



Elsie Lions Club Wild Game Dinner

Mark your calendar for the Monday, January 13th, Elsie Lions Club Wild Game Dinner. The event will be held at the Elsie American Legion Hall beginning at 6pm. Event goers are asked to bring a Wild Game Dish to share and your own place setting. Potatoes, rolls, milk and coffee will be provided.

The guest speak will be Michigan DNR Wildlife Biologist, Chad Fedewa. He has been with the DNR since 2013 and is stationed at the Rose Lake Field Office in rural Bath which covers Ingham, Clinton, Shiawassee and Gratiot Counties. Since May of this year, Chad has been filling in as the Deer, Elk and Moose Management Specialist, working mainly with deer regulations and disease surveillance.

The Elsie Lions Club will also be raffling off a Mossberg Patriot 350 Legend rifle that evening. Gun tickets are on sale now at \$10 each and can be purchased by contacting Lion Richard Easlick at 517-881-0024 or Lion Rick Jones at 989-666-2781. There will also be raffle prizes for kids and adults, tickets will be sold at the event. Make plans now to attend this fund raising event for the Elsie Lions Club.



Chad Fedewa



(l-r): Caiden Russell, Gavin Malek, Carson Litwiller, and Robert Kral



(l-r): Gibby Jason, Seth Stahr, Tristan Ringle, and Mayson Giles.

Ashley High School FFA

submitted by Amber McAllister

On November 7th Ashley High School FFA Competed in the Michigan State Broiler Competition. Both teams received the highest scores for our program in the history of rechartering. Team 1 consisting of Gibson Jason, Seth Stahr, Tristan Ringle, and Mayson Giles brought home a Silver. Team 2 consisting of Caiden Russell, Gavin Malek, Carson Litwiller, and Robert Kral just missed the cut-off for placement. Both teams performed very well and learned so much through this experience.

Help Grant Olivia's Second Wish

submitted by Angela Small

Olivia was diagnosed with stage 4 Neuroblastoma Cancer. She also needed a kidney transplant. Olivia's Aunt donated her kidney and now Olivia has severe migraines and chronic knee pain. She battles with short-term memory loss due to chemotherapy, but she is always up for the challenge. Olivia enjoys swimming and her second wish is to receive a massage chair and backyard swing.

If you have any questions, you can reach Ms. Powell on her cell at 813-368-3787 or via email at sharlene@asecondwish.org. More information on Olivia and our organization can be found on our website at www.asecondwish.org. Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/asecondwish.

About A Second Wish By Demetrius Inc.

A Second Wish By Demetrius Inc. is a non-profit organization founded in 2008 by his loving aunt, Ms. Angela Small; a resident of Tampa over 30 years, in memory of Demetrius Smith, a gifted and good-spirited child beloved by many, whose second wish went unfulfilled as he succumbed to brain cancer at the age of 12. A Second Wish by Demetrius Inc.'s mission is providing children ages 6 to 18 with life threatening illnesses another uplifting experience by granting "A Second Wish"! Visit our website at www.asecondwish.org.



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April 21, 2024
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Business, Member of Several
Community Organizations



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UM Health-Sparrow Lansing PCT Earns Hospital's First-Ever BEE Award for Providing Compassionate Care

submitted by Corey Alexander

LANSING— A University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Lansing patient care technician was recently recognized as the hospital's first-ever BEE Award winner for going above and beyond to provide a patient with dementia a sense of purpose and control.

Katelyn Jenkins used her creativity to care for a patient who frequently wandered, hoarded trash and became agitated when told he needed to remain in the hospital while awaiting a court-appointed guardian.

"In order to calm him, and clean his room, Katelyn created fake money to 'pay' him for his trash, and keep him content with staying in the hospital," her BEE Award nomination stated.

This thoughtful approach not only improved the patient's well-being but also inspired her colleagues to think creatively and go the extra mile in their care.

"This idea was a step above the rest, and she inspires her team to do better and think outside the box," the nomination said.

Jenkins began her journey in health care by joining the EMT program at Lansing Community College. However, a traumatic brain injury from a severe car accident temporarily deterred her from pursuing medicine. She later decided to return to school and began working with patients with memory loss and traumatic brain injuries.

"I feel like my experiences gives me an edge while working with our more difficult patients and finding inventive ways to help them and make their stay comfortable," Jenkins said.

Her dedication and ability to connect with her patients showcases the qualities the BEE Award was created to celebrate.

"A lot of the behind-the-scenes work is really done by techs, and we provide quality care for our patients. That's something that I really pride myself on," she said.

The BEE Award recognizes excellence among the clinical support team members who deliver quality, compassionate care. BEE is an acronym for Be Exceptional Every day.

For more information about the leading-edge rehabilitation services provided at UM Health-Sparrow, visit UofMHealthSparrow.org/Rehab.



University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Lansing patient care technician Katelyn Jenkins proudly celebrates receiving the BEE Award for providing creative and compassionate care.

Inspired Women Network Offering Women-Focused Branding Seminars

submitted by CarrieA. Rathbun Hawks

Owosso, Mich.— Inspired Women Network is offering a highly engaging professional development series – Strategic Self-Promotion – on personal and business branding. The two sessions will run from 11 am. to 1:30 p.m. Jan. 9 and Jan. 23 at The Armory in downtown Owosso. Lunch will be served. Registration is required.

Though anyone is welcome to attend, Strategic Self-Promotion is geared toward women who either have or want to build a business, as well as those in established companies and nonprofits.

"Women often face unique challenges when starting or expanding a business, finding funding and advocating for themselves. They often don't receive the same support as their male counterparts and must work harder to prove their value," explained Inspired Women Network Co-founder and Steering Committee Chair Carrie Rathbun Hawks, APR, who is also a 32-year veteran of the public relations field. She's had her own business, Rathbun Public Relations, for more than 22 years.

