

## Village of Elsie Regular Meeting Rescheduled

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Village of Elsie was rescheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 7:00 pm, 145 W Main Street, Elsie, Michigan.

## ScrapFest Night: Join Us for a Documentary Screening and Meet the Artist

submitted by Sue Kadlek

St. Johns – On Tuesday, January 21, 2025, from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM, prepare to be inspired! The IQhub is excited to welcome the community to a special event: “ScrapFest Night.” Join us for a screening of the fascinating ScrapFest Documentary-Season 2, which will be shown at 6:00 PM and again at 7:00 PM. Attendees can enjoy kettle corn and hot chocolate while watching the film.

ScrapFest Documentary-Season 2 highlights the remarkable artistry and creativity of artists who turn discarded metal into breathtaking artworks. This season features artist Andrew Sandstedt, who has participated with his sons in ScrapFest since its inception. Learn about the personal obstacles Andrew has overcome, and how those obstacles have influenced his art (particularly with ScrapFest) while following along as he builds his sculpture for ScrapFest 14.

After the screening, take a stroll around the IQhub to meet some of the ScrapFest artists and learn more about their art. You’ll even have the chance to purchase some of their creations. For those feeling artistic, we’ll have art activities available as well. Create your own ScrapFest-style art using everyday recycled materials, buy a 4 x 4 canvas to paint your design, or grab a coloring page to complete here or take home. Additionally, don’t miss the chance to explore the stunning art featured in IQhub’s Art Explosion 5.0.

This special event will take place on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM at the IQhub, located at 3055 W. M-21, St. Johns, Michigan. Admission is free and open to the public.

This event offers a unique opportunity to learn about ScrapFest, the artists involved, the power of creativity, and the significance of sustainability. Held in mid-July in Old Town Lansing, ScrapFest began as a scrap metal artwork competition, and has evolved into a full art festival that focuses on up-cycled and repurposed artwork. Now, along with the scrap metal sculpture competition, ScrapFest also has eco-art booth artisans, family activities, live music, food, The Great Scrap Run 5k run/walk (with family fun run), and a Refashion Show!

We encourage you to spread the word and join us for this inspiring evening. Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/iqhub> or on our website: <https://www.iqhubag.org/>.



Sue Kadlek



Becky Taylor-Williams



Dr. David Huff

## New School Board Members Sworn in at Special Meeting

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – A special meeting of the Ovid-Elsie Board of Education was held Thursday, January 2, 2025 for the purpose of addressing a personnel matter and administration of the oath of office to the newly elected board members.

The following board members were administered the oath of office: Dr. David Huff, Becky Taylor-Williams, and Susan Kadlek.

The forms of public communication were outlined for board officials: written correspondence shall be circulated to board members; the Ovid-Elsie personnel were advised to address the board with correspondence and the rules from board policy that outline the regulations regarding public comment.

Everett Smith, retired teacher, thirty-eight-year veteran of Ovid-Elsie Area School, expressed his concern regarding how matters have been handled between him, his family, and accusations made and disproved. Now, addressing the accusations made against Mr. Ben Smith. Unhappy with administrator, Jason Tokar. “Money and power are driving this situation.”

Jamie Smith, speaking truth regarding her husband a very emotional address to the Ovid-Elsie Board of Education. Huge stack of information and proof of violation of policy. His rights have been denied. “Truth has been swept under the rug.”

Officials took action to retire in closed session to address a personnel issue, 6:42 pm. Under client attorney privilege and the request of the employee. Upon returning in opened session at 8:07 pm the following action was taken.

It was moved by Dr. David Huff, supported by Kevin Nash that the Ovid-Elsie Board of Education approve the separation agreements in regards to the personnel matter with Mr. Ben Smith. Motion passed with a 7-0 roll call vote.

## Memorial Healthcare Welcomes Board-Certified PA to King Street

submitted by Dianna Vsetula

Owosso – Please join us in welcoming Jennica Long, PA-C, to our active medical staff and to the Owosso community!

Jennica has joined Dr. Phincy Arangattu, Dr. Anthony Patsy, Dr. Jimmy Qaqish, Brett Gurden, PA-C, Karlee Krokos, MSN, APRN, FNP-C, PCCN, Jacob Perrin, PA-C, and Travis Scott, MSN, FNP-C, at Memorial Healthcare Family Medicine - King Street, in Owosso.

Jennica is a board-certified Physician Assistant who received her Master of Physician Assistant degree from High Point University, High Point, North Carolina.

Jennica has numerous clinical experiences working with all patients of all ages and conditions and looks forward to providing patients with high-quality, evidence-based, individualized care at Memorial Healthcare Family Medicine - King Street.

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## Social

### Ovid Public Library Happenings

On Wednesday, January 22 the Ovid Library will be having our Classic Movie. This week we will be showing "Love Me Tender" starring Elvis Presley. Movie time will be 1:00. Everyone is welcome to bring a snack but we will have light snacks and drinks available.

Friday, January 24 will be Preschool Story Time. Ms. Shelly will be reading some classic pigeon books by Mo Willems. We will also be making a pigeon craft. Bring the kids and enjoy some time at the library!



### Soup & Sandwich Lunch Returns to Bannister

Please join us on Tuesday, January 21st for our first Soup & Sandwich lunch starting at noon. We have three soups to choose from as well as a sandwich. And, ALWAYS, something for dessert! Come & join us for food, fellowship & fun. Free will offering.

Bannister UMC, 103 E. Hanvey St, Bannister, MI 48807.



### St. Cyril Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

*submitted by Terry Ornelas*

The St Cyril Knights of Columbus, Bannister will be hosting a pancake breakfast. The proceeds from this event will benefit the Elsie Area Pantry. The freewill offering breakfast will consist of pancakes, sausages, hashbrowns, fruit, rolls, and beverages. The event will be held at the St. Cyril Parish Hall on Sunday, January 26th, from 11am until 1pm. All are invited to enjoy a delicious breakfast and help those in need.

