

## Five OE Athletes Sign Letters of Intent

On Friday, March 21, 2025, five Ovid-Elsie Senior athletes sign Letters of Intent to participate in athletics at the college level. The signing took place in the Donald G. Auditorium where family and friends were in attendance to witness the signings. Coaches of the individuals, Travis Long, Angela Ehle, Doug Long & Brian Powell and Nick Hufnagel, each took to the podium to talk about the accomplishments and strengths of each athlete.

Ben Wildes signed with Trine University, located in Angola, Indiana to play football. He is the son of Gabrielle and Jowa Wildes. Kayden Ehle, signed with Northwood University, located in Midland, Michigan to play volleyball. She is the daughter of Angela and Brandon Ehle. Jake Bowen signed with Alma College in Alma, Michigan to play football. He is the son of Jessica and Wayne Bowen. Tryce Tokar, signed with Alma College, located in Alma, Michigan to play football. He is the son of Nicole and Jason Tokar. Clay Powell signed with SVSU College, located in University Center, Michigan to run Cross Country and Trach. He is the son of Rebecca Powell.



(l-r): Gabrielle, Ben and Jowa Wildes



(l-r): Ashton, Brandon, Kayden, Angela and Braylen Ehle



(l-r): Abigail, Wayne, Jake and Jessica Bowen



(l-r): Kendal, Jason, Tryce and Nicole Tokar



(l-r): Coach Doug Long, Rebecca, Clay and Brian Powell



Firefighters and Auxiliary from Ashley, Maple Rapids and St. Johns welcomed home fellow firefighter Jim Hunnicutt in Ovid.

## Firefighters to the Rescue

by Deb Price

In an instant, one's life can change forever. Jim Hunnicutt has realized that truth. On December 14, 2024, Jim was involved in an automobile accident where he sustained multiple injuries including major paralyzation due to a broken neck.

He spent weeks in Sparrow Hospital, transferred to Mary Free Bed for therapy and is currently living with his Mom, Liz and Tom Pearson. The only problem with coming to Ovid was he needed a way to get into the house. Problem solved, firefighters to the rescue. Members of the Ashley, Maple Rapids and St Johns showed up in force on Friday, March 21st, rolled up their sleeves and went to work on building a ramp. Not only were they there to help, they were there to help a Brother. Jim, a firefighter himself in Ashley for 5 years, Maple Rapids and St Johns for 4 years each. Between the three departments they covered the cost of materials and volunteered their labor. "I am truly thankful for all the love and support from my firefighter & auxiliary friends. I wouldn't have survived this ordeal if isn't wasn't for all the support and encouragement from my family and friends," explained Jim.

Speaking of family, Jim who's only 40 years old, has many supporters. Besides his Mom, he has 4 younger siblings, two sons, James Jr., age 14 and Carson, age 11. He has 2 grandsons Carter, age 11, Breken, age 4 and a granddaughter, Maria, age 2. Jim is engaged to Jessica Wicke and has two stepdaughters, Jazmine and Cheyenne. The friends and extended family are too many to count and Jim is thankful for them all.

Jim will soon be getting physical & occupational therapy at home in Ovid as well as a Nurse visits. In the meantime, his Mom Liz is taking care of her oldest child. "I'm just thankful that he is still with us. I thank God everyday for that," she said. Although Jim is confined to a wheel chair he is hopeful that he will walk again someday.



Jim Hunnicutt

## A Treasure in Ovid

by Karen Anderson, Secretary

Ovid- Did you know there is a room in the back part of the Ovid Public Library, with the documents and treasures that tell the rich history of Ovid? Ovid Village was incorporated on March 24, 1869. The first settlers were Samuel Barker in 1836 who bought the land sight unseen and William Swarthout from Ovid, New York, also in the mid 1800's. Are you related?

The Ovid Historical Society has a team of members, organizing and digitizing every piece of history they can find. Volunteers under the direction and expertise of Ken Miller, Ovid Historian, originally from Ovid, have been working for over 3 years to organize the documents and items donated to preserve the History of Ovid.

Currently, the Committee is searching for any pictures, keepsakes or stories from the 1969 Centennial celebration. Were you there? Send your story to [ovidite@yahoo.com](mailto:ovidite@yahoo.com) or drop off your contribution in the History Room located at 206 N. Main St. Ovid, Michigan. Complete the form inside the History Room when you leave information or treasures. Volunteer staff are in the room every Tuesday afternoon between 1:00 and 4:00pm or by appointment. For more information call the library to leave a message for the historian or a member to return your call.

Monthly meetings beginning April 1, 2025 at 7:00 pm are held at the Mary Meyer's Museum, located at 131 East Williams in Ovid, MI. The home was left to the Ovid Historical Society from the estate of Mary Meyer's. The beautiful home was built in 1889. It is the mis-

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## 2025 Fish Fry Schedule

**Fridays: April 4 & 11**

**4:00 pm to 7:00 pm Public Welcome**  
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Macroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll



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**\$15 Adults; \$8 Children 6-12;**  
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# Greenhouse Sale!

**Saturday, May 10th**  
**Ashley Community Schools Greenhouse**  
*(behind the Methodist Church)*  
**9:00am - 11:00am**

**Flats \$12 • Hanging Baskets \$15 (2/\$25) • Patio Pots \$20 (2/\$35)**

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# Social

## Chili Cook-Off and Silent Auction at United Church of Ovid

*submitted by Sue Casler*

A Chili Cook-off is being planned on Saturday, April 12, at 4 pm. The night will sponsor good food, a silent auction, and a fun time with purpose for 2 great cause: To help support Summer Church Camp Scholarships (a wonderful and life changing experience for young and old). And medical and living expenses for Chrystie Groom and her family as she battles aggressive cancer.

Along with our chili contestants, we will have hot dogs for our non-chili eaters. A large silent auction will add to the fun! If you would like to donate items for the silent auction, contact the church office Mon-Thurs 9am -12noon 989-834-5958.

To sign up your chili recipe call the church office (834-5958). Due to Health Food regulations, we are offering the use of our licensed kitchen for you to come and prepare your chili in. Kitchen will be open during office hours Wed. & Thurs (9am – 12noon). We'll save an electric plug just for you!

Invite a friend and join us for a bunch of fun!

## Planning a Graduation Party?

The Elsie Lions Club has added new tents, tables and chairs to its inventory. To obtain information on how to rent, the cost and pickup or delivery, call Lion Greg Snider at 989-640-0460.

## SAR Independent Painting with Philip Ruehle

*submitted by Linda Ruehle*

The Shiawassee Arts Center is offering another session of Independent Painting with Philip Ruehle, MFA, Artist/Instructor. This six week series for adults will be on Wednesdays, April 9 - May 14, Noon - 3pm.