"I've experienced first-hand the prejudices against women in business, including potential clients not wanting to pay me the same as male-owned consultants and being told by both men and women that I 'must have a hard time as both a mother and a business owner' and 'don't tell people you're a new mom who works from home.' Staying focused and being a person of my word, as well as demonstrating the results my decades of experience brought to the table, helped me to develop a diverse network of supportive clients, colleagues and friends."

Participants in the workshops will learn how to break through barriers and increase their visibility as their authentic selves. They'll also gain insight into how to step forward with purpose, connect meaningfully with their audiences and be a transformative business leader. Facilitated by Thought Partners – veteran brand builders and communication coaches – this series includes group discussions, storytelling and interactive exercises.

People may attend one or both sessions. The first session on Jan. 9 will address personal branding and self-advocacy. Specifically, women will learn to understand their unique story, strengths and values so they can confidently present themselves authentically and effectively.

On Jan. 23, the focus will be on business branding.

Attendees will start creating a strong brand that aligns their story with their target market's needs. Thought Partners will provide tools, resources and guidance to help participants' businesses succeed.

Space is limited so please register at <https://tinyurl.com/44u7c2vu> or by calling 989-723-5149. Cost is \$60 per session or \$100 for both. Strategic Self-Promotion is sponsored by Shattuck Specialty Advertising.

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

People are invited to follow the IWN Facebook group for current information shared by the group.

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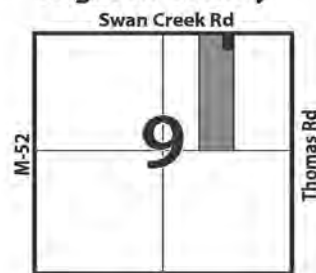
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Obituaries

Susan Margaret "Sue" Grieve

Susan Margaret "Sue" Grieve, age 80, of Elsie, MI, passed away Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at her home.

Susan was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan on June 29, 1944, the daughter of Frederick A. and Margaret M. (Tighe) Miller.

Sue graduated from high school in Bloomington, Minnesota in 1962. She went onto Ferris State College to pursue a degree in Elementary Education, graduating in 1967. Sue taught early elementary at Ovid-Elsie Area Schools, primarily kindergarten and developmental kindergarten. She had a long and dedicated career at O-E. She retired in the early 2000's, and continued to reside in Elsie. After retirement, Sue spent many years volunteering with the Steam Railroad Institute in Owosso. Her favorite memories include the North Pole Express and attending Wharton Broadway Series with family. She also met regularly with her friends from O-E for lunch to solve the world's problems. Sue was feisty and stubborn, traits that seemed to be genetically linked as they have manifested in both her children and grandchildren. She had a sassy sense of humor that was only inherited by her son and his need for Dad jokes. Her humor and spicy language at inappropriate times (inherited by her youngest) will be missed. She passed peacefully at home where she had always insisted she would. Her family is still wondering if it was indeed done in spite of getting them to come to the mitten in the dead of winter when they had escaped to warmer climates. She was a dedicated fan of Detroit sports. She loved her kids and family fiercely and was the cornerstone of the family.

She is survived by her children: Rick and Cheri Grieve of Bowling Green, KY; Kelly Grieve and Chris Adamson of Grand Rapids, MI; and Robyn and Mark Soddors of Union, WA; her grandchildren: Greg and Kaitlyn Grieve of Bowling Green, KY; Logan Grieve of Bowling Green, KY; Keagan Adamson of Grand Rapids, MI; Quinn Adamson of Grand Rapids, MI; and great-granddaughters: Annaliese and Rosemary Grieve. She is also survived by her cousin Mike and Karen Fitzgerald. She was preceded in death by her parents, great-grandson Ricky Grieve, great-aunts: Kay & Virginia, and sister-in-law JoAnn McCracken.

Funeral Services will be held at Smith Family Funeral Homes Elsie, MI, at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, December 28, 2024, with Pastor Kathy Leydorf-Keck officiating. Visitation will be held on Saturday from 11:00 A.M. until the time of the service at the funeral home. Burial will take place at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Big Rapids, MI on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at 1:00 P.M.

Memorials may be made to the Steam Railroad Institute, Owosso, MI. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



John Franklin Stewart

John Franklin Stewart, age 67, of Ovid, Michigan, passed away Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at the University of Michigan Health-Sparrow of Lansing.

John was born in Orange, Texas on June 10, 1957, the son of John and Barbara (Taylor) Stewart. He graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School in 1975. He worked at General Motors for 30 years. He enjoyed spending time at his families cabin at Bernel Lodge in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

He is survived by his wife Terri (Moore) Stewart and son Nicholas (Jamie) Stewart of Ovid, brother, Bill Stewart of Ovid, sister, Patti Stewart, of Ovid, brother, Ed (Chris) Stewart, of Ovid. Grandchildren, Katie Stewart, Matthew Stewart, Sawyer Stewart and Cora Stewart. Sister-in-law, Vicki (Jim) Horvath, several nieces and nephews.

Cremation has already taken place and there will be a private family graveside service at a later date.

He was predeceased in death by his son, John Stewart, his parents, and one brother, James Stewart and his in-laws, Charles and Shirley Moore.



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UM Health-Sparrow Team Helps Deliver Baby Outside Lansing Hospital

submitted by Corey Alexander

LANSING, MI – In an extraordinary display of teamwork and quick thinking, University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Lansing public safety officers and emergency department team members sprang into action early Monday morning to help a woman in labor in front of the hospital.

34-year-old Meghan Clark of East Lansing was unable to make it inside the hospital in time and delivered her baby, Ruby James, just before 4 a.m. in the hospital's valet drive.

Officers Ashbaugh, Wright, Griffin, and Dible rushed to assist, ensuring both the newborn and her mother were safe. Meghan's husband, Jacob, wrapped the two in a blanket until emergency department team members arrived and transported them inside for further care.

Baby Ruby was born weighing 8 pounds and 6 ounces and was 20 inches long. Both she and her mother are doing well, and the family expressed their gratitude to the UM Health-Sparrow team for their swift and compassionate care.

