



The Village of Elsie Kicked Off the Christmas Season

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The Village of Elsie welcomed in the Christmas season with the entrance of Santa Claus, Saturday, December 7. The State of Michigan has the State Christmas Tree however, the Village of Elsie has the iconic bovine, and what better way to celebrate the season than to “glitz him up.” The lighting and arrival of Santa was followed by photo opportunities, hot chocolate and goodies.

Grid Iron Guru Contest Winner Announcement Delayed

Due to computer issues last week, the announcement of the contest winner will be delayed until next Sunday, December. 22nd. Stay tuned for the results.

Ovid-Elsie School Board Tables Extension of Interim Superintendent Contract

by Deb Price

On Wednesday, December 11th, the OE School Board held a special meeting in the Information Center at the high school. The agenda for the meeting included two items as to the purpose of the meeting, 1. Ovid-Elsie Business Office Services and 2. Superintendent Search. The full board was present along with a large crowd of community.

At the November monthly meeting of the board, a presentation was made by board secretary, Brooke Wooley, asking the board to move forward with utilizing MASB’s (Michigan Association of School Boards) executive search services to assist in the search for a new superintendent to replace interim superintendent, Dr. Wayne Petroelje. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to move forward with MASB, that motion failed on a 3-3 vote.

During the reports portion on the agenda, three members of Administration, Principal, Jason Tokar, Technology, Dan Davenport and Transportation, Carla Perrien all spoke in favor of extending the contract with interim superintendent, Dr. Wayne Petroelje. During public comment, others addressed the board, including the two newly elected board members, that will be seated in January, Sue Kadlek and Becky Williams, along with community members, Sam Frink, Jeff Houska and President of the Teachers Union, Brian Wertz. They all spoke in favor of moving forward with the search with the assistance of the MASB search services.

Next, Dr. Petroelje spoke about the need for the district to hire a Business Manager. Currently the major accounting services for the district are hired out thru Clinton County RESA. He gave a presentation about the importance of hiring a person who is qualified and has a profound understanding of all aspects of accounting. The district has 200 employees either on salary or paid hourly. It was his opinion that the district should put their efforts first in finding that person. He also said he would be willing to stay on longer to help. But he emphasized that decision would be up to the board.

Additionally, Petroelje went on the say, “When I came here in 1992, as your Superintendent, you were broke. When I left in 2010 there was a fund balance.” He went on to say that in the 2022-2023 school year the district ended up 1.2 million in the red, with no explanation given as to why, I wonder if it had something to do with the turf. He then stated that at the end of this 2024-2025 the district will be \$900.00 in the black.

After the superintendents bullet point presentation, Mr. Schiffer made a motion to extend the contract of Dr. Petroelje, Dr. Huff seconded the motion. A lengthy discussion followed from board members. Opinions were given in favor of and in opposition to the contract extension. Legitimate points were made during the discussion by all who were seated at the table. One point that stood out to me was when Brook Wooley stated that in her opinion the board should wait until the newly elected board members are seated in January to make the decision. Suddenly, board member Kevin Nash made a motion to lay it on the table the superintendent contract discussion and board president, Eric Jones called for a vote. Here’s how the board voted: Mary Thompson, yes, Mike Schiffer, no, Brooke Wooley, yes, Josh Miller, yes, Kevin Nash, yes, Dr. Huff, no and Eric Jones, no. The motion to table the discussion was approved 4-3.

The next regular meeting of the OE School Board is Monday, December 16th at 6:30pm in the high school Information Center.

Elsie Village Council Swears in New Village President

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Elsie Village Council was held Tuesday, December 10, 2024. Officials took formal action to adopt the Brownfield Plan and to address Elsie Area Fire Association matters.

Officials briefly discussed the Brownfield Plan followed by adoption of the plan. Adoption of the plan allows the Elsie Junior High development project to move forward. Mr. Ken Harris, developer, was present to address questions.

A letter of resignation was presented by Sam Frink, trustee, on behalf of Thomas Frink, village president. It was noted that this was not an easy decision or taken lightly. Officials accepted the resignation with extreme regrets and a heavy heart. In addition, Thomas Frink recommended that Jason Freeman be appointed as the Elsie Village President, the recommendation was approved.

Next, Destinee Bryce, village manager, took action to swear in village trustees Mark Helt and Joe Ondrusek, and Jason Freeman as village president. It should be noted that Joe Ondrusek was appointed to fill the position vacated by Jason Freeman.



Jason Freeman is sworn in as Elsie Village President by Destinee Bryce, Village Manager during December 10th Elsie Council Meeting.

Related action was the filling of committee vacancies: Park and Recreation/Cemetery: Mark Helt, Dorothy Ornelas and Kory Witt; Budget: Dorothy Ornelas, Sam Frink and Joe Ondrusek; Street Administrator Joe Ondrusek; Fire Board, Todd Carroll; CAAS; Kory Witt. Personnel Committee: Kory Witt, Todd Carroll and Sam Frink. All committee appointments are effective immediately.

Officials took action to change the date of the January 2025 meeting from Tuesday, January 14 to Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 6:30 pm, Duplain Township Hall, 145 W, Mains Street, Elsie. The reason for the change is scheduling conflicts noting that the attorney will be present for the meeting.

Chief Bryce presented the monthly Elsie Police Department report. During the month of November complaints decreased, the department responded to 47 calls. Activities included 6 traffic stops, traffic enforcement specifically near bus stops and school zones, civil disputes, one stolen vehicle, and one PDA traffic crash. In addition, MCOLES CPE training hours have been fulfilled by all officers of the Elsie Police Department. Finally, code enforcement letters were sent to specific nuisance properties, three of the four have complied with one citation.

Next, Bryce updated officials on the village managers activities. Improvements have been made to the accounting system in preparation for the February 17, 2025 transition to BS&A in the Cloud. The transition to BS & A for the payroll portion will take place at a later date, possibly April and May of 2025. The village financial audit will soon be completed. In addition,

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Social

2025 Winter Euchre League

The American Legion Post 248 in Laingsburg will be holding their Winter Euchre League starting on January 8, 2025. It will be on Wednesday nights.