Receive one-on-one instruction while exploring the painting genre of your choice (still life, landscape, portraiture, non-objective abstract, etc.). This is a great opportunity to experiment with something new or to improve upon something with which you currently find challenging. Students need to bring their own supplies. Mineral spirits will be provided. New session will follow. The Arts Center is located at 206 Curwood Castle Drive, Owosso. The classrooms are handicap accessible. Fee: Member \$145/Non-member \$155. Supply list is on the website at shiawasseearts.org under education/adult classes. Pre Registration & payment required: Call 989-723-8354.

## Elsie Historical Society

The Elsie Historical Society located at 145 Main Street (East side of the Library) will be open on Wednesdays from 2pm-5pm beginning on Wednesday, April 2nd.

## Mint Country Garden Club Meeting

*submitted by Cherie Delger*

The Mint Country Garden Club will meet at Andy T's Market on Thursday, April 3rd at 7:15pm. Located at 3131 S. US Highway 27, St Johns, 48879. He will be presenting to us about composting, soil amending and raised beds. Dress warm. Hope to see you there!

Contact Cherie at 989-277-7788 with any questions.

## Save The Date!

*submitted by Jan Chick*

The St. Johns Class of '64' will be having their class reunion on Sunday, August 23, 2025 at the Rotary Pavilion in Downtown St. Johns.

This year the class is including Classes of 1963 & 1965. Arrive at 12 Noon. Bring a dish to pass.

Call Jan Chick with any questions, 989-630-9021.

## Princess Olivia



**Happy 16th Birthday**

**March 26, 2025**

## Ovid Historical Society

*submitted by Roger Matthies*

The April meeting of the Ovid Historical Society will be on Tuesday, April 1 at 7:00p.m. at the Mary Myers Museum in Ovid.

We will be making plans for 2025 and would like to have many ideas from our members. We hope to see you on Tuesday.

The museum is located at 131 East Williams Street in Ovid.

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### BID FOR SCIOTA TOWNSHIP CEMETERY SEXTON:

Sciota Township is accepting 4-year contract bids for Cemetery Sexton through Sunday, April 13th, 2025. POSITION DESCRIPTION: Interment for burial of cremains or caskets and knowledge of cemetery laws and burial procedures. Requires independent judgment in determining methods of completion to carry out assignments. Duties include working knowledge of techniques, materials and practices of gravesite interment; interaction with funeral directors and families, either in person, by telephone, or in writing concerning burial directives for cremains or caskets; installs markers and headstone monument foundations, provides burial information to the township clerk for record keeping purposes; coordinates with branches of the military for the delivery of military markers and marker installation. Must be available to work Saturdays, Sundays, and holiday weekends, if necessary. Some proficiency with computer skills is necessary for public communication and invoicing. Submit full name, business address and email, 10-digit telephone number with dates of applicable experience and summary of work performed, 2 letters of reference, proof of license (LLC/DBA) and insurance, along with proposed fees/rates for the following work services.

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Opening and Closing Child Burial ( Weekdays, Year-around)	
Opening and Closing Child Burial (Sat-Sun and Holidays)	
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Opening and Closing Cremains (Sat-Sun and Holidays)	

Criminal background check required post-employment offer. Bid may be sent by email to clerk@sciotatownship.net, OR by USPS mail to: Sciota Township Clerk, 8430 W. Parker Rd., Laingsburg MI 48848-9640, OR by placing a bid in the clerk's drop box at 8430 W. Parker Rd.. Questions? Contact the clerk at 517-651-5286.

## A Treasure... cont’ from front page

sion of the Ovid Historical Society to honor the home and the contents of the many treasures left for historic preservation. The floors are original, and many items are valuable antiques with factual memories of the late 1800’s and 1900”s.

A need for repairs and paint for the entire exterior is an endeavor scheduled for summer of 2025. According to the Historical Society President, Rogger Matthies, “There will be an opportunity for anyone to make a donation towards this time-sensitive project.” Look for paint cans around town at local businesses to make an appreciated donation. Questions and contributions can also be made by contacting the Treasurer, Scott Bates, at 989-640-3651.

Annual and Life-time membership is available to any interested persons of all ages. You are cordially invited to attend the next meeting on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 7:00pm. Members are always open to new ideas. Intriguing conversations and refreshments.

## Elsie Village Council Approves New Business Office Hours

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – A special meeting of the Elsie Village Council was held Tuesday, March 25, 2025 for the purpose of passing the 2025-25 FY budget ordinances. Prior to the meeting a public hearing was held to take public comment regarding the budget.

Public comments during the public hearing. There were concerns voiced regarding the results of the water main breaks and the need for further repairs to the roadway. Officials noted that when the frost is out of the ground the repairs will be addressed. Also, the speed of vehicles on Main Street. It was noted that a new officer has been hired recently to address this problem. Water bill questions were asked by individuals on fixed incomes. A representative from the Wood Hill Group explained the proposed water rate changes, and that billings will be every two months instead of monthly. There will not be reduced water rates for yards this summer season. The next bill for March will be for one month. The next bill will be for April and May under the new rate structure. “We all will suffer, but once we get things together Elsie will be better,” commented Destinee Bryce, interim village manager.

The general fund was in a deficit situation, \$30,000 in the red, at the end of FY 2024. The goal is to be out of deficit by March 31, 2026.

Steve a representative of Wood Hill Group presented an overview of the proposed general appropriations budget ordinance which goes into effect April 1, 2026. The expected surplus is \$18,161. The budget reflects a department/cost center budget a more efficient method to handle possible budget amendments. Financial best practices were outlined and recommended. Village officials took action to approve the general appropriations as presented and reviewed. The budget reflects a wage freeze, overtime freeze, and reduced staff.

In addition, the special appropriations ordinance overview was presented for approval. This covers the utilities of the Village. Approved as presented.

Village business, Jason Freeman, recommended that Destinee Bryce be appointed as the acting clerk/treasurer, temporarily, with a financial controller and the assistance of Jason Freeman, village president, so there will be checks and balances. Approved as recommended.

Village business office hours will be changed to Mondays 9am-5 pm and Wednesday 10 am to 6 pm, beginning Monday, March 31, 2025.

Next officials took action and approved the Woodhill Group contract amendment for accounts payable and utility billing administration. Process books will be developed for the next hired clerk/treasurer, to ensure that a qualified individual is hired.

Action was taken to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of village office hours, and the minutes of the March 11, 2025 regular meeting minutes.