"This heartwarming incident highlights the dedication and readiness of UM Health-Sparrow officers and emergency department team members to support their community in critical moments," said Jerry Dumond, director of public safety and chief of police authority and K-9, University of Michigan Health-Sparrow.



Editorial



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

I hope that you have all had a very Merry Christmas. Ours involved four generations that ranged in age from fourteen months to seventy-five years. And oh the differences in the generations. Young males wear hats at the dinner table unless some ole foggy (me) takes exception. I am so old generation. The young man in question just said that his Dad also wore a hat in his house when every he wants. Therefore it was okay for him to wear a hat indoors if it pleased him, after all he was a head of a household. That thinking must be why the ladies of the families always said their thank yous, as did the children. I still think that it was uncouth to wear a hat at all times, especially since it wasn't even your own home. I thoroughly enjoyed bonding with my fourteen month old great granddaughter. We laughed and growled and waved our arms whenever we didn't take the time to tip the toddler. Much laughter. The beef was smoked but the turkey delayed everything and ended up being a secondary snack after the goodies. I did bring home the bony carcass for my cats Christmas dinner.

I think that I got home at eight and then just crashed. I slept until two and then got up to read for awhile. Went back to bed and slept soundly until the phone rang at 8:30, they hung up on the third ring so I know that it was one that I had blocked. And yet it did awaken me, so I paid a bill and got up to take a trip up to St Louis to have coffee with Tammy and Ted. Pru and I got that far but didn't have time for more than one cup of coffee because icy pellets filled the air and it was a tad bit icy on the way back home. I slid around two corners and was happy to get home in one piece. It was not much of a visit but more like a touch base. I dropped a carrot cake off at the end of the road...no one answered the door. Such is life. I did manage to get my stuff in from the truck and snuggle down for my long winter nap. Plus I have my Muk Luk slippers aka cabin socks to keep my feet toasty warm.

I just slipped and slid across the deck to feed the cats. Fortunately I did not fall, so I am very happy to just snuggle in for a few days. I do have things to do. Such as folding two laundry baskets full of clean clothes. Then I do need to take care of them. I do not want to budge from my home but I did promise to visit Marge and Sally tomorrow. Hopefully the roads won't be a mess and I will still have some adventure in my soul. I have geared down and hope to spend the next few days putz-ing around. I have a couple of apologies to make. I wrote down an order for Saturday the 20th and it should have been Friday. I screwed up. That was my December error, I believe that I made another such mistake in November. May the good ladies pardon my mistakes. I just hope that I can slow down enough to quit making mistakes, especially when I cause problems for others in doing so.

I am tired of being functional. I need to excell at whatever pleases me. I guess that I'm looking forward to meeting my expectations in the New Year. So hopefully the publisher and I will become agreeable and a book will blossom. I know that I need to have my left knee replaced next year. Actually I will try to have it done ASAP. I am hoping that you will all have a wonderful New Year filled with great expectations. May God bless you. Enjoy both the big and the little blessings that fill our lives.

Crystal Mitchell©2024

Choose Kindness

Letter to the Editor:

My name is Melissa Jones. I am a District Nurse, a community member, and a parent who cares deeply about our schools, our students, and our community. The actions we take—both in public and private—matter greatly. They shape the environment we create for our children and set the tone for the future of our community. I believe we must lead with love, kindness, and a commitment to doing what is right—not just in our words, but in every aspect of our lives.

Today, I feel compelled to address an issue affecting our community: the way we treat one another, especially when we disagree. Words and actions have immense power, and how we choose to use them reflects who we are. As a nurse, I see firsthand the impact of hurt—both emotional and physical—on children and families. Bullying, whether through unkind words or actions, leaves lasting scars. It's important to understand that while actions often speak louder than words, our words also carry weight. They can uplift or tear down; they can heal or harm. Each of us has a choice in how we treat the people around us. I urge everyone to choose kindness. It's a choice that costs nothing but means everything to those who receive it.

In our community, we want everyone to feel loved, valued, and accepted. Leading by example is the only way to make this a reality. This responsibility starts with each of us and extends to those in leadership positions. I call on all members of our community, especially our local leaders, to set the tone by embodying these values. When we demonstrate kindness and understanding, we create a ripple effect that touches everyone around us. As the Bible teaches in John 13:34, "A new commandment I give you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another." It is a simple yet profound call to action that we must take to heart.

Another critical aspect of building a supportive community is addressing misinformation. It's crucial to have conversations with empathy and understanding, ensuring that we speak with all parties and not just rely on one perspective. Active listening to everyone's concerns, creating safe spaces for dialogue, and fostering meaningful conversations can lead to real change. By acknowledging people's fears and concerns and providing compassionate and accurate information, we can help bridge gaps in understanding and foster trust and unity.

We must also recognize the profound impact of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). Experiences like abuse, neglect, or household dysfunction leave lasting effects on children's mental and physical health. When we allow division, bullying, and unkindness to persist, we risk deepening the trauma that so many in our community already endure. Instead, by addressing these issues with care and understanding, we can create a nurturing environment where everyone can thrive.

Finally, I want to talk about peace. True peace is not just the absence of conflict; it is the presence of fairness and equity for all people. When we act in ways that are fair, just, and loving, we pave the way for genuine peace in our schools and our community. As Matthew 5:9 reminds us, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God."

We all face battles that others may never see. But those struggles don't give us permission to hurt others or make accusations. Instead, they call on us to show compassion, to listen, and to work together for the greater good. Imagine what we can accomplish if we put aside selfish needs and focus on building each other up. The possibilities are endless.

So, I challenge our community today: Be kind. Be thoughtful. Be someone who lifts others instead of tearing them down. Let's make our schools and our neighborhoods places where everyone feels safe and respected. Kindness goes a long way, and it's the foundation of a strong, supportive community. Together, we can create a better future by embracing love and rejecting division. Let's lead with our hearts and be the example our children deserve to see.

Sincerely,
Melissa Jones, Ovid

be kind

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No Resolutions This Year!