The cost is \$45 plus 25 cents on all sets.

Call George Gavenda (517) 290-4292 or Brad Schlicher (517) 420-4753 with any questions.



Elsie Historical Society Christmas Gathering

submitted by Lyla Brush

On Wednesday, December 18th the Elsie Historical Society will hold a Christmas gathering at 145 West Main St., Elsie, located adjacent to the public library on the East side.

The Elsie Historical Room will be closed January, February and March. Appointments may be made during these months to visit by calling 989-572-6575 or 989-862-5846.

We look forward to seeing you in the spring on April 2, 2025 open 2-5p.m.



Longest Night Worship Service

submitted by Sue Casler

The United Church of Ovid, 131 W. Front St., Ovid will be holding the Longest Night Worship Service on Saturday, December 21, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

The holiday season can be tough. It is a time where many people intrinsically think of Joy and happiness abounding from all people everywhere. But that's not everyone's experience. Whether you have lost someone, struggle in the long, dark winter, or feel overwhelmed by the stress of the season, we invite you to take a break, and join us for a service rooted in the blues that sometimes come at Christmastime. A service of reflection, song, and scripture that holds a space for everyone to be a little blue on the longest night of the year.

For more information about The United Church of Ovid, please feel free to call 989-834-5958.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

submitted by Sue Casler

The United Church of Ovid, 131 W. Front St., Ovid will be holding a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Tuesday, December 24, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Picture this...candles everywhere...carols singing... special music...a meaningful time with family and friends. There's nothing like this special night. There is no other day like it on our calendar. Join our candle-lighters, musicians, and our pastor as they guide us through this awesome "real" candlelight experience. (Battery operated candles are also available.) Every year we look forward to inviting our extended friends and family, to this genuinely meaningful service for kids of all ages.

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Laingsburg Public Library News

submitted by Sara Danford

From now until December 23rd, when children check out their books they will receive a free stuffed animal to take home and read to.* Parents, please send a selfie of said child(ren) reading to their stuffy so we can show others how fun it is to read! Simply connect with us on Facebook or mail in a photo to PO Box 280, Laingsburg, MI 48848. This is all possible in thanks to a donation of 100 stuffies from PetSmart of Okemos. Photo not necessary for receiving stuffy. *while supplies last

Also until December 23rd, stop on in to the Laingsburg Public Library and sign up for one of our Book Clubs. Order your book at this time. The first book choice is Wicked. Two adult options are:

- Every other week starting Wednesday, January 8, 2025 @ 9AM, held at Wholesome Grounds in Laingsburg.
- Every other week starting Monday, January 6th, 2025 at 6PM. Location TBD.

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Holiday Light Displays

There are two nice Holiday Light displays in Elsie, the home of Ed Daggett at 3658 E. Maple Rapids Road and Harry & Jill Huntoon, 8550 N. St Clair. Load up the family and take a drive and discover the sights of Christmas. Pictures will appear in the Weekly next week.

Elsie American Legion Post 502 Membership 2025

submitted by Brian Valentine

Attention all Elsie American Legion Post 502 members. If you have not renewed your 2025 membership, please do so as soon as possible. If you are in need of assistance in paying your 2025 membership, Call Commander Valentine at 989-307-9856 or email at elsiepostcommander@gmail.com

Elsie Area Food Pantry Offers Home Delivery With Door Dash

submitted by Toni Ornelas

The Elsie Area Food Pantry in partnership with the Greater Lansing Food Bank has entered into a new program that can deliver food to qualifying applicants. Greater Lansing Food Bank is proud to provide safe, convenient delivery of food to Mid-Michigan communities. A participant can have a box of food delivered to their home once a month and do not need to be home to receive it. As the need grows, the food pantry can evaluate the need to expand the service.

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the forensic audit is nearing completion.

The business office is working with the Shoemaker Group to improve and update the website.

Next, officials took action to adopt a resolution to finalize and report the uses of the American Rescue Funds. A report will be submitted to the Michigan Treasury to meet reporting mandates.

Jason Freeman, village president updated officials on the Elsie Area Fire Association matters. An email was received from the EAFA secretary, officials addressed communication line-by-line and then provided a group response. First, clarification of the chain of command regarding the department and the Village of Elsie. It starts with the village president, followed by the village representative. The last meeting of the EAFA got heated, and a dollar amount could not be provided regarding an annual contribution from the Village of Elsie. Insurance costs as outlined by the lease agreement with EAFA were the topic of discussion, the village is committed to 2024-2025.

The soft water issue was brought up, this is a contract with Culligan. The contract was with the fire department, and the bill was sent to the village it should be a fire department bill. Tax payers should not be paying a bill that was not approved by officials.

A question regarding the appraisal of the EMS building, why? This was a recommendation made by the auditor regarding possible compliance issues and the attorney.

A request for full transparency was voiced which is going to take place moving forward. Communication between the Elsie Area Fire Association and the Village of Elsie continues to be a concern. It was noted that due to the forensic audit, there is information that cannot be shared at this time.

The village has been paying for the EMS building insurance as part of the lease agreement providing liability insurance is a gray area. For the next fiscal year legal counsel recommends paying for vehicle insurance only in the form of a donation. The liability is a major concern as outlined in Schedule A of the fire contract. Recommended that the village pay the vehicle insurance only, which is a bill or donation for service.

Action was taken to withdraw the Village of Elsie from the 25-26 Elsie Area Fire Association lease agreement, to negotiate a new updated agreement, Witt abstained. In addition, action was taken to approve a donation for vehicle insurance only for the Elsie Area Fire Department, 2024-2025 contract.

It was recommended by the attorney for the Village of Elsie to remove themselves from the lease agreement 25-26 fiscal year, giving eleven months to re-write the agreement. Then both the Village of the Elsie Board and the Elsie Area Fire Association Board will meet to work out the details of the lease. The Village of Elsie wants to maintain a fire department and participate but the agreement needs to be updated and be in compliance with current statutes.

