

Tim Swanson of Elsie Named 2025 NAAA Secretary

submitted by Lindsay Barber

ALEXANDRIA, VA – The National Agricultural Aviation Association (NAAA) is pleased to announce that Tim Swanson, of SLF Air, LLC, an aerial application operator in Elsie, Michigan, has been elected secretary of NAAA for 2025.

After a career in farming, Swanson changed direction at age 27, earning his pilot's license and attending the Flying Tigers Aviation aerial application program. His ag aviation career took off in 2011. Swanson's company, SLF Air, LLC, based in Central Michigan, serves a wide area across the state, primarily focusing on potatoes and vegetables.

Swanson has held leadership roles with the Michigan Agricultural Aviation Association (MAAA) and the NAAA. He has served as Executive Secretary of MAAA since 2015 and a board member of NAAA since 2017. He has served on numerous NAAA committees and is a passionate advocate for the industry.

Swanson is driven by his commitment to advocate for the ag aviation industry and his belief in the power of collective action. "We have to work together as an industry," he said, noting the challenges from special interest groups targeting agriculture. Swanson's primary goals for NAAA include increasing membership, advocating for health and life insurance options for members, and ensuring that the collective voice of ag aviation is heard, especially in the face of opposing forces with deeper resources. He stated, "We need the resources and the backing of an organization like NAAA to fight for our rights."

Tim is a 1991 Ovid-Elsie graduate and the son of Janet Swanson and the late Ken Swanson of Bannister.



Tim Swanson



From left to right: Sue Casler, Reverend Eugene Blair, and Paul Whelan with the quilt made using yellow ribbons tied around Manchester to keep him in our thoughts during his detention in Russia.
Photo credit Lew Major.

Yellow Ribbon Quilt Presented to Whelan

by Colleen A. Schoenfeld, Reprinted with permission of the Manchester Mirror.

On Sunday, December 15, 2024, Sue Casler of Ovid, Mich., presented a special quilt to Manchester resident Paul Whelan. This quilt is one of a kind because it includes a unique fabric and a story within its layers. During Mr. Whelan's five-year detention in Russia, residents of and around Manchester tied yellow ribbons around trees and light poles as a visible reminder of his detention and to keep him close in our thoughts as his parents, family, and community prayed for his safe return.

Yellow ribbons tied around a tree (or light pole) are a symbol traditionally used as a visual representation to mark the deployment of military service members away from home. Some historians date the practice as far back as the U.S. Civil War, but according to the National Museum of American Diplomacy, the practice became more widespread during the Iranian hostage situation, when Iran was holding U.S. embassy members and staff hostage in Tehran in 1979. Apparently, Penne Laingen, the wife of the leader of the U.S. embassy, suggested the practice for the hostage crisis, after being inspired by a popular 1973 song titled "Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Ole Oak Tree."

The yellow ribbons that had been displayed around Manchester were collected and used in the creation of this quilt, sewn by Sue Casler. Sue said that some time ago, Reverend Eugene Blair of the Emanuel United Church of Christ of Manchester, reached out to assign her a project, an important one. Sue has known Rev. Blair for years as he used to serve as interim pastor at her church in Ovid and Sue said Rev. Blair knew about her talent for sewing and quilt-making and called to ask for her help with this special project. Sue said she has been sewing for as long as she can remember, from the time she was a small girl with her mother. Besides the yellow ribbon fabric, Sue obtained the rest of the fabric for the quilt from the store Elaine's Too in Ovid. She was also lent the use of a long-arm sewing machine, as well as thread, by her good friend Betty Stenger.

When asked, Sue said that Paul Whelan and his parents both expressed their thanks for the beautiful and meaningful gift.

Sue read the following statement when she presented the quilt to Mr. Whelan:

"Many quilts are more than a blanket to wrap up in or to place on a bed. This quilt has a story to tell. I invite you to take a closer look at all of the different components of this quilt. It is a gift for Paul Whelan.

While Paul was being held in a Russian prison, the people back home in Manchester tied yellow ribbons all over town to show their love and support in bringing him home safely. Upon Paul's release, the ribbons were collected and became the main element for this quilt.

The yellow ribbons are woven among different fabrics. The blue batik fabric represents the sky and has been embroidered with meaningful words. Words that can tell their own story.

Listen to each word and think of the many life lessons they represent. Patience, Spirit, Justice, Family, Determination, Love, Commitment, Faith, Community, Honor, Peace, and Freedom.

Each word is embroidered with blue thread, which represents the Heavens where God's love and strength was, and is, always with Paul.

The quilted stitching that holds everything together is in a pattern of high mountaintops and low valleys. This represents the moments of mountaintop experiences and the lowest moments of life where God travels with us. God has and will carry Paul through it all with His love.

Take a closer look at one of the fabrics and you might see all of the people that were praying, supporting, and loving Paul — waiting for him to come home safely.

The back of the quilt represents the fact that America had — and will always have — Paul's back.

The batting (the middle layer) is what fills this quilt with love and warmth. But wait, the fabric that binds and holds this quilt together is all of the people that support, pray, and love you Paul. We are glad you are home — stay safe and God bless."

O-E Board of Education Organizational & Regular Meeting Held

by Dawn D. Levey

ELSIE - The 2025 organizational meeting and regular meeting of the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education was held Monday, January 20, 2025. The evening was highlighted by the election of officers and preparation for the superintendent of schools search.

The meeting began with the organizational meeting and the election of the following OE Board officers: Brook Wooley, president; Sue Kadelk, vice president; Beck Williams, secretary; and Mary Thompson, treasurer.

Next, the following annual action items were addressed, noting that many of them remained the same. Regular board meetings will be held the third Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. The following will remain the same for 2025: depositories and signatures; credit/debit card authorization; Thrun Law Firm will remain district legal counsel; the superintendent's administrative assistant is designated to post board public notices; and the superintendent is authorized to sign contracts and accept resignations.

At 6:42 pm newly elected Board president Brook Wolley called the regular Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education to order. The consent agenda which included approval of the meeting agenda, approval of the December regular and special meeting and financial reports was approved.

Next, a number of individuals addressed the board under the topic of public comment. First, Eric Jones, resident, parent, and past board president, addressed the board. He commented that accountability as elected officials is apparent however, public comment also includes accountability. The motion made by Kevin Nash in December was inappropriate and unfounded, the quick response by a number of board members against myself, and Dr. David Huff was out of line. He further commented that I am hoping better from the current members of this board.

Ben Smith and Jamie Smith once again addressed the board regarding his final settlement, the process and his treatment at Ovid-Elsie High School. They felt the process was unfair and hurtful.

Dr. Wayne Petroelje started board of education reports with the month of January being designated as Board of Education Appreciation Month. The leadership was recognized for their hard work and dedication. Current board members Becky Williams, Kevin Nash, Mary Thompson, Josh Miller, Booke Wooley, Susan Kadlek and Dr. David Huff were recognized and the retiring members Eric Jones, and Micheal Schiffer were thanked for their service. The teachers of Ovid-Elsie also recognized the members of the board and Crystal Loynes. Each was presented a treat and gifts by Bryan Wertz OEEA president and Dana Blank high school representative.

Next, Jason Tokar, high school principal, presented the Ovid-Elsie High School updates and highlights. Graduation rates for 2022-23 were 99.91%; SAT reading writing 67.1%; mathematics 36% very competitive when compared to area districts' scores. In dual enrollment 76

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Social

Pick Your Own Produce at The Elsie Area Food Pantry

submitted by Toni Ornelas

The Elsie Area Food Pantry is pleased to announce the addition of a new program. The "Pick Your Own Produce" distribution will take place at the Elsie Area Food Pantry, 219 S Ovid Street in Elsie. The first three dates for this event are January 30th, February 13th and March 13th from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. A complete schedule for this program is available at the pantry. Individuals will be able to select produce and bakery items that fit their needs from an available inventory.

Ordinance No. 147

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "CARRIAGE TOWNE PLACE" ORDINANCE" WHICH WAS ADOPTED JULY 12,1991.