### SCIOTA TOWNSHIP 4-YEAR BID FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES:

Sciota Township is accepting janitorial bids for the township hall through Wednesday, May 7th, via USPS mail service, email, or by placing a bid in the clerk’s drop-box located at the mailing address driveway. POSITION DESCRIPTION: Includes dusting all high and low vertical surfaces including windows, blinds, cabinetry, and file cabinets; spot clean walls, baseboard and cove moldings as needed; vacuum carpet, sweep and mop floors in foyer and bathroom monthly. Take down lighting fixtures to remove bugs from light lenses (April-September), sweep carpeted exit stairway. Cleaning services are arranged on a monthly schedule; however, the clerk may request additional specialized cleanings or deep cleanings in anticipation of an election. The estimated monthly cleaning time is 1.5 hours per month. Cleaning products and garbage bags should be included in both monthly and hourly rate. All waste materials must be removed from the premises. Please include a 1) once-per-month rate for cleaning services, and 2) an hourly rate of service. The township should be invoiced at cost for toilet paper, paper towels, soap, and light bulbs, with original receipts included. Submit a resume including business and person name, email and local address, telephone number, dates of applicable experience and summary of work performed, 2 letters of reference, along with the proposed monthly fee and hourly rate. Include a copy of business license (LLC/DBA) and insurance with bid; criminal background clearance required post offer. Township hall physical location 3990 Leland Rd, Laingsburg MI 48848. Contact the clerk for hall viewing.

Jamie Parker-Wing  
Sciota Township Clerk  
Office: 517-651-5286  
Email: clerk@sciotatownship.net

### Victor Township Clinton County, Michigan 6843 E. Alward Road, Laingsburg, MI 48848 Proposed Board Minutes from March 11, 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

13 citizens in attendance.

**Public Comment:** none

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Willoughby to approve the March 11, 2025 agenda. Motion seconded

by Sayles. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Pesch to approve the

February 11, 2025 regular meeting minutes.

Motion seconded by Sayles. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Pesch to approve the February 24, 2025 special

meeting (Budget Review) minutes with one correction.

Motion seconded by Sayles. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Sayles to approve the February 24, 2025 special

meeting (EMS) minutes. Motion seconded by Pesch.

All in favor. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Prange to accept the

March 11, 2025 Treasurer's report. Motion seconded by

Pesch. Roll call: Prange: yes, Willoughby: yes, Wiswasser:

yes, Pesch: yes, Sayles: yes All in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of Bills and Payroll:** Motion by Willoughby to

disburse the February 2025 bills (Paid March 11, 2025).

Motion seconded by Sayles. Roll Call: Willoughby: yes,

Wiswasser: yes, Pesch: yes, Sayles: yes, Prange: yes. All

in favor. Motion carried. Checks# 12502-12516, in the

amount of \$178,555.82.

Motion by Willoughby to disburse February 2025 payroll

and payroll related expenses (Paid March 11, 2025).

Motion seconded by Pesch. Roll Call: Wiswasser: yes,

Pesch: yes, Sayles: yes, Prange: yes, Willoughby: yes. All

in favor. Motion carried. Checks# 13194-13209 in the

amount of \$28,087.20

**Reports:** Sandra Chavez from the Laingsburg Public

Library gave a 2024 year-end report. There were 1705

active library patrons in 2024 and 540 were Victor

Township residents. There are many programs and events

o ered. You can get more information by calling the library

at: 517-651-6282 or on their website: https://www.laings-

burg.michlibrary.org .

**Victor Township Planning Commission:** Proposed

Planning Commission's Minutes from March 4, 2025

placed on file. The Planning Commission is working on

obtaining prices for signs at the township cemeteries. The

historical committee is working on organizing the records

and items held in the township vault. The next Planning

meeting is Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Victor

Township Hall.

**LSW Emergency Services Authority (Fire):** Reports

from February 2025 were provided to the board and

placed on file.

**Clinton County Special Operations Team:** Team

Commander Sgt. Chris Hamilton gave a report on the

Special Operations Team displaying equipment and tactical

gear worn by the team.

**Maintenance & Facilities:**

Maintenance Report: New administrator's window remodel

is progressing and will be installed soon. The replacement

of all locks in the township will begin this month.

Unfinished Business:

**LSW Fire Service Fee Increase/EMS Fire Funding:**

Discussion regarding Victor's contract with the LSW

Emergency Services Authority regarding the increase in

fire services cost to the township. The Authority is increas-

ing the fire services millage from 1.0 to 2.0 mills. The

board feels this needs to be negotiated as Victor's agree-

ment is contractual and we do not have any financial claim

in the LSW Authority. Victor also owns a building that is

maintained by the township and is used by the Authority

for services. Motion by Willoughby to have the Supervisor

meet with the LSW Authority Board to proceed with negoti-

ations pertaining to these concerns. Motion seconded by

Pesch. Roll call: Pesch: yes, Sayles: yes, Prange: yes,

Willoughby: yes, Wiswasser: yes. All in favor. Motion car-

ried. Motion by Sayles to have the Supervisor ask for a

one-month extension on the EMS services agreement.

Motion seconded by Pesch. All in favor. Motion carried.

MiDeal Contract: Motion by Sayles to accept the present-

ed contract from DBI to proceed with o ce/board room

remodel. Motion seconded by Pesch. Roll call: Prange:

yes, Wiswasser: yes, Sayles: yes, Pesch: yes, Willoughby:

yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion by Sayles to

accept the bid of Seelye Group for carpet and installation.

Motion seconded by Pesch. Roll call: Wiswasser: yes,

approve the contract with Sherwin-Williams through the

State of Michigan Procurement, Dept. of Technology,

Management, and Budget for paint and related supplies

for the o ce remodel project. Motion seconded by Prange.

Roll call: Sayles: yes, Prange: yes, Willoughby: yes,

Pesch: yes, Wiswasser: yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Grant updates: Detailed Archaeological (SHPO) report

received. Motion by Sayles to authorize the Treasurer to

sign any o cial or necessary documents to proceed with

the Grant project. Motion seconded by Prange. All in favor.

Motion carried.

Board recessed from 8:35 to 8:41 p.m.

**New Business:** Motion by Willoughby to approve the elec-

trician contract for the o ce remodel up to

\$5,000. Motion seconded by Prange. Roll call: Willoughby:

yes, Wiswasser: yes, Pesch: yes, Sayles: yes, Prange:

yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Zoning application for review:** Motion by Wiswasser to

have no objection to the application submitted by V.

Gruhn. (PC-02-25) (OR-204-25) Motion seconded by

Pesch. All in favor. Motion carried. Clerk to send letter to

Clinton County Planning/Zoning Dept.

General Appropriations Act for FY 2025-2026 Resolution

2025-03-01: Motion by Sayles to adopt Resolution 2025-

03-01. Motion seconded by Pesch. Roll call: Prange: yes,

Wiswasser: yes, Willoughby: yes, Pesch: yes, Sayles: yes.

Resolution declared adopted by the Supervisor.

