for the amazing support we receive each year from the Ovid Community. Last year we were able to help over 75 families with food and personal goods and because of the tremendous support were able to set up a shop with clothing, toys and household items like blankets and

We once again are seeking support from our local businesses, organizations, churches and any individual that would like to donate to help with our Christmas assistance to make the holidays brighter.

Monetary donations can be dropped off to the Ovid Service Agency or mailed to the Ovid Lions Club, PO Box 493, Ovid MI 48866 (checks should be made out to the Ovid Lions Club with a note that the donation is for Ovid Christmas).

If any individual, organization or business would like to donate food (non-perishable and non-expired vegetables, soups, breakfast items, pasta, etc), personal or household products or clothing we welcome the donations. Donations can be dropped off to the Ovid Meridian Weekly or the Ovid Public Library. Donations will be picked up on Saturday, December 15th for distribution on the 16th. Please call or text Holly Hibbard at 989-666-2215 or email allsmileshkh@aol.com with any questions or to arrange a pick-up.

Applications for Christmas Baskets

submitted by Holly Hibbard

The applications for the Ovid-Elsie Christmas Assistance are available at the following locations:

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

Elsie – E.E. Knight Elementary and Elsie Village Hall

Families MUST live in the Ovid-Elsie School District and must not be receiving holiday assistance from another agency. Applications must be turned in at one of the above listed locations by Monday, December 2nd.

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Library News

Ovid Public Librarv

It's a busy week at the Ovid Public Library. Come join us for one of our many programs this week. On Monday, November 18 will be our Adult Booktasting. This starts at 1:00. If you're looking for a book to read or a new author or you've just read a great book that you would like to share with everyone then join us Monday at 1:00.

Tuesday, November 19 will be our Junior Book Club. This will meet at 5:00 and usually lasts about an hour. This group is meant for kids between the ages of 10-16. If you are interested or would like more information you can call us at 989-834-

We will be showing a Classic Movie on Wednesday, November 20 at 1:00. This week's movie will be "Nicholas Nickleby" starring Anne Hathaway. There will be light snacks vailable but you are welcome to bring your own if you'd like.

Friday, November 22 will be our Preschool Story Hour at 10:30. We will be reading some thanksgiving themed books and doing a thanksgiving craft. We look forward to seeing lots of kiddos so make sure to join us!

We hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with friends and family. The Ovid Public Library will be closing at 5:00 on Wednesday, November 27 and will reopen on Monday, December 2.

Elsie Historical Society submitted by Lyla Brush

The Elsie Historical Society will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, November 20th at 7:00pm. in the Historical Room at 145 W. Main St., Elsie, located adjacent to the Public Library.

We hope to have a good turn out. If you are not able to attend a meeting, come in on Wednesday afternoon from 2:00-5:00pm to see what is there or available

The December meeting will be held Wednesday, December 18th at 7:00pm.

After December the Elsie Historical Society will be closed the months of January, February and March.

Appointments may be made during these months to visit at

The Historical Room will reopen Wednesday, Apirl 2, 2025 from 2:00-5:00pm.

Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Service in Laingsburg

submitted by Carrie Rathbun Hawks

Laingsburg - Everyone is invited to attend the 2024 community ecumenical Thanksgiving service Sun., Nov. 24 at 3 p.m. at Laingsburg United Methodist Church. "Ecumenical" means all denominations and walks of life are welcome

LUMC's Faith Ringers handbell and Chapelaire choirs will perform.

'We have much to be thankful for, especially when we come together in love and celebration," said Laingsburg United Methodist Church Pastor Kendi Holcomb-Densmore. "We'll share an inspiring worship service, words of grace and peace, and the uplifting sounds of music alongside our friends, family and neighbors.'

As part of its inclusivity core value, LUMC is fully handicap-accessible through its back entrance. Play space and coloring kits are available in the sanctuary for young children. Listening devices can be borrowed for those with hearing defi-

The ecumenical service is done as part of a long-standing partnership with Laingsburg Congregational Church. For more information, call 517-651-5531 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Obituaries

Rex Daniel Martin

Rex Daniel Martin, age 65, of Owosso, MI, passed away Sunday, November 10, 2024, at Memorial Healthcare, Owosso surrounded by his family.

Rex was born in St. Johns, Michigan on July 2, 1959, the son of Sharon Marie (Carroll) Taylor. On August 11, 2012, Rex married Kimberly Rae Bonyman in Elsie, MI.

Rex was a devoted father and friend to anyone that needed him. He spent several years coaching youth baseball and most of those players would still stop by to hang out with him through all those years. He also loved wrenching on anything that moved so if he wasn't at work or in his Lazy Boy he was sure to be in the garage tinkering on something to make it run and watch the kids fly through the yard. A passion he carried on to his grandchildren, making sure they both had go-karts and quads. He enjoyed his golf cart trips around town and visiting friends with Kimberly.



He loved to go fishing and take long canoe trips with friends and family and always had a warm bonfire or cozy porch to relax around. He even married his wife, Kimmie, in a canoe and they enjoyed many wonderful years making those trips and enjoying the company of great friends on the weekends. He will be truly missed by many.

He is survived by his wife Kimberly, mother Sharon Taylor, daughter Chassidy (Mark Crumbaugh) Martin, son Jeremy (Samantha) Martin, granddaughter Natalie Martin, and grandson Blaze Crumbaugh. He was preceded in death by his step-father Robert Taylor, his grandson Talan Jones, and two brothers: Eric Martin and Daniel Martin.

A cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Smith Family Funeral Homes to assist with funeral expenses. Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.