THE CITY OF OVID, COUNTY OF CLINTON, STATE OF MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

That the Carriage Towne Place Ordinance of July 12, 1991, found at Chapter 12 Article II of the City's Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed. That all terms of said ordinance from the date of its adoption have been performed.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall take effect on February 5, 2025, upon publication in the The Weekly. This Ordinance shall become effective on 10 days after publication as provided for in the City Charter.

The foregoing ordinance was motioned for adoption by Council Member L. Perrien and seconded by M. Olger. 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

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Commission of the City of Ovid on 13th of January 2025. Mary K. Perrien, MAYOR Susan Tomasek Swan, CITY CLERK

Ordinance No. 147 can be viewed in its entirety by obtaining a copy from the City Clerk at 114 E. Front St., Ovid, Michigan 48866

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Join us at the OE JV and Varsity Boys Basketball games on **Friday, January 31, 2025** for a Shrek-themed fundraiser. All proceeds will go directly to the Kvalevog family to help cover medical expenses and ongoing care for Joby. Get your pictures with Shrek, Fiona and Donkey, and show your support by wearing GREEN!

Taco/Nacho Bar (by donation)
4pm - 7pm, while supplies last
Enter through the athletic lobby and follow the signs!

Bake Sale (by donation)
Baked goods will be available in the athletic lobby during all basketball games. Come get your pies, monster cookies, witcheroes, no bakes, brownies and more!

Silent Auction (table will be located in the athletic lobby)
• Tom Izzo Autographed 8x10 Photo
• Jim Harbaugh Autographed Colts Jersey
• Jared Goff Autographed Youth Rams Jersey
The auction will close at the conclusion of the 3rd quarter of the varsity game.

For More Information
Contact: Ms. Dana Blank
dana.blank@ovidelsie.org
(989) 834-2271 x1701

Every donation, big or small, helps and is greatly appreciated. Simply look for the **Donation Donkey** near the taco/nacho bar, bake sale and silent auction!

VICTOR TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE

Special Meeting of the Victor Township Board January 28, 2025 at 5:30 PM

The Victor Township Board invites the public to attend a special meeting/work session to discuss the 2025-2026 budget on January 28, 2025 at 5:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Victor Township Hall, 6843 E. Alward Rd., Laingsburg, MI 48848. The Victor Township board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 5-day notice to the Victor Township board. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Victor Township board by writing or calling the following: 517-651-2094. * Meetings may be cancelled, rescheduled, and additional special meetings may be scheduled, as needed, with 24-hour notice as permitted by Section 5(4) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.265(4). Notice complies with MCL 141.436, MCL 211.24, MCL 414.412

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students participated reflecting 205 total courses taken in 24-25; advanced placement 54 students; RESA CTE students 43; Early-Middle College students 7, band 31 students; choir 14, and drama 36.

Students participate in community outreach and support that includes canned food drive collecting 602 cans and \$600 for the Elsie Food Pantry. In October 31 units of blood were collected at the annual blood drive and students participated in the Christmas Family project. The National Honor Society has 706 documented hours of community service.

In addition, Ovid-Elsie FFA continues to thrive producing seasonal newsletters and participating in state and national conventions.

Special honors were earned by Braydebn Gruesbeck who took first place in the Voice of Democracy sponsored by the Ovid VFW, and fifth place at the district level. Ms. Dana Blank was honored by the Ovid VFW locally, at the district level and the state level as the VFW Teacher of the Year.

Next, Dr. Petroelje reported that he will be recommending establishing additional Board committees, currently the OE Board has one committee which is the finance committee. He will discuss the concept further with Book Wooley and report back to the board. In addition, it may be time to re-format the board agenda and communication, this will also be discussed with Wooley. He is going to continue to attempt to get all seven board members together for a worksession, it is important so the board can function more efficiently.

The Clinton county RESA will hold a countywide board meeting February 25, 6:30 p-8:00 p at the administrative building in St. Johns. The focus will be legislative updates. Board members were reminded to RSVP.

Under the heading of old business officials addressed the superintendent recruitment and selection. Information was presented by MASB representative Mark Palmer regarding the search process. Officials were asked to take action to contract with the MASB service. The process will follow the open meetings act, everything step will be open to the public. Palmer's role is to facilitate the process. The board will meet all qualifying candidates, everyone that applies, they will be vetted out. The Board will decide who will be interviewed and will interview the candidates. The timeline - 12-14 week process, next meeting February 17, 2025 at which time the timeline will be finalized and necessary information will be provided to officials.

Stakeholders will be surveyed - staff, parents, students, community members - open meetings will be held. Posting from Mid-March until April 11, 2025. It appears Palmer will try to align open meetings with the regular board meetings. Officials took action to approve the contract.

Next, officials took action to approve an annual overnight student field trip. The Ovid-Elsie High school student council was granted approval to attend a statewide convention in Grand Rapids, noting they attended the same conference last year.

Three year contracts were awarded to the library specialist - Nicole Stawara and Darrin Underhill, building engineer at Leonard Elementary.

Officials, accepted with regret the resignation of Chris Winter, Athletic Director, effective January 17, 2025.

Brook Wooley addressed the Board regarding the surprise motion in December. She noted that she had apologized personally to Eric Jones and Dr. Huff regarding the implications and wanted to apologize publicly.

Finally, Dr. Huff wanted to recognize the staff and students regarding the play "School of Rock" the performance was amazing, the best yet.

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Clinton County Great Start Award Presented to IQhub

submitted by Sue Kadlek

St Johns, MI - The Clinton County Great Start Parent Coalition has named the IQhub, located in St Johns, as the “Family Friendly Business of the Quarter” for January – March 2025. The membership of the Great Start Parent Coalition recognized the IQhub for its efforts to support families in Clinton County and the specific measures taken to make the IQhub a child-centered, family-friendly business.

A representative of the parent coalition stated, “We applaud the businesses in our community that prioritize children and families as an important asset. These children will be our future business leaders, teachers, healthcare workers, legislators and educators. The Great Start Parent Coalition works hard to strengthen families and children so that education can be first. We want EVERY child to be safe, healthy and eager to start Kindergarten and to become successful, life-long learners. We thank the IQhub for being a partner in this goal.”

“On behalf of our Board of Directors and staff, I would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the Great Start Parent Coalition for this award. At the IQhub, we are dedicated to educating both young people and adults about the rich history and promising future of agriculture. We look forward to welcoming you soon!”, said IQhub Administrator Sue Kadlek.

The IQhub serves as a center for agricultural history, innovation, and exploration. With 24 interactive, museum-quality exhibits, it teaches visitors about the significance of agriculture and the importance of environmental protection. Each year, over 300 school field trip programs are conducted, making the IQhub a key destination for science, environmental, and agricultural education. As a STEM facility, all lessons are aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards, ensuring that field trips are both educational and relevant to today’s curriculum. Transportation grants are available to assist schools with bus costs. Field trips to the IQhub are free for visiting organizations and schools, catering to students from Pre-K through college.

Open to the public, the IQhub attracts thousands of visitors each year. Special themed exhibits are featured during the summer and winter months to keep the museum experience fresh. Several community events are scheduled in the evenings to accommodate working families. For more information, follow the IQhub’s Facebook page at www.iqhub.org or reach out to us at 989-227-3847 or iq.hub@agroliquid.com.

The IQhub is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization with a mission to educate the public, while bridging the gap between agricultural producers and consumers, using interactive displays and presentations.

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.



L-R: Morgan Terrell, IQhub Lead Educator; Kim Rooney, Clinton County Great Start; Sue Kadlek, IQhub Administrator; Larissa Contreras, Clinton County Great Start and Sheri Menard, IQhub Education Assistant.

City of Ovid No. 148

TAX EXEMPTION AND FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR CARRIAGE TOWNE PLACE III

THE CITY OF OVID, COUNTY OF CLINTON,
STATE OF MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

TAX EXEMPTION ORDINANCE.

An Ordinance to provide for a service charge in lieu of taxes for a housing project for low-income seniors to be financed with a Mortgage Loan or an advance or grant from the Authority pursuant to the provisions of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966 (1966 PA 346, as amended; MCL 125.1401, et seq) (the “Act”).