Township Salary Resolutions: Motion by Sayles and sec-

onded by Pesch to adopt Resolution 2025-03- 02,

Supervisor salary for \$20,000.00. Roll call: Willoughby:

yes, Prange: yes, Pesch: yes, Sayles: yes, Wiswasser:

yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

Motion by Pesch and seconded by Willoughby to adopt

Resolution 2025-03-03, Clerk salary at \$25,500.00. Roll

call: Wiswasser: yes, Sayles: yes, Pesch: yes, Prange:

yes, Willoughby: yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution adopted. Motion by Sayles and seconded by

Wiswasser to adopt Resolution 2025-03-04, Treasurer

salary at

\$24,000.00. Roll call: Sayles: yes, Pesch: yes, Wiswasser:

yes, Willoughby: yes, Prange: yes. All in favor. Motion car-

ried. Resolution adopted. Motion by Prange and seconded

by Willoughby to adopt Resolution 2025-03-05, Trustee

salary at \$10,000.00 (\$5,000.00/each). Roll call: Prange:

yes, Willoughby: yes, Wiswasser: yes, Sayles: yes, Pesch:

yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

**Township Mileage Policy:** Motion by Prange and second-

ed by Sayles to adopt the township mileage policy for pur-

poses of calculating mileage compensation regarding trav-

el for township business. Motion Summary: The following

shall be the method used to determine distance: Starting

Point: Victor Township Hall. Ending Point: Venue or desti-

nation traveled to address. Return calculations shall be

made in the exact manor starting at the venue/destination

returning to the Victor Township Hall. All in favor. Motion

carried. Copy of the full motion will be placed in the

Township Policies and Procedures Manual.

Swearing in Oath Policy: Motion by Prange and seconded

by Sayles to authorize the elected Clerk to be the primary

member conduction the swearing in of members. In the

event the clerk is absent or not available to carry out this

task, the elected Supervisor will perform the duty. All non-

elected members employed by the township are not

authorized to perform swearing in duties. All in favor.

Motion carried. This is a summary of the motion. Copy of

the full motion will be placed in the Township Policies and

Procedures Manual.

**2025 Road Contracts:** Motion by Sayles to approve the

2025 road contracts from Clinton County Road

Commission. Motion seconded by Pesch. Roll Call:

Prange: yes, Willoughby: yes, Wiswasser: yes, Pesch:

yes, Sayles: yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Phase 2 Hall Remodel:** Motion by Willoughby to contact

c2ae regarding a proposal for township hall phase 2

remodel to be in 2026 budget. Motion seconded by

Wiswasser. All in favor. Motion carried.

Extended Public Comment: none

Motion by Sayles to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. Motion seconded

by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

Copies of Minutes and Resolutions are on the Victor

Township Website (www.victortwp.org) and at the Clerk's

o ce in the Township Hall

Lianne Prange

Victor Township Clerk



Obituaries

Roxie Whitford Potter

Roxie Whitford Potter, 75, from Harrison, formerly from Laingsburg, passed away Monday, February 17, 2025.  
The family is hosting a Memorial Service Sunday, April 27, 2025 from 3-5p.m. at St. Isadore Church Hall, 310 N. Crum St., Laingsburg.

Wayne Potter

Wayne Potter, 50, from Harrison, formerly from Laingsburg, passed away Sunday, February 16, 2025.  
The family is hosting a Memorial Service Sunday, April 27, 2025 from 3-5p.m. at St. Isadore Church Hall, 310 N. Crum St., Laingsburg.



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Editorial

Support SJPS Bond Proposal

*Letter to the Editor:*  
We support the SJPS bond proposal. We graduated from SJHS, as did all our five children and Sue’s parents. We have grandchildren who graduated from and more currently attending SJPS.  
We all received excellent education here and want the quality of education offered by SJPS to continue for many years to come. For that to happen, maintenance is essential, but so is upgrading and improving facilities to meet technological and educational advances. This bond proposal will do all of that. It will allow SJPS to continue to prepare students for bright, productive futures, students who will give back and improve life.  
We live in a different world from just a decade or two ago. Our facilities must change and grow to meet the demands of education in 2025 and beyond. Supporting our schools is the best way to say thank you to those who did so in the past and ensure future students will receive the educational excellence St. Johns has provided for generations.  
Though the price tag seems high, it will never cost less to make the improvements in this bond.  
*Vote YES! on May 6.*  
*Sid and Sue Lounds, St. Johns*

Vote Yes May 6th

*Letter to the Editor:*  
Dear Reader,  
We’d like to lend our support for the upcoming St. Johns School Bond issue on May 6th. We believe that a strong and healthy community requires informed citizens who can make decisions that reflect positivity for all members of the community and choices that advance a healthy, safe and responsible community environment.  
Providing quality educational environments for the youngest members of our community ensures future success for ALL our citizens. Investing in our youth is a win-win situation! When folks are looking to make a change in their living location, they most often look at the school system that a community provides. How healthy is that system? How updated are the physical properties? What activities are offered during and after school? Etc.  
If you want your community to grow and flourish, and your children to enjoy a safe and supportive school environment, please consider voting YES on the bond issue.  
*Thank you,*  
*David O’Dell and Helen O’Dell*  
*St. Johns*

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Pastor: Zella Daniel  
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Sundays: 11:00am - Worship  
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Worship Service: 10:30am  
Pastor:  
Kendra Holcomb - Densmore

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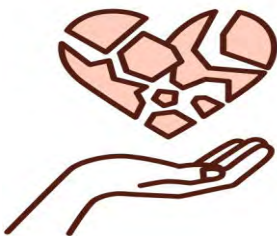


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# Editorial



## A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

I do believe that spring has made her entrance, a little wonky and a tad bit cold at times. I don't expect to be getting my vegetable raised bed garden planted for another couple of months. I do hope that I will have every thing that I deem necessary ready by that time. Yup, I have great expectations. And yet I haven't even ordered the five yards of clean top soil to level out my west yard and to fill the raised beds. Knowing me, I will try to orchestrate everything at once. Or more than likely, I will be ecstatic when everything seems to come together as anticipated. There is much fine tuning to be done if I'm to grow Marglobe tomatoes, Persian cucumbers, sweet potatoes, carrots, string beans and at least a nice variety of peppers. I do need to get the Dutch flat topped cabbage seeds planted and work up the garlic beds which I have failed to get replanted. So, I will have this spring and summer to work in some good compost to lighten up and enrich the soil. I do need to have my strawberry bed ready for planting in the first of May. This will be another interesting year, sure wish that I wasn't becoming so dysfunctional and lazy at times.

Another sign of spring will be our first co-op order in April. I think that I need to order about three hundred pounds of flour and about twenty pounds of cocoa. To be honest, I've been experimenting with different types of yeast breads and am looking forward to making some at the shop this spring, summer, and fall. I believe that I spend too much time searching through old recipe books during the cold months and just get the yen to try whatever seems to appeal to me. Sometimes when we try out new recipes our coffee bunch gets to be our official tasters. So far, they haven't been wrong with their opinions. Last week, Diane made a chocolate pudding cake with our fresh cream topping, I did make the old fashioned chocolate pudding that was layered between the cake and the cream topping sprinkled with Heath bar chips. Folks seemed to enjoy it because it wasn't overly sweet. This week will be an old fashioned 'sunshine cake'.