Dear Andy,

Year after year I make resolutions to get organized, lose weight, spend more time with aging relatives, clean my closets, exercise more, eat less, get in shape, find a new job, build my relationships with friends and family, and of course save money. Seems like good ideas but every year it turns out about the same. Gained weight, missed birthdays, stuff everywhere, never enough money without going into debt. How can I make this a better year? What can I do to feel more accomplished? I am so frustrated with myself for not keeping my resolutions! Patricia Procrastinator

Dear Patricia,

Webster's paraphrased definition of Resolution is... 'making a firm decision with a promise of being determined about changing a behavior or situation.' 'or Something that we perceive as not acceptable as is, or not good enough.' Most resolutions are unrealistic, we set ourselves up for being unsuccessful. It is no wonder we feel like giving up or a failure.

My recommendation is to NOT make 'Resolutions', but to 'Set Goals.' Achievable goals. Prior to setting new goals, first you must acknowledge, reward or recognize previous accomplishments. Congratulate yourself. List your achievements at home and at work. I bet you will find something in every category you listed. Write it down and don't say you didn't accomplish anything...plezzzzzz, give yourself a little credit.

Did you plan a special birthday party for grandma? Did you go for a bike ride? Did you count the 4 pounds you lost when you cut out ice cream for 2 months? Did you count the credit card you got paid off? Did you count the meals you put on the table for your family? Did you count how many times you cut the grass? Did you count how many times you helped a neighbor with a project? Count your blessings, then you will be ready to make 2025 goals.

Instead of Resolution's - "Set Goals"... First step in setting goals is to determine if they are short term or long term. Then, write down your goals... writing makes you more accountable. It also is a good way to know when you have achieved them. Shouting them into the Universe at midnight on New Year's Eve might help; but write them down.

Remember Alice in Wonderland when the Cheshire cat told her, "If you knew where you were going, you would know when you got there." He also told her, "If you don't know where you are going, every road will take you there." Think about direction...there is a process: set your goal with a realistic date and a realistic plan to accomplish your goal.

Next, make achievable goals with a plan of action. Write it down! Instead of a resolution to lose weight, set a goal to lose 4 pounds a month, that is only 1 pound per week and 52 pounds for a year. Sounds achievable. Right? Check with your doctor if you need a specific plan or accommodations, but definitely - walking for 15 minutes 3 times a week could help achieve the weight loss goals. I challenge you to increase your time by a few minutes every week. I have challenged myself... I will get back with you in 6 months. My goal is to lose 1 pound a week by June 10, 2025; 26 weeks away. This scares me a little, but I think I can do it... how about you?

Making positive changes can be a challenge but recognizing changes will improve your confidence and perception of your accomplishments. Many of us fail to reach our dreams or goals, due to our misguided perceptions and self-negativity. I must confess, I am guilty of what I coined as a "procrastination-perfectionisms." We need to accept that it's ok not to be perfect and it's ok to succeed. Get rid of the feeling that "this could be better" or that "it's not good enough."

Set goals in writing then when you accomplish them highlight with your favorite color or a big check mark. View it daily, post where you can see them. Try daily, weekly, and monthly goals. Make it a to-do list: ie. walking 15 minutes a day, an act of kindness every day, keep a box in the closet for goodwill, purge weekly. On the 1st when I pay my bills, list all the birthday dates to remember. It can cost less than a dollar to bring someone joy on their birthday.

Finally, NEVER GIVE UP! Keep trying. Change your goals or add new ones as needed. Be realistic about your goals and what you want. Did I say write them down? I would say good luck in 2025 but it just takes self-confidence and courage.

Note to all our readers: Goodbye to loved ones we have lost; Blessings of health and abundance for each of you; Treat your neighbors with kindness and love; Give to others; Express gratitude. Seek Joy. Make this your best year ever. Happy 2025 New Year to our wonderful community. From Andy @ Ask_andy@aol.com

Editorial



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MEET THE TEAMS - OVID-ELSIE MARAUDERS



Ovid-Elsie Boys Varsity Basketball

Front row (l-r): Jackson Custer, Joie Fabus, Javen Belill, Tryce Tokar, Travis Milner Jr., Owen Long, Mike Bancroft. Back row (l-r): Asst. Coach Jason Walker, Manager Joe Bancroft, Jake Bowen, Braxton O'Bryant, Tucker Loynes, Dalton Jordan, Jayce Herblet, Manager Nolan Rasch, Head Coach Canyon Walker.

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O-E Marauder Cagers Return Outstanding Talent, Look Forward to 2024-25 Campaign

OVID-ELSIE -- Togetherness.

That's one word that bonds the 2024-25 Ovid-Elsie varsity basketball team, as coach Canyon Walker returns to lead his team -- optimistically -- in a new campaign.

"Our strengths are togetherness and competitiveness," says the second-year mentor. "We need to be more aggressive -- but we look forward to a great season."

Walker and his coaching staff of Jason Walker, Zach Walker, Jordan Jones and Glen Patrick return an outstanding nucleus of six Marauders: Tryce Tokar, Jake Bowen, Javen Belill, Tucker Loynes, Travis Milner, Jr. and Jayce Herblet.

New to the varsity team are Joseph Fabus, Owen Long, Mike Bancroft, Payton Maas, Dalton Jordan, Jackson Custer and Braxton O'Bryant.

As far as the MMAC league race, says coach Walker, "Chesaning and Durand will be strong, while New Lothrop has a really good, new coach."