This Ordinance shall become effective on 10 days after publication as provided for in the City Charter.

The foregoing ordinance was motioned for adoption by Council Member M. Olger and seconded by E. Brown.
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

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Ovid on 13th of January, 2025.

Mary K. Perrien, MAYOR
CLERK

Susan Tomasek Swan, CITY

Ordinance No. 148 can be viewed in its entirety by obtaining a copy from the City Clerk at 114 E. Front St., Ovid, Michigan 48866

City of Ovid Regular Meeting January 13, 2025

Open Regular Meeting:

Mayor M. Perrien called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:01 PM in the Council Chambers located at 114 E. Front Street, Ovid, Michigan.

Roll Call:

M. Soliz, L. Perrien, M. Olger, M. Perrien, E. Brown, M. Jones, E. Starn

Guests:

There were 7 in attendance.

Agenda:

Council Member E. Starn motioned to approve the agenda as with the addition of item e. Snow and Ice removal under New Business. Council Member M. Soliz seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote

Minutes:

Council Member E. Brown motioned to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2024 Regular meeting and December 19, 2024 Special meeting as presented. Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote.

Invoice/Check Register:

Council Member E. Starn motioned to approve the invoice/check register from December 10, 2024 through January 14, 2025 for a total of \$202,834.27 Council Member E. Brown seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote.

Open Public Comment: Opened 7:06 PM Closed: 7:09 PM

Police Report:

Council Member E. Brown motioned to allow Officer R. Vohwinkle work part-time with his current rate with no additional benefits (only benefits as part-time would receive) until April 3rd 2025 from there he would need to decide to return to full time or take a part-time position at pay scale listed in the union contract. Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote.

Council Member L. Perrien motioned to approve the reports from Treasurer, Attorney, Police and DPW. Council Member M. Soliz seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote.

New Business:

a. CAASA Budget Approval

Mayor M. Perrien motioned to approve Clinton Area Ambulance Service Authority CAASA Profit and Loss budget for 2025-2026 as presented. Council Member E. Brown seconded the motion.

Carried on Voice Vote.

Council Member M. Perrien motioned to approve Clinton Area Ambulance Service Authority CAASA budget for Per Capita 2025-2026 as presented. Council Member E. Brown seconded the motion.

Carried on Voice Vote

b. 2025 City Council Meeting Dates: Council Member E. Brown motioned to approve the following dates for Regular City Council meetings: January 13th, February 10th, March 10th, May 12th, June 9th, July 14th, August 11th, September 8th, October 13th, November 10th, December 8th, 2025 at 7:00 PM at the location of 114 E. Front St., Ovid, MI in the Council Chambers. Council Member M. Jones seconded the motion.

Carried on Voice Vote.

c. Salary Schedule: Council Member L. Perrien motioned to approve the 2025 Salary Schedule as presented. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion.

Carried on Voice vote.

d. Emergency Purchase: Mayor Perrien reviewed the emergency repair work on red DPW truck.

Council Member E. Brown motioned to approve the Emergency purchase of DPW red truck being repaired. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motioned.

Carried on voice vote.

e. Snow and Ice Removal Policy-

Council Member L. Perrien motioned to accept the Snow and Ice Removal Policy with the modification. Council Member M. Soliz seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

Old Business:

a. Carriage Towne Place 3 Ordinance # 147 and 148: Council Member L. Perrien motioned to adopt Ordinance 147: Ordinance to rescind Ordinance Carriage Towne Place Ordinance adopted July 12, 1991. Council Member seconded the motion.

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

Ordinance is declared adopted.

Council Member M. Olger motioned to adopted Ordinance 148: Tax Exemption and fee in lieu of Taxes for Carriage Towne III Ordinance. Council Member E. Brown seconded the motion.

Upon roll call vote the following voted YES: E. Starn, M. Jone, E. Brown, M. Perrien, M. Olger, L. Perrien, M. Soliz

Upon roll call vote the following voted NO: None

Absent: None

Ordinance is declared adopted.

Committees:

a. Personnel-

Council Member E. Starn motioned to hire Kelly Freed for the vacant janitor position. Council Member M. Soliz seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

Council Member E. Brown made a motion to go into closed session. Council Member M. Olger seconded to go into closed session at 8:33 pm.

Carried on voice vote

Enter into closed session at 8:33 pm

Exited Closed session 9:10 PM

Council Member M. Olger motioned to accept the personnel committee recommendation on discipline with a written warning. Council Member M. Soliz seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

Adjournment-

Council Member M. Soliz motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted by

Susan Tomasek Swan, Clerk

Obituaries

Sharon Fredrica (Loznak) Reuther

Sharon Fredrica (Loznak) Reuther, age 84, of St. Louis, MI, formerly of Elsie, passed away Sunday, January 19, 2025, at Isabella County Medical Care Facility, Mount Pleasant, MI.

Sharon was born in Elsie, Michigan on July 29, 1940, the daughter of Frank Joe "Fritz" and Vena Irene (Albaugh) Loznak.

Sharon graduated from Elsie High School with the class of 1958. She went on to beauty school at Virginia Ferrell in Detroit and became a license beautician. After school she began her career at a salon in Lansing and later on owned a salon in her homes in both Elsie and DeWitt. She worked in the DeWitt Middle School as a cook and then went to work with Federal Mogul for 10 years. Sharon married George M. Reuther on March 29, 1985, in Roscommon, MI. Sharon loved gardening, sewing, and collecting material. She enjoyed cooking, baking, and learning new recipes. Sharon's family was most important to her and she loved the time spent with them.

She is survived by her loving husband George M. Reuther; her children: Wayne (Silvia) Thornton, Randy (Lesa) Thornton, and Ronda (Andrew) Nicholson; her grandchildren: Travis, Chelsy, Nikolajs, Alex (Kelly), Austin (Olivia), Brandon, and Britney, great-grandchildren: Aidan, Paisley, Skylar, Cruz, Lily, and Charlotte; one great-great granddaughter: Charlie. She is also survived by her siblings: Renae and Fred Fatura, Terry and Diane Loznak, and Raelene and Richard Easlick; many special nieces, nephews, and dear friends. She was preceded in death by her parents.

A Memorial Service was held at the First Baptist Church of Elsie on Friday, January 24, 2025, with Pastor Phillip Rogers officiating. Burial will take place at Riverside Cemetery, Henderson, MI at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Elsie. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



James Walter "Jim" Warfle, Sr.

James Walter "Jim" Warfle, Sr., age 68 of Ovid, MI, passed away Friday, January 17, 2025, at Sparrow Hospital, Lansing, MI.

James was born in Owosso, Michigan on May 15, 1956, the son of Walter and MaryJane (Groom) Warfle. He graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School with the class of 1974.

Jim retired from General Motors the Delta Township Plant as a material handler. He was an avid Detroit Lions and Detroit Tigers fan. Jim enjoyed sitting on his front porch bird watching, working around the house, camping and sitting around the bonfire with friends and family. Most of all he loved spending time with his grandchildren and dog Sadie.

He is survived by his wife Erica Warfle of Ovid, MI; his children: Brad and BriAnne Warfle of Owosso, MI; Katie Warfle of Swartz Creek, MI; step-children: Cassandra Janes of Ovid, MI; Zachery Janes of Ovid, MI; his grandchildren: Macy, Emma, Alyson, Brody, Madlen, Bella, Kaylee, Brooklyn, Mya, and step-grandchildren: Michael, Lucas, and Lincoln. He is also survived by siblings: Sheri and Al Cooper of East Lansing, MI; and Connie Warfle of DeWitt, MI. He was preceded in death by his parents Walter and MaryJane Warfle, his sister Debra Warfle and his son James Walter Warfle, Jr.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Ovid VFW Hall, on Saturday, February 1, 2025, at 1:00 P.M.

Memorials may be made to the Hospice House of Mid-Michigan, Lansing, MI. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan.



Marlene Kay Miller

Marlene Kay Miller, age 85, of Elsie, MI, passed away Saturday, January 18, 2025, at her daughter's home.