This afternoon, Diane was changing the festive décor for our Easter presentation. She did mention that we hadn't found any nifty scarves for our plush pals that fill our shelves. Fortunately for us, Diane does the decorating. She does a great job on cakes and cookies also. I wish that I had her dramatic flare. Next Saturday when we have our breakfast buffet, Diane has added French toast sticks and an old fashioned bread pudding. I hope that there will also be a lemon glaze for the bread pudding. On second thought, I would eat less of it if there was no glaze. Believe me that I'm happy that I'm not waddling through the doorways because working at the shop just keeps tasty temptations available daily.

I have been in procrastination mode for a couple of weeks now. I can almost have the dishes all done but seem to have one dish or a pan that gets overlooked. Once it is overlooked it seems to go into a multiplication mode. The dirty dishes just seem to multiply daily. A glass gets left upon the dining room table, a dish on an end table in the living room or orange peels are left on a dish that is sitting on the foot stool. When I have everything taken care of I begin to wonder if Miss Prudence has several guests while I'm at the shop. She is a social little dog but I do wish that her guests would clean up after themselves. Do your pets communicate well with you? Prudence is excellent at letting me know when I have failed to meet her expectations. Her major one right now is that I should be sitting the recliner with the lift up so that she has a comfortable area in which to lie. Having an extended lap seems to appeal to her. Of course I need a blanket or comforter upon my lap to make it the perfect spot to nestle in. I do appreciate the fact that I still can meet her expectations.

And, yes I do enjoy Pru's attention and adoration. Our pets are blessings, sometimes messy ones but they do put smiles on our faces and touch our hearts. May God bless you, smile and be happy.

Crystal Mitchell©2025



## The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster  
[theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com](mailto:theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com)

### Response to Bill Kline

The Weekly Sportsman column will have been in publication for eight years this coming May. That equates to over three hundred columns published. Along the way many members of the readership have called, written, emailed, etc. The most appreciated email came from an old school friend's father who corrected the improper use of a word. Thank you Mr. Mike Danek!

The majority of the conversations along the way have been individuals voicing their support or offering a hot tip on a lead, however, five were negative and provided stark critiques. The first was in 2018 from a pro-gun and pro-conservation minded Republican candidate upset that a candidate survey was published for the readership while at the same time the Weekly Sportsman was working on his opponent's campaign. We were friends before that race and still are today. The Weekly Sportsman did a follow up column despite him not submitting a survey and spoke of his credentials and a shared pheasant hunting experience. He now serves as our congressman and represents the local area well in Washington, D.C. Two other exchanges were from a little misunderstanding on the subject matter provided in a column and both were resolved with a quick email discussion and exchange of information. Recently, the Weekly Sportsman has come under fire from Middlebury Township resident Mr. Bill Kline.

It is greatly appreciated that Mr. Kline reads the column and has reached out to express disapproval as all feedback, negative or positive, is always welcomed. This is the second time Mr. Kline has written about his disapproval. The first was in response to a column written about the MSU School Shooting Tragedy. Two weeks ago he wrote about a few columns that warned the readership of gun control legislative efforts in Lansing, a review of the Rossi Brawler pistol, and about a sniper in Ukraine who set a new long distance world record. In summary, he is displeased with these topics and thinks that they are inappropriate subject matter for the column. The Weekly Sportsman would like to explain the relevancy of topics such as gun control, product reviews, and sniper fieldcraft and how they are small pieces of a very big puzzle.

Gun control. If you are an owner of a firearm, like 40% of adults in Michigan, you are probably very concerned about your second amendment rights and how proposed legislation could affect ownership for self defense, hunting, and sporting purposes. Locally in Clinton and Shiawassee counties, fifteen percent of the legal adult population currently has a valid Concealed Pistol License (CPL) and another five percent have let their permit expire. One out every five legal adults have exercised their right to carry a concealed weapon at one point which is twice the state average. Statewide only six percent of the population has purchased a hunting license compared to eighteen percent locally and over twenty percent have purchased a fishing license which is twice the statewide average. Although it would be very hard to look at just the circulation area of the Meridian Weekly, it is probably a pretty fair assumption that those percentages would be even higher. Like it or not firearms and fishing poles are part of the local outdoor heritage. Mr. Kline blamed Trump, Republicans, and the National Rifle Association for the MSU School Shooting Tragedy when in fact the shooter should have been sitting in prison or on parole at the time of the shooting. The former Ingham County Prosecutor admitted on public record that she did not charge Anthony Dwayne McRae on previous felony firearms violations because of his race. This was her own personal attempt to reduce the rising number the numbeof African Americans being prosecuted on weapon charges. Everyone is entitled to their opinion about the second amendment but the Weekly Sportsman thinks citizens should be aware of threats to their constitutional rights. Restrictions on firearms and constitutional rights, as harmless as they may seem, make for a very slippery slope. For the record, less than three percent of all Weekly Sportsman columns written have covered the subject of gun control.

Expect the same number of columns or even more written

by the Weekly Sportsman if the government started infringing on fishing and fishing poles.

Product reviews. The Weekly Sportsman often writes reviews on equipment from socks to fishing poles to books and yes even firearms. Mr. Kline objects to the fact that the Weekly Sportsman purchased and tested three handguns that he describes as sawed off shotguns. Under federal law, a pistol with any length of a rifled barrel that shoots a pistol or rifle cartridge is a handgun even if it can shoot .410 shotgun shells. The handgun reviewed has been designed for many purposes and as mentioned capable of harvesting anything from small game to deer.

Sniper fieldcraft. There is a lot that hunters can learn from reading about sniper fieldcraft such as but not limited to ballistics, optics, reading the wind, the art of camouflage and concealment, and of course purchasing or making a homemade ghillie suit. Many long range varmint/predator and turkey hunters spend hours honing their skill with the aforementioned topics. In no way was the Weekly Sportsman trying to encourage locals from going on a shooting/sniping spree.

It was a column illustrating what technology and the knowledge of ballistics can achieve. As a matter of fact, there is a growing segment of hunters participating in extreme long range shooting for target shooting competitions and actual hunting. Many hunters are now attending shooting schools to learn about using proper equipment and taking ethical long distance shots under the instruction of former military snipers.

The Weekly Sportsman column will continue to feature a variety of topics. Mr Kline suggested a few topics and he should be pleased to know that wolves crossing the Mackinac Straits have already been covered and that there is a forthcoming article with a literature review of Michigan cougars. In addition the Weekly Sportsman has been writing an eulogy about former President Jimmy Carter and his ability to be an outdoor sportsman balancing gun control and conservation efforts not only while serving in the White House but also public service later in life.