Monthly action was taken to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of resignation and swearing in, the November 12, 2024 regular meeting minutes with corrections; and the financial reports and balances pending audit. Officials approved expenditures totaling \$47,614.18.

Memorial Healthcare Welcomes Board-Certified Pediatrician to Owosso

submitted by Dianna Vsetula

Owosso – Memorial Healthcare is pleased to welcome Dr. Brian Kennedy to our active medical staff and to the Owosso community!

Dr. Kennedy will be joining Michael Kramer, DO, Julie Creighton Sovis, DO, Allison Kidwell, DO, and Bethany Lamphier, CFNP, at Memorial Healthcare Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine located on our main campus.

Dr. Kennedy is a board-certified physician with over 27 years of experience working with Pediatric patients. Dr. Kennedy received his medical degree and completed his residency in Pediatrics and Communicable Diseases from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

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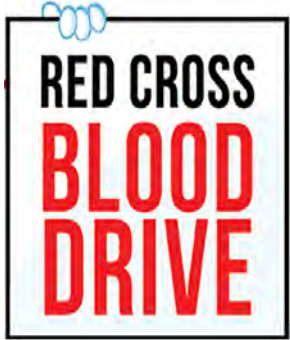
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TAKE NOTICE that the Laingsburg City Council intends to assess expenses incurred by the city to the above listed parcel, for the amount of \$800.00.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE the Laingsburg City Council will meet at the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 114 N. Woodhull Street at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday January 7, 2025, to review the expenses incurred and hear complaints by any person to be affected by the incurred charges. The incurred charges are available for public viewing at the City Clerk's Office located at 114 N. Woodhull Street, Laingsburg, Michigan during normal office hours.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at the hearing in the special assessment proceedings is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal, and that an owner or party in interest, or their agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment or may file their appearance or protest by letter and their personal appearance shall not be required. The owner or any party having an interest in the real property may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the state tax tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll if that special assessment was protested at the hearing held for the purpose of confirming the roll.

Laingsburg City Hall is barrier free. Individuals needing assistance should contact the City Clerk at (517) 651-5374 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.
Kim Hamilton Laingsburg City Clerk



Blood Drive at Bannister ZCJB Hall

submitted by Joanne Fornusek

Give a priceless gift this holiday season! The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive at the Bannister ZCJB Hall on Thursday, Dec. 26 from 12 -5:00 pm. The drive is sponsored by the ZCJB Lodge and St. Cyril's Knights of Columbus. Appointments can be made at the American Red Cross website and walk-ins are also welcome.



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FEBRUARY	11th	AUGUST-	NO MEETING
MARCH	11th	SEPTEMBER	9th
APRIL	8th	OCTOBER	14th
MAY	13th	NOVEMBER	18th
JUNE	10th	DECEMBER	9th

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Obituaries

Norman Tubbs

Norman Tubbs, 89, of Burnsville, MN, released the pains and cares of this life on November 18th, 2024, heading out for a well-deserved hunting and fishing staycation in heaven.

Deeply loved and well-cared-for by his wife of a million years, Marilyn, loved and respected by daughters LeAnne and Nicole, put on a pedestal appropriately by younger brother Dan and nephew Joshua, he is already much missed.

You can take the boy out of Ovid, but you cannot take the Ovid out of the boy; Norm treasured his childhood and lifelong friends in Michigan, and remained loyal to the Detroit teams whether or not they ever won a game. He turned out hardworking and neighborly like his dad, reflective and loyal like his mom; he was charming and friendly, consistently scoring the biggest product samples from the fine folks at Lund's & Byerly's. Norm valued companionship and picked wonderful people from his former work and his church to claim as friends.

We thank God for the life of Norman Tubbs, grateful to have had these years with him and determined to live and love fully within his legacy. We will keep the loud shenanigans to a minimum, delight in a tidy garage, wear slippers (no bare feet!) inside of the house, and keep the lawn looking nice.

Please include our family in your prayers; donations can be given to the Life Savors senior ministry, but also consider reaching out, inviting someone for coffee or a meal, building a friendship, and sharing a story about Norm.



Conrad Robert Coleman

Conrad Robert Coleman of Elsie, Michigan passed away Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at the age of 82. He was born on January 23, 1942, in St. Johns, Michigan. He left the earth with his wife and son by his side.

Conrad spent his childhood on the family farm in Elsie, Michigan. He lived much of his adult life in Pleasant Lake with his wife Kathleen. They wed on July 29, 1967, and spent 57 years building a beautiful life and home together - making homemade bread, potato soup and the best chocolate chip cookies. Together they 'officially' raised two children, Jack and Joan, but he was "Papa" to so many more. Conrad made a living as an electrical engineer for Consumers Energy but returned home to the family farm in 2005 to enjoy his retirement. You'd often find him buzzing around the property on a buggy or spending time with his family and dog. He was known for playing small pranks on the grandkids and enjoyed every minute he spent with them. Conrad was able to live out his life on the farm with the people he loved.

Conrad is survived by his wife Kathleen; his children, Jack (Cindy) Coleman and Joan Morlock; his brother, Joe (Carol) Coleman; grandchildren Aubrey, Arianna, Miranda, Robert, Joseph, and Aaliyah as well as great-grandchildren, Rylie, Kaylie, Braxton, Jamason, Kemani, Casey and Zeke Conrad. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert 'Bob' Coleman and mother, Leah Coleman.

Visitation was held at McGeehan Funeral Home, Keck Coleman Chapel, St. Johns on Thursday, December 12, 2024. Cremation followed. A Memorial Service was held at Pompeii Methodist Church on Friday, December 13, 2024, at 11 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Pompeii United Methodist Church or the charity of your choice.

The family was served by the McGeehan Funeral Home.



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Bougie Camo for Christmas

The Weekly Sportsman usually avoids Coach stores as if they carry the plague or some other highly contagious or infectious disease, however, Christmas is nearing and sometimes it's necessary to enter. The Weekly Sportsman is not sure if most customers are there to purchase new Coach products or show off the ones slung over their shoulder.