Marlene was born in Haslett, Michigan on February 8, 1939, the daughter of George and Martha (Brewbaker) Hubbard. Marlene married John Keith Miller on November 30, 1957, in Greenbush Township. They celebrated 64 years of marriage before Keith's passing on August 5, 2022.

Marlene drove School Bus for Ovid-Elsie School District for many years. She loved to garden, bake, cooking, crocheting, and embroidery. Marlene and Keith spent 25 winters together in Zephyrhills, Florida where they made many lifelong friendships. Most of all, she loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Marlene was an active member of the Eureka Christian Church.

She is survived by her daughter Ellen and Craig Simpson of Elsie, MI; son Darrell Miller of Ashley, MI; daughter Kathryn and Robert Beck of DeWitt, MI; 7 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, sister Mary Lou Spiece, of St. Johns, MI, sister-in-law Arlis Strachota of Elsie, MI; and many nieces and nephews. Marlene was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents, husband, 2 brothers-in-law: Roy Spiece and John Strachota.

A private graveside will be held and burial will take place at Eureka Cemetery, Eureka, MI. Memorials may be made to the Eureka Christian Church, Eureka, MI or to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



James Marcus Dawson

James Marcus Dawson, age 63 of Owosso passed away Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at Memorial Healthcare.

Cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Jame's Life will be held at a later date.



"Grief is like the ocean. It comes on waves ebbing and flowing. Sometimes the water is calm, and sometimes it is overwhelming. All we can do is learn to swim."

~Vicki Harrison

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Obituaries

Kenneth Wayne Wilson

Kenneth Wayne Wilson, age 85, of Elsie, MI, passed away Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at Ashley Care Center, Ashley, MI.

Kenneth was born in Maple Rapids, MI on May 20, 1939, the son of Devillo and Nettie (Dobson) Wilson. He was a graduate of Fulton High School. Ken married Donna L. Bellingar on July 2, 1960, in Maple Rapids, MI.

Ken retired from Sealed Power in St. Johns after 30 years then opened Ken's Saw Sharpening which he ran for another 31 years. Ken enjoyed conversing with the guys and drinking coffee that came to his shop for saw sharpening. He spent every minute he wasn't working, hunting and fishing. Spending time with his grandchildren brought him the greatest joy. Ken has been going to the Upper Peninsula every year since he was fourteen years old.

He is survived by his wife Donna Wilson of Elsie, MI; daughter Darlene Sheldon of St. Johns, MI; son Doug and Eddie Jo Wilson of Elsie, MI; son Kayle and Kelly Wilson of Owosso, MI; 6 grandchildren: Michael Sheldon, Tyler Sheldon, Jessica (Josh) Stebner, Ashley Wilson, Kameron Wilson, and Kendall Wilson; great-granddaughter Sawyer Stebner; his sister Doris Parks of Maple Rapids, MI; and sister-in-law Connie Ida of Harrison, MI. Ken was preceded in death by his parents, his son Kevin Wilson, his siblings: Florine (Robert) Miller, Mary Lou (Ivan) Smith, Wheeler (Shirley) Wilson, nephew Steve Wilson, and brother-in-law Lauren Parks.

A Memorial Service will be held at Smith Family Funeral Homes Elsie, MI on Saturday, January 25, 2025, with Pastor Kathy Leydorf-Keck officiating. Burial will take place at a later date at Riverside Cemetery Elsie, MI.

Memorials may be made to Elsie Fire and Rescue or Elsie Food Bank. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



Faith Focus

by Phil Hoppersberger
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“Sipping Eyes and Slurping Ears”

“The heavens are telling, their expanse is declaring... (but) there is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard (Psalm 19).”

Any guess what animal has the best hearing? Most would say a bat, but it's actually the lowly moth. The Greater Wax Moth has the best hearing of all. Their very life depends on it because bats, with the second best hearing, love to munch moths. When night falls, your backyard becomes an aerial combat zone where listening means life...or death.

God says as much. Listening leads to life, and He offers up that advice in three key chapters from the Bible, often called God's Word, but for our auditory purposes let's call it His Voice. Psalm 19, Romans 1, and Isaiah 55 all make declarations about listening to Him to live and/or seeing His invisibility. Strangely, His attempts to reach us are silent.

Like a fluttering moth, which is a threat as we sleep (over 20 species live by landing near our eyes and jabbing a long barbed tube into them to drink our tears), His communication is as a lover's whisper uttered in two non-verbal devices — Creation (a Key West sunset detonation) and Writing (His Voice on a page). So why is God this subtle, only purring?

Well, there's a lot of static. Years ago, the deaf used a metal Ear Trumpet to hear, and were said to have a “tin ear.” Spiritually, we all have a “sin ear.” This condition makes us deaf, indifferent, a back turning that hears God as noise. Ironically, the physically blind and deaf know He exists by feeling the sun's heat (Psalm 19:6). Helen Keller, deaf and blind, said of Jesus, “I always knew God was there. I just did not know his name.”

This means we can hear and not listen. See and be blind. Jesus, who invented ears, said, “He who has ears, let him hear.” Clearly having two fleshy blobs on the side of your head doesn't mean you know how to listen. Any parent or teacher knows that. We must really want to listen, to know Him, to seek Him, and that means desperation, to be thirsty.

As a child, Helen was trapped in darkness, unable to communicate, frustrated. Her dam burst when she learned her first word, w-a-t-e-r, spelled out in her hand at a pump by her teacher who used finger spelling and palm writing. She grasped what water was as it gushed over her hand! Helen finally understood, and was freed! Helen became so thirsty to learn and to listen, that she became the first deaf/blind person to graduate from college.

Hearing is like a straw stuck in your ear that only allows a trickle. We “hear” a sunset or a clever verse, like the Golden Rule, and then stroll off unaffected. Listening is different. Listeners ponder Creation (Natural Revelation) and His Voice (Special Revelation) by the gallon and it changes them. They gulp down a starry Canadian night, wonder at its vast depth, drink it in, desperate to know Him, thirsty for His Voice (Romans 1:18-25).

Taking a sip is casual (I don't absolutely need it). Being thirsty is finding a desert well (I must have it or I'll die), like Helen's dam bursting or a moth's escape. When you are desperate someday, and I hope you're dying of thirst very soon, Jesus offers you everlasting well water for free (John 4:14, Isaiah 55:1-3, Revelation 21:6).

It's hard to hear His Voice with a straw stuck in your ear. Why not take a slow gulp from Isaiah 55, Psalm 19, and Romans 1 and then step into the moonlight? See for yourself, and listen, especially to the quietest declaration of all in Romans 1:4. It's as raucous as a sunrise, like a trumpeted eclipse, or the bellowing Grand Canyon, “...who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead... . Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Editorial



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

I've already had an interesting morning... maybe an amusing one, depending upon your view of the situation. Last night I fell asleep while in the living room recliner. It is a wondrous piece of furniture. I had tilted it clear to the back and was enjoying the almost flat padded surface. Prudence and I were snuggled down for a nice winter's nap. We were wrapped in a wearable blanket and then covered with the bright red Christmas quilt that Therese had made us, Pru has her own separate blanket that is a red plaid on one side and filled with all sorts of pups on the other. As I said, we were enjoying the comfort and warmth of our nest until about 3:30 this morning when Prudence needed to get outside to relieve herself. That's when the fun? Began. I tried to sit up to ease the chair back into the sitting position. No glide. I will admit that I made several attempts and I'm quite sure that I was making some spectacular sit-ups. Finally I managed to keep myself upright with my left arm and reach the lever on the right side of the chair. Believe this or not, this is not a normal procedure. Or maybe it is, but in most circumstances the glide of the chair is assisting. This time it was not, and I was amazed by the struggle involved in getting into an upright position. Note to self, do not use the recliner for a nap.