Unfortunately, Mr. Kline and the Weekly Sportsman are going to have to agree to disagree on what is appropriate subject matter for the column. Hopefully, he will continue to be part of the readership and enjoy some if not most of the future articles.

-WS

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**Victor Township  
Clinton County, Michigan  
6843 Alward Road, Laingsburg, Michigan Proposed  
Minutes from March 11, 2025 Budget Public Hearing**

The Budget Public Hearing for FY 2025-2026 of the Victor Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Wiswasser at 5:32 p.m.  
Pledge to the flag was given.  
**Roll Call:** Sayles, Wiswasser, Willoughby, Pesch, Prange.  
**Citizens present:** 2  
**Public Comment:** None  
**Agenda:** Motion by Sayles to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Pesch. All in favor. Motion carried.  
**New Business:**  
2025-2026 Budget Public Hearing: Motion by Willoughby to open the public hearing at 5:35 p.m.  
Motion seconded by Pesch. All in favor. Motion carried.  
Motion by Sayles to close the public hearing at 5:41 p.m. Motion seconded by Pesch. All in favor. Motion carried.  
Motion by Sayles to approve the submitted Supervisor's proposed 2025-2026 budget. Motion seconded by Willoughby. Roll call: Prange: yes, Pesch: yes, Wiswasser: yes, Willoughby: yes, Sayles: yes. All in favor. Motion carried.  
**Extended Public Comment:** None  
Motion by Sayles to adjourn the meeting at 5:41 p.m. Motion seconded by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

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## Home Improvement

### Are DIY Renovations Worth It?

The endeavor of taking on a DIY home project is exciting: the weekends spent planning, the trips to The Home Depot, and the feeling of pride while admiring your own work. DIY renovations are a different story. After looking at Pinterest or reading about the latest interior design trends, it's natural to have the urge to completely remodel your space. If you have the proper tools, what's stopping you from taking on building a sunroom?

Most likely experience (not to mention money and time). Here's what to consider before assigning yourself a DIY renovation project that's out of your reach.

#### 19 Budget-Friendly Home Renovation Ideas for Every Room

#### What to Consider Before Putting on the Hard Hat

Taking on renovations can come down to a personal preference or self-imposed challenge, but more often than not, it's because it's expensive to hire someone. Before deciding to try your hand at a long-term renovation to save money, remember that professional contractors usually have a host of resources already in their possession. They have contacts to get cheaper materials and tools that make the job much more efficient and affordable. Buying your own equipment might end up costing more than hiring someone to do it for you.

And it's not just your money that you might be risking—it's your (very valuable!) time. A contractor makes it their primary job to complete your remodel. You, on the other hand, have other duties, like your full time job, taking care of your family, and social engagements. You'll likely only be able to make progress on the weekends—risking stretching out what should be a month-long project to half a year.

#### What Does the Average Bathroom Remodel Cost? Here's How to Budget

The experience you have with previous remodels or renovations is also important to take into account. According to a survey of BHG real estate agents, 80% reported some projects do not

add significant value to a home compared to their cost, including DIY projects with subpar craftsmanship or unprofessional installation.

Maybe this isn't your first renovation rodeo—you've developed confidence in some of those medium-difficulty DIY home projects, like tiling the floor and installing dry-wall. Eight-five percent of agents agree that these renovations, if done properly, can provide a cost-effective way to increase a home's value. But a beginner should understand they're better off staying away from structural changes and sticking to cosmetic ones: painting, replacing carpet, and adding in new light fixtures, etc.

You can also share the sweat equity in a renovation to cut down on labor costs. Maybe your kitchen needs to a revamp and you have to hire a contractor to take care of replacing the cabinets. You can definitely cut down the expenses by installing the dishwasher yourself.

If these time-consuming DIY renovations don't go as planned, it's ultimately a waste of your money and effort. Plus, all your hard work could end up being fruitless if the project doesn't meet the standards of a worthwhile return-of-investment renovation. When in doubt: Call a pro.



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# The Next Frontier in Waste Reducation

submitted by Ellen Link

The GLR recycling facility (7500 Woodbury Rd. in Laingsburg) will be open this month on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays (April 1 & 15), 4-6 p.m., and 2nd and 4th Saturdays (April 12 & 26), 9 a.m.-1 p.m. These are open to anyone, from any community. We do not charge for our services but gladly accept donations. Consult our web page or the contacts given below for the long list of materials we accept and how to sort them or to get answers to your questions. The GLR is always exploring new ways to reduce waste and already surpasses most recycling sites by accepting materials like denim, books, glass, household batteries and most dental care materials.

As we mentioned last month, the latest opportunity in waste reduction is the composting of food waste—that which is either not actually edible (e.g., bones, eggshells, etc.), or which has gone bad or won't/can't be eaten. Although many of us compost that once-edible food waste in our backyards, many more throw it "away," meaning it ends up in the landfill. There, according to the EPA, "due to its quick decay rate, food waste... is contributing to more methane emissions than any other landfilled materials."

Hence, the GLR is excited to announce a win-win-win opportunity for all area residents: the chance to cut your trash fees, reduce waste, and contribute to healthier soils by composting your food waste. We will begin a trial composting program, accepting food scraps at all GLR recycling drives, as of the Saturday, April 26 recycling drive. Sign-ups to participate will begin at the April 12 & April 15 drives and by email. If you need a compost starter kit, GLR will be giving away free kits (compost bin + 4 liner bags) to the first 25 people who sign up. After that, kits will be available for \$5 each. The GLR is funding the hauling of the collected waste to a certified facility to be turned into compost, so donations to support this are welcome. Food waste can also be brought in a bucket or in paper or BPI-certified compostable bags. This includes:

Fruits & veggies (remove produce stickers); Dairy products; Tea bags, coffee grounds & filters; Bread & grains; Napkins & paper towels; Meat & bones; Grease; Eggshells; BPI-certified compostable products.

Got questions? Contact the GLR at RecycleLaingsburg@gmail.com.

For more information about any of our services or activities, visit our Facebook page or website (<https://recyclelaingsburg.wixsite.com/mysite>). You can also call Terry or Ellen Link at (517) 651-2005 or Beth Lange at 651-6437. We're always looking for more volunteers and recyclers to help us create a sustainable future in our own backyard.



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# Sports

## Marauder Girls Battle Redwings, End in 1-1 Tie

ST. JOHNS — Madalynn Bushard and McKenzie Keck booted home goals, as Ovid-Elsie battled to a 2-2 tie here in non-league girls soccer action.

The Marauders moved to 0-1-1 on the early campaign, which now takes a respite for Spring Break. O-E will be back in action on April 10 vs. the Durand Railroaders.

Bushard, a freshman, tallied off an assist from Keck to put the Lady Marauders up 1-0. The host Redwings rallied for a pair of goals, before Keck tallied on an assist from Sophia Sweet.

Sarah Newman had eight saves in net for the Marauders.