### Materials Management Planning Committee Meeting

*submitted by Kate Neese*

The Materials Management Planning Committee (MMPC) will be holding a public meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 5:45pm in the Clinton County Courthouse Board of Commissioners Room to review and discuss the Work Program document for the Materials Management Plan process. This document will be made available to all municipal offices, on the Clinton County website ([www.clinton-county.org](http://www.clinton-county.org)) and through email or regular mail by request.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 5:45pm at the same location. MMPC meeting agendas and minutes will be regularly posted on the Clinton County website: [www.clinton-county.org/1075/Materials-Management-Planning-Committee](http://www.clinton-county.org/1075/Materials-Management-Planning-Committee).

For additional information, please contact the Clinton County Department of Waste Management by emailing [recycle@clinton-county.org](mailto:recycle@clinton-county.org) or calling the office (989) 224-5186.

## Library News

### Elsie Library Adventures

*submitted by Ann Trierweiler*

I just read a quote from one of our famous Michigan actors, Tim Allen. "Winter forms our character and brings out our best." Yeh, right! Oooops, did I say that out loud? Well, snow is gorgeous and as for the cold... This, too, shall pass. Don't you think the weather is perfect for a cozy blanket, a mug of hot cocoa, and a new book from our library?

We missed you this last Monday due to the school closings; we missed our Storytime and Craft with the children, as well. The Storytime programs bring so much joy! Encouraging our children to read is a privilege and being read to is a big start on the journey of literacy. Crafts and snack just make it that much more enjoyable.

We will be closed this coming Monday, January 20, 2025 in observance of the late Martin Luther King, Jr.

One of our patrons already made bingo! The Bingo Challenge runs through the end of February. What an interesting way to find and read new books. "A book set in Michigan," "A book set in a warm climate", and "a book with a one-word title" are some of the bingo box challenges. Participants need to read five books to enter a drawing. Each box on the bingo card represents a different book. The winners can select a prize from the showcase or a gift card from several selections.

The Elsie Public Library Book Club is reading a book called "The Bakers Secret" by Stephen P. Kieran. This literary fiction takes place on the coast of France during WW2. Only twenty-two, Emma learned to bake at the side of a master, Ezra Kuchen, the village baker. Apprenticed to Ezra at thirteen, Emma watched as her kind mentor was forced to wear the six-pointed yellow star on his clothing. She was powerless to help when they pulled Ezra from his shop at gunpoint, the first of many villagers stolen away and never seen again. Each day, she receives an extra ration of flour to bake a dozen baguettes for the occupying troops. And each day, she mixes that precious flour with ground straw to create enough dough for two extra loaves—contraband bread she shares with the hungry villagers. Under the watchful eyes of armed soldiers, she builds network of barter and trade that she and the villagers use to thwart their occupiers. But her gift to the village is more than these few crusty loaves. Emma gives the people a taste of hope—the faith that one day the Allies will arrive to save them. -Goodreads. Come in and get a copy! We meet the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm for discussion.

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## 35th Shiawassee County Walk for Warmth

submitted by Becky Zemla  
Capital Area Community Services, Inc., will hold their 35th Annual Walk for Warmth on February 22, 2025 at The Shiawassee Council on Aging, 300 N. Washington St., Owosso MI. Registration for the 3 mile Walk will open at 9:00 A.M., and the Walk will begin at 9:30 A.M.

Walk for Warmth is a statewide effort to raise public awareness of people experiencing heat-related emergencies. Funds are raised through contributions from individuals, businesses, civic organizations, clubs and church groups and are used to assist area residents with heat-related emergencies. With the rising costs of basic needs which may create an economic hardship, the need for heat-related assistance has become far greater than service agencies and churches can resolve without additional resources, such as Walk for Warmth. 100% of the funds raised through the Shiawassee County Walk are used to assist low-income households within Shiawassee County. ZERO administrative fees are taken by the Agency.

With the high number of local families needing heat-related assistance, the support of area businesses, individuals and civic groups is critical. Please consider assisting by having a group or individual represent your business/organization in the Walk or make a one-time contribution.

Donations may be mailed or hand delivered to: CACS, Shiawassee County Service Center, 1845 Corunna Avenue, Owosso MI 48867.

For further information, please contact our office at: 989-723-3115.

Pledge Sheets are now available in our office and posted on the CACS website: CACS-inc.org

Thank you for your consideration in helping to keep families warm this winter and prevent homelessness due to home heating related emergencies.

CACS - Shiawassee Service Center Staff



## January is National Radon Action Month

submitted by Brady Guilbault

St. Johns, Stanton, Ithaca, MI – The Mid-Michigan District Health Department (MMDHD) is encouraging residents to test their homes for radon this January and is offering free test kits to those living in Clinton, Gratiot, and Montcalm counties.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas. It is tasteless, odorless, and colorless. It comes from the radioactive breakdown of radium, which comes from the radioactive decay of uranium. Both radium and uranium are found in at least trace amounts in almost any kind of soil or rock.

MMDHD's Environmental Health Director, Lonnie Smith says, "You cannot see, smell, or taste radon, so we encourage residents to test for radon in their homes. Any home, could have elevated levels of radon."

One in every four Michigan homes is expected to have radon levels that exceed the recommended federal action level. This is alarming because radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer, behind smoking. Home radon testing is recommended every two to five years because homes settle and new cracks form in the foundation, causing radon levels to change. You can't see, smell or taste radon. The only way to know if you have elevated radon levels is to test.

Get your free radon test kit by visiting or contacting MMDHD:

- Clinton County Branch Office: 1307 E. Townsend Road, St. Johns. Phone: 989-224-2195
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- Montcalm County Branch Office: 615 N. State Street, Stanton. Phone: 989-831-5237 For further information about radon, visit: Michigan.gov/radon or EPA.gov/radon.



## State Police Pilots First Battery Electric Vehicle in Patrol Fleet

LANSING -The Michigan State Police (MSP) is announcing the addition of its first battery electric vehicle (BEV) to be used on patrol starting today. The 2024 Ford Mustang Mach-E is assigned to MSP's State Security Operations Section to be used by state properties security officers, who are armed, uniformed members of the MSP who specialize in general law enforcement and security services at state-owned and leased facilities in the Lansing area.