Finally I was able to put Prudence out side to do her morning absolutions. It is fourteen degrees out this morning and I was surprised that she dwaddled. It wasn't until she jumped up on the recliner that I realized that she had a turkey leg bone in her mouth. Apparently I had missed picking it up after I had given the turkey carcass to the cats. Pru was very adamant that the bone belonged to her and growled fiercely at me for trying to remove it from her grasp. I had the bone in hand with Pru dangling from it and growling like a maniac. I was beginning to wonder whose will would win out. Finally she opened her jaws and dropped onto the chair. I filled her food dish and threw the bone into the garbage. So this morning I have already done my sit ups and weight lifts. Maybe I should have switched hands so that my left arm had a significant workout?

Speaking of cold weather, have you ever left damp towels in you vehicle? I had a basket full of towels from the shop and I had so much stuff to carry in Saturday afternoon that I forgot of their existence. Normally Diane or Brent take them home and wash them. It was my turn and the weather inhibited me greatly. As in, I never left the house once I came home. So the basket sat in my pickup until Thursday when I came home from the shop. I did grab them and bring them into the house where they sat on the entry door rug for a couple of hours just thawing out before I attempted to get them into the washing machine. Guess what... they were still some frozen towels. I had to pull them apart before throwing them into the warm water filled washer. For the first little bit of the wash cycle there was some clunking.

Yes, my water did freeze for a short time on Tuesday morning. I had hung the light too high up and it needed to be closer to where the pipes went into the well. Yup, another one of those life lessons. Too bad I didn't just keep the water running. I should have known better. It was a minimal restoration. But a most aggravating one. Soon as my water was restored I took a long hot shower and did three loads of laundry and a sink full of dishes. I still have one load of laundry to fold plus the towels from the shop. I suppose that I should get myself into gear.

Diane made some adorable moose head cookies at the shop for one of her coworkers. She posted a picture on our Face Book page, MG's Perx & Pastries. Lots of interest. She used royal icing and they are cute. I can't decide whether or not I want to learn how to use the royal icing. I'm not as dedicated as my daughter. My granddaughter Noah is also well versed in that technique. Maybe I should learn. May your days be blessed with the adventure of learning and enjoying life. May God bless you.

Crystal Mitchell©2025



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
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Punxsutawney Phil Fireside Stories

If you are looking for a fun children's activity to celebrate and learn about Groundhog Day then consider a story time evening at the Corunna Community District Library. The event will be held on January 30, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. and is for ages from four to twelve. In addition to story time, all participants will take part in a build a groundhog workshop. Free kits will be provided for them to stuff and take home their own eighteen inch groundhog. All participants must pre-register by calling 989-743-4800.



Happy Groundhog Day!
-WS

VICTOR TOWNSHIP
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Proposed Board Minutes from January 14, 2025

The regular board meeting of Victor Township was called to order by Supervisor Wiswasser at 7:00 p.m. and the pledge to the flag was given.

Attendance: Roll call: Present: Wiswasser, Prange, Willoughby, Pesch, Sayles. Absent: None
12 citizens in attendance.

Public Comment: Kendel Darragh gave an update on the Briggs District Library Renovation and Expansion. There will be a Community Open House at Briggs District Library, 108 Railroad St. in St. Johns to see the newly improved library. Please visit the library's website for program information, database links, etc. at: www.briggsdistrictlibrary.org or check out their Facebook page.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Prange to approve the January 14, 2025 agenda with additions. Motion seconded by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Prange to approve the December 10, 2024, regular meeting minutes with corrections. Motion seconded by Sayles. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Prange to accept the January 14, 2025 Treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Pesch. Roll call: Wiswasser: yes, Pesch: yes, Sayles: yes, Prange: yes, Willoughby: yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills and Payroll: Motion by Willoughby to disburse the December 2024 bills (Paid January 14, 2025). Motion seconded by Pesch. Roll Call: Prange: yes, Willoughby: yes, Wiswasser: yes, Pesch: yes, Sayles: yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks# 29263-29280, (E) 775.00 in the amount of \$39,103.92.

Motion by Willoughby to disburse December 2024 payroll (Paid January 14, 2025). Motion seconded by Sayles. Roll Call: Willoughby: yes, Wiswasser: yes, Pesch: yes, Sayles: yes, Prange: yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks# 13176-13185 in the amount of \$9,955.67.

County Officials: Clinton County Commissioner Nichole Fickes gave a report on County business. Assignments to various committees were given.

Victor Township Planning Commission: Proposed Planning Commission's Minutes from January 7, 2025 placed on file. The Planning Commission is working on a list of projects they would like to see accomplished in the next budget year. The next Planning meeting is Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Victor Township Hall.

LSW (Fire): Supervisor Wiswasser attended the LSW Fire Authority meeting.

Maintenance & Facilities:

Maintenance Report: New emails were set up for work orders and information. Discussion regarding securing the mausoleum in Reed Cemetery with caution tape to prevent the public from entering. There are some safety issues that they are addressing and will keep the board updated on the progress.

Discussion regarding the replacing of all locks in the township for safety reasons.

The remodel of the board meeting room and the offices was discussed. Motion by Wiswasser to proceed with the bidding process. Motion seconded by Sayles. Roll call: Sayles: yes, Prange: yes, Willoughby: yes, Pesch: yes, Wiswasser: yes. All in favor. Motion carried. The Supervisor will organize this project.

Unfinished Business:

Assessor Botke gave a presentation on EMS funding options and possibilities to provide ambulance service for Victor Township. There was discussion with no decisions made. The board discussed various options for funding for EMS service.

Clinton County Central Dispatch Update: On Wednesday, January 8, 2025 Laingsburg EMS became the primary ambulance provider in Victor Township. In addition, Laingsburg Fire, EMS, and Rescue will be the primary providers for all of Sleepy Hollow State Park. If Laingsburg EMS is unavailable for a call in this area, Mercy EMS and/or the point unit will be dispatched for mutual aid.

New Business: • Motion by Prange to allow two graves in lot 329 in Reed Cemetery to be bought back by the township at 75% of the purchased price. This is in accordance to Victor Township's Cemetery Ordinance Section 4 (e). Motion seconded by Willoughby. Roll call: Pesch: yes, Sayles: yes, Prange: yes, Willoughby: yes, Wiswasser: yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Upon recommendation of the Supervisor, Sayles moved to appoint Rachel Voisinot to the Township Planning Commission. Motion seconded by Pesch. All in favor. Motion carried. Term expires 2026
- Upon recommendation of the Supervisor, Willoughby moved to appoint Tyler Malkin to the Township Planning Commission to fill the term of member Nelson, who resigned. Motion seconded by Sayles. Roll call: Prange: yes, Wiswasser: yes, Sayles: yes, Pesch: yes, Willoughby: yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Term expires 2027
- Upon recommendation of the Supervisor, Sayles moved to appoint Doug Marek to the Township Planning Commission. Motion seconded by Willoughby. Roll call: Wiswasser: yes, Prange: yes, Sayles: yes, Willoughby: yes, Pesch: yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Term expires 2028
- Motion by Willoughby to appoint Donald Arthur, Donald Bracke, and Ben Potter to the Board of Review. Motion seconded by Pesch. All in favor. Motion carried. Term expires December 31, 2027
- Motion by Sayles to appoint Phillip Smith as an alternate for the Board of Review. Motion seconded by Pesch. Roll call: Wiswasser: yes, Prange: yes, Willoughby: yes, Sayles: yes, Pesch: yes. All in favor. Motion carried.
- The Victor Township Historical Society met to organize meeting on a regular basis. Any person interested in sharing their knowledge of Victor Township and helping to preserve the local history is welcome to attend. There were several ideas discussed. The next meeting will be Monday, February 3, 2025 at the Township Hall.
- Motion by Sayles to appoint Supervisor Wiswasser as the Board Representative to the LSW Fire Authority. Motion seconded by Prange. Roll call: Prange: yes, Willoughby: yes, Wiswasser: yes, Pesch: yes, Sayles: yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Motion by Pesch to adjourn at 9:19 p.m. Motion seconded by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

Complete copies of Policies & Procedures, By-laws and Resolutions can be obtained by contacting the township office.

Lianne Prange , Victor Township Clerk

There will be a special meeting to discuss the 2025-2026 township budget and on:
Tuesday, January 28, 2024 5:30 p.m.

Rep. BeGole Named Vice-Chair of House Judiciary Committee

submitted by Denny Schwaze

State Rep. Brian BeGole has been named Majority Vice-Chair of the House Judiciary Committee for the 2025-26 legislative term.

The committee is predominantly responsible for issues relating to criminal and civil law, as well as judicial operations. BeGole brings a wealth of experience to the role. He worked in law enforcement for 32 years prior to being elected to serve in the Michigan House, including serving six years as Shiawassee County Sheriff.

"I am incredibly honored to serve on the Judiciary Committee and thank my House colleagues and Speaker Hall



(above) State Rep. Brian BeGole, of Antrim Township, speaks with media after being named Vice-Chair of the House Judiciary Committee for the 2025-26 legislative term. BeGole was joined by House Judiciary Committee Chair Sarah Lightner, Speaker of the House Matt Hall and members of law enforcement from throughout the state.



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120th Anniversary Celebration in Line for Laingsburg Public Library, Monday Jan. 27

by Tom Turek

LAINGSBURG -- Please join in to help the Laingsburg Public Library (LPL) celebrate its 120th Anniversary.

Drop in at the library any time between 3 and 8 on Monday, January 27th and wear your best "turn of the century" hat. They'll have cake and refreshments thanks to the local Friends of the Library.

The LPL has a long and proud history, as first envisioned by a group called "The Monday Club." The organization was founded in 1899 by the ladies of Laingsburg who wanted to enrich and strengthen the cultural atmosphere of the community. Charter members included Mrs. Margaret Bailey, Mrs. DG Austin, Mrs. Eliza Scott, Mrs. Minnie Rowley, Mrs. Josephine Wade, Mrs. Eva Wyckoff, Mrs. Alice Scoutten, Mrs. Augusta Frain, Mrs. Amanda Houghton, Mrs. Georgia Simpson, Mrs. Ellen Honsberger, Mrs. Harriett Tillitson, Mrs. Elva Hunt, Mrs. Margaret Corcoran and Mrs. William Collins.

In 1905 they decided to support -- and sponsor -- a public library. Very few books were purchased. Each woman volunteered to give ten books, and the LPL was formally opened on January 20, 1906. Mrs. DG Austin was selected as the first librarian. Mrs. Almeda Gibbs assumed the position in late 1929 and served for almost 35 years until August, 1964. Mrs. Helen Hobart accepted the post in August, 1964.

The LPL in early years was supported by penal fines, donations of money and by the Monday Club. Later, the library qualified for state aid. The LPL grew and increased in quality, and in February 1964 the Laingsburg City Council voted to take over the library. This change took place in April, 1964 and the LPL joined the Central Michigan Library System in April, 1969.

Originally housed in the old town hall, in 1914 the library was moved to the Sample Room of the Hotel Wildermuth in downtown Laingsburg. In October 1917 the library was moved to the local school and on January 1, 1927 to the old Community House. This building eventually became inadequate and on January 7, 1945 the LPL moved to the (roomier) second floor of the Palmer Building (to the west side of the current Laingsburg Eye Care). In 1951 the LPL moved again to the former Dr. Austin's Office Building.

Finally, in July 1970 the City of Laingsburg purchased the Albert Hunter building and remodeled to house the library. In September 1970 the Laingsburg Lions donated \$500 in support of the project, and the LPL moved to its new and current home in May, 1971.

In 2025, the library board has announced further expansion. Details of that project are forthcoming in the near future.

The Laingsburg Public Library offers a welcoming environment to facilitate and promote lifelong learning, meeting the evolving needs of a diverse community by actively providing easily accessible new and traditional resources, services, and programs.

They would love to see you visit and help celebrate on Monday, January 27.



Looking east, north side: Far left library/Bolles Jeweler. Center: (wood canopy) Elite Theatre. Building (with tower) City Hall/Fire Station. Far right: Norton-Barnes Hotel.



Library director Sandra Chavez would like to welcome everyone to celebrate the 120th Anniversary of the Laingsburg Public Library.

Iconic Laingsburg Restaurant Celebrates New Ownership With Gala Ribbon-Cutting

by Tom Turek

LAINGSBURG -

An iconic Laingsburg restaurant near the corner of Grand River Ave. and Woodbury opened 2025 under new ownership.

Laingsburg HS graduates Tom and Stacey Brewer are the proud proprietors of the popular spot -- which started as the "Arctic Wolf" two decades ago and has provided employment to dozens of teenagers over the years.

Wendi Kribs and family purchased the business and renamed it Dairy Den, expanding the eatery to include sandwiches and specialty items. Wendi opened her ice cream business in August 2017 and brought food items to the business spring of 2020.

When Kribs eventually put the dine-in hot spot on the market, the Brewers promptly purchased it last November 12.

The Dairy Den is managed by Tom and Stacey, with Mrs. Brewer saying, "It's a great opportunity to have a first-time job. It's close to the youth's home; allows them to create strong communication with others, problem-solving skills, customer service, teamwork building, not to mention time management, and adaptability to situations that arise."

"We love the feeling that we play a small role in giving the youth these learning experiences. Currently, we have 11 staff and are looking to hire as the busy season starts up and as soon as we start working with other groups in the community."

Over the years, there have been very few things that have changed from the previous menu, other than a few new items. "We want our staff to be very comfortable with the current items on the menu before adding new items," explains Stacey. "We have plans for future milkshake specials and are always looking to support the town in different community events."

Taking care of their loyal customers remains their #1 priority, Stacey says. "We have made a change to our menu, and changed the flow to the ordering processes; in hopes of serving our customers effectively."

"We have been asked by several different groups/organizations in the community to collaborate with them and or have opportunities to have small gatherings at the Dairy Den. At this moment we are working out the logistics of that."

Ed Tyler of the Laingsburg Business and Community Association (LBCA) was on hand for the ribbon-cutting, emphasizing the need for all of the community's food service and hospitality businesses to do well and flourish. "We are new members and cannot wait to work with them," Mrs. Brewer explained.


"We ask everyone to feel free to stop in and see the changes we have made to the shop. We are looking forward to seeing everyone now that we are back open and can't wait to be involved in the community."



RIBBON CUTTING at Laingsburg's Dairy Den: (L to R) The Dairy Den employee Collin Logghe, owner Tom Brewer shaking hands with Ed Tyler of the Laingsburg Business and Community Association, owner Stacey Brewer cutting the ribbon, and employee McKenna Johnston.



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Sports

Lady Bears Battle League Leading Sacred Heart

by Ashleigh Shaw

The Irish are leading the MSAC conference at the halfway point in the season and taking them on was a tough task. "Sacred heart was able to hold us to 12 points in the first half and that was too much for us to be able to overcome" sated Coach Shaw. Ashley continued to battle all night losing 69-32. Ellie Drummond scored 17 points and had 6 rebounds. Marissa Brady scored 7 points grabbing 10 rebounds adding 4 assists, Karissa Brady 6 points and had 5 rebounds, Zoe Schneider scored a bucket.

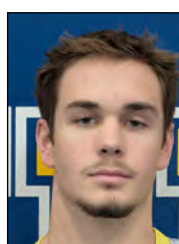


Ellie Drummond

Ashley Boys Struggle Against the Irish

by Ashleigh Shaw

Carson Litwiller continues to lead the team throughout the season and this game was no exception. Litwiller scored 20 points and had 3 rebounds in the loss 69-28. Gibby Jason, Trevor Dolloff and Michael Kiefer also pitched in scoring on the night. "Sacred Heart is a good team, they are quick and have good shooters, along with playing good defense. We struggled against them but continue to fight on the night" expressed Coach Sourek.



Carson Litwiller

Lady Maruaders Can a Dozen Trifectas, Beat Byron, 64-16

by Tom Turek

BYRON -- It was raining 'threes' for the visiting team in MMAC girls basketball here.

Ovid-Elsie poured in 12 threes as a team, in a convincing 64-16 victory over the host Eagles.