Benedict Arthur Swanchara

Benedict Arthur Swanchara, age 89 passed on November 9th, at U of M Sparrow in Lansing. He was born on April 4, 1935 in St. Johns, the son of Stephen and Katherine (Sipka) Swanchara. He attended the Cramer one-room school in Bingham Township and graduated from Rodney B. Wilson High School with the

On May 30, 1955, Ben married Jane Pierce, and they made their home in Bingham Township, where they were blessed with three children. A lifelong farmer, Ben spent many years working alongside his father before establishing and managing his own farm. In 1968, Ben began working with the Clinton County Sheriff's Department as an Animal Control Officer and later became the Supervisor of the Animal Control Facility. He retired in 1993. Ben was also a dedicated member of the Clinton County Sheriff's Posse and the Knights of Columbus for many years.



Ben enjoyed antique tractor pulling and was a proud member of the Tractor Club of Ithaca and the Mid-Michigan Gas Tractor Association of Oakley, Michigan. In his spare time, Ben loved spending time outdoors, especially taking rides in his Gator with his wife through the woods on their farm. Ben had a passion for polka music and was known to watch Fox News while listening to his favorite tunes at the same time. He also enjoyed trips to Soaring Eagle Casino.

In addition to Jane, his beloved wife of over sixty-nine years, he is survived by his daughter. Bonnie L. (Richard) Schank; his son, Benedict (Kimberly) Swanchara of St. Johns; grandchildren, Matthew Schank, Jaina (Ryan) Mott, Shelby Schank, Rachel Swanchara, Ben (Rachel) Swanchara and Kristal (Brett) Hayner; eight great-grandchildren, Dane, Trey, Maxx Swanchara-Gregory, Lillian and Grace Hayner, Weston Benedict & Lena Swanchara, Ivan Mott; brothers, John (Jeanne) & William (Clarice) Swanchara; sister-in-law, Margaret Swanchara, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his son, Michael Alan Swanchara in 1986, his parents, and brothers, Edward in 2011, and Steve in 2016.

A Funeral Service was held at the funeral home on Wednesday, November 13, 2024. Burial will take place privately at Mt. Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in his name to Mid Michigan Old Gas Tractor Association or to

Ovid-Elsie Polka Palace WOES-FM, 91.3 FM

The family was served by the McGeehan Funeral Home.





Edward Jay "Ed" Sipka

Edward Jay "Ed" Sipka, age 70, of St. Johns, MI, passed away Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at Hazel I. Findlay Country Manor, St. Johns, MI.

Edward was born in Owosso, Michigan on February 5, 1954, the son of Andrew J. and Ruth Marie (Cook) Sipka. He graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School and lived in the Elsie area most of

Ed worked for Michigan Milk Producers Association for thirty years before retiring. He enjoyed hunting, trap shooting, bowling, and was a member of Ashley Sportsman's Club. He was a member of NRA, and an active computer user. He enjoyed traveling to Gatlinburg, TN. Ed had many friends at MMPA and in the Elsie area, and a special friend Cathy Rae Mead.

He is survived by his sisters: Christine Sipka and significant other Craig Humphreys, and Ruth and Jeff Smith; and one brother Andrew Sipka and significant other Donna Potter. He is also survived by many nieces and

nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his grandparents. Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI, on Friday, November 2024, with Pastor Steve Ezop officiating. Burial has taken place at Ford Cemetery, Elba Township, MI.

Online condolences may be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



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Pastor: Kendra Holcomb - Densmore

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Pastor Kendra Holcomb-Densmore Worship Service 9:00 a.m.

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The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com

Food Plots & Management = Success

The Weekly Sportsman' friend Adam Lawrence from Byron has been spending a lot of time traveling north almost every weekend in October to his family's 240 acre hunting camp located deep within the Manistee National Forest in Osceola County. Although owned by his family for over 100 years it has only been in the last ten years that his family implemented point restrictions and also started planting food plots within the last three years.



Adam Lawrence

Sometimes the reward for dedication and hard work takes many years and Adam was rewarded on Friday, November 1st at 6:50 p.m. with an opportunity at shooting a ten point. After watching a five point and two six points from his treestand in October along with a seven point earlier that day this massive buck, easily weighing over 200 pounds on the hoof, emerged from a cedar swamp and passed by at twenty yards. A fixed Muzzy broadhead delivered from his Mathews Mission bow found its mark. The buck ran in a curved route probably totaling three hundred yards and at some places never really leaving a blood trail. Adam's brother Jack and his wife Emily assisted with tracking efforts that lasted nearly an hour.

As mentioned earlier, Adam's family started point restriction on their private land with a minimum six point rule and then raised it to eight points about three years ago. At the same time of the increased required number of points they also began planting food plots. The first year with two different plots they broadcasted rape, rye, and turnips. Year two brought buckwheat and ladino clover with this year being just pure ladino clover. Adam has observed the food plots seem to hold not only more deer but also turkeys. The frequency of black bears has remained relatively constant as they focus on a very old apple tree. Future plans include mixing in some sugar beets and turnips for late winter feeding.

This buck is a clear example of what happens when hunters have patience and are willing to invest a little sweat equity into their hunting land.

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A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

There are days where I lack that extra bit of inspiration. It's not so lacking today but just a bit sporadic. Bit seems to be the key word. On Sunday I was smacked hard by the 'domestic bug'. I didn't even sleep in which is a usual occurrence for me, even if I only sleep in until shortly after seven. It is still a nice sleep-in. However the 'domestic bug' had me up and running at five. I cleaned my refrigerator and then switched my attention to my stove. I had already cleaned the oven. The drip pans were ugly because I had only wiped them out while canning. I had to attack the drip pans and plates with a great deal of steel wool and elbow grease. It was very pleasing to have everything back into spit spot shine. Of course I did manage to spill the stewed tomatoes on the surface in the afternoon while making chili. Fortunately it wiped up quickly, just so I could spill a bit I also got caught up on my dishes, pots, and pans, cleared my counters and scrubbed the kitchen sinks. I am no longer in a domestic mode.