"This is an exciting opportunity for us to research, in real time, how a battery electric vehicle performs on patrol," said Col. James F. Grady II, director of the MSP. "Our state properties security officers patrol a substantially smaller number of miles per day than our troopers and motor carrier officers, within city limits and at lower speeds, coupled with the availability of charging infrastructure in downtown Lansing, making this the ideal environment to test the capabilities of a police-packaged battery electric vehicle."

The MSP's Precision Driving Unit is nationally renowned for its annual Police Vehicle Evaluation, in which they test and evaluate police vehicles from various manufacturers to include alternative fuel vehicles. The data is compiled and published for use by police fleet managers and purchasing agents nationwide.

"We began testing battery electric vehicles in 2022, but up until now hybrids were the only alternative fuel vehicle in our fleet," said Lt. Nicholas Darlington, commander of the Precision Driving Unit. "Adding this battery electric vehicle to our patrol fleet will allow us to study the vehicle's performance long-term to determine if there is a potential for cost savings and broader applicability within our fleet."



## Cardio Drumming Classes

submitted by Janell Kebler  
Fun and free cardio drumming exercise classes with Janell and Jackie are held on Monday & Thursdays from 6-7pm. and Saturdays 8-9am. in the gym at United Church of Ovid, 131 W. Front St., Ovid. Equipment available, all levels welcome!

More information on Facebook at: United Church of Ovid-Cardio Drumming.

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# Obituaries

## Shirley May Marx

Shirley May Marx, age 83, of Ovid, Michigan, passed away Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at Ovid Healthcare Center, Ovid, MI.

Shirley was born in Flint, Michigan on April 15, 1941, the daughter of Bruce Edward and Helen Mary (Fitch) Nippa. She graduated from Hoover High School, Flint, Michigan in 1960. On August 14, 1965, Shirley married James Joseph Marx in Flint, Michigan. They were married thirty-eight years prior to his passing on October 2, 2003. Our mother had three things she loved most in life: her friends and family, her beloved Detroit Tigers, and her church family at Carland-Zion Brethren in Christ Church.

Shirley is survived by her daughters: Beth (Dale) Ackley of Flint, MI; and Stacey (Michael) Morton of Owosso, MI; six grandchildren: David (Caitlin) Morton, Jeremiah Morton, Jacob Morton, Gabby (Chris) Miller, Tiffany Ackley, and Aaron Ackley; and two great-grandchildren: Paisley and Nolan. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband James, and sister Helen Karl.

Funeral Services will be held at Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan, at 12:00 P.M. on Monday, January 20, 2025, with Pastor Dave Stanton officiating. Burial will take place at Fairfield Township Cemetery. Visitation will held from 11:00 A.M. until the time of service at the funeral home.

The family would like to thank Heart to Heart Hospice, in particular her caregiver Jen, and her RN case manager Lindsey.

Memorials may be made to the Owosso VFW Auxillary. Online condolences for the family may be made at [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan.



## Emily Clara Jones Davis

Emily Clara Jones Davis, aged 104, died Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at Grace Haven Assisted Living, Saint. Johns, Michigan.

Emily was born in Detroit, Michigan on July 4, 1920, the only child of Fred and Dora (Haselhuhn) Jones. Emily graduated from Elsie High School along with her 28 classmates and future husband (Roy C.) in the class of 1938. She later attended Cleary College in Detroit, MI. On January 4, 1943 she married Roy C. Davis of Elsie and Houghton Lake in Detroit, Michigan. She resided most of her life in Saint Johns, Michigan.

Roy and Emily built a home north of Saint Johns. They enjoyed trips with their antique vehicles and with the Twelfth Armored Division (Hellcats). They loved to dance, skate, swim and all kinds of music. Emily was instrumental in seeing that all four children learned to play the piano and a musical instrument plus graduating from college. The entire family was active with Greenbush and Lowe United Methodist Churches.

Emily was a homemaker and 4-H Leader for 15 years as well as serving on the Clinton County Board of Canvassers and Jury Board representing the Democratic Party. She was a past Worthy Matron for the Order of Eastern Star in Saint Johns, MI. Emily was a bookkeeper for Roy's drainage contracting business. She has traced her family lineage back to the Daughters of the American Revolution. After Emily turned 102, she became part of the Centenarian Project through the University of Boston in Massachusetts.

Survivors include: daughter Holly (Ron) Phinney of Saint Johns, MI; son Alan (Bev) Davis of Saint Johns, MI; daughter Delia (Al) Anderson of Portales, NM; and daughter Lisa Thurston of Ovid, MI; 10 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her parents and husband Roy on July 14, 2011.

A Memorial Service was held at Lowe United Methodist Church, 5485 W. Lowe Road, Saint Johns, on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, with Pastor Kathy Leydorf-Keck officiating.

Burial will take place at Riverside Cemetery, Elsie, Michigan at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Lowe Methodist Church or Grace Haven Assisted Living, Saint Johns, MI. Online condolences may be sent to [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, Michigan.



## Donald Walter Gilbert

Donald Walter Gilbert, 67, a man of faith, intellect and integrity, passed away peacefully on January 11, 2025. He was born on April 1, 1957.

A celebrate of Life will be held at a later date with burial at Fairfield Township Cemetery. The family was served by Smith Family Funeral Home

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# Editorial



## A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Have you ever tried to write about something and come up rather vacant? My attic is empty and my life is overly full at this point in time. Under upcoming events, I'm having a hospital bed being delivered tomorrow afternoon. Actually my cousin Arden and I are going to pick it up at the VFW Hall in Corunna. I have talked to the Commander there and am able to borrow the bed for approximately three or four months. Then I will return it after I've gotten through a couple of surgical procedures. I need the darned thing because I'm not to walk up and down the flight of stairs to get to my bedroom and since I didn't want to go to the expense of buying a daybed, I will have the bed put into my living room on a temporary basis. After the first procedure heals I will enter into the second one. Of course it did not make me happy to find out that I have a bulging disc that was upsetting my stride and movement possibilities. It is very aggravating not to be able to bend down and pick up anything that is on the floor. It is down right demeaning when that happens to a very independent soul. I'm seeing my chiropractor to ameliorate the disc problem. There has been a great deal of pain with these problems. And that helps me to become a very non social and widens my mean streak. Such is life.