O-E won for the 5th time in 6 league outings, and moved to 9-2 overall. Byron slumped to 1-5 in the circuit, 2-7 overall.

McKenzie Keck led the Marauders with 15 points. O-E #21, Ellyanna Carman brought the ball down court against Byron. Ellyanna Carman added and Alyson Moore 9 points.



Photo by Denise Burgess

Lansing Everett Swims to 102-74 Win Over Ovid-Elsie

by Tom Turek

LANSING -- Ovid-Elsie placed 11 different swimmers in the scoring column, but came up a little short in prep swimming action at Lansing Everett here January 14.

The host Vikings swept the relay events to earn crucial points in a 102-74 victory over coach Karl Dahlke's O-E swimmers.

First places for O-E came from Cheyenne Kline in the 200 freestyle (2:44.35) and 500 free (7:14.97); and Audrey Bensinger 200 IM (2:50.59) and 100 fly (1:19.40).

Also earning places for the Marauders were Jolene Hebler, David Lohr, Adalynn Roberts, Ev Swender, Marshall Leavitt, Dylan Jennings, Norah Wilcox and Lauren Phillips.

Ovid-Elsie Runs to 7-1 Record in MMAC Boys Basketball Race

by Tom Turek

OVID-ELSIE — The host Marauders ran their MMAC boys basketball record to 7-1 -- to stay abreast of the league leaders -- with a dominant 83-41 smashing of the Byron Eagles.

Canyon Walker's Marauders improved to 10-2 overall, and trailed only Mt. Morris (11-3, 8-0 MMAC) in the conference standings.

Braylen Brown scored a team-high 15 points for Byron (1-10, 0-8 MMAC).

O-E traveled to Mt. Morris on Tuesday in a game with MMAC title implications.

Stifling defense carries O-E girls to 57-5 victory at Mount Morris

MOUNT MORRIS -- A stifling defense carried Ovid-Elsie to a 10-2 overall record here in prep girls basketball action.

The final score was Ovid-Elsie 57, the host Panthers 5 in a lopsided affair that dropped the Panthers to 1-8 overall, 0-3 in the MMAC.

Coach Shaun McKinney's Marauders moved to 6-1 in the league with the big win. O-E stayed hot on the heels of 8-0 New Lothrop in the MMAC race; the Hornets demolished Mt. Morris 52-7 the previous Friday.

Leading scorers for the Marauders were Dannika Campbell with 11 points, Ashton Ehle 9 and Kendal Tokar 8.



Photo by Denise Burgess

Pirates Keep Wolves at Bay in CMAC Basketball Race

PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA -- The host Pirates celebrated their annual Winterfest weekend with a 68-43 victory over Laingsburg in a CMAC boys basketball showdown.

P-W shot the lights out -- getting several buckets to rattle around and fall through -- in moving to 9-0 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference, 9-3 overall.

Tim Beebe's Wolfpack fell to 7-4 overall, 6-3 in the CMAC.

P-W's Dom Weber went 7/7 from behind the 3 point line and finished with a game-high 22 points. Grady Eklund chipped in with 15 for the hosts.

Marauder Boys Win Big at Mt. Morris, Forge MMAC Tie

MT. MORRIS — Tucker Loynes and Tryce Tokar each poured in 24 points as Ovid-Elsie avenged an 3-point loss to Mount Morris -- tying the Panthers for the MMAC lead -- with a 87-63 win here January 23.

Coach Canyon Walker's charges left little doubt in the much-awaited rematch, tying Mt. Morris at 8-1 atop the league standings. The Marauders moved to 11-2 overall while the Panthers fell to 11-4.

"It was a statement win," said coach Walker. "We came out and played 32 great minutes of basketball. We came out, took care of the ball, and played great defense and that led to this victory."

Ovid-Elsie raced its way into a first-place tie with Mt. Morris on Tuesday, avenging a loss to the Panthers earlier in the season with a dominating 87-63 road win.

Jake Bowen muscled inside for 19 points for Ovid-Elsie, which led 18-10 heading into the second quarter, extending that to 31-14 before halftime -- and never looked back. Travis Milner added key points behind the three-point line.

In the league race, Chesaning lurks close behind at 7-2, while Durand is in the running at 6-3.

Marauder girls chalk up another MMAC victory, 55-31

MONTROSE -- Ellyanna Carman totaled 15 points to lead all scorers as Ovid-Elsie's girls basketball team chalked up another Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) victory here.

The Lady Marauders ran past the host Rams, 55-31, with Alyson Moore adding 11 points, Dannika Campbell 7 and Kendal Tokar 7 points.

At 11-2 overall and 7-1 in the conference, 1st-year coach Shaun McKinney's Marauders are starting to establish themselves as the class of the league. MMAC team won-loss records include Chesaning at 10-3, 7-2; Durand 10-3, 6-3; Otisville-Lakeville 9-3, 4-2; New Lothrop 5-6, 4-5; Montrose 4-9, 2-8; Birch Run 3-7, 2-4; Byron 1-11, 0-9 and Mt. Morris 1-9, 0-5.

Ovid-Elsie has claimed back-to-back MMAC titles heading into 2024-25.



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Elsie Village Council Proceedings

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Elsie Village Council was held Tuesday, January 21, 2025. The evening was highlighted by the appointment of Tiffany Frank as the Elsie Village Clerk and officials retiring in closed session.

Officials took action to set the public hearing for vacating the right-of-way of Third Street between Pine and E. Main Streets. Adjoining property owners will be notified. The public hearing will be held February 11, 2025, 6:45 pm, prior to the regular meeting.

Formal action was taken to appoint Tiffany Frank to fill the village clerk position. The appoint was approved.

Police Chief Bryce presented the monthly Elsie Police Department report. During the month of December, the department responded to 63 calls for service. The calls included: civil disputes, 911 hangups, animal complaints, traffic enforcement, and one adult service complaint. The Department is participating in the annual Safety Pup Program. Local businesses and individuals support the program by donating \$1,989. EE Knight students receive books and literature regarding child safety, stranger danger, and violence awareness information.

In addition, two zoning applications have been requested and are expected to be submitted in the next few weeks. Chief Bryce stated, “It truly makes me proud to see people who are eager to invest time, money, and effort in our community.”

The partnership with the Village of Maple Rapids regarding motor carrier violations has been very successful. Truck traffic has been minimized as well as slowing traffic down through the village.

Next, Destinee Bryce presented the monthly managers’ report. Bryce has been focusing on a number of grants involving a variety of resources. A meeting was held with Clinton County Catalyst and Tim Fair. Potential projects include: Elsie sewer project, grant opportunities and the future establishment of a Downtown Development Authority. Deb Parker, Clinton County Catalyst assisted with the submitting of a State of Michigan Cyber Security, the grant would assist with BS&A in the cloud and .gov domain for website and village related email accounts.

Hopefully the forensic financial audit will be completed the end of January. Both Maner and Costerisan and the WoodHill Group are assisting with the process. Steve Adaire from the WoodHill Group assisted with grant applications through Michigan State Treasury for Financially Distressed Communities with one or more conditions that indicate probable financial distress. Grant funding is to be used for specific projects. The Village of Elsie is requesting funds for assistance with a utility rate study, new water meters and an interim controller that will assist with the prevention of financial distress and to propose an approved deficit elimination plan for the village.

Ken Harris, notified the Village that the Elsie Redevelopment Authority Project is moving forward. MEDC gave unofficial funding approval of the project. The Elsie High School project is moving forward.

Bryce informed officials that April 14, 2025, payment on the DPW dump truck is due in the amount of \$22,000. Officials were under the understanding it was a purchase, not a payment program.

Reports from the Michigan Department of Treasury were given to officials to review and discussion at the next regular meeting. All grants were listed and the purpose of each was outlined to assist with bringing the Village up to financial stability.

Bryce, “Thanked officials for there continued through this process, this is a team issue and we are all in this together.” This includes the staff, officials, and the community.

Chris Ornes, Department of Public Works, officials discussed a number of pieces of equipment that need to be repaired and then prepared to be sold. Boxes for the salt spreader estimated cost \$8,000, a future purchase.