It didn't take the Weekly Sportsman long to notice a small section displaying what appeared to be mens products featuring camo finishes. Within seconds there was a hat, belt and wallet in hand that wore a camo pattern incorporated with the famous C. There were other overpriced products passed over because of their high price and low utility value. Giddy over these new acquisitions the Weekly Sportsman almost forgot why he was in the store to begin with.

So ladies... Coach has provided several opportunities for you. First, maybe you can teach your partner to accessorize with bougie camo instead of dressing head to toe in some kind of mismatched collaboration of camo patterns adorned on briefs, socks, pants/shorts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. Sometimes less is more. Secondly, gain Coach points by purchasing camo for your spouse. Third, get two birds with one stone by doing all of your shopping(including for yourself) at one store. Lastly, if you like camo or think you may want to accessorize with camo there are women's products also available with the Coach camo pattern.

What is it like to wear a camo ball cap in public with the Coach logo???? Be prepared for more positive comments than you may have received in the past from all your other camo hats combined.

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The Weekly Sportsman

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Editorial



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

This is the second Sunday in December and boy am I behind. I'm beginning to believe that I will not be ready for a house full of friends and family on New Year's Day. I have much wrapping to do, and double checking to make sure that I have everyone covered. I like giving, probably because others are always giving to me. Therese took time and made me a beautiful Christmas quilt to lay on my love seat. It didn't make it that far, I laid it out to enjoy the view and Prudence took over the ownership. When I'm not at home she curls up in it and awaits my return. And yes, she does share it with me. Therese also gave me my first Christmas card. Then Sandy came over from south of Lansing to remove my old toilet and install the new nineteen inch model. This involved another trip to Home Depot because the bolts were missing and that messed up the installation. After we got back home on last Tuesday evening we then discovered that the water hook-up was too short for the new high rise. Which then would have involved another trip to town, however, Al from the coffee shop just happened to be going that way and picked up the part for me on Friday. Now all I need to do is install it. That is a wahoo moment!!! I almost forgot to mention that my cousin Kenny came out on Wednesday when it was bitter cold to put the new reflective heat lamp in my well house, he also took care of a leak that had developed. I have been blessed many times.

As you can see folks are very kind to me. And I too cherish their kindness and consideration. Today, my youngest granddaughter texted me to ask if I would like one of the pot pies that she made. Of course I said yes. It keeps me from heating up the kitchen and gives me another opportunity to chit chat with her. I will probably tell her about the 'light parade' in Elsie last night. The fire trucks were well done and well received. Donny, one of the locale firemen, helped me to pass out five dozen frosted cut out Christmas cookies. They were for children only and it was delightful to hear them thank us and also wish us a Merry Christmas. Of course we did ask their parents first if they could have one of the cookies. Today I need to find a poinsettia for a memorial for my son. I think that I would like to find a red splash one. I then need to deliver it and some cards to church. Speaking of all of those cookies, my friend Robin came down from the Alma area and frosted them for me, then she packaged them. Tammy also got involved with all of this giving, she picked up the Christmas buckets for the shop, gave me a Peanuts hat, and got our Grinch lights working. So much kindness!!! And Margie helped me to transport one of the Christmas gifts. Karen checks up on me on a regular basis.

Tuesday afternoon was the Winter Market in St Johns and both Diane and I had a good time. Our sales were decent and we probably spent as much as we earned. It is rough trying not to break our bank while being immersed in some interesting options. Like hand painted Christmas balls, flavored maple syrups, spiced pretzels, kolachi, charming paintings, and wonderful people to become reacquainted with... There was also coffees to sample. The Winter Market is an amazing way to spend the afternoon. Hopefully next year I will have deep pockets and not need to be thrifty.

I finally have the packages in from the trunk of the car and the wrapping paper too. So, I have no excuse about not having everything wrapped. I have the tree out of its box and half of the limbs are fluffed. It is very possible that I can add the lights and ornaments tomorrow afternoon. I was thinking about using my new quilt to put under the tree but believed that Prudence would believe that it really was hers and not mine. She might even unwrap the gifts. She is a smart dog and looks adorable when curled up on the quilt. She does make me smile a lot. If that is her job she has become a real maestro.

May your cup run over with happiness. Enjoy family and friends, they are a wonderful blessing to many of us. May God bless you.

Crystal Mitchell©2024



Religious Thoughts

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"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast."

- Ephesians 2:8-9

Let's pretend.

Let's say that for whatever reason, you know that your time on earth is coming to a close.

You want to write something that will be read at your funeral that talks about God. A way for you to share the gospel with people after you have gone to be with the Lord.

What would you write? What would you say?

One point may be to touch on God's grace. After all, it is partly because of God's grace that He offers salvation to all people.

Grace seems to be something that we can use more of in the world today.

The word "grace" as defined by dictionary.com is in part-

- goodwill.

- a manifestation of favor, especially by a superior:

Synonyms: charity, forgiveness

- mercy; clemency; pardon:

He was saved by an act of grace from the governor.

Doesn't this sound nice? We should offer more grace to others and hope that they would do the same. For people to pass along the grace, for we all need it.

Remember a time when you had done something bad at work or home? Maybe something with a friend? You were due punishment, but received grace instead? Wasn't that a wonderful experience? If receiving grace from people is great, how about when we receive grace from God?

We receive forgiveness from God by His grace. Even though we are guilty sinners before a holy God, God grants us complete and total forgiveness from all of our sins when we come to faith and ask Him.

And we must have God's grace to receive salvation and go to Heaven. Our sin debt before God is such as the Bible equates to one person owing another, according to one commentary, 70 or even 100 million days' wages for a menial worker. In other words, not even the richest person in the world would ever be able to pay it off. Never.

And yet, God takes care of this by His grace. God doesn't make you worthy to receive salvation and be in His presence. He accepts you as you are, based on your faith in Jesus' death and bodily resurrection from the dead.