Post Season High School Sports Tournaments & Championship Schedule

Boys Basketball: Districts -- Feb. 24, 26, 28; Regionals -- March 4, 6; Quarterfinals -- March 11; Semifinals -- March 13-14; Finals -- March 15
Girls Basketball: Districts -- March 3, 5, 7; Regionals -- March 10, 12; Quarterfinals -- March 18; Semifinals -- March 20-21; Finals -- March 22
Bowling: Regionals -- Feb. 19-22; Finals -- Feb. 28-March 1
Competitive Cheer: Districts -- Feb. 14-15; Regionals -- Feb. 22; Finals -- Feb. 28-March 1
Swimming & Diving: Upper Peninsula Girls/Boys Finals -- Feb. 15; Lower Peninsula Boys Diving Regionals -- March 6; Lower Peninsula Boys Finals -- March 14-15
Wrestling -- Team: Districts -- Feb. 5-6; Regionals -- Feb. 12; Finals -- Feb. 21-22
Wrestling -- Individual: Districts -- Feb. 8; Boys Regionals -- Feb. 15; Girls Regionals -- Feb. 16; Finals -- Feb. 28-March 1



Ovid-Elsie Girls Varsity Basketball

Front row (l-r): Dannika Campbell, Ellyanna Carman, Tava Kvalevog, Lily Bates, Ashton Ehle. Back row (l-r): Asst. Coach Hailey Lindloff, Justin Moore, MaKenzie Keck, Izzy Phillips, Kortlynn Loynes, Kendal Tokar, Alyson Moore, Head Coach Shaun McKinney

Photo by Ortman Production, Inc.

New Look Lady Marauders Eager to Embark on 2024-25 Campaign

OVID-ELSIE -- There is a new look to Lady Marauder basketball to start the 2024-25 season.

Gone is longtime -- and highly successful -- coach Ryan Cunningham. Cunningham had been a part of the Marauders girls basketball program since 2006. As a head coach, he collected over 200 wins along with three consecutive MMAC and District titles, and one Regional championship.

His replacement has quite a pedigree.

New mentor Shaun McKinney has an extensive collegiate coaching resume, after first making his mark as a player at neighboring Laingsburg ... where he helped lead the Wolfpack to the 2015 State Finals.

"I'm looking forward to competing each and every game and being the best we can, come March," the new coach says. He has seven very distinct reasons to be optimistic:

Seniors Ellyana Carman and Tava Kvalevog, along with junior Lilian Bates, Dannika Campbell, McKenzie Keck, Alyson Moore and Isabella Phillips all return from a squad that went 19-3 last season and repeated as MMAC champions. Over the past three campaigns, the Lady Marauders have earned three conference titles, two district titles, and a regional championship.

Newcomers to that championship lineage are junior Ashton Ehle and freshmen Kendal Tokar and Kortlynn Loynes.

"Our strengths are our depth and versatility," says coach McKinney.

McKinney comes to O-E most recently after serving as the Director of Basketball Operations at Middle Tennessee State University. He also served as a graduate assistant for Michigan State Womens Basketball as well as serving on the coaching staff at Grand Valley State and Olivet College.

He is a graduate of Michigan State University.

Says O-E athletic director Chris Winter, "Coach McKinney's vision for the program and ability to connect with student-athletes makes this an extremely exciting time for O-E girls basketball. Coach McKinney has spent time in championship programs and has played for a state championship as a player. This is the kind of culture we want for all of our programs."

McKinney will be assisted by Justin Moore and JV coach Halley Lindloff.



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Sports

Wolfpack Girls Keep Winning Steak Intact, Rally Past Lansing Christian

by Tom Turek
LANSING -- The Wolfpack girls varsity basketball team held on to a 36-32 victory over Lansing Christian here December 20.

It was the third-straight win for coach Daniel Morrill's Wolves, moving them to 3-1 in the CMAC and 3-2 overall. It was the first loss of the season for the host Pilgrims, who dipped to 3-1 in the league and 4-1 overall.

Lilli Morrill led the way with 14 points for Laingsburg. She was helped out by Mallory Woodbury who had 9 and Brooklyn Holm with 7.

For LCS, Lydia Brogan had 24 including 9/10 free throws and led all scorers.

Marauder Competitive Cheer Team Opens Meet Season January 8th

by Tom Turek
OVID-ELSIE -- The Marauder varsity cheer team opens its 2024-25 season in action at the Perry Invitational on January 8.

The varsity roster includes Katlyn Bloomfield, Adelaide Faziani, Claire Fruchey, Dylan Masarik, Jaedyn Palus, Alizabeth Throop, Alison Kozlowski, Aubrey Parkhouse, Naomi Schneider, Alyssa Singleterry, Clarissa Baese, Peyton Milz, Lianna Shearer, Audrie VanDeusen, Laiken Watkins and Hanna Koutz.

The Marauders will host their first home action on Wednesday, January 15th at 6 p.m. for a club meet.

Marauder Girls Grab Pair of 4th Places at Mt. Morris Mat Invite

by Tom Turek
MOUNT MORRIS -- Ava Juhas grabbed a 4th place finish at 110 lbs. and Haley McClung did likewise at 130, representing Ovid-Elsie at the annual Mount Morris Panther Girls Wrestling Invitational here December 23.

Both Juhas and McClung fashioned 2-2 records on the day.

"Our lady grapplers took to the mat against some top notch competitors," said coach Kyle Spiess.

Juhas is now 12-2 on the season and McClung is 14-6. The Marauder grapplers are back in January 3 at Gladwin.



Haley McClung went 2-2 and finished 4th during the Mt. Morris Invite.

OE Keglers Top Montrose

Varsity bowlers were in action on December 21st at Galazy Lanes against Montrose.

Both teams were on the winning side, girls 28-2 and boys 27 1/2 - 2 1/2.

High scores for girls were Victoria Dennis 110, Abbiagle Orweller 116, Alexah Heckman 155-148, Haylie Arnett 118 and Brooke Pugsley 203-246/

Boys high scores were Teagan Ignash 188-152, Joe Zuniga 130-152, Collin Jullie 147, Brayden Gruesbeck 197-199, Devyn Pugsley 180.

Next up is Mixed Doubles December 28th at Richfield Lanes.

**City of Ovid
Resolution 2024-18
Civil Infraction Fees**

At a regular meeting of the City of Ovid held on December 9, 2024 at 7:00 pm with the following members present:
Present: M. Soliz, L. Perrien, M. Olger, M. Perrien, E. Brown, M. Jones, E. Starn
Absent: None
The Following resolution was offered by Council Member M. Olger and supported by Council Member L. Perrien.