Officials opted to open up public comment prior to retiring in closed session. Nicole Fickes, District 1 Commissioner, introduced herself and presented contact information. In addition, she surveys officials regarding the scheduled time of Clinton County Commission meetings, 4th Tuesday of the month, 9 am. Officials thought it could be later in the day.

Brook Wooly, Dairy Festival Committee, requested the following dates for the 2025 annual Dairy Festival, July 10, 11, 12. This year the committee has selected a theme, celebration of the history of Elsie, the Historical Society is 50 years old. The Elsie Dairy Festival mural dates will be updated. In addition, annually the committee gives the Village a donation after the festival. This year they would like the funds be donated to the Elsie Village Park updates. Officials were very supportive of the idea. The committee is also discussing moving the date, discussion followed.

Public comment included the lack of transparency regarding the forensic audit and the financial condition of the Village. The community lacks information about what happened. Village officials noted that information will be disclosed in the near future.

Retired in closed session at 8:13 pm. Pursuant of section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act, to consider material exempt from disclosure by state statue, section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act, which exempts from public disclosure “information of records subject to the attorney-client privilege” being confidential Attorney-Client written communication dated July 7, 2024, and January 21, 2025.

Upon returning 9:20. No action taken.

Monthly action was taken to approve the meeting agenda, minutes of the December 10, 2024 were approved with expenditures corrected, and approval of the financial reports. It was noted that there are specific village accounts that cannot be touched – for example water and sewer. In addition, there are funds and investments that should not be moved to State Bank until after the forensic audit is complete. Expenditures totaling \$74,249.91 were approved. A number of questions by officials were addressed, noting that there have been three water main breaks. Residents were reminded to let water drip for the next few days.

Sports

Wolfpack Wrestlers Rack Up Forfeits Over Potterville, Stay Atop CMAC

POTTERVILLE -- Logan Robinson won by fall at 138 lbs. and Laingsburg’s varsity wrestling team stayed perched atop the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) with a dominant 66-18 victory over Potterville.

The Vikings broke through for victories at 144, 165 and 285 -- but forfeited the other weight classes as the Wolves won easily. Chalking up wins for the red-and-white were Scarlet Ruhf at 106, Cooper Mund at 113, Brenden Knoblauch at 120, Liam McDonald at 126, Marlon Graham at 132, Jeff Smith at 150, Carson Helmer at 157, Zander Nethaway at 175, Gauge Ream at 190 and Harvey Montgomery at 215.

Coach Shawn Baynes’ Wolves remained undefeated in dual matches, with one match remaining. They host Bath in CMAC action this Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

Relentless Pirates power past Lady Wolfpack in CMAC showdown, 58-34

LAINGSBURG — At about 2:30 p.m. on January 16, the LHS gymnasium was hit with a power surge that knocked out lights. Just hours before a CMAC girls basketball showdown with powerhouse Pewamo-Westphalia, the north end of the court was dimly lit. No matter. Game on.

If either team was expecting a power surge, it didn’t happen. Instead, after a pound-pound-pound go-round with the Pirates ... well, the the Wolfpack’s conference title hopes were dimmer than ever.

P-W’s style of play doesn’t “surge.” It’s blunt-force, patient, relentless defense, and bullish, take-it-to-the-bucket on offense. The young, undefeated Pirates staked another claim to the conference championship, 58-34 over an equally young — and talented — Laingsburg team. Both teams have just one senior on

“You can’t point to any one area of the game where they dominated,” said Wolfpack coach Daniel Morrill. “It’s just one thing here, one thing there ... you look up and the next thing you know, they’ve scored on four possessions in a row.

“I give our girls a lot of credit. They hung in there. They’re learning a new system and I’ll guarantee: it won’t be long and we’ll be right there with (P-W).”

The Pirates stayed perfect at 11-0, 8-0 in the league. LHS stood 6-3, 6-2 in the CMAC as one of the Pirates’ closest competitors.

Laingsburg scooted to a quick 12-5 lead, using buckets by Liili Morrill and Mallory Woodbury for the advantage before P-W scored five-straight to close within 12-10 to end the first quarter.

Elly Bengel took over the contest for the Pirates in the second quarter. She scored on repeated drives to the basket, netting 10 points in the stanza. Still, the Wolves hung tough. Woodbury drained a three-pointer with just :02 left before halftime, but Bengel answered with a half-court shot at the buzzer to keep the Pirates up 28-20 at the break.

LHS got within 33-26 in the 3rd quarter on a turnaround bucket by Lilli Morrill — but they would get no closer as P-W closed the game out with high-percentage lay-ins and a steady eye at the free throw line.

Bengel led all scorers with 18 points for PW. Teammate Alonna Thelen added 10. Lilli Morrill had 15 for the Wolfpack, Brooklyn Holm 10 — including a pair of long three-pointers — and Woodbury closed with 9 points.

Wolfpack girls win for 6th time in 9 games, 59-17 over IAF

LAINGSBURG -- Lilli Morrill led the Wolfpack with a big first half scoring -- all of her game high 17 in that half -- to lead Laingsburg’s girls basketball team to a 59-17 victory over International Academy of Flint (IAF).

Mallory Woodbury and Payge Woodworth each added 11 for the Pack. Kamari Williams led IAF with 12.

The Lady Wolfpack improved to 6-3 overall, while the IAF Phoenix dropped to 3-8.



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

CASE NO: 25-32429-DE
Estate of
BEVERLY J. KNOWLES,
NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS:
The decedent,
BEVERLY J. KNOWLES,
Died: November 7, 2024
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Diane Zamarron, 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.

Diane Zamarron
4801 Findlay Road
St. Johns, MI 48879
(517) 719-1733

(1-26)

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Family Trust

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Trust Estate In the Matter of: **Schmitz Family Trust**
Dated June 27 2016 Amd Rstd Mar 28 2024.
Date of Birth: Oct 15, 1935
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The Settlor/Grantor and Initial Trustee, Marcia Schmitz, died on January 16, 2025.
Creditors of the Settlor/Grantor and Initial Trustee are notified that all claims against the trust estate will be forever barred unless presented to Hantz Trust, appointed Successor Trustee, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: January 20, 2025
Hantz Trust
26200 American Drive, 5th Floor
Southfield, MI 48034
(248) 304-2855

(01-26)

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

Estate of **JACK J. FAUST**
Date of Birth: August 10, 1936
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent **JACK J. FAUST** died on December 19, 2024.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Terry Lynn Faust, 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.

Terry Lynn Faust
1018 Durant St.
Lansing, MI 48915
(517) 927-0813

(01-26)

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

(01-19)(02-09)

VICTOR TOWNSHIP Proposed Special Meeting Minutes of the Victor Township Board January 14, 2025

A Special Budget Workshop Meeting of the Victor Township Board to review the proposed township budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year was called to order by Supervisor Wiswasser at 5:32 p.m. at the Victor Township Hall, 6843 Alward Rd., Laingsburg, Mi.
The Pledge of Allegiance was given and a roll call of board members in attendance: Present: Wiswasser, Prange, Willoughby, Sayles, Pesch. Absent: None
1 Citizen in attendance
Motion by Willoughby to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Sayles. All in favor. Motion carried.
The Township Board reviewed the proposed budget and made changes and additions to what was presented.
Motion by Sayles to adjourn at 6:46 p.m. Supported by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

*Lianne Prange, Clerk
6843 E. Alward Road
Laingsburg, MI 48848*

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 County, 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.

(01-12)(02-16)

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

CASE NO: 25-32422-CA
CASE NO: 25-32423-CA
In the matter of
Harley Roland Peoples
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including:
Candi Peoples
Harley People Jr.
whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter maybe barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at 100 East Slate Street, Suite 4300, St. Johns, MI 48879 before Judge Lisa Sullivan P51265 for the following purpose:
Petition for guardianship and conservatorship.

Chelsea Daum - Hazel Findlay
1101 S. Scott Rd.
St. Johns, MI 48879
(989) 224-8936

(1-26)

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 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 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 includable 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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