The gospel is one of grace and peace. A peace that comes through a personal relationship with God that can only be entered into through faith in the gospel.

To receive and benefit from God's grace, you must believe that Jesus is fully God and fully human. That He died on the cross and rose bodily from the dead as the one, full and final payment for all of your sins. Big and small. Past, present and future.

Repent or turn from your sins and believe this, and God will forgive you of all your sins, bring you into a personal relationship with Himself and give you everlasting life.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

- Romans 6:23



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STOP Christmas Stress

Dear Andy,

I am stressed over Christmas this year. Life has been mighty tight financially and emotionally, lately. I have 10 grandchildren and their parents, cousins, nieces and nephews and friends to buy for Christmas when we all get together. Every time I go out lately, I am spending so much money. There are a total of 43+ people. I usually fill Christmas stockings for my grandchildren, that includes, at least 4 gifts for each one, plus candy and special things. I have them over as one family, but several others will stop by to see my extended family and eat my good cooking. That gets to be expensive, but I love to do it.

Our lifestyles have changed, as the kids get older trying to get everyone together, is one of my major concerns and worry. I would like to not feel so anxious. I can't seem to get everyone on the same day, anymore. Any suggestions?

Grandma S.

Dear Grandma S.,

YOU need to STOP! Picking up gifts ought to be a thoughtful fun activity, not just shopping on impulse to fill the stockings "...by the chimney with care." Shopping smart will be your best option. If you spent \$10.00 on each person, that would total \$430. You could STOP buying gifts for the entire extended family.

OR, if you must buy for everyone...Go to the Dollar store or the SALE rack. You might be surprised! Find gifts that have multiple like-items included in one package. Buy the same thing for each group of family members. For example, Buy 7 movie passes or 9 sweaters for the nine girls. If you are stressed, it's tough to enjoy the season. A one-stop stress-free suggestion: Give gift cards. Depending on the ages, they will love anything Grandma gives them. Buy, if you must, a pair of matching socks for everyone...not matching PJ's for everyone. Cut costs and have them wear their favorite character shirt or ask everyone to wear red or their favorite PJ's.

With large groups, it works nicely to draw names OR play, "Steal it or Keep it" game. Each person brings a wrapped gift for their age group or plan themes...such as bring a "decoration for the tree", "white elephant" or an "as seen on TV" and then play the game to pick a gift by giving everyone an number and as the numbers are drawn that person gets to pick a gift. Then each unwraps the gift to give the next receiver an opportunity to steal it away or draw for another gift. IT IS FUN and involves everyone... Don't put all the costs on you, if that is what is causing the stress. If WHAT to buy is causing stress and money is not the stressor...Holiday Gift Cards!

It's fun to eat popcorn and watch a movie, such as Saving Christmas, It's a Wonderful Life, Frosty, or Frozen. We are all kids at heart on Christmas and it's ok if someone, like grandpa, falls asleep. Just don't snore, gramps. Play games. Ask everyone to bring a game so you have activities in a separate room or spaces to gather!

Christmas is not about things. It is about family and time together. It doesn't matter what day it is that you celebrate, and it is ok to have pancakes instead of a gourmet feast. Have everyone bring a dish. They can get grandma's cooking year-a-round! Attend a church service together as a family on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

Make it easy on yourself so everyone, including YOU can have a wonderful, fun family day or the day after Christmas. Christmas is not just on December 25th, but the celebration of family together to recognize the birth of Jesus, any day. The actual "Reason for the Season." Andy P.S. Pick a date that is good for you!

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Sports

Fowler Sneaks Past Lady Wolfpack in CMAC Opener

FOWLER -- Katie Spicer led all scorers with 20 as Fowler won the first league game for both schools, downing Laingsburg's varsity girls basketball team, 64- 53, here December 10. Elizabeth Hufnagel had 15 and Paige Thelen had 12 for the Eagles, who remained unbeaten at 2-0 overall, 1-0 in the CMAC.

For coach Dan Morrill's Lady Wolfpack, Brookly Holm had 16 in a balanced attack followed by Payge Woodworth with 11, Mallory Woodbury with 9, Harper Strouse with 8 and Lilli Morrill with 7.

Laingsburg (0-2, 0-1) hosted Potterville at home on Thursday, December 12, in another pre-holiday CMAC matchup.

Wolfpack girls win first CMAC contest, 57-33, over Potterville

LAINGSBURG — The Laingsburg varsity girls basketball team won a CMAC matchup on Thursday night, 57-33, over Potterville.

Daniel Morrill's Wolfpack moved to 1-2 overall, 1-1 in the conference with the big win, following a CMAC opening loss to Fowler. The Vikings went home at 0-3, 0-2 with league losses to Laingsburg and Bath by a narrow 35-31 count.

Freshman Brookly Holm led the way for the Pack with 15 followed closely by Sophomore Payge Woodworth with 14 in another balanced scoring attack by Laingsburg. Savvy Stirm and Lilli Morrill each added 9 points.

Potterville was led by Aubrey Gasch with 16.

LHS will close out the 2024 portion of its schedule this week with games against Perry and Lansing Christian.

Fill the Cop Car was successful on Saturday, December 7th. The community was very gracious with their donations to help others in need.

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MEET THE TEAMS - LAINGSBURG WOLFPACK



Laingsburg Boys Varsity Basketball

Team includes: Landon Freeman, Gregory Stewart, Dominic Garcia, Nathaniel Malone, Josiah Hawes, Waylon Rowley, Kollin Bentley-Barr, Leandro Dolega-Caceres, Mitchell George, Logan West, Jake Rivet, Logan Holm, Everett Rodriquez. Head Coach: Tim Beebe; Asst. Coaches: Rob Poritt, Evan Rogers, Jordan McGee.

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Laingsburg Boys JV Basketball

Front row (L-r): Tray Cornell, Landen Hart, Devon Perez, Grey Sequin, Paxton Rodriquez, Asher Shastal. Back row (l-r): Colton Heaton, Sa'Vonta Lyons, Cash Heaton, Collin Logghe, Harrison Dorman, Cooper Morr, Kade McLean. Missing: Head Coach: Blake Charboneau, Asst. Coaches: Russ Klont, Brayden Thomas.

Photo by Burg Sports

Wolfpack Boys Basketball Looks to Rebuild After Record-Setting Run

LAINGSBURG -- After a record-setting two-year run, Laingsburg's varsity boys basketball is in re-load mode this season.

Record-setting? The Wolfpack is coming off back-to-back undefeated regular seasons, CMAC championships in hand, and deep runs into the MHSAA post-season.

Head coach Tim Beebe returns for his second season with a roster that features key returnees Mitchell George, F, Sr.; Logan Holm, F, Sr.; Dom Garcia, G, Sr.; Max Powers, G, Sr.; Greg Stewart, F, Sr.

New to the varsity fray are Jake Rivet, G, Jr.; Landon Freeman, G, So.; Leandro Dolega-Caceres, G, Jr.; Kollin Bentley-Barr, G, Jr.; Josiah Hawes, F, Jr.; Waylon Rowley, F, Jr.

Laingsburg lost about 90% of its scoring from last season — including area Player of the Year Zander Woodruff — where the Wolfpack began the season 25-0 before a narrow loss to Jackson Lumen Christi ended its title push in the regional bracket. Laingsburg's play on the court this season has accordingly suffered to the tune of an 0-3 start, but Beebe believes his squad can be in the top half of the Central Michigan Athletic Conference in 2024-25.

"This group has tremendous team chemistry and has been putting in a lot of work in the off-season," he says.

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submitted by Christine Histed

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MEET THE TEAMS - LAINGSBURG WOLFPACK



Laingsburg Girls Varsity Basketball

Team includes: Kyleigh Luna, Bella Latuszek, Harper Strouse, Mallory Woodbury, Peyton Stahr, Payge Woodworth, LilliAnn Morrill, Samantha Knoblauch, Savvy Stirm, Sydney Curtis, Brooklyn Holm, Jameson Conklin, Justine Miller. *Head coach:* Daniel Morrill; *Asst. Coaches:* Norm Holm, Alex Randall, Nate Hoard. *Photo by Burg Sports*

Wolfpack Girls Feature Speed, Will be Fun to Watch, Says Coach

LAINGSBURG — Back to the Future.

No, that's not the movie franchise, spinning successful sequels. This is Laingsburg. And that's the Lady Wolfpack basketball program.

Whether it's a successful sequel ... well, that's why they play the games.

Veteran coach Daniel Morrill takes over from veteran coach Doug Hurst in 2024. Fifteen years ago, Hurst took over from Morrill. Both mentors have had ultra-successful seasons, Morrill most recently with an undefeated boys team in 2022-23. Hurst took the Wolfpack girls to the MHSAA semifinals six seasons ago.

So, the lineage is intact. How does that bode in 2024-25? "This is a fast team than will be exciting to watch," Morrill explains.

He has reason to be excited. The Wolves return seniors Kyleigh Luna and Justine Miller, juniors Jameson Conklin, Mallory Woodbury, Harper Strouse, Bella Latuszek and Savvy Stirm, and sophomores Payge Woodworth, Alayna Merrell and Lilli Morrill.

They'll be joined by talented newcomers Brooklyn Holm, Sydney Curtis and Paige Erickson. "Fowler, Portland St. Patrick and Pewamo-Westphalia look to be the class of the league," says coach Morrill. "Laingsburg and Bath will be in the mix, along with Lansing Christian."

Morrill will be joined by Norm Holm as the varsity assistant coach in 2024-25.



Laingsburg Varsity Wrestling

Team includes: Scarlett Ruhf, Cooper Mund, Liam McDonald, Alex Grandy, Brenden Knoblauch, Marlon Graham, Logan Robinson, Zayden Misener, Carson Helmer, Keaton Dietz, Jeff Smith, Cameron Betts, Tristan Sherman, Wyatt Patrick, Zander Nethaway, Gauge Ream, Chuck Dehnert, Braylen Hiatt, Dylan Koenig, Jay Montgomery. *Varsity Coach:* Shawn Baynes; *JV Coach:* Matt McDougall-Smith; *Asst. Coach:* Trent Lashway. *Photo by Burg Sports*

Wolfpack Wrestling Team is Young but Talented; Look for Top 2 Conference Finish

LAINGSBURG -- Despite an influx of youth, the powerhouse Wolfpack wrestling program is looking for 10 returning grapplers to help build on a winning legacy.

From its inception, the LHS mat program has been a force to be reckoned with. Veteran coach Shawn Baynes has only continued that tradition -- with his 2024-25 Wolves looking for a Top 2 finish in conference action.

"We are young, with only five seniors and many young wrestlers who will see the varsity lineup -- but most have experience," says coach Baynes. "We have hard-working athletes with a lot of experience on the mat."

The 10 returning lettermen are Cooper Mund, Marlon Graham, Logan Robinson, Jay Montgomery, Gauge Ream, Liam McDonald, Charlie Porubsky, Chuck Dehnert, Alex Grandy and Cameron Betts.

They will be joined by newcomers Brendan Knoblauch, Carson Helmer, Keaton Dietz, Tristan Sherman, Braylen Hiatt, Ethan Platte, Scarlet Ruff, Layden Misner, Wyatt Patrick, Josiah Wilson and Zander Nethaway.

Baynes will be joined on the coaching staff by Matt McDougall-Smith, Trent Lashaway and Travis Schneeberger.



Laingsburg Girls JV Basketball

Team (l-r): Head Coach Nate Hoard, Aleigha Highfield, Lila Esch, Sydney Curtis, Ella Dorman, Ally Underhill, Asst. Coach: Craig Luna. *Missing:* Allie Brasseur, Sam Knoblauch, LilliAnn Morrill, Brooklyn Holm, Peyton Stahr, Bella Latuszek, Payge Woodworth, Juliette Latuszek. *Photo by Burg Sports*



Laingsburg Boys Freshman Basketball

Front row (l-r): Quintin Garcia, Ryan Park, Kannon Jennings, Connor Seymour
Back row (l-r): Brysyn Fields, Caiden Nidefski, Ethan Smith, Julian Smith, Kavin Ream.
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Sports

Lady Bears Lose Tight One to Mustangs

by Ashleigh Shaw

The Bears battled all night and came back from behind to take the lead but just couldn't hold on, losing to Montabella 53-43. "Tonight was a very competitive game, we were able to battle back from a 15 point deficit in the second quarter to take a 3 point lead with 5 minutes to go in the 4th quarter, we just ran out of gas at the end" exclaimed Coach Shaw. Ella Dummond had a big night scoring 19 points, nabbing 8 rebounds and adding 4 steals. Karissa Brady scored 12 points, had 6 rebounds and had 4 steals. Zoe Schneider had 7 points and 7 rebounds, Peyton Rohn added 3 points and Marissa Brady added a bucket.

Rough Start for Ashley

Ashley was plagued by a rough first quarter start against the Vandals of Merrill last week, which contributed to the big lead Merrill took at the end of the first quarter that led the Bears to play catch up the entire game, losing 64-31. "Turnovers really hampered the start of the game as we struggled to adjust to Merrill's length and quickness. These led to Merrill scoring 19 points in the first quarter which is not a recipe for success" stated Coach Shaw. Ellie Drummond had a double double scoring 15 points and grabbing 12 rebounds. Karissa Brady scored 9 points, Marissa Brady 4 points and 9 rebounds and Peyton Rohn 3 points.



#4 Karissa Brady stops short of the Vandal defenders for a nice jumper to add to her 9 points for the evening.

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Bears Lose Two

by Ashleigh Shaw

Montabella is one of the top teams in the conference this year and Ashley faced them on a night when they were down two players. The Bears had a slow start and the Mustangs started out fast. The Bears went down quick and couldn't catch up, leading them to lose the game. Gibby Jason had 8 points and 3 rebounds, Tristan Ringle had 2 points and 7 rebounds.

The second game of the week was against Merrill. The Bears played a close first quarter but as the game went on they weren't able to keep up with the Vandals, losing 68-37. Tristan Ringle had 10 points and 11 rebounds, Carson Litwiller had 7 points and 4 rebounds, Gibby Jason had 7 points, and Will Long had 7 points and 6 rebounds.



#11 Carson Litwiller returns to the line up after an injury and shows his talent going coast to coast for an easy 2 point bucket against the visiting Merrill Vandals.

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Marauders Can't Hold Lead, Panthers Rally for Cage Win

OVID-ELSIE -- The Mt. Morris Panthers bounced back from an early 22-6 deficit and stayed unbeaten with a clutch 75-72 boys basketball victory here December 6.

"We had a great start to this game but the amount of turnovers we had in the second quarter was our downfall," said O-E coach Canyon Walker. "We had around 30 turnovers which is highly unlike our team."

Tryce Tokar led the Marauders with 32 points, as O-E fell to 1-2 overall, 0-1 in the MMAC. The Panthers stayed unbeaten at 3-0, 1-3.

Said coach Walker, "There were a total of 68 free throws shot in a 32-minute game, so any time we start to get back into a flow free throws killed our momentum. Mt. Morris made a good portion of their free throws and then we missed ours - from the line we were about 50%, which is not going to win us a ton of games."

"We look forward to playing Montrose this upcoming Monday to show what we really can do."

Marauders Win Over Genesee Christian

The Marauders bounced back from a season-opening loss opposite Charlotte, with a win over Genesee Christian on December 3 to move to 1-1.

"The boys came in ready to go - it had only been a day since we lost to Charlotte while allowing them to score 77 points," explained coach Walker. "We told them that defense was the only thing that was important in the game versus GC. We knew they had a few good scorers and we decided to take it personal when they scored."

The Marauders posted a dominating 60-18 win, allowing just 3 points in the second half. Tryce Tokar had 18 points and 9 assists, while Tucker Loynes added 14 points.

"Overall we had a ton of energy and I thought we did very well sharing the ball on offense as well," said Walker. "We shot 52% from the field which is something you can only dream of as a coach. Overall a very good game by us."



Tryce Tokar scored 32 points during game against Mt. Morris

Photo by Burg Sports

Lady Marauders Move Up With Pair of Cage Victories

OVID-ELSIE — Shaun McKinney, welcome to the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC). Where some nights are rugged battles ... and some are, well, not that tough.

Ovid-Elsie's girls basketball team, just a few games into new coach McKinney's tenure, dominated Montrose, 49-25, on December 10. The outcome was rarely in question as O-E climbed to 3-1 overall, 1-0 in league play.

Leading the Marauders was Ellyanna Carman with 14 points, Kendal Tokar 7, Tava Kvalevog 7, Lily Bates 7, and Dannika Campbell with 7.

The Montrose win came on the heels of a crushing 93-3 victory over Mount Morris on the Marauders home floor, December 6. Ovid-Elsie was led by McKenzie Keck's 17 points in the nonleague game. Three other Marauders scored in double figures: Kortlynn Loynes (16 points), Kendal Tokar (15 points) and Tava Kvalevog (14 points).