WHEREAS, Section 1-13(a) of the City of Ovid's Code of Ordinances requires the City Council to establish, by resolution, a schedule of civil fines, including fines for subsequent violations, for each designated municipal civil infraction violation; and

WHEREAS, The City of Ovid Council now desires to establish such schedule pursuant to Section 1-13(a) of the City of Ovid's Code of Ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City of Ovid hereby establishes the schedule of civil fines, including fines for subsequent violations, for each designated municipal civil infraction violation pursuant to Section 1-13(a) of the City of Ovid's Code of Ordinances.

First Offense	\$100.00
Second Offense	\$200.00
Third Offense	\$300.00

2. The City Clerk shall make available in the office of the Clerk the schedule of civil fines, including fines for subsequent violations, for each designated municipal civil infraction violation pursuant to Section 1-13(a) of the City of Ovid Code of Ordinances.

3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution and the same are hereby rescinded.

Upon Roll Call Vote the following voted YES: M. Soliz, L. Perrien, M. Olger, M. Perrien, E. Brown, M. Jones, E. Starn
Upon Roll Call Vote the following voted NO: None
Absent: None

I, Susan Tomasek Swan, hereby certify the following resolution was adopted at the city council regular meeting on the 14th day of October 2024 with a quorum of members present.

Susan Tomasek Swan
Clerk

**City of Ovid
Resolution 2024-17
RESOLUTION TO SET WATER RATES**

At a regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Ovid, held on the 9th day of December, 2024 at 7:00 pm, with the following Council Members present:
PRESENT: M. Soliz, L. Perrien, M. Olger, M. Perrien, E. Brown, M. Jones, E. Starn
ABSENT: None
The following resolution was offered by Council Member E. Brown, and seconded by Council Member L. Perrien.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Ovid does hereby adopt the following water rate schedule for fiscal years beginning January 1, 2025 through December 31st, 2028. Rates for future fiscal years will become effective on January 1 of the fiscal year noted. All previous resolutions or parts thereof, insofar as the same may be in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed following the effective date of this schedule.

Year	2025	2026	2027	2028
Base Rate				
Resident	\$19.06	\$19.63	\$20.22	\$20.83
Non Resident	\$28.58	\$29.44	\$30.32	\$31.23
Usage (per 1,000 gallons)				
Resident	\$6.95	\$7.16	\$7.37	\$7.59
Non Resident	\$10.43	\$10.74	\$11.06	\$11.39
Waterline replacement				
Resident	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00
Non Resident	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00

Upon Roll Call Vote the following voted YES: E. Starn, M. Jones, E. Brown, M. Perrien, M. Olger, L. Perrien, M. Soliz
Upon Roll Call Vote the following voted NO: None
Absent: None

I, Susan Tomasek Swan, hereby certify the following resolution was adopted at the city council regular meeting on the 9th day of December 2024 with a quorum of members present.

Susan Tomasek Swan, Clerk
City of Ovid

Sports

Big First Half Propels O-E Boys Over New Lothrop, 63-34

by Tom Turek

OVID-ELSIE — Travis Milner Jr. scored a career- and game-high 16 points and Ovid-Elsie cruised to a 63-34 win over visiting New Lothrop in Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (mmac) boys' basketball action on December 19.

Ovid-Elsie improved to 5-2 (4-1 MMAC) on the season, and New Lothrop dropped to 2-4 (1-3 MMAC).

It was the 4th-straight win for the Marauders.

O-E head coach Canyon Walker said Milner, the team's sophomore point guard, has stepped into the starting role for the Marauders after playing a reserve role as a freshman. Walker was largely complimentary of his play, "Travis averaged, I think six or so minutes a game last year. Big step up this year. We worked a lot this offseason working on his handles, his shot, his decision-making," he said.

"It's a big step up to go from six minutes to almost playing an entire game. He's a great kid, works his tail off, he's a great defender. He still had some sophomore mistakes here and there, but still does really good for us."

O-E was led by a balanced offensive attack that put up 40 points in the first half and saw 10 Marauders score. Tryce Tokar scored 11 points for O-E, Tucker Loynes scored nine and Jayce Herblet and Jake Bowen added six points each.

After New Lothrop scored the game's first bucket, O-E opened up a double-digit lead with a 14-0 run — during which Bowen made three baskets in the paint — and the score was never close again.

The score was 18-4 after the opening quarter.

Walker said he was mostly pleased with the team's defensive effort throughout the contest — especially in the first half — where O-E employed a full-court press that produced turnovers aplenty while holding the Hornets to eight points in the second half. It capped a successful week for the Marauders, which also won in conference action against Chesaning on Monday, 58-55.

Senior Alex Gross led the Hornets with seven points and grab four rebounds.

O-E took on Imlay City (4-2) in nonconference play at the SAU Shot Clock Classic at Spring Arbor University on Dec. 27, then opens the 2025 portion of its season January 6 at Birch Run.

Wolfpack Boys Reel Off 3rd-Straight CMAC Victory

by Tom Turek

LAINGSBURG -- Mitchell George poured in 27 points and five other Wolfpack players tallied on the scoring sheet, as Laingsburg sprinted to its 3rd-straight CMAC victory December 20 at LHS.

The Wolves' 63-56 win moved them to 3-3 in league play, 3-4 overall after an 0-4 start. The visiting Pilgrims landed at 2-4 in the circuit, 3-4 overall entering the Christmas break.

Logan Holm hit a pair of three-balls in both the first and second quarters, scoring all of his 14 points in the first half, as the Wolfpack took it to the Pilgrims early. George scored 11 of his points before the intermission, then snuffed out any thought of a LCS rally with 13 tallies in the 4th quarter.

Dom Garcia added 7 points, Leandro Dolega-Caceres 7, Landon Freeman 5 and Jake Rivet 2 for coach Tim Beebe's Wolfpack.

After the holiday break, the red-and-white returns to the hardcourt on January 3, hosting the non-league Valley Lutheran Chargers.