Next on the agenda was to re-pot many of my house plants. I had been procrastinating but finally managed to address the mess. I have a gorgeous Hoya that just keeps flourishing even when I ignore it for weeks at a time. I must have used some amazingly good soil when I potted it about five years ago. I believe that mine is supposed to be a rare variety. It has waxy leaves and long runners. And yet is thrives well under my care or lack there of. It must be considered rare because it is a very giving plant and not as demanding as some of my succulents. I'm still in awe of the Christmas Cacti that Therese gave me, they are all blossoming now so I am waiting to re-pot them. I think that I have mentioned the round cornered oak tov box that I found at the thrift store. Someone had replaced the rope handles before I got it and the lid is missing, but it makes a wonderful plant stand/book case that now sits in front of the slider.

After seeing it, my friend, Sandy offered to make me a matching oak cover so that I could use it for storage. I do believe that I will be pleased with a new hinged cover, the toy box is very appealing to me. Sandy and I used to be supervisors I've always known her to be handy with tools and she is... seems to have had a 'face lift'. My sinks even seem to be deep- Shiawassee, Gratiot and Saginaw Counties. er, I know that sounds silly but... Did I mention that the faucets had been in place since the turn of the this century? They really did need replacement since I couldn't move the spout from left

to right anymore. The old one was stainless but the hard water had done a number on it. Sandy told me that if I soaked it in a vinegar mixture and replaced the seals that all would be right

After the faucets were replace, Sandy continued to spoil me with kindness. I had to walk the yard to show her where to plant the numerous shrubs that had come from her home on the south side of Lansing. I also have a slew of blackberry bushes that have been planted. I did get to send a cooler filled with venison plus a six pound hand grown chicken, some bacon, pork chops and a nice porter house steak home with her. I had to alleviate the over flow from my upright freezer. My venison was ready for pick up and space was a problem...more like lack thereof. Sandy wouldn't take any gas money but she was willing to help me with the overflow problem. Did I mention that she also bought a bunch of toddler toys in the back of her pick up for my great grandchildren? I have been blessed with kind friends. Life is good even when I manage to let my focus slip which can cause a few bruises.

I don't always mention everything that happens in my life because it might infringe upon the privacy of others. This past week was one of those times and it was an emotional event, that was shared with family and friends. In many ways it was another one of those blessings. I do hope that God blesses you and that you are aware of them both big and small.

Crystal Mitchell@2024

Thank You for Your Support

Letter to the Editor:

I appreciate the encouragement I received running for OE school board. Knowing this community cares about our kids, I am optimistic about the future of our school. There are many great things happening in our school, facilitated by people who love what they do. We should all ask ourselves in what way can we make a positive difference for our kids. We are all in this

Charlie Green

Correction on Voting Numbers

The vote totals reported in the Meridian Weekly on Sunday, November 10th for the Ovid-Elsie School Board were incorat the Centrifuge Foundry at Motor Wheel back in the nineties. rect. The correct totals are as follows: Becky Williams, 2,355, Dr. Huff, 2,330, Sue Kadlek, 2,132, Charlie Green, 1,975 and Anywho, she replaced my kitchen faucets and now the area Eric Jones, 1,542. These totals represent results from Clinton,



The Mural is Finished: A project which began its planning stage in September of 2023 by committee members Janell Keebler, Mary Thompson, Becky Williams and Holly Hibbard. The group sought donations from businesses, organizations, family & friends, and, as a result the Mural located on the Corner Carousel Building on the corner of Main & Clinton streets is finished. Artist, Tracie Davis, of St Johns worked with the committee to establish a History Wall Mural. It is a beautiful sight, be sure and take a good look.

Ovid Lions Club Halloween Party Costume Winners

The Ovid Lions Club would like to thank all those that attended our annual Halloween Party! We had such a FUN night seeing all the families before they headed out to trick or treat around town. Thank you so much to our amazing volunteers Karen, Mary, Hailie, Maddie, Renae, Jennifer, Kyle, Connie, Patti, Doc, Art, Bill, Ovid Police Chief Rousseau and Officer Watson. Thank you also to our judges Marie, Denise and Aaron, who had the hardest job as there were some wonderful costumes.

We appreciated the City of Ovid working with us so we could have the party before trick or treating began. We received a lot of positive feedback with the time change and look to continue it in the future, while we also keep learning and tweaking the costume judging categories.

Congratulations to our costume contest winners



Pre-Kindergarten

1st Place - Shiloh McClelland (witch) 2nd Place - Oliver Poiprooyakkers (porcupine)

3rd Place – William Horsley (lion)



Pictured above were the attendees. (Front Row) Robb Maynard, Connie (Mole) Root, Agnes (Remenar) Smith, Mary (Tillotson) Porubsky and Lora (Walker) Furstenau. (Back Row) Tom Buck, Gary Hawks, Sue (Clark) Bakita, Elaine (Fabus) Kachar, Alvina (Slamka) Fabus, Carolyn (Vlcek) Thornton, Linda (Winans) Hozak. Classmate, Sue (Krause) Detloff was missing from photo.

The Elsie Class of 1959 held its 65th class reunion last month at Main Street Cafe in St Johns. The names of deceased classmates was read. Donations were decided to Elsie Public Library, Food & Baby Pantry and St Vincent's.