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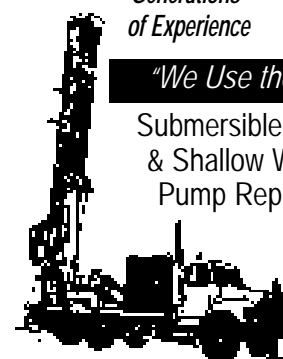
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CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE 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. 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 a.m. on January 8, 2025. 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 having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made on December 2, 2014, by Kareem Everett, a single man, given by him to Michigan State University Federal Credit Union, of 3777 West Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, as Mortgagee, and recorded on December 11, 2014, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Clinton County, in Instrument Number 5222408; on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid, as of the date of this Notice, the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Five and 85/100 Dollars (\$69,205.85); and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by said Mortgage, and the power of sale in said Mortgage having become operative by reason of such default; NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at the South entrance to the Clinton County Courthouse, 100 E. State Street (M21), St. Johns, Michigan, that being one of the places for holding the Circuit Court for Clinton County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or venue for purposes of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Mortgage, together with all allowable costs of sale and includable attorney fees, the lands and premises in said Mortgage men-

tioned and described as follows: SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BATH, COUNTY OF CLINTON, STATE OF MICHIGAN: Lots 11, 12 and 13, Supervisor's Plat Number 1, of a part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Town 5 North, Range 1 West, Bath Township, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 14, Clinton County Records, ALSO, a part of Outlot C of said Supervisor's Plat Number 1, Bath Township, Clinton County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at the Southeast Corner of Lot 11, Supervisor's Plat Number 1, running thence West 30.6 feet thence South 300.2 feet, thence East 30.6 feet, thence North 300.2 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Also, Lot 31, Culver's Plat Number 1, a plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 4, Clinton County Records. AND That part of Lot 30, Culver's Plat Number 1, Bath Township, Clinton County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot 30, thence Northwesterly along the Northerly lot line to the Northwest corner of said lot, thence Southwesterly along the Westerly lot line to the point of intersection thereon, thence Southwesterly to a point on the Easterly lot line which is 34 feet Southerly along the Easterly lot line from the Northeast corner of Lot 30, thence Northerly along the Easterly lot line 34 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as: 15793 Culver Drive, East Lansing, Michigan 48823 Tax Parcel Numbers: 010-160-000-030-01; 010-160-000-031-00; 010-380-000-011-00 and 010-380-000-135-00 The period within which the above premises may be redeemed shall expire six (6) months from the date of sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with M.C.L.A. Sec. 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the time of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector. Dated: November 18, 2024 MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION of East Lansing, Michigan, Mortgagee FOSTER, SWIFT, COLLINS & SMITH, P.C. Benjamin J. Price Attorneys for Mortgagee 313 S. Washington Square Lansing, MI 48933 (517) 371-8253

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on January 8, 2025. The amount due on the Mortgage may be greater on the day of 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: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Susan K. McMillen, a single woman Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns Foreclosing Assignee (if any): NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing Date of Mortgage: October 9, 2006 Date of Mortgage Recording: October 31, 2006 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$87,791.89

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Watertown, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 35, Westwinds No. 2, a subdivision on the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 13, Town 5 North, Range 3 West, Watertown Township, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Pages 31-32, Clinton County Records. Common street address (if any): 13140 Shadybrook Ln, Dewitt, MI 48820-9252

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: December 8, 2024 Trott Law, P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 642-2515

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on February 12, 2025. The amount due on the Mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by ROYAL DAVIS AND MARGARET DAVIS to SEATTLE MORTGAGE COMPANY dated April 20, 2006 and recorded May 9, 2006 as Instrument No. 5099800, Clinton County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by Longbridge Financial, LLC by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$243,403.13. Said premises are located in Clinton County, Michigan and are described as: Beginning on the East-West 1/4 line of said Section 17 at a point 330.85 feet North 89°45'22" West of the center of Section 17, T6N, R1W, Township of Victor, Clinton County, Michigan, thence South 00°02'09" West, 1330.00 feet; thence North 89°45'22" West, 330.85 feet; thence North 00°02'09" East, 1330.00 feet to the East-West 1/4 line of said Section 17; thence South 89°45'22" East, 330.85 feet on said East-West 1/4 line of said Section 17 to the point of beginning. Said property is commonly known as 5434 Green Road, Saint Johns, MI 48879. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Please be advised that any third party purchaser is responsible for preparing and recording the Sheriff's Deed. If this is a residential Mortgage, the following shall apply: 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 COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE A DEBTOR IN AN ACTIVE BANKRUPTCY CASE; ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF A BANKRUPTCY STAY; OR, HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AND YOU HAVE NOT REAFFIRMED THE DEBT, THIS NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY. Dated: December 6, 2024 Attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage: Thomas E. McDonald (P39312) Brock & Scott, PLLC 5431 Oleander Drive Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (844) 856-6646 File No. 24-33475

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on January 8, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of 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: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Mary Ann Cairo-Harper, a single woman Original Mortgagee: Bankers Mortgage Corporation of Lansing, a Michigan Corporation Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Shorebreak NPL Trust Date of Mortgage: February 25, 1993 Date of Mortgage Recording: March 5, 1993 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$87,385.45

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Watertown, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing 647 feet West of the Northeast corner of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 Section 1, Town 5 North, Range 3 West, Watertown Township, Clinton County, Michigan, thence South 406 feet, thence West 215 feet, thence North 406 feet, thence East 215 feet to the point of beginning. Common street address (if any): 4383 W Cutler Rd, Dewitt, MI 48820-8081 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: November 24, 2024 Trott Law, P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 642-2515

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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - CLINTON COUNTY

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on January 08, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Stefan V. Farrell and Tamara Farrell, husband and wife Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns Date of mortgage: September 26, 2006 Recorded on October 24, 2006, in Document No. 5108090, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. Bank National Association, as successor Indenture Trustee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Indenture Trustee for GMACM Home Equity Loan Trust 2004-HE3 Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Ninety-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Seven and 38/100 Dollars (\$99,327.38) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clinton County, and described as: PARCEL A-3: PART OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 20; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST, 476.61 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 20 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST, 225.00 FEET ALONG SAID NORTH LINE; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST, 874.33 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST 224.99 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, 875.96 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as 5130 Pratt Rd, 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 referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. U.S. Bank National Association, as successor Indenture Trustee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Indenture Trustee for GMACM Home Equity Loan Trust 2004-HE3 Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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- **Jorri Tremain**, current Chief Financial Officer, will become **System Chief Financial Officer**.
- **Abbie Majzel**, current Chief Talent Officer, will assume the role of **System Chief Administrative Officer**.
- **Tom Kurtz**, current Chief Operating Officer, will become **CEO of Memorial Hospital**, overseeing all inpatient and outpatient hospital operations.

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