After talking with Karen and Robin, I decided to follow my reminiscences. This bitter weather reminded me of the home made bread toast smeared with both butter and peanut butter...then it was dunked into a mug of hot cocoa. Notice I said hot cocoa, not chocolate. My Mom used to make the cocoa by bringing milk to a gentle boil, adding sugar, and real cocoa. It was and is delicious. The four of us kids would then dunk our toast into our cocoa. Yup, sometimes it had marshmallows but mostly just plain cocoa. It was hot and filling and a wonderful way to warm up after spending the afternoon in the snow. It was also a great breakfast before walking up hill to Canfield Country School. Those were the days... I do believe that I will make up some now so that I can enjoy the mug of memories and be delighted with the brew. It is quite bitter out there... So that explains why I've been parking my pickup at my front steps. I suppose that it could appear that I'm being lazy, I like to think that I'm being efficient and narrowing down the possibilities of slipping or tripping.

Speaking of tripping, Thomas Tripper, one of my orange and white outdoor cats, lived up to his name and tripped up Sandy when she came for dinner a couple of weeks ago. She couldn't see over the boxes that she carried and didn't realize that Thomas isn't very civilized. He found two legs and tried to maneuver around them as she stepped forward. She landed on her back, a pie dumped most of its filling into the box and poor Sandy was covered in snow. The lovely baked dip that she had made to to the house in its original container. I was very happy that Sandy wasn't hurt, though it had to be very jarring to land on your backside. Fortunately for all of us the dinner turned out well and we enjoyed ourselves. The five of us played "ittchen Rummy" and we laughed ourselves silly. One of our regulars at MG's Perx & Pastries had taught me the game and it was a hit.

Because of the snow and cold last weekend not many made it in to try our corned beef hash burritos which we offered with our regular burritos. Of course they were delicious. This coming week we will be offering football shaped sugar cookies for the Super Bowl and of course heart shaped sugar cookies for Valentine's day. I also need to make some more chocolate walnut fudge to make one or two of our customers happy. Just give us a call and let us know when you need them. Pictures will be posted this Saturday. I did get a call this morning while working on taxes and have to have a lemon meringue pie and cookies for that afternoon. Glad that I had the forty-eight hour notice.

I'm very happy that my chiropractor has alleviated much of my pain and loss of movement. It is a blessing, now all I need to do is remember not to over do it. I was told that was my kryptonite. May your days be filled with blessings. God bless.

Crystal Mitchell©2025



## The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster  
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### New Year, New Rimfire

It is hard to believe that a new year has started just like it is hard to believe that rimfire enthusiasts have another new rimfire cartridge option. Drum roll please...

Introducing the new 21 Sharps from Winchester. Unlike the revolutionary .17's, the 5mm, and the 22 WMR this new cartridge is more like an improved .22 Long Rifle (LR) which has been pretty much the same since 1887.

Why make the improvements with the .22 long Rifle? After all, it is pretty hard to beat the inherent accuracy of a .22 LR out to around 60 yards or so because of the little amount of rise and fall in the bullet's trajectory. Thus, making it perfect for head shots on close squirrels, rabbits, woodchucks, etc. If there is one fault with the .22 LR, or maybe an issue, it's that the bullets are heeled and are very difficult to manufacture with non-lead materials. This hasn't really been a problem in the past but times are changing and it won't be very long until environmental safe bullets will be required across the country on all public lands. Back to the .22 LR bullet...the diameter of the bullet besides the heel is actually .225 which is the same outside diameter of the shell. The 21 Sharp uses the same shell but has no heel and the base of the bullet measures .2105. What does all this mean for the new 21 Sharp? The bullet is ballistically better with increased velocity and accuracy but also easier to manufacture without lead.

Winchester has announced four different factory target and game loads for the 21 Sharp. The first is the 25 grain Copper Matrix which has a velocity of 1750 fps and has proven very accurate in published test reports. Next is for game only and is the Super X 34 grain Jacket Hollow Point traveling at 1,500 fps and is said to outperform its rival .22LR in terms of accuracy, expansion, and impact energy on small game. The third option is a 37 grain Black Copper Plated which moves at 1,335 fps and will be the cheapest and best for economical plinking.

Last and slowest is the 42 grain Full Metal Jacket which travels at 1,330 fps and is designed for high volume range sessions when frequent cleaning isn't desired.

In terms of rifles available right now, it appears that Winchester and Savage are the only manufacturers but it probably won't be long until Ruger 10/22 barrels will probably be available. Ammo is hit or miss but when you do find it expect to pay double the cost of regular .22LR ammunition. What does this mean for the Weekly Sportsman? It would be great to shoot this through a Remington 510 but that won't be possible so the wait will start for a 10/22 barrel in 21 Sharp!



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### Setting Goals For Your Teens

Dear Andy, Last week, I read your column about making New Year's Resolutions and never too late to make changes. Do you think it is a good idea for our children? Middle School and High School ages. My husband and I were talking about our goals for this new year and we wanted to give suggestions for our children. Any ideas on how to get them to make changes?

Mom

Dear Mom & Dad,

Of course! Setting goals for the new year should be a family tradition. Start Now. It is fun and you might learn some things about your children. Call a family meeting. (No TV, No electronic or cell phones.) Bring Poster paper and/or a notebook to the table. And, provide markers, pens, and cookies. Goal setting does not need to be intimidating. It is a great assignment when students return from winter break at school. Teachers often use the goal-setting opportunities at that time of year to get back into the school routine. It works great for families, too!

First, set your children up for success. This is a project that builds self-esteem and awareness for your children. Depending on the child's age, share some of you and your husband's goals or resolutions for the year. Ie. Saving for a vacation, spending more time at grandma's, inviting friends and family over for dinner every other week. Being 10 minutes early for work. Going to all the Basketball games. Dishes in the dishwasher right after dinner. Remind our kids how much we love them. Remind your spouse how much you appreciate him or her. Exercise more. Plan a weekly family movie night, with popcorn. The list could go on and on. Make them achievable with a plan.

As for your children, list categories for goals. Personal goals: Such as, make my bed every morning (if that is important to both you and your child) or keep my room clean. (That might take some coaxing or reminding and suggestions on how to pick up or organize a room.) Some things may be as simple as, feed the dog or brush your teeth, without being told. Or, School Goals: Laying my clothes out the night before so I am not late for the bus. Reading for fun. Practice my saxophone for 20 minutes daily. Eat Breakfast every day. Go to bed an hour earlier. Say Good morning to my teacher when I enter the room.

Include, short-term goals and long-term goals. Some people might need something tangible for accomplishing their goals. Make rewards non-monetary and non-food related, for obvious reasons. You're building habits and self-esteem. Design a chart for self-monitoring. (Which is a great idea.) Some kids just need a sticker on the chart as a sign of accomplishment and often, recognition is enough of a reward. Small awards could be something like a match box car for a collector, or an extra half hour on a computer game. (Hoping you already have limits in place.) Something big after months of keeping goals and resolutions like a trip to a Pin-ball center, a Lazer Tag outing, or an activity tailored just for your individual child or yourself.

Please write me a note and let me know how it goes. Send any ideas you might have used in your family. Have Fun achieving your goals. [Ask\\_andy@aol.com](mailto:Ask_andy@aol.com) or [ask ankandy-foradvice@gmail.com](mailto:ask ankandy-foradvice@gmail.com). Andy

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## Time Management Tips for Your Wedding Day

As any married couple can attest, a wedding day has a tendency to fly by. Couples have much to do on the day they tie the knot, which can make the day feel like a whirlwind.

Certain skills can come in especially handy on a wedding day, and the ability to manage time is certainly one of them. As their big day draws closer, couples can employ these time management tips to slow the day down a little bit.

- Create and distribute a schedule. A schedule can ensure the happy couple and all members of the bridal party know when and where they need to be at certain times during the day. Include all pertinent information on the schedule, including when and where hair and makeup appointments begin, when transportation to and from the ceremony and reception site will arrive and, of course, the start time for the ceremony. A printed copy can help, but a digital copy sent via text or email can guarantee the schedule is accessible via smartphone at all times during the day.

- Collaborate with your photographer in advance of your wedding day. Couples can streamline wedding day photography sessions by collaborating with their photographer in advance. During these sessions, identify the bridal party shots you want to take and then create a schedule of photos so all party members know where they need to be and when. Some couples choose to schedule bridal party photoshoots before the ceremony, while others prefer theirs after the couple has made it official. Regardless of which option couples prefer, schedule these photos so no time is wasted finding bridal party members.

- Don't forget to set aside time to eat. Anything can derail a wedding day schedule if it's forgotten when couples devise their initial plan for how the day will unfold. Couples might be less inclined to forget hair and makeup appointments and photo sessions because such components are integral to wedding



planning. But couples should not forget to leave time for themselves and their bridal party to eat. Schedule a breakfast for all bridal party members (separate ones if couples insist on avoiding each other until the ceremony) to ensure no one sleeps in and throws off the day's timeline. Include time to eat lunch if the ceremony is in late afternoon or early evening. If you forget to schedule time to eat, the timeline will almost certainly be thrown off when everyone gets hungry and requires some sustenance.

- Go over schedules with your vendors. In the weeks prior to your wedding, reach out to your vendors to confirm the day's timeline. Do this prior to handing out a schedule to your bridal party so no one is confused if any last-minute changes are made.

Couples have much to manage on their wedding days. Perhaps no component is more important to manage effectively than time.

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## Consider Wedding Flowers Carefully.

Although many decorative elements help to create ambiance for a wedding celebration, perhaps none is more awe-inspiring than beautiful floral arrangements. Flowers offer visual appeal, captivating aromas and texture that can make a space more welcoming.

Engaged couples typically go to great lengths when planning their weddings, but flowers may not be as micromanaged as other elements. Some are content to let florists design their arrangements, but the average cost of wedding flowers in 2023 was \$2,800, according to The Knot Real Weddings Study. That price tag merits some input on the part of couples. Floral experts say couples should budget for floral arrangements coming in at 10 percent of the overall wedding budget, which is the industry standard. Therefore, for a \$60,000 wedding a couple should assume their florals will cost \$6,000. It's important to note that the cost of wedding flowers has been steadily increasing over the last few years due to inflation and climate change, says The Knot. So couples may need to be even more involved in floral decisions to maximize their dollars spent.

Here are some variables to consider when selecting wedding flowers.

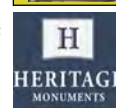
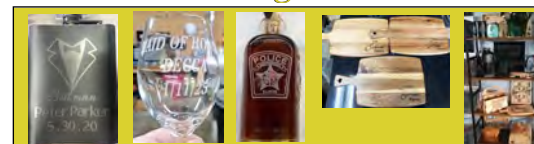
- Greenery: Adding greenery to fill in spaces in floral arrangements can save some money. Centerpieces and bouquets that are floral-heavy will certainly cost more.
  - Symbolism: Consider the meaning behind flowers to make choices even more personal. You also may want to select flowers that will complement the theme of the wedding. For example, traditional spring blooms like tulips and daffodils will coordinate with spring weddings.
  - Flower varieties: Hardier varieties of flowers, such as daisies, mums, carnations, and protea, are less likely to wilt quickly in bouquets or centerpieces than some other blooms, even when they are cut. Such blooms can hold up in any weather and last the entire day so that arrangements will be picture-perfect no matter the hour.
  - Venue: Couples may find that some venues already have faux flowers or other decor. That may mean couples do not need to have as many flowers or any elaborate arrangements.
  - Size: A particularly large floral centerpiece can overwhelm a table, and a bouquet that is overly cumbersome may detract from the bride or her bridesmaids. Choose the correct scale for comfort in bouquets. For table arrangements, select a size that will not discourage conversation or block guests' view, nor take up too much real estate on the table.
  - Allergies: Although they are cut, flowers in arrangements can trigger allergic responses in some people. Others may be bothered by overly aromatic flowers. Work with the florist to find blooms that will be best.
  - Color scheme: Although white flowers always coordinate, many couples like some color in their arrangements. Be sure the flowers pick up the hues used in bridesmaid dresses or even the season of the year.
- Couples should take an active role in deciding what to include in floral pieces for their weddings.



## Did You Know?

Brides-to-be make many important decisions when planning their weddings, and one of the more notable ones is the choice of wedding gown. According to The Knot Real Weddings Study, the average wedding dress cost \$2,000 in 2023. Despite that hefty price tag, gowns remain a pivotal component of a wedding, as 98 percent of women who responded to the survey indicated they wore a dress for their nuptials. If the sizable price tag is a cause for concern to some aspiring brides, The Knot notes that customization can drive up the final price tag by a significant amount. Brides who opt for no or minimal customization can likely find a dress that costs significantly less than the \$2,000 average price.

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## Ashley Boys Basketball

by Ashleigh Shaw

The Boys also battled Coleman first, having a tight first quarter but then struggling to continue scoring to keep up with the Comets, in the end losing 60-33. Carson Litwiller scored 19 points and grabbed 9 rebounds, Tristan Ringle grabbed 13 rebounds and Gibby Jason scored 7 points.

Ashley again had a close first half but let the Eagles from Carson City take control the second half, losing 56-35. Litwiller scored 17 points and grabbed 13 rebounds, Gibby Jason added 6 points and 7 rebounds. "We will just continue to work and get better. We should be getting one of our players back after a knee injury which will help with our depth" commented Coach Sourek.

In a battle against Webberville the Bears were only down 4 at the end of the first quarter only being down 15-11, but then by half time went down 15 points and were unable to keep up with Webberville. Litwiller again had a massive night scoring 24 points, nabbing 6 steals and grabbing 7 rebounds. Gibby Jason added 13 points and had 6 rebounds, Tristan Ringle scored 6 points.

Ellie  
DrummondKarissa  
BradyZoe  
Schneider

## Ashley Girls Basketball

by Ashleigh Shaw

The Lady Bears have played three games since the holiday break. The first game was a conference match up with Coleman, where the Bears lost a close one 42-39. "We struggled offensively in the second half getting many good looks but were unable to knock down enough shots to pull out the win" exclaimed Coach Shaw. Ellie Drummond had 12 points 4 steals and 3 assists, Karissa Brady scored 11 points grabbed 6 rebounds and added 4 steals, Zoe Schneider added 6 points and 3 steals, Marissa Brady had 6 points, and 4 steals and Peyton Rohn added 4 points.

In the second game back the Lady Bears took it to the Carson City Eagles 65-11. Drummond had a huge night scoring 34 points, grabbing 10 rebounds adding 7 steals and 3 assists. K. Brady also had a stellar night with 15 points, 7 rebounds and 3 steals. Schneider had 8 points and 4 steals, M. Brady scored 4 points and 7 steals, Peyton Rohn scored a bucket and added 7 steals, Aleena Long scored her first varsity basket.

The third game was against Webberville, the team started with 5 players due to some injuries and ended the game with 4 players due to an injury during the game. Unfortunately, the Bears loss 62-46, having to play over half the game with 4 players. Drummond once again had a double-double with 21 points, 11 rebounds and 4 steals. M. Brady also had a double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds. K. Brady scored 7 points and grabbed 7 rebounds, and Schneider and McAllister each added a bucket.

Brooke  
PugsleyDevyn  
PugsleyBrayden  
Gruesbeck

## Ovid-Elsie Bowling Teams Busy Over Holidays

On December 28th the OE Varsity Bowlers Brooke and Devyn Pugsley teamed up for a holiday doubles tournament at Richfield Lanes in Flint.

They finished 16th in first round play and moved into 2nd round play as top 32 moved on. In round 2 the format was two bakers with total pins moving on but the siblings ended up short 298-310 against Flushing.

On January 4th conference play was back in action. OE would take on Birch Run. Both teams were on the winning side. Girls 22-8 with high games of Victoria Dennis 126; Alex Heckman 127; Haylee Arnett 151; Brooke Pugsley 200.

The boys won 16-14 with high games of Collin Jullie 136; Teagan Ignash 125; Brayden Gruesbeck 157, 204; Devyn Pugsley 205, 182.

January 11th the teams were at Richfield Bowl against Mt. Morris.

The girls won 29-1 with scores of Victoria Dennis 118; Alex Heckman 118; Haylee Arnett 134; Brooke Pugsley 147, 151.

The boys took a loss 23-7 with games of Damian Misener 144; Peyton Holmes 120; Collin Jullie 147, 129; Teagan Ignash 141, 125; Devyn Pugsley 215, 150.

The teams are back in action January 18th against New Lothrop at Colonial Lanes in Flushing and January 19th at Richfield Bowl for a tournament at 9:15 a.m.



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## Marauder Boys Break Lansing-Area Top 10; Roll Past Morrice in Non-League Play

by Tom Turek

OVID-ELSIE -- The holidays are over, and the high school basketball season is in full swing. We reached the halfway point of the year at the end of last week.

The Marauder boys varsity ran its record to 9-2 and cracked the Lansing-area Top 10 rankings for the first time, after a blowout win over Birch Run to start the new year.

The rankings looked like this:

10. Ovid-Elsie (9-2); 9. Fowler (9-2); 8. Sexton (7-2); 7. Pewamo-Westphalia (8-2); 6. Haslett (8-1); 5. Waverly (7-2); 4. Mason (10-1); 3. Okemos (10-1); 2. Portland (9-0); 1. East Lansing (10-1)

At Morrice on Wednesday night, coach Canyon Walker's Marauders saw three players score in double figures, with Tucker Loynes leading the way on the scoreboard with 17 points, and Tryce Tokar and Mike Bancroft scored 13 apiece. Travis Milner Jr. and Joie Fabus each finished with eight points.

Oliver Long led Morrice (1-7) with nine points. Logan Smith and Wyatt Valentine added eight points apiece.

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# Sports

## Wolves Hold Off Furious Redhawk Rally

by Tom Turek

LAINGSBURG -- Mitchell George powered in 15 points and the host Wolfpack held off a furious Saranac rally in the 4th quarter for a 51-49 CMAC boys basketball win here January 10.

Coach Tim Beebe's Wolves led by as many 13 points midway through the contest, then watched as Cody Whipple scored 13 points and the pesky Redhawks kept chipping away at the lead. They finally nabbed a 49-48 advantage with :50 seconds left.

George and Dom Garcia scored the final three LHS points to put the contest away as the red-and-white won their 5th-straight contest to move to 4-3 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC), 5-4 overall.

The Hawks skidded to 3-3 in the league, 5-5 for all games.

Laingsburg led 31-21 at the halftime break, after Logan Holm poured in four three-pointers. He finished the contest with 12 points, with teammate Leandro Dolega-Caceres also hitting double figures with 14.

Next up for the Wolfpack was a CMAC trip to winless Dansville (0-7, 0-10).

### Wolfpack runs string to 7-in-a-row with 62-53 boys basketball win over Bath

LAINGSBURG -- Colin Bentley drained a pair of three-balls from deep in the left corner as the host Wolfpack rallied from a late 3-point deficit to down Bath, 62-53, in boys basketball action here January 15.

Coach Tim Beebe's Wolfpack -- which started 0-4 in December -- won for the 7th-straight game while moving to 7-4 overall, 5-3 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC).

Greg Stewart and Mitchell George also delivered big buckets for the Wolves -- Stewart's a buzzer-beater at the break -- to prevail in a back-and-forth contest from the opening tip.

The fighting Bees fell to 4-6 overall, 4-3 in the league win the tough loss.



Mitchell George with a lay up against Bath on January 15th

Photo by Burg Sports

## Laingsburg Girls 53-48 OT Win at Bath

BATH -- The Fighting Bees squared off against the Laingsburg Wolfpack in CMAC girls basketball action here January 14, LHS needing overtime to come out on top in a hard-fought contest, 53-48.

The win was the 5th in succession for coach Dan Morrill's Lady Wolves, who ran their record to 6-2 overall. More importantly, the 'Pack stayed hot on the heels of league-leading Pewamo-Westphalia at 6-1 in the league. Bath dipped to 5-4, 4-3 in the circuit.

LHS and P-W squared off in a crucial league matchup on Thursday night. P-W took over the top girls' sport last week as they were the Lansing area's only undefeated team -- pending the Thursday night matchup at Laingsburg. The Pirates moved to 10-0 with a convincing 59-27 win over Perry on Tuesday evening.

The Wolfpack earned a #9 ranking in the Lansing-area media poll.

Coming into the Bath contest, Laingsburg had won four in a row (a stretch where they outscored their opponents by an average of 16.5 points).

Brooklyn Holm led all scorers with 18 points to lead the Wolfpack at Bath. Payge Woodworth tacked on seven points for the red-and-white. Anna Schaibly tallied 18 points and seven rebounds, Aubri Torok notched 15 points and five assists and Olivia Brimley chipped in 10 points for the Bees.

## Marauder Mat Team Solid 6th Place at Fenton Wrestling Invite

by Tom Turek

FENTON -- Ovid-Elsie's varsity wrestling team traveled to the Tiger Wrestling Invitational here with seven grapplers ready to make headway on the 2025 prep season.

"We traveled with 7 athletes but only 6 could count towards our team score because we were double entered at 165 lbs.," explained coach Kyle Spiess. "Most teams had 14 scorers and we still finished in 6th place out of 16 teams."

It was a fun day of wrestling."

Grappling for the Marauders were:

-- Trey Milner at heavyweight went 2-1, good for 2nd place. Jeremiah Stewart at 165, 4-1 for 3rd place. Chandler Hart-Butcher at 150, 4-2 for 4th place. Anthony Silva at 113, 5th place. Conor McClung at 165 went 1-2. John Kelly and Mitchell Gonzales each went 0-2.

Marauder wrestlers split MMAC action opposite Chesaning and Montrose

### OE 51 - Chesaning 30

CHESANING -- The Ovid-Elsie wrestling team split a pair of MMAC matches here January 15.

It was the second time this season coach Kyle Spiess' Marauders faced Montrose, this time the Rams securing a 66-12 win. The Marauders turned the tables on the host Indians, winning 51-30.

"We wrestled together as a team for the win," said coach Spiess. "We battled every match, every second to secure the win. I'm so proud of these wrestlers tonight. We were doing moves during the matches that we worked on this week. It was a very loud and exciting win."

Too, Spiess was proud of the effort vs. Montrose. "We wrestled the best we have as a team all season but still fell short. I've never been more proud of the team and their effort tonight."



OE Jeremiah Stewart pins opponent during the Fenton Invite placing 3rd for the day

## Ovid-Elsie Girls Earn Top 10 Area Ranking; Scoot Past Lakeville

by Tom Turek

OTISVILLE-LAKEVILLE -- Ovid-Elsie's narrow 51-47 MMAC girls basketball victory wasn't the only good news of the week in Marauderland.

Prior to the contest, Shaun McKinney's Lady Marauders learned they had cracked the Lansing-area Top 10 rankings, as reported by Capital-area media.

Pewamo-Westphalia took the top girls' sport last week as they were the area's only undefeated team -- pending a Thursday night matchup at Laingsburg. The Wolfpack earned a #9 ranking before a trying week opposite Bath and P-W.

Checking in at #8 is Ovid-Elsie, with 7 wins in 9 games. Crossing Lakeville off the list, the Lady Marauders next faced a key league battle at Byron.

Last week's rankings included:

10. Williamston (6-3); 9. Laingsburg (5-2): The Wolfpack won five straight games after an 0-2 start to get into the poll. 8. Ovid-Elsie (7-2): The Marauders got easy wins over Birch Run and Morrice to make it back into the poll. 7. Fowler (7-1). 6. St. Johns (8-1). 5. DeWitt (8-1). 4. Holt (7-2). 3. Portland (6-2). 2. Haslett (7-1). 1. Pewamo-Westphalia (9-0)

In the key victory at Lakeville, Tava Kvalevog led O-E with 12 points, while Ellyanna Carman added 10 and Ashton Ehle 9 tallies.

#11 Lily Bates scores a lay up during the game against Lakeville. Photo by Denise Burgess



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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 19, 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. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Christa Zaracki, an Unmarried Woman Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans, LLC, its successors and assigns Foreclosing Assignee: Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC Date of Mortgage: September 22, 2020 Date of Mortgage Recording: October 22, 2020 Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$100,277.81 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the City of Ovid, Clinton County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 15, and the East 1/2 of Lot 16, Block 19, City of Ovid, Clinton County, Michigan, according to recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 21 of Deeds, Page 367, Clinton County Records. Commonly Known as: 223 E Clinton St., Ovid, MI 48866 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act 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 Purchaser: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. 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 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: 01/19/2025 Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 251 Diversion Street, Rochester, MI 48307 248-853-4400 320055

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**Notice of sale of real property taken on execution.** Notice is given under section 6052 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.6052. On November 13, 2023, the 29th Judicial Circuit Court of Clinton County, in case number 2023-12353-CK, issued a judgment lien in favor plaintiff, John O'Bryan, and against the defendants, Amanda J. Gerding, et al. A court officer levied on the premises described below, and recorded a notice of levy on August 23, 2024, at document number 5347190.

Description of the premises: Situated in Township of Dewitt, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: A parcel of land in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 5 North, Range 2 West, Dewitt Township, Clinton Couty, Michigan, the surveyed boundary of said parcel described as: commencing at the Northwest corner of said section 12; thence East along the North line of said Section 12, a distance of 464.88 feet to the point of beginning of the description; thence continuing East along said North line 150.00 feet; thence South perpendicular to said North line 323.40 feet; thence West parallel with North line 150.00 feet; thence North 323.40 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as: 3110 E. Howe Rd, Dewitt, MI 48820. The premises, or some part of them, will be sold at a public auction 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 February 26, 2025. The amount claimed on the judgment as of the date of this notice is: Fifty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Eight and 87/100 (\$59,358.87) Dollars, excluding costs. Plaintiff may be entitled to additional interest and costs. The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of such sale in accordance with MCL 600.6062. Date of notice: January 12, 2025. Morris & Morris Attorneys, P.L.L.C. 3258 Broad Street, Suite 1, Dexter, MI 48130 (734) 221-0077.

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## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

CASE NO: 24-32417-DE  
Estate of  
ALAN ANDREW ANDERSEN,  
NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS:  
The decedent,  
ALAN ANDREW ANDERSEN,  
Died: June 28, 2024  
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Kathryn Andersen Putnam, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 100 E. State St., Suite 4300, St. Johns, MI 48879 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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7645 Blue Gentian Ct.  
Dexter, MI 48130  
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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 29, 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): 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

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 29, 2024  
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**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 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 having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made on December 26 2020, by Mariah E. Silva, given by her to Michigan State University Federal Credit Union, of 3777 West Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, as Mortgagee, and recorded on January 4, 2021, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Clinton County, in Instrument Number 5303106; on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid, as of the date of this Notice, the sum of Thirty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Twelve and 13/100 Dollars (\$32,212.13); 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, February 12, 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 inculdable attorney fees, the lands and premises in said Mortgage mentioned and described as follows: SITUATED IN THE CITY OF DEWITT, COUNTY OF CLINTON, STATE OF MICHIGAN: Lot 68, Assessors Plat of the City of Dewitt North, City of DeWitt, Clinton County, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 8 of Plats, Pages 1-15, Clinton County Records Commonly known as: 303 N. Scott Street, DeWitt, Michigan 48820 Tax Parcel Number: 200-100-000-068-00

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 following the sale or 15 days from the statutory notice, whichever is later. 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: December 30, 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

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## CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of GERALDINE ANN NICKELS, Date of Birth: January 16, 1930 NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, GERALDINE ANN NICKELS, Died: November 13, 2024 Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to William L. Huyser, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 100 East State Street, Suite 4300, St. Johns, MI 48879 and personal representative, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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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 26, 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 BARBARA L. COOK to PNC Mortgage, a division of PNC Bank, National Association dated March 26, 2014 and recorded April 2, 2014 as Instrument No. 5213159, Clinton County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by PNC Bank, National Association by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$40,490.39. Said premises are located in Clinton County, Michigan and are described as: ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN CITY OF BATH, CLINTON COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS FOLLOWS: A PARCEL OF LAND IN SECTION 30, TOWN 5 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, BATH TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN: THE SURVEYED BOUNDARY OF SAID PARCEL BEING DESCRIBED BY MICHIGAN REGISTERED LAND SURVEY# 18998 AS COMMENCING AT THE WEST 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 30, THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 30, 451.29 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST, 33.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; SAID POINT BEING ON THE EASTERLY ROW LINE OF CHANDLER ROAD; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST 200.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 100.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST 200.00 FEET TO THE POINT ON SAID EASTERLY ROW LINE OF CHANDLER ROAD; THENCE NORTH ALONG SAID, ROW LINE 100.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. BY FEE

SIMPLE DEED FROM ROSE LENORE COWLING AND DR. KATHLEEN MARIE COWLING AND ROBERT LEE COWLING, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP AND NOT AS TENANTS IN COMMON AS SET FORTH IN BOOK 682 PAGE 168 DATED 12/29/1995 AND RECORDED 01/05/1996, CLINTON COUNTY RECORDS, STATE OF MICHIGAN. Tax ID: 010-030-300-040-00 Said property is commonly known as 15379 Chandler Rd, Bath, MI 48808. The redemption period shall be 12 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: January 13, 2025 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. 22-02437

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## Car Care Checklist



**Oil Change** Many motorists believe their cars' oil should be changed every 3,000 miles, however most late-model vehicles now can go 5,000 to 7,000 miles between oil changes. Check your owner's manual and get on a routine to good car care.



**Tires** Check tire pressures and tread depth. Check the pressure on all the tires—including the spare—with a quality gauge when the tires are cold. Be sure to look for recommended pressure on the driver's door jamb and NOT the tire wall!



**Battery** Ensure the battery cable connections are tight, and the terminals are free from corrosion. If the battery is more than three years old, it's a good idea to have it tested to determine how much life it has left.



**Wiper Blades** Wiper blades should completely clear the glass with each swipe. Make sure the windshield washer reservoir is filled.

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