Hornet Gals Remain Atop MMAC, Sliding Past O-E

by Tom Turek

NEW LOTHROP -- Alyson Moore tossed in 9 points, Dannika Campbell hit for 9 and Ellyanna Carman added 7 in a balanced scoring attack, but the host Hornets slid past Ovid-Elsie 46-37 in a key MMAC girls basketball victory here December 20.

In a battle for Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) supremacy, New Lothrop stayed unbeaten in the loop at 3-0, 5-1 overall. Coach Shaun McKinney's Marauders stay hot on the Hornets' heels at 3-1, 5-2 overall.

New Lothrop hadn't done well against Ovid-Elsie recently (they were 2-7 in their previous nine matchups), but they didn't let that get in their way.

The Hornets were able to dent a stellar O-E defense, that has been yielding just 29.0 points per game through the start of the 2024-25 season.

The two MMAC front-runners will square off again February 3 on the Marauders' home floor.



Dannika Campbell scored 9 points during game against New Lothrop on December 20th.

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MEET THE TEAMS - OVID-ELSIE MARAUDERS



Ovid-Elsie Boys Varsity Bowling

Team (l-r): Collin Jullie, Damian Misener, Brayden Gruesbeck, Landyn Adkins, Peyton Holmes, Devyn Pugsley, Coach Matt Fabus.

Photo by Ortman Productions, Inc.



Ovid-Elsie Girls Varsity Bowling

Team(l-r): Abbigale Orweller, Haylee Arnett, Kyra Pupava, Alexah Heckman, Victoria Dennis, Brooke Pugsley, Coach Matt Fabus.

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Veteran Coach Looks for '110%' from Lady Keglers

OVID-ELSIE -- Veteran bowling coach Matt Fabus is looking for his 2024-25 Lady Marauders to "... have fun, compete and everyone put 110% into a (great) sport."

Fabus says his team can finish strong -- especially if it becomes proficient at understanding different oil patterns at the various venues it will bowl at this season.

"Our team strengths are returning bowlers in-the-know, who can help our new bowlers understand what it takes for a successful season."

Returning for the Lady Marauders are Kyra Pupava, Brooke Pugsley, Victoria Dennis and Alexah Heckman, joined by newcomers Abby Orweller and Haylie Arnett.

Returning for the boys team are Devyn Pugsley, Brayden Gruesbeck, Peyton Holms and Collin Jullie.



Ovid-Elsie Varsity Swimming

Front row (l-r): Cheyenne Kline, Norah Wilcox, David Lohr, Shampoo (Alex) Aekvorathongchai.

Second row (l-r): Audrey Bensinger, Jolene Hebel, Lilliana, Kennedy, Evaley Swender.

Third row (l-r): Addalyn Roberts, Marshall Leavitt, Lauren Phillips. Back row (l-r): Asst. Coach Eugene Howe, Head Coach Karl Dahlke, Asst. Coach Wyatt Dahlke, Asst. Coach Gabrielle Wildes, Asst. Coach Jowa Wildes. Missing Michael Rinehart and Dylan Henning.

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O-E Swim Team Returns Veterans Nucleus to the Pool in 2024-25

OVID-ELSIE — Veteran leadership.

Those are the buzzwords as the Ovid-Elsie swim team returns to the pool for the 2024-25 season.

Veteran head coach Karl Dahlke. Veteran swimmers in assistant coaches in Eugene Howe, Brie Wilde, Jowa Wildes and Wyatt Dahlke.

And veteran returning Marauders in Norah Wilcox, Cheyenne Kline, Jolene Hebel, Addie Roberts, Lilly Kennedy, Dave Lohr, Mike Reinhart and Audrey Bensinger.

That kind of nucleus, along with "... team cohesion and a positive attitude," says coach Dahlke, creates a feeling of optimism around the Ovid-Elsie pool this winter.

While the Marauders remain young and relatively inexperienced in some events, the addition of newcomers like Marshall Leavitt are helping buoy the optimism around the O-E program.

Ovid-Elsie Swim Team Drops Narrow 131-120 Nod to Ionia

by Tom Turek

OVID-ELSIE -- Ionia's Carl Goeckel and Christian Martinez each swam to four first places each, sparking the Bulldog swim team to a narrow 131-120 victory over the host Marauders.

O-E senior Cheyenne Kline tallied a first place and 13 individual points to pace coach Karl Dahlke's Marauders. Audrey Bensinger came through with 12 points, Jolene Hebel 11, Marshall Leavitt 11, Adalynn Roberts 10, Lilliana Kennedy 9, Lauren Phillips 8, David Lohr 7, Dylan Henning 5, Norah Wilcox 4, Alex Aekvorathongchai 3 and Ev Swender 3 as Ovid-Elsie's team depth kept the team scoring close. All the Bulldog points came from just 8 swimmers.

Kline broke through with a 1st-place swim in the 500 freestyle, in 7:31.39. She also placed 2nd in the 200 freestyle in 2:50.76.

The Marauders return to the pool February 4 with a quad meet vs. Lansing Waverly, Lansing Catholic Central and Holly in Lansing.

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MEET THE TEAMS - OVID-ELSIE MARAUDERS



Ovid-Elsie Varsity Competitive Cheer

Front row (l-r): Laiken Watkins, Clarissa Baese, Hannah Koutz, Audrie VanDeusen, Peyton Milz, Lianna Shearer. Back row (l-r): Coach Sarah Stewart, Alison Kozlowski, Lizzie Throop, Dylan Masarik, Naomi Schneider, Aubrey Parkhouse, Jaedyn Palus, Claire Fruchey, Adelaide Faziani, Kaylyn Blomfield.

Photo by Ortman Production Inc

Ovid-Elsie Competitive Cheer Ready for the 2024-25 Season

The OE Competitive Cheer team is looking forward to the 2024-25 season with Coach Sarah Stewart at the helm.

We have 15 girls on the team this year.

6 freshman, 3 sophomores, 5 juniors and only one senior, Hannah Koutz. 9 girls are returning to our squad this year.