McKenzie Keck scores a goal for Ovid-Elsie during the match against St. Johns. Photo by Jody Thornton

## Lady Wolfpack Soccer Team Shuts Out Owosso; Moves to 1-1

OWOSSO -- Paige Erickson pitched a shutout in goal, and Laingsburg's girls varsity soccer team evened its record at 1-1 with a 8-0 non-league victory at Owosso.

The mercy win was fueled by goals from Emilee Mertens (1), Payge Woodworth (2), Sydney Curtis (1), Madison Phillips (1), Samantha Gutzman (2) and Ines DeJuan (1).

Passing assists were logged by Woodworth, Madison Phillips, Samantha Gutzman and Allie Brasseur.

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The 4th annual LALA Golf Outing is scheduled for Saturday, April 19 at Pine Hills Golf Course, as an important fundraiser for the scholarship fund. The format is a four-person scramble, at \$60 per player or \$240 per team. Lunch will be served on the turn; there are notable prizes for 1st place, 2nd place and 3rd place teams; also hole prizes and a 50/50 raffle.

To sign up for golf or for more information, contact Tom Turek at 517-282-1528. Sign-up forms are also available at the Pine Hills clubhouse, on the Laingsburg Community Page on Facebook, and on the Laingsburg Sports Boosters page on Facebook.



## Faith, Family, Mentoring Leads O-E Bowling Grad to Top of NAIA Ranks

by Tom Turek

SPRING ARBOR -- You can add a NAIA national title to the list of achievements Mikayla Kelley has added since leaving Ovid-Elsie High School a short (nearly) four years ago.

The collegiate All-Scholar Team / All-Academic honoree graduated from Ovid-Elsie in 2021 as a two-time 1st Team All-MMAC kegler. She also qualified for the State Tournament both her junior and senior years.

Bowling is in Mikayla's blood. "I have been bowling since I was three years old," she says. "My parents put me in bumper bowling as something to do. I come from an entire family of bowlers on both sides so it only made sense I kept going."

This year, her average is 170. Her highest game is 256. That has helped her collegiate team -- Spring Arbor University -- win top tournaments like the Dirty Bird Classic, the Falcon Classic, the Scotty Classic and three showdowns in the Crossroads Conference, of which the Cougars are a member.

Spring Arbor is the four-time consecutive Crossroads Conference champion.

"We also qualified in Las Vegas for matchplay both tournaments we were out there, finishing seven of 38 teams for the Glenn Carlson and four of 38 for the Collegiate Shootout," Mikayla explains. "Our team dynamic and our drive is a key reason as to why we are as successful as we are. We all have a very strong work ethic and practice hard every day."

"One of the best parts and a reason I think we are so successful is we all have bonded like sisters and are very close with each other. It's made competing so much easier to succeed that way. Our team atmosphere is very refreshing, it's nice to know that the other seven people around you all share the same goals and will lift you up when you need."

Family and coaching are close to Mikayla's heart, as is her faith. "I give all glory to God for gifting me so many relationships and people who have helped this journey be possible," she says.

"The coaches at SAU will always have a place in my heart for pushing me to be a better version of myself everyday whether it is in everyday life or athletics.

"My entire family for their constant support to allow me to fulfill my dreams, especially my mom (Susan) and stepdad (Dan) who hardly missed an opportunity to watch me do what I love."



Mikayla Kelley

## CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

**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 April 30, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. **MORTGAGE INFORMATION:** Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Donald E. Hodge AND Kolbrun G. Hodge, husband and wife, joint tenants, whose address is 13198 Wacousta Road, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837, as original Mortgagors, to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR AMERICAN PORTFOLIO MORTGAGE CORPORATION, being a mortgage dated April 9, 2018, and recorded on April 12, 2018 with Document Number 5265762, Clinton County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to Amerihome Mortgage Company, LLC, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated October 20, 2021 and recorded on October 21, 2021 and given document number 5316884 in Clinton County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date here-of the sum of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY AND 57/100 DOLLARS (\$155,240.57). Said premises are situated in the Township of Waterton, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, and are described as: PARCEL 1: COMMENCING AT A POINT 62 RODS SOUTH AND 25 RODS WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 18, THENCE DUE NORTH 8 RODS, THENCE WEST 8 RODS, THENCE SOUTH 8 RODS THENCE EAST 8 RODS TO THE PLACE OF BEGIN-

NING, T5N, R3W, WATERTOWN TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN PARCEL 2: BEGINNING AT A POINT 62 RODS SOUTH OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 18, T5N, R3W, WATERTOWN TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THENCE WEST 13 RODS, NORTH 8 RODS, WEST 12 RODS, SOUTH 8 RODS, WEST 8 RODS, SOUTH 8 RODS, EAST 19 RODS 5 FEET, THENCE NORTH 4 RODS, THENCE EAST 13 RODS, 11.5 FEET, THENCE NORTH 4 RODS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Street Address: 13198 Wacousta Road, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 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. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 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. Dated: March 30, 2025 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Robert A. Blumberg (P87490), Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 509, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Telephone: (312) 541-9710. File No.: MI 25 6388

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# Rep. BeGole: Dual Enrollment is Critical for Students Interested in Skilled Trades

submitted by Denny Schwarze

A plan from state Rep. Brian BeGole that gives students a head start as they pursue trades careers was advanced in bipartisan fashion today by the Michigan House.

House Bill 4154 makes trade schools eligible for dual enrollment classes. Dual enrollment is a good way for students to get ahead on college credits while they're still in high school. But state law currently does not allow for high school students to be dually enrolled in trade schools to learn applicable skills. This has created a gap that prevents career and technical education students from being able to earn college credit and opportunities to help fill labor shortages in skilled trades.

BeGole noted that the eligibility would be critical for Shiawassee County and surrounding areas.

“The intermediate school district in Shiawassee County has an invocational trade school that could benefit from this added capability,” BeGole said. “There’s a welding school nearby in Alma. There’s a building and construction school right near where we voted on this bill in Lansing. We just need to provide avenues for students who are looking at good-paying careers in these fields. With this bill, we can further diversify our workforce and cement Michigan as a leader for in-demand skilled trades workers.”

Michigan students have been provided the opportunity to earn college credit while in high school since 1996. Classes that students are eligible for must be offered by a state university or community college, and must lead towards postsecondary credit, accreditation, certification, and/or licensing. BeGole’s bill, which adds trade schools to this beneficial arrangement, is part of a comprehensive education reforms that give Michigan students more tools to thrive in the classroom and prepare for careers while giving parents needed transparency and accountability.

HB 4154 now moves to the Senate for further consideration.

## CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dakota Davis and Kaitlyn Davis, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Success Mortgage Partners, Inc., its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 6, 2022 and recorded April 11, 2022 in Instrument Number 5323937 Clinton County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Planet Home Lending, LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Eighteen and 26/100 Dollars (\$187,918.26).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Clinton County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on APRIL 9, 2025. Said premises are located in the Township of BATH, Clinton County Michigan, and are described as: A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 20, TOWN 5 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, BATH TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THE SURVEYED BOUNDARY OF SAID PARCEL DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF DRYER’S ADDITION TO BATH AS RECORDED IN LIBER 2 OF PLATS, PAGE 26, CLINTON

COUNTY RECORDS SAID POINT ALSO BEING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 20; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID DRYERS ADDITION AND THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 20 A DISTANCE OF 170.29 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION ; SOUTH 00 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF LOT 1 OF SAID DRYER’S ADDITION 144.61 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 12 SECONDS WEST PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF LOT 2 OF SAID DRYER’S ADDITION 126.71 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST PARALLEL WITH SAID WEST LINE 144.61 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 20; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 20 A DISTANCE OF 126.71 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; 5722 Clark Rd, Bath, Michigan 48808 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. Dated: March 9, 2025 File No. 25-002255 Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084 Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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

CASE NO: 25-32462-DE Estate of VIRGINIA BLACKMER, Date of birth: August 14, 1929 NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Virginia Blackmer, died August 24, 2024 Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Michael Martin, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 100 E. State St. Ste. 3400, St. Johns, MI 48879 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Michael Martin 1215 Cape Breton Dr. Canadian Lakes, MI 49346 (231) 359-1210 Alexa B. Pratt P83426 201 E. State St. St. Johns, MI 48879 (989) 224-9449

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Nathan Hoard and Shawn Hoard, husband and wife, to PNC Mortgage, a division of PNC Bank, National Association, Mortgagee, dated September 25, 2014 and recorded October 27, 2014 in Instrument Number 5220735 Clinton County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Nineteen Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Eight and 23/100 Dollars (\$119,938.23). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Clinton County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on APRIL 16, 2025. Said premises are located in the Township of BATH, Clinton County Michigan, and are described as: PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 26, T5N, R1W, BATH TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 26; THENCE S86°30’24”E, 1321.75 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 26, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 2, PAGE 850 OF THE CLINTON COUNTY RECORDS; THENCE S03°33’24”W, 1320.38 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 26 TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 26, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 2, PAGE 851 OF THE CLINTON COUNTY RECORDS; THENCE CONTINUING S03°33’24”W, 20.65 FEET ALONG SAID EAST LINE TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 26, 330.00 FEET ALONG SAID EAST LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE CONTINUING S03°33’24”W, 148.50 FEET ALONG SAID EAST LINE, THENCE N88°22’56”W, 1326.19 FEET PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 26; THENCE N03°40’12”E, 148.51 FEET ALONG SAID WEST LINE; THENCE S88°22’56E, 1325.90 FEET PARALLEL WITH SAID SOUTH LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.EASEMENT A:A PARCEL

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas E. Dickinson and Amy Dickinson, husband and wife, to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated May 4, 2007 and recorded May 10, 2007 in Instrument Number 5116788 Clinton County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Bank, National Association as successor by merger to Fifth Third Mortgage Company, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty and 29/100 Dollars (\$236,960.29).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Clinton County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on APRIL 30, 2025.

Said premises are located in the Township of RILEY, Clinton County Michigan, and are described as: The Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 30, T6N, R3W, Riley Township, Clinton County, Michigan. 9800 W Chadwick Rd, Dewitt, Michigan 48820

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. Dated: March 30, 2025

File No. 25-002489  
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC  
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084  
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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

Estate of **RUBY J. MITCHELL**,  
Date of birth: February 19, 1928  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**  
The decedent, **RUBY J. MITCHELL**, died March 4, 2025  
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Thomas Clayton Mitchell, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 100 E. State St. Ste. 3400, St. Johns, MI 48879 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Thomas Clayton Mitchell  
5286 Alward Rd.  
Laingsburg, MI 48848  
(517) 202-1986

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169.00 feet from the East 1/4 corner of said Section 18; thence continuing South 00°18'35" East 400.68 feet; thence North 83°51'50" West 150.45 feet to the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 18; thence North 00°22'08" West (recorded as North 00°21'46" West) on said North and South 1/4 line a distance of 384.55 feet, said point beginning South 00°22'08" East (recorded as South 00°21'46" East) on said North and South 1/4 line a distance of 169.00 feet from the Interior 1/4 corner of said Section 18; thence North 89°58'48" East 149.84 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly Known as: 4500 Wildcat Rd., Saint Johns, MI 48879 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: 03/09/2025 Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 251 Diversion Street, Rochester, MI 48307 248-853-4400 319877

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**PROBATE COURT**  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**Decedent's Trust**

The **CRAIG REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST**, dated July 23, 2015  
**TO ALL CREDITORS: \***  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**  
The decedent, Shirley L. Craig, who lived at 8501 Gratiot County Line Road, Fowler, Michigan 48835 Died: February 21, 2025  
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustees of "CRAIG REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST" within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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*submitted by Christine Hised*

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# Health



**Damaging Dragon on Health!**

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Everyone knows the word stress, mainly because each one of us has our very own personal levels of it. But, have you ever thought about what that means?

Stress is the bottom-line cause of most health problems and illness. It isn't just the here and now stressors you're dealing with today, but an entire lifetime. For many people, this damaging dragon of health begins at their birth. Meaning that the levels have been increasing for years.

Those increasing levels cause your sympathetic nervous system to go into overdrive, never allowing your body to rest or relax.

At which point, your brain creates reactions to triggers throughout your entire life. You know, those things that set you off in an instant. Whether it's making you angry, fearful, upset, or any other strong emotion which causes you to react to the situation with a knee jerk response.

The damaging dragon (stress) causes you to react differently because it has kept your body stuck in a "fight or flight" responsive state. After the buildup of layers upon layers, your body learns to adapt in such a way to protect yourself. That's the time when your mind and body are trapped in survival mode.

Unfortunately, this means the stressors become stuck throughout your nervous system and as those layers grow, so does your health problems.

Although, your body does try to get your attention by using signals to tell you things aren't okay and you need help, sadly they get ignored. Some of the simple signs can be tight muscles, headaches, tiredness, fatigue, sleeping problems, aches and pains, etc. So, the body will continue to ramp up the symptoms until it reaches a point where you will listen, such as fibromyalgia, migraines, different types of illness, anxiety, depression, and more. At this point, your body is screaming for help, and you're probably waiting to see a doctor for diagnosed label of what is wrong with you.

It's really unfortunate that people don't listen to their own body sooner.

After all, the human body is a unique and remarkable thing. It'll heal itself when you cut it, heals itself after surgery, breathes on its own, sweats to control your temperature, tells you when rest is required, and so much more, if you listen instead of ignore.

So, it's best to set aside time now, to focus on yourself and what your body needs. Start lowering your stress levels and avoid giving that damaging dragon control over your health!

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