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade 1st Place – Elijah Bryant

(scarecrow) 2nd Place – Amelia Gasche (witch)

3rd Place - Charley Call (nurse)





3rd – 5th Grade

1st Place – Dominic Williams (WWE wrestler) 2nd Place – Ellie Hier, Addison and Aubree Krueger (aliens) 3rd Place – James Kebler (Stanley)







9th-12th

1st Place – Xavier Moffit (Minion) 2nd Place – Zachary Zimmerman (1980s teen) 3rd Place - Jacoby and Journie (Teen Mom)



Questions Contact: Amanda (989) 304-1574 or Jason (989) 621-7194

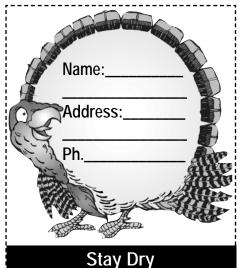


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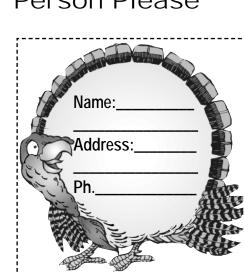
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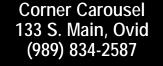
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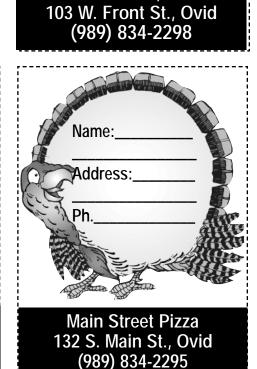
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- Sign up for the drawing at the store listed in the entry blanks throughout today's paper, for your chance at a 8-12 lb. Our Family Turkey.
- Enter Monday, November 18 through closing time Saturday, November 23, 2024.
- Simply fill out and clip the entry form from the paper, and drop it in the entry box at the business listed in the entry form.
- One winner per store will be drawn, and will be notified on Monday, November 25th just in time for Thanksgiving!
- Winners will receive a certificate for a free 8-12 lb. Turkey redeemable at Village Food Pride in Ovid or Sage Market in Laingsburg
- Certificates may be redeemed through December 31, 2024.
- You must be 18 years or older to enter. One entry per person.
- Winning names will be published in the Sunday, Dec. 1, 2024 edition of *The Weekly*.
- As always, we remind you to please support the merchants who make the drawings possible.

One Entry Per Person Please







Dr. Hoffman, DDS



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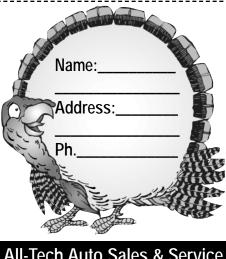


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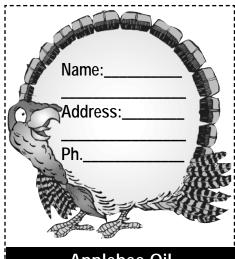
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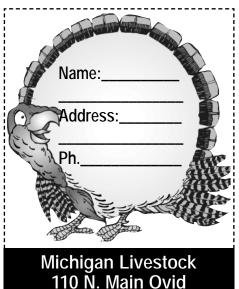


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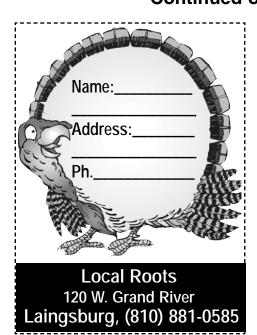
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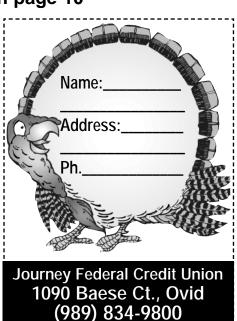
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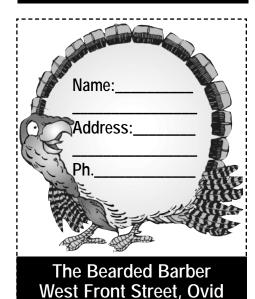


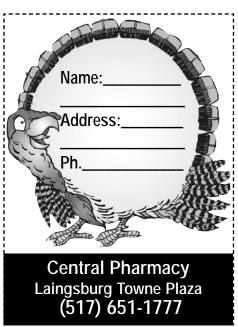
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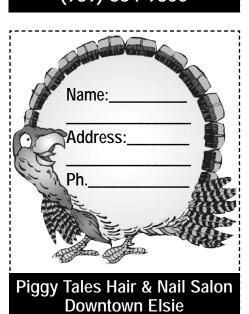




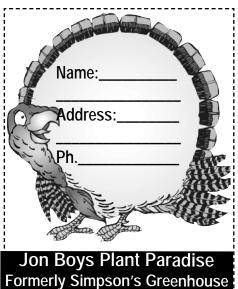




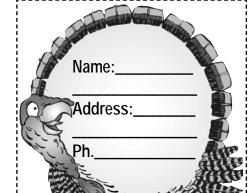




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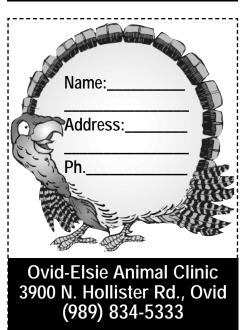
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BetterLife Bannister ZCBJ Events



Members of BetterLife Bannister Mi met at the Bannister Veterans' Memorial to lay a new wreath in honor all who have served in our country's armed forces and to pray for the safety of those currently serving. Many thanks to Sally Stoll for making a new wreath each year.

Diane Korienek, Ruth Malek, Ed Fornusek, Sally Stoll, Joe Smolka, Kendra Malek, Bob Ladiski and Teresa Ladiski.



At our November meeting we presented toys and cash donations totaling almost \$1700 to representatives of Midland, Gladwin and Gratiot County Toys for Tots. Gratiot County is planning to serve 3000 children this Christmas season

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The Laingsburg Mom and Pop Turkey Drop

submitted by Ronda Liskey

The 3rd Annual Laingsburg Mom and Pop Turkey Drop is scheduled for Saturday, November 23rd, beginning at 11a.m., and continuing while supplies last. This year the Local Roots Cannabis Group, and Redemption Cannabis have teamed up with Wholesome Grounds Coffee Shop, Owner Jessica Metzgar, to organize the turkey giveaway! The giveaway will be staged in the parking lot in front of Wholesome Grounds, at 750 E. Grand River, Suite 3.

100 turkeys will be given away and there will also be some additional sides. Many other area small Mom and Pop businesses have contributed and collaborated with cash and food contributions, to make this event possible: The Laingsburg Lions Club!, Reform Wellness Pilates!, The Clothesline!, Laingsburg Recyclers!, Ayven Grace!, DG Hair Salon!, Tammy's Bakery!, Twilligers Tavern!, Dairy Den!, Town and Country Plumbing and Heating!, Sage Market!, Wirostek Electric!, DDB Dumpsters!, Elevate Real Estate Team!, Spirit Expressions Studio of Dance!, Tank's Tavern!, and Frank McGillis with Remax! A huge thank you goes out to all of them for their gracious community support! Also, thank you to the many volunteers who will help hand out the turkeys on the 23rd!



Roy Liskey. Co-owner of local roots helping with turkey give-a-way last year

For those in need at Thanksgiving who don't want to cook, but would just like to join the community for a prepared delicious turkey dinner with all the trim, the

Lions Club will be hosting their Annual Turkey Day Dinner at the American Legion Hall, 1-3pm You may attend for a sit down dinner, or take out is also an option. This year the Greater Laingsburg Recyclers will be assisting with the dinner to make it a zero waste, environmentally friendly affair! They will be utilizing the services of Hammond Farms of Dimondale, and the MI Green Group to use all compostable paper goods, and get everything composted after the event! Our community is blessed to have this group of planet savers involved!!

"There is nothing more gratifying than to be able to provide help to those in need in our community, especially during the Holidays", said Roy Liskey, of Local Roots, and Jessica Metzgar

of Wholesome Grounds. "We are honored to be in a position to assist!"

The Ovid City Council has a Trustee position open. A Council Trustee must be a registered voter of the city and have been a resident of the city for at least one year.

NOTICE

TO OVID CITY RESIDENTS

Interested persons should respond in writing their interest in becoming a Council Trustee member for the City no later than 4:00 pm on November 27, 2024 to the city office. Letters of interested can be dropped off at City Hall; mailed to PO Box 138, Ovid, MI 48866 or emailed to clerk@ovidmi.org with Council Trustee Position in the subject line. There will be a Special City Council Meeting held on December 4th 2024 at 7:00 to appoint the new trustee, please be available to attend the meeting.

Questions should be directed to the City Clerk at 989-834-5550 ext. 4.

Susan Tomasek Swan, Clerk City of Ovid

CITY OF OVID RECREATION PLAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Ovid City Council shall conduct a public hearing for the City of Ovid Recreation Plan on December 9, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the City of Ovid Municipal Building at 114 E. Front St., Ovid, MI 48866, for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed draft of the City of Ovid Parks and Recreation Plan.

The Plan evaluates existing recreation opportunities, reviews public input regarding recreation, establishes recreational goals, and proposes a five-year schedule of improvements and other related items that each jurisdiction wishes to pursue. A PDF copy of the Plan is available for review online https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:f29d2535-1e57-4171-a535-62f12b835e9a, or in person at the Ovid Public Library, 206 N. Main St., Ovid, MI 48866 & Ovid City Hall, 114 E. Front St., Ovid, MI 48866 during regular office hours.

If you are interested in submitting comments regarding the Draft Plan, please send comments to Eric Starn, Ovid City Councilmember, at eric.starn@ovid-mi.org, or by phone at (989) 834-5550. All comments, written and oral, will be noted for the record.

DeVries Reindeer 5K

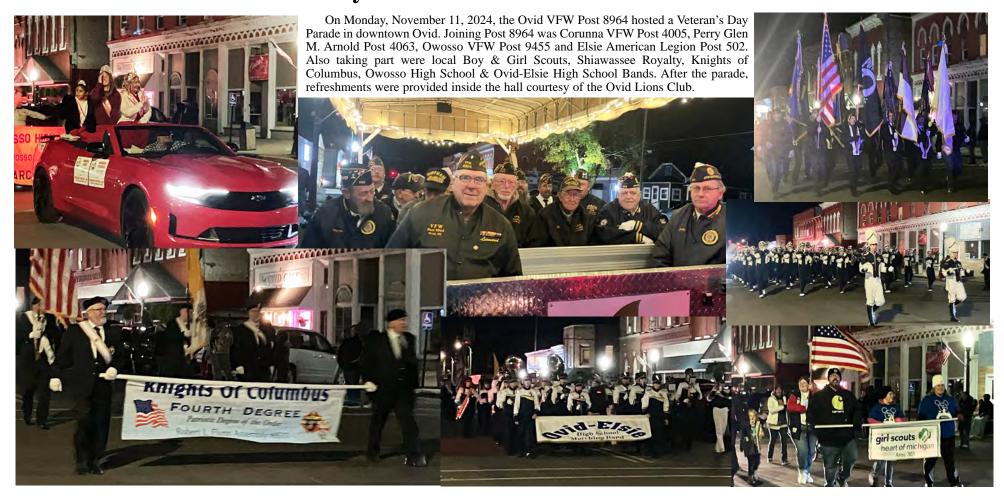
submitted by Jessica Hickey

DeVries Conservancy is hosting its first ever Reindeer 5k on Saturday, December 7, 2024 at 10am in Owosso! This winter fun run/walk is on hard-packed groomed, trails—a beautiful course for beginners and seasoned runners alike. Running shoes are suitable for the terrain. Festive dress is encouraged, and dogs on leash are welcome. Participants will receive a long-sleeved race shirt, and awards will be given for the top three racers in each age category. The cost to register is \$35 until Nov. 17; \$40 until Dec. 1; and \$45 until Dec. 7.
This race will be profes-

This race will be professionally timed by Michigan Running Foundation and is sponsored by Success Group Mortgage & Servicing, Dan Williams & Diane Cutler, Viron, Central Michigan Industries, Carl & Sue Ludington, Jacobs Insurance, Kori Shook & Associates, and Azee Branding Solutions.

Register at www.run-signup.com/devriesreindeer5k or call (989) 723-3365 for more information. DeVries is located at 2635 N. M-52 in Owosso.

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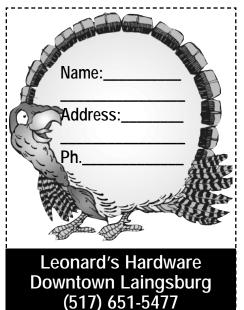


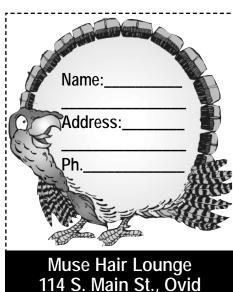


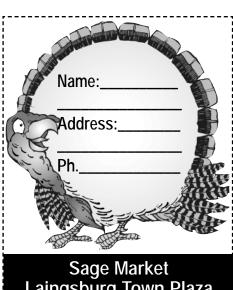
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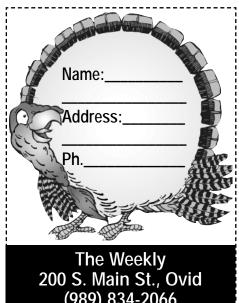


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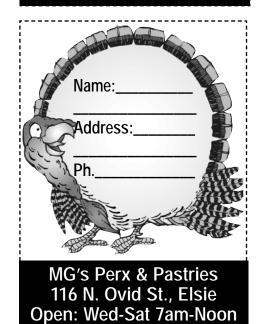


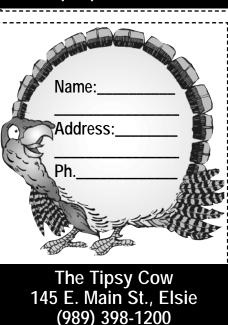




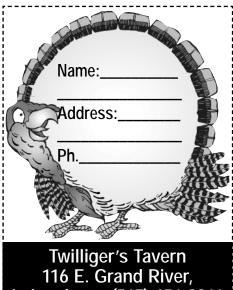
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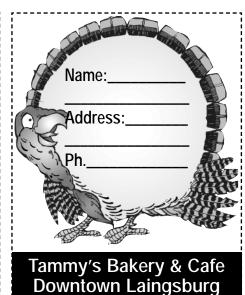
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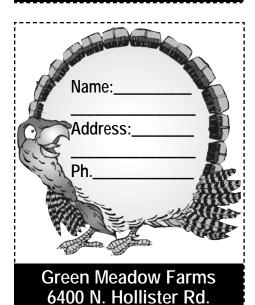
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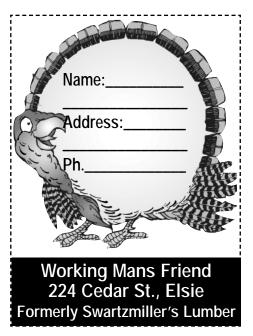


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- Sign up for the drawing at the store listed in the entry blanks throughout today's paper, for your chance at a 8-12 lb. Our Family Turkey.
- Enter Monday, November 18 through closing time Saturday, November 23, 2024.
- Simply fill out and clip the entry form from the paper, and drop it in the entry box at the business listed in the entry form.
- One winner per store will be drawn, and will be notified on Monday, November 25th just in time for Thanksgiving!
- Winners will receive a certificate for a free 8-12 lb. Turkey redeemable at Village Food Pride in Ovid or Sage Market in Laingsburg
- Certificates may be redeemed through December 31, 2024.
- You must be 18 years or older to enter. One entry per person.
- Winning names will be published in the Sunday, Dec. 1, 2024 edition of *The Weekly*.
- As always, we remind you to please support the merchants who make the drawings possible.

Sports

Wolfpack Boys Squad Puts Finishing Touches on Fine 2024 Soccer Season

LAINGSBURG -- The Wolfpack boys soccer team put the finishing touches on a solid, 8-6-5 campaign at their annual Awards Banquet recently at LHS.

Awards Banquet recently at LHS.

The Wolves advanced to the MHSAA District Finals with some solid post-season play, before eventually falling to Flint Powers Catholic.

Individual all-conference awards went to:

- -- 1st Team All-Conference Andre VanElls
- -- 2nd Team All-Conference senior Lucas Shastal and junior Kaleb Salas
- -- Honorable Mention All-Conference seniors Mitchell George, Marlon Graham, Alex Myers, Andrew Park, Hudson Yates, Alex Grandy and junior Keaton Dietz.

In addition, in the classroom the Wolves were feted with the following All-Academic honorees: Mitchell George, Alex Grandy, Dylan Hoard, Andrew Park, Lucas Shastal, Andre Van Ells, Marlon Graham and Hudson Yates.

Team awards handed out by the 2024 Wolfpack went to:

- -- MVP Andre VanElls
- -- Most Improved Player Evan LeFevre
- -- Wolfpack Award Andrew Park
- -- Best Defensive Player Mitchell George
- -- Best Mid-Fielder Andre Van Ells
- -- Best Playmaker Hudson Yates
- -- Best Offensive Player Kaleb Salas
- -- Freshman Impact Award Caiden Nidefski.

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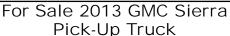
Ovid-Elsie Cross County athletics earning first team all-conference honors for the boys were Clay Powell (Ovid-Elsie) and James Kelly (Ovid-Elsie).

Earning second team all-conference honors was Joshua Miller (Ovid-Elsie).

Earning honorable mention was Travis Wright (Ovid-Elsie) Earning first team all-conference honors for the girls were Clarissa Baese (Ovid-Elsie), Kendal Tokar (Ovid-Elsie).

Earning second team all-conference honors were Madalynn Bushard (Ovid-Elsie) and Piper White (Ovid-Elsie). Earning honorable mention were Ava Juhas (Ovid-Elsie),

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GRIDIRON GURUS GOING INTO NOVEMBER 24 WEEKEND

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PIZZA -- Mary Christensen
SUB SANDWICH -- Jack Nutter
BREADSTICKS -- Nancy Christensen



GURUS
by Tom Turek
sports@meridianweekly.com

GRIDIRON

Mary Christensen fashioned an outstanding 11-1 record over a very tough weekend slate to outdistance the result of the field in the November 10 edition of the Gurus.

Mary takes home a delicious pizza, nipping our two runner-up finishers by a single game. Jack Nutter and Nancy Christensen each went 10-2, with Big Jack earning a yummy sub sandwich by coming closest in the tie-breaker. Nancy earns third prize in a stellar week, cashing in on some saucy breadsticks.

Thank you to our sponsors! Please support them ...

Wolfie faltered once again in our staff competition but is still hanging in there with a soild .683 winning percentage. Jared Campbell has overtaken him in the last two weeks, but only by 4/100th of a percentage point. We're in the home stretch folks!

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.

It's simple, fast, easy to play and FREE. For those who play every week, there will be a winner's prize fund to be disbursed at the end of the season for whoever ends up picking the highest total of winners.

First place - \$100; second place - \$60 and third place - \$40. Just pick your winners and make a check mark to the right of their name on the entry blank below. No worry about Las Vegas point spreads, just pick who you think will win the game outright.

MOST IMPORTANT: make sure your entry gets to The Weekly before each Thursday at 4pm.

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.

We express our gratitude to our gracious sponsors, Main Street Pizza in Ovid and Twilliger's Tavern in Laingsburg. All winners can pick-up their coupons at The Weekly.

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



Form must be at The Weekly office no later than Thursday, November 21st at 4pm

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| Louisville | LOUISVILLE STANFORD | Louisville |
| Lions | LIONS COLTS | Lions |
| Seahawks | CARDINALS SEAHAWKS | Cardinals |
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Sports

Thrilling, Yet Marred Contest, Ends Ovid-Elsie's Season in District Final; Marauders Fall to Lansing Catholic, 31-28

LANSING -- Football fans ask for a lot. When their team reaches these pivotal, big-game settings -- they want everything to be perfect.

Ovid-Elsie nearly got its wish at Lansing Catholic Central on November 8. The air was cool and crisp, the wind still; perfect football weather. For much of the game, both teams moved the ball well and came up with several, long yardage big plays.

In the end, though, Ovid-Elsie's 31-28 loss in the MHSAA District Final was marred. Doomed by their propensity for turnovers in big moments. And Lansing Catholic wouldn't be pleased that their defense faltered in the second half.

Too, regrettably, the officials even dropped the ball with some very questionable calls in the fourth quarter, particularly on a phantom pass interference call on the Marauders in the closing

No. The game which vaulted the LCC Cougars further into the MHSAA post-season was anything but perfect.

'Though our team battled to the very end we committed too many mistakes to overcome a good LCC team," said veteran O-E coach Travis Long following the contest. "Tryce Tokar was phenomenal on both sides of the ball."

The Cougars were quick and fast, and wasted no time showing off that skill set. QB Alex Fernandez -- whom the Marauders faced in 2023 during their District Final victory -- lofted a 38-7ard beauty to Xavier Luea streaking down the right sideline. Left-footed kicker Braden Rabideau poked through the PAT for a quick 7-0 lead at the 9:09 mark on quarter one.

Still in the first quarter, the Cougars drove down the field again, using short passes, darting runs and their speed to move to the O-E one yard line. From there, the 6'3", 220 LB. Fernandez bulled in for the touchdown and Rabideau's kick made it 14-zip.

Both offenses were able to move the ball. O-E finally broke the ice at 7:03 of the 2nd quarter

Tokar punched in his second rushing TD from 6 yards, and Campbell's PAT made it 28-14 at the break.

halftime, After the dominated Marauders the action.

The bullish O-E defense figured out Fernandez and limited the hosts to just 3 points over the final two quarters -- a 24yard field goal by Rabideau to start the 4th quarter. In between, Tokar had the Marauder offense cooking, especially through the

Tokar found Ben Wildes from 23 yards away for the score.

#41 Javen Belill had 10 tackles against LCC #20 Tryce At 6:42 of the 3rd period, Tokar made 12 tackles and one for a loss.

Photo by Michelle Ladiski

Then came the questionable

interference call that gave the

hosts an automatic first down.

Two plays later, the Cougars

fumbled the pigskin -- but the

runner was ruled down by con-

Campbell booted her third PAT and O-E whittled the deficit to 28-21.

Down 31-21, Tokar shocked the Cougar defense again with a 43-yard TD strike to Javen Belill with plenty of time left in the contest: 10 minutes and 16 seconds. Campbell added the final point of the evening, making it 31-28.

Desperately trying to get the ball back with a little over 4:00 remaining, the Marauders had Catholic in a 3rd-and-long bind.

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when Tryce Tokar sprinted in from 40 yards out. Dannika Campbell booted the PAT, getting the Marauders within 14-7.

Fernandez was true again to Luea on the Cougars next drive, this time on a 23-yard connection. With 3:16 before halftime Rabideau kicked the PAT for a 28-7 LCC bulge.

Wisely using the clock and their timeouts, Long's O-E charges marched down the pitch to score with just :13 seconds left before intermission.



An offensive Ovid-Elsie player with a carry downfield Photo by Michelle Ladiski





Said Long, "It was a great season for the Marauders, that is a tribute to the hard work and dedication that the players and coaches put into the off-sea-Both QBs led their respective teams in rushing: Tokar

with 17 carries for 193 yards, Fernandez 30 touts for 131. Clayton Fruchey added 70 yards on the ground for O-E, and Brock Spitzley one carry for 5 yards.

Tokar struck for 11 yards through the air on 7-of-11 accuracy. Belill had two grabs for 54 yards, Wildes one for 23, Spitzley one for 16, Tucker Loynes 2 for 14 and Owen Long one for four yards.

Defensive leaders for the Marauders were Tokar with 12 tackles and a tackle for loss; Belill 10 tackles; Jake Bowen 6 tackles, 1 sack, 1 TFL; Wildes 5 tackles, 1 sack; Owen Long 5 tackles; and Michael Bancroft 4 tackles, 1 tackle for

Coach Long concluded an outstanding, 8-3 season like this: "This senior group was very special. Their relentless effort, competitive excellence, and power of unity has added another block on the foundation of our culture that will help maintain continued success for the Marauder football program. We love these guys!"

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Ovid-Elsie Youth Football 2024 Season a Success

Every week since the beginning of August, 139 players met to learn and practice tackle football in all kinds of weather. Games against area teams started after Labor Day and concluded on October 19th. The 8th grade team finished a triumphant season with 5 wins and 2 losses. Good luck to all players moving on to high school football! The 7th grade team fought their way through with 1 win, 5 losses and 1 tie. The 6th grade team had an excellent, undefeated season with all 7 wins. The 5th grade team powered through the year with 5 wins and 2 losses. The

3rd/4th Gold team battled their way with 4 wins and 2 losses, and the 3rd/4th Blue team took on some tough teams to earn 2 wins but 5 losses this season.

Thank you to all players, coaches, volunteers and families that helped make this year's season great!

*Team photos courtesy of Canfield Jenkins House of Photography



3rd/4th Gold Team: Bentley Adams, Carter Burns, Gage Coleman, Kashton Dalton, Brayven Dalton, Amarii Davis, Marco Enrriquez-Lopez, Payton Gruber, Collin Hammond, Jase Hehrer, Seth Lintemuth, Jackson Lintemuth, Christian Lukas, Ryan Newman, Dugan Passmore, Logan Polash, Elijah Pontack, Kolten Potter, Brooks Rasch, James Salava, Levi Stone, Jackson Wilk, Mason Wilk, Dominic Williams. Coaches: Eric Rasch, Rob Stone, DJ Hammond, Perrien Rasch, Levi Winans, Justin Potter. Team Coordinators: Heather Williams & Dakota Winans



6th grade Team: Bryson Bouwens, Will Brooke, Easton Connelly, Brennen Coon, Caleb Emelander, TJ Evans, Lucas Harden, Jackson Kolp, Brantley Nethaway, Dominic Nethaway, Chase Perrien, Landon Pontack, Roger Rutledge, Camrin Strachota, Blake Strachota, Abel Watson, Josh Williams, Grant Wooley, Coaches: Rob Harden, Chad Pontack, Team Coordinator: Korie Strachota



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8th grade Team: William Baese, Toby Brown, Christian Chapko, Emma Collins, Cade Fabus, Eyan Fabus, Bryce Fabus, Jaydon Ford, Todd Fox, Joseph Kozlowski, Dallas Kusnier, Brady Latz, Kaden Levey, Gabe Lohr, Caleb Long, River Minarik, Trey Palatka, Kane Pupava, Thayden Raish, Levi Stewart, Logan Strachota, Nick Topping, Eli Willbanks. Coaches: Brian Topping, Jake Stewart, Ben Kozlowski, Rodney Palatka. Team Coordinator: Katie Topping

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Foreclosing Assignee (if any): loanDepot.com, LLC Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Five and 44/100 Dollars (\$134,275.44) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clinton Count and described as: LOT 8, EXCEPT THE WEST 4 RODS THEREOF; BLOCK 2 HURD AND SICKLES SUBDIVISION OF OUTLOT G AND H, CITY OF ST. JOHNS, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ACCORD-ING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF IN LIBER 34, PAGE 233, CLINTON COUNTY RECORDS. Commonly known as 1010 S Church St, Saint Johns, MI 48879 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600 3241a in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above refer-

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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

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).

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Cynthia

Original Mortgagee: First Heritage

Financial LLC Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None Date of Mortgage: January 22, 2021 Date of Mortgage Recording: February

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$77,638,04

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Bath, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 28, Culver's Plat No. 1, Bath Township, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 4 of Clinton County Records.

Common street address (if any): 15827 Culver Dr, East Lansing, MI 48823-

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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MORTGAGE SALE - Pursuant to the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, made by Jeremiah Reno, married man, Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) as ninee for Cason Home Loans Mortgagee, dated the 29th day of March, 2022 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Clinton and State of Michigan, on the 1st day of April, 2022 in Inst# 5323550 said Mortgage having been assigned to Servbank, SB on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Seventy-Four and 55/100 (\$126,074.55). 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 Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM o'clock Local Time on the 4th day of December, 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. The bid may include interest thereon at 4.75000 per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Village of Maple Rapids, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: LOT 1, BLOCK 13, VILLAGE OF MAPLE RAPIDS, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 42 OF PLATS, PAGE 41 Commonly known as 209 W ADE-LAIDE ST., MAPLE RAPIDS, MI 48853 During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is deter-mined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed 30 days after the foreclo-sure sale or when the time to provide the notice required by the statute Commonly known as 209 W ADEthe notice required by the statute expires, whichever is later. Pursuant to MCLA 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclo-sure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney Attention home-owner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, of 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. Dated: 11/03/2024 Servbank, SB Mortgagee HLADIK, ONORATO & FEDER-MAN, LLP Athena Aitas (P61824) Attorney for Servicer 3290 West Big Beaver Road, Suite 117 Troy, MI 48084 (248)362-2600 AFB FARM

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