Out of the 6 newcomers to our team, 3 of them cheered in 8th grade and 3 of them are new to cheer.

Our team is still rebuilding. We are working on basics and the fundamentals of competitive cheer. They are doing better each practice. We have two girls that do not have a cheer background but have done dance/tumbling in the past. They learn quickly and I see big things coming from them. Our team seems to be good at working together to overcome obstacles.

We are not as skilled with stunting as we want to be. We work on it everyday and have been utilizing the weight room a couple days a week. We are already much farther ahead of where we were a month ago. But we still have a lot to learn.

MHSAA competitive cheer refigured divisions this year so we are now going to be division 3. This is a much more competitive group. We have harder competition this year. We should be pretty competitive in our league this year. But our division will be more of a challenge.



Ovid-Elsie Co-Ed Varsity Wrestling

Front row (l-r): Anthony Silva, Travis Wright, Haley McClung, Piper White, Katelyn Wright, Ava Juhas, Dana Juhas, Landen VanConant, John Kelly, Trey Milner

Back row (l-r): Head Coach Kyle Spiess, Chandler Hart Butcher, Ben Wildes, Conor McClung, Jeremiah Stewart, Mitchell Gonzalez, Ryker Parsons, Carsen Odenbaugh, Caden Cannon, Asst. Coach Frank Goodrich, Asst. Coach Zach Morris.

Photo by Ortman Production, Inc.



Ovid-Elsie Boys Freshman Basketball

Front row (l-r): Urijah Sexton, Leyton Belill, Jacob Fabus, Kellen Garcia, Peyton St. Onge. Back row (l-r): Head Coach Austin Migowski, Landen VanConant, Maverick Horak, Maxon Fabus, Cooper Ritenburg, Ethan Kimmel, Mitchell Blaha. Asst. Coach: Chris Parker. Manager: Walker Lover.

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Ovid-Elsie Boys JV Basketball

Team includes: Chase Fabus, Brady Howard, Julian Medina, Alex Aekvorathongchai, Carpenter Darling, Evan Anderson, Braylen Ehle, Jason Harrell, Andrew Brown, Keilen Garcia, Cooper Ritenburg, Brooks Lahr. Head Coach: Travis Brown. Asst. Coach: Cole Dowd. Managers: Payton Stewaart & Jaxon Chrenka.

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Ovid-Elsie Girls JV Basketball

Team includes: Breanna Helt, Danica Levey, Adalyn Polash, Carly Williams, Makayla Milledge, Khloee Milledge, Kyra Witt, Ava Sweet, Marlee O'Bryant. Head Coach: Hailey Lindloff

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Ovid-Elsie JV Bowling

Team includes: A Team: Joseph Zuniga, Henry Remenar, Jack Hebel, Teagan Ignash, Micah Ladiski, Bryon Odenbaugh. B Team: Violette Massuch, Ellie George, Drake Bush, Reid Roberts, Darby White, Anthony Zuniga. Head Coach: Darin Underhill and Asst. Coach Elizabeth Underhill.

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CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Joshua Lee Schneider, single 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): Freedom Mortgage Corporation
Date of Mortgage: January 5, 2016
Date of Mortgage Recording: January 25, 2016

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$75,991.65

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Watertown, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing in the Section line at a point 881 feet East of the Northwest corner of Section 15, Town 5 North, Range 3 West, Watertown Township, Clinton County, Michigan; thence East 294.5 feet; thence South 03 degrees West 202 feet; thence South 88 degrees 56 minutes West 288.55 feet; thence North 00 degrees 57 minutes East 207 feet to the point of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 6801 W Herbison Rd, Dewitt, MI 48820-9212

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): Ronald Reaves and Sue Reaves, husband and wife
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of The CWALT Inc.
Alternative Loan Trust 2006-OA12
Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-OA12
Date of Mortgage: July 6, 2006
Date of Mortgage Recording: July 14, 2006

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$158,591.51

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Watertown, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 64, Hawthorne Hills's No. 1, Watertown Township, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 4, Clinton County Records.

Common street address (if any): 9840 Looking Glass Brook Dr, Grand Ledge, MI 48837-9271

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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 29, 2024
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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, 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.

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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

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$87,791.89

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CLINTON
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Decedent's Estate**

Case No: 24-32402-DE
Estate of
THOMAS JOSEPH BIERGANS,
Date of Birth: October 3, 1937
NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS:
The decedent,
THOMAS JOSEPH BIERGANS
Died: October 8, 2024
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to David L. Biergans, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 201 E. State St. Ste. 3400, St. Johns, MI 48879 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Janet Pritchett Named Memorial Healthcare November Employee of the Month

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

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According to her nomination, “Janet is an engaged voice at meetings discussing how to best support our patients with healthcare navigation. She took the lead on the implementation of these process changes when they came about. Janet reorganized the office to make sure the flow of paperwork made sense and troubleshooted issues as they occurred to make the changes as smooth as possible for the team’s workflow. She provided open communication about the challenges the team was experiencing. In addition, Janet recognized an opportunity to have anesthesia review charts earlier in the pre-assessment process to reduce patient cancellations and schedule needed clearances with specialties closer to the time of procedure onboarding. With her support, we were able to move the anesthesia review of patient charts closer to the time of boarding rather than two days before the procedure. Change is difficult, but Janet embraced this opportunity to improve patient care at Memorial. She pushed the limits of what we consider to be good care and helped us transform it into excellent care.”

Janet lives in Owosso with her husband and has three adult children and four grandchildren. Janet’s hobbies include traveling, knitting, pickleball, and cooking. Her first job was serving in the U.S. Army for 21 years. She graduated from Officer Candidate School and achieved the rank of Major while serving in the Army. Janet started volunteering at Memorial Healthcare and later worked as a secretary while attending nursing school. Janet’s personal outlook is, “Treat people with respect always.” Her goal/dream is to travel the world. Janet would like to be remembered as competent, compassionate, and caring individual. She is quoted as saying, “I am honored to be recognized and grateful to serve this community.”



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