

Ovid-Elsie Area Schools

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Ovid-Elsie Board of Education was held Monday, August 19, 2024. A highlight of the evening was finalizing employee contracts, extending contracts to new employees and accepting last minute resignations.

Dr. Wayne Petrolje, school superintendent, presented his monthly report. A huge thank you for all who supported the Clinton County RESA millage request passed in all six school districts. This is a program that serves 1,400 students throughout the county. Board election will be held November 5, 2024, five candidates are vying for three seats.

First day for staff was August 19, students return Wednesday, August 21, 2024. A staffing update was presented a new teacher at EE Knight: Megan Mack 3rd grade, Lynn Eckenberg will be returning in 5th grade for one year. Leonard Elementary: Sadie Casaday kindergarten; Kortney Miller a long term-sub this position has been posted, Rianna McCafferty new 2nd grade teacher; OE Middle School one open position still open. OE High School two new teachers' Halley Lindoff mathematics and Emma Harrington history. Eight new teachers for Ovid-Elsie Area Schools. Middle school special education position posted; alternative high school Language Arts part time position.

Summer facilities update – parking lots refinished, gym floors refinished, and new playground equipment was installed at EE Knight. Small upgrades to all of the buildings are still in progress. All summer cleaning and routine maintenance has been completed. Finally, administration building new roof this week.

The transportation department audit report was presented by Bill Ehlert. Annual State Police inspection 28 OE and six Ashley buses. Twenty-six of the OE passed and two were red tagged, spare bus wheel bearing that has been changed and is now ready to go., bus two u-joint repaired. Ashley's five buses passed and there was one red tagged, seat bolt broken which has also been taken care of. All are road ready. Overall, a fine job.

Student handbooks were presented for approval. The high school, middle school, alternative high school, transportation, athletics and the elementary schools were tabled at the previous board meeting. Action was taken to approve all handbooks.

NEOLA Policy update regarding the Title IX policy 22-62, second reading, the change meets the mandates as outlined by the State of Michigan. It was noted that the policy went into effect August 1, 2024.

There were numerous new business items, beginning with presentation for final approval of the Teacher's Master Agreement. This is a one-year agreement 2024-25, salary increase of 3.5% increase, depending on the student count and the second foundation allowance an increase in either will be a trigger for additional consideration. There were a number of language changes – teacher evaluation, mentor teaching, personnel file, grievances and procedures, layoff and recall. Three board members cannot vote due to a conflict of interest, Eric Jones, Brook Wooley, and Josh Miller. Approved.

In addition, the following contracts were approved. Sadie Casaday (Teaching Pathway Program to be completed 2025) kindergarten teacher, \$160 per day as a long-term sub; Megan Mack has a teaching degree, 3rd grade; Courtney Miller long term sub kindergarten (PE/Health certification) ninety-day permit until the position is filled, paid at step one of the teacher agreements. Rianna McCafferty (Teach Program completion spring of 2025 certified elementary) second grade, long term sub contract \$160 per day. There were concerns regarding the late resignations that were received by Ovid-Elsie Area Schools.

Next, contracts for para-professional positions. Middle School special education and reading recovery program, Angela Ehle (Teach Program); Meagan Wilt para-professional special education working under a certified special education teacher until the position is filled.

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L-R: Heather Hanover, St Johns Chamber; Lory Thayer, IQhub Board; Morgan Terrell, IQhub Lead Educator; Kate Thiel, IQhub Board; Sheri Menard, IQhub Education Assistant; Nikole Dunker, IQhub Board; Sue Kadlek, IQhub Administrator; Troy Bancroft, Chairman of IQhub Board; Jill Bancroft, IQhub Board; Kari Dickenson, St Johns Chamber; Dede Beck, IQhub Board; Burt Henry IQhub Board; Glen Pung, St Johns Chamber; Nick Bancroft, AgroLiquid CEO; Margie Gove, St Johns Chamber; Tyler Willman, Case Systems and Danielle Schrader, St Johns Chamber Director. Photo by Deb Price

IQhub to Premier New Community Classroom Space

submitted by Susan Kadlek

On Wednesday, August 21, 2024, the IQhub introduced its new community classroom space in St. Johns. The St. Johns Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors was present to assist with the ribbon cutting.

"In 2019, the IQhub Board of Directors devised a strategic plan to develop, equip, and debut a new STEM Community Classroom before the commencement of the 2024-25 school year. This innovative space is designed to serve as a collaborative learning environment for agricultural education, career exploration, and entrepreneurship, catering to both community members and local schools," stated Troy Bancroft, Chairman of the Board at IQhub.

Identified as an ideal location adjacent to the current IQhub museum, a 1434 square feet area previously used for storage was repurposed into the classroom. In March 2023, IQhub secured a community facilities federal appropriation of \$137,671.00 from the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Fund, with Congressman John Moolenaar playing a key role in securing the grant. The project was successfully

completed in 2024, with an anonymous contribution facilitated through the National Christian Foundation.

The new STEM Community Classroom is equipped with modern amenities such as mobile desks, chairs, modern storage carts, an electronic whiteboard, and student-centered technology to align with contemporary teaching practices. As part of its commitment, the IQhub extends free educational programs to school districts and even covers the bussing expenses incurred by schools for student transportation. Admission to the IQhub facility remains complimentary for all visitors.

Situated in St. Johns, IQhub operates as a 501c3 charitable nonprofit organization with a core mission to educate the public on agricultural practices and the journey of food from farm to table. The facility features engaging and informative exhibits that delve into the history of agriculture. During the 2023-24 academic year, IQhub hosted 302 field trip groups, accommodating a total of 13,535 students. Additionally, 6,339 individuals engaged with agriculture-related educational activities through outreach events hosted by IQhub.



Coming Soon Fall Sports Preview with team photos, schedules and information for the upcoming 2024 Season!



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Looking forward to seeing you in September!

Ovid Library News

Monday, August 26 @ 1:00 will be our Adult Booktasting. Come in and discover a new read. Wednesday, August 28 at 1:00 will be Classic Movie day. This week we will be showing the movie, "Move Over Darling" starring James Garner and Doris Day. Water, coffee and light snacks are provided but you are welcome to bring your own snacks.

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The Ovid Public Library will be closed August 28 through September 2 for the Labor Day holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 3 at 10:00. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend!

Elsie Library Adventures

submitted by Ann Trierweiler

There is a new service at the library. We now have a blood pressure checking station. Feel free to come in and do a quick check any time we are open. Additionally, we have blood pressure kits available to check out. The kits have instruction sheets as well as blood pressure logs for you to use.

The Ice Cream for Books Contest continues to delight our patrons. Whenever our patrons check out a book, they get to draw a number from a jar. If that number is on the ice cream list, they win a free ice cream cone coupon, courtesy of the Blue Moon Ice Cream Shop. There are still plenty of numbers left. Come on in, check out a book and try your luck.

Under coming attractions, Monday afternoon children's programming resumes on September 9th with Story time and a craft. Every other week we have Music and Motion for our littlest readers. Join us for a really fun time.

Please remember, the Elsie Public Library is closed from August 31st through Sept 3rd for the Labor Day holiday. Have a safe holiday and come and see us on Wed. September 4th.

Our library board meeting is scheduled for August 21st at 7PM. Held at the library.

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Operation and program manager director for WOES, will be filled by Kevin Somers same as prior to retirement, contract is in the works and will be a commitment for three-years. The formal contract will be presented at the September 2024 meeting. Business Office Specialist, position description was presented, approving the position financial and human resources, and would be a permanent position. Approved and the position will be posted.

Officials discussed the office assistant compensation package. It was recommended \$12.50 per hour with no insurance benefits. The recommendation was approved.

There are two lease agreements that have expired. First, O-E Little Learners, two-year agreement year \$4,500 per classroom and second year \$6,000 per classroom per year, involved two-classrooms at Leonard Elementary School.

The second lease the GSRP (preschool program) program sub-recipient one year agreement 3.5%, \$5,000 per room or \$20,000 per year. This is a preschool program.

Acellus Gold Training Conference request, out of state conference for Mary Levey, September 24-26. The request was approved.

An unpaid leave request from para-professional Christie Groom for the 2024-25 school year, anticipating part of the school year, was presented to officials. After a brief discussion the request was approved.

The board approved the following recent resignations: Sara Sturdivant, kindergarten and Morgan Terrall, second grade both effective the end of the 2023-24 school year. Both accepted with regrets.

Monthly action was taken to approve the meeting agenda as amended, approval of the consent agenda which included the minutes of the July 15, 2024 regular meeting, approval of the financial reports and approval of the contract wording clarification. There was a question regarding the lack of expenditure report, which will be presented at the next regular meeting.



That's the great thing about a tractor. You can't really hear the phone ring.

--Jeff Foxworthy

Rep. BeGole: Legislature Must Return Immediately to Prevent Cost Hikes and Peril for Local Economy

submitted by Denny Schwarze

State Rep. Brian BeGole, of Antrim Township, issued the following statement after the Michigan Supreme Court on Wednesday struck down the state's current minimum wage law, ordering the elimination of the tip credit for servers, bartenders, and other workers who frequently make more with tips than they would with a higher minimum wage:

"This ruling is going to have a huge impact on thousands of small business owners and their employees, as well as families who are already struggling and now will experience cost hikes when they go out to eat or shop around town.

"We'll see some local job providers go out of business with hardworking people like servers and bartenders losing their livelihoods and incomes in the process.

"Representatives of the people in the Legislature must return to work immediately to protect people from being put out of work and show our state isn't going to just stand by as our vital small business sector is weeded out by this decision. With the ruling set to go into effect in February, the time is now to act."

A recent survey found that 82% of Michigan restaurant servers wanted to keep the tipping system in place, and 79% worried about losing their job if the tip credit were eliminated. Another recent survey found that two-thirds of restaurant operators expected to lay off employees if the tip credit were eliminated, 94% would raise menu prices, and one in five full-service restaurants would close permanently.

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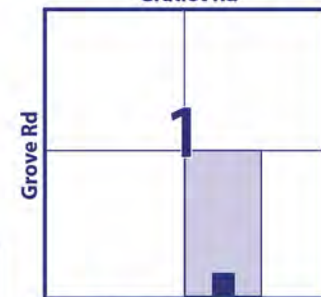
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Obituaries

Azucena "Susie" Mallen (Lopez) Ramirez

Azucena Susie Mallen (Lopez) Ramirez, age 66, of Elsie, passed away Saturday, August 10, 2024 at University Of Michigan-Sparrow Clinton Campus. The family would like to thank the first responders for their quick response and efforts.

Susie was the daughter of Pedro & Belen Lopez born in Crystal City, Texas on June 18, 1958.

She graduated from Lansing Eastern High School in 1977 and attended Baker College of Owosso receiving her Associate's in Medical Billing and Bachelor's in Human Resources.

Susie was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt. Her whole world was her family and grandchildren, she looked forward to attending and supporting each one of her grandchildren's special moments, quality time with her sisters, playing bingo, spending some much needed time up north or playing a round of cards with "her crew". Susie was the dancing queen who was a genuine light that lived her life for others and will be deeply missed by many.

She married her forever love Ricardo Ramirez Jr. in Lansing on September 1, 1979.

Susie worked at Sparrow Hospital for over 23 years.

Susie is survived by her husband, Ricardo Ramirez Jr; children, Rick (Julie) Ramirez III, Amanda Ramirez, and Cierra (Andrew) Reau; Grandchildren, Rudy Ramirez, Thalia Reau, Ana Reau, Liliana Ramirez, and Mila Reau; Siblings, Jose Lopez, Mary(Bob) Burke, Esther (Lupe) Lira, Jesus (Angela) Lopez, and Rosemary Lopez; several nieces and nephews, along with many other loving family and friends.

She was predeceased by her parents, Pedro and Belen Lopez, brother, John Lopez, In-Laws, Ricardo and Esmeralda Ramirez, brother-in-law, Raul Ramirez, sisters-in-law, Eva Kurivial and Maria Holland, and nephew, Dominic Bordayo.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11am on Monday, September 16, 2024, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Ovid, MI with Fr. Anthony Brooks officiating. The family will receive friends at Holy Family Catholic Church from 10am until the time of Mass at 11am.

Memorial contributions are suggested to The Family.

The family is being served by the Nelson-House Funeral Home.



Roger William Rademacher

Roger William Rademacher, age 63, of Ovid, MI, passed away Friday, August 16, 2024, at University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Lansing, MI.

Roger was born in St. Johns, Michigan on September 20, 1960, the son of Fred and Clarice (Antes) Rademacher. Roger married Linda Fillmore on August 14, 1978. He worked with Green Meadow Farms for 44 years. Roger was an avid hunter and also enjoyed fishing. He liked playing euchre and watching sports especially the Tiger's, Lion's and U of M. Most of all he loved spending time with his family especially his grandchildren. Roger proudly served his country in the United States Army National Guard for 6 years.

He is survived by his wife Linda Rademacher of Ovid, MI, children: Willi and Cassie Rademacher of Ovid, MI, Roger and Marybeth Rademacher of Salem, VA, Zach and April Rademacher of Lansing, MI, 12 grandchildren: Christina, Julia, Ashton, Anna, Abigail, Molly (Spencer), Summer (Dylan), Gregory (Sabrina), Skylar, Madison, Mayce, and Chase and 2 great-grandchildren: Oaklie and Thomas. He is also survived by his mother Clarice and Bill Swanchara of Gladwin, MI, brother Rick and Sue Rademacher of Lake City, MI, brother Ron and Deb Rademacher of St. Johns, MI, brother Kelly and Brenda Scheffler of St. Johns, MI, step-sister Debbie Swanchara of Stanton, MI and step brother Joe Swanchara of Pompeii, MI. He was preceded in death by his father, son Ricky Rademacher, sister Robin Harnick, stepbrother Bill Swanchara and stepsister Patty Mesh.

A Celebration of Roger's Life will be held at "The Pond" in Ovid, MI, from 1-5 P.M. on Saturday, August 24, 2024, with Paco officiating.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan.



Linda Kast

Linda Kast, age 80 of Ovid passed away peacefully in her own bed on Saturday, August 10, 2024. 80 years wasn't enough time though.

There was a garden full of tomatoes and canning to do and more holidays and birthdays to celebrate.

Linda was born March 6, 1944 in Lansing, the daughter of Marion and Myrtle (Swarthout) Elya. She graduated from Mason High School in 1962 and attended Lansing Business College.

She married her childhood friend Donald Kast in Dansville, MI on September 18, 1965. He passed away just short of their 50th wedding anniversary in February 22, 2015.

It is said that the dash between the dates is what matters in life and Linda certainly had a full one. Animals were always part of her life since she was a child. Once her daughters were old enough, 4-H and goats became an important part of her life.

She was very active in the goat 4-H programs in not only Clinton and Shiawassee Counties but was well known in the state and also the nation regarding the families prized herd of dairy goats and her incredible knowledge-base. That was such a memorable part of her life and so many life-long close friendships were made. Although Linda loved her two daughters dearly, the grandchildren that came in the next phase were the apples of her eye.

She was the babysitter while moms were at work and then was the classroom helper for all 4 of them until they reached middle school. She was one of the loudest cheerleader at any nearby event for all of them and cherished any time that they were able to spend together in the kids' teenage years. After Don passed away, Linda was able to focus on herself for once. She found a love of quilting and made each family member beautiful quilts. She also had a back deck full of flowers that she could be found sitting out on during nice weather. Throughout her whole life, she was always willing to teach or give advice to whomever asked it of her.

Linda is survived by her children, Sherri Kast (Doug Draper) and Becky Dahlke; grandchildren, Nicholas Allan Dahlke (Sophia), Olivia Bryant, Wyatt Dahlke, and Jacob Kast (Katelynn); sister-in-law Sandy Kast-Oberlin; along with several other loving family and friends. She will be remembered for millions of wonderful memories and so many tidbits of info. Ask any of the grandkids how to pick out strawberries or boil water.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Shiawassee County goat barn with a notation for Linda Kast.

The family was served by the Nelson-House Funeral Home.



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Editorial

Laingsburg and Ovid Community Members

Letter to the Editor:

We are writing to express our deepest gratitude for the outpouring of support, generosity and kindness that has been extended to us in the wake of the devastating fire that destroyed our family home on Father's Day weekend.

In times of such hardship, it is heartwarming to witness how quickly and unselfishly our community comes together to help those in need. The donations of clothing, gift cards, food, financial contributions, hugs and offers of temporary housing have been overwhelming. Each gesture, no matter the size, has made a tremendous difference in helping our family begin to rebuild our lives.

A special thank you to our kind and truly generous neighbors who literally offered us the clothes off their backs, a warm place to stay and brought meals for the firefighters. We can never forget your kindness or ask to live next to better people. Speaking of firefighters, we thank all the fire departments that aided in putting the fire out. We are grateful to all the men and women out there fighting everyday to keep us all safe.

Those we haven't been able to personally thank or those who gave anonymously, or kept us in your thoughts, we thank you for standing by us. Your kindness will not be forgotten, and it serves as a reminder that together, we can overcome any challenge.

We are in the process of rebuilding and although it's a long, tedious and often frustrating one, we know that we are right where we're suppose to be.

With Heartfelt Appreciation
Mark & Darlene Byrnes

Thank You Taxpayers

Letter to the Editor:

The Ovid Township Board would like to thank the residents for approving the millages for Emergency Services, Clinton Transit, Clinton Area Ambulance and RESA.

Jennings West
Ovid Township Supervisor

UM Health-Sparrow Receives Elite Three-Star Rating

submitted by John Foren

LANSING – University of Michigan Health-Sparrow's highly skilled cardiothoracic surgery team has been recognized for its excellence in treating patients who need open-heart surgery, placing UM Health-Sparrow among the most elite medical centers in the United States.

Hisham Qandeel, M.D., and Kirill Zakharov, D.O., along with the UM Health-Sparrow cardiothoracic surgery team, earned a 3-star ranking for isolated coronary artery bypass graft surgery (CABG) from the Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS). It's the society's highest possible rating for the procedure. STS, which represents all cardiac surgeons in the U.S., looks at factors like mortality, stroke, bleeding, infection and chronic diseases to calculate their ratings.

During the CABG procedure, a healthy artery or vein is taken from another part of the body and joined to the blocked coronary artery. The grafted artery or vein bypasses the blocked section, allowing the new channel to deliver oxygen-rich blood to the heart. It is the most common type of open-heart surgery in the U.S., with nearly 400,000 procedures completed each year, and can reduce the chance of future heart attacks.

"In addition to CABG, our team provides excellent outcomes for patients requiring a variety of complex cardiac and thoracic surgeries, for which we have received several recognitions at the state level," said Zakharov, a cardiothoracic surgeon. "We are among the top programs in the state and beyond."

UM Health-Sparrow's cardiothoracic surgery team is committed to using leading-edge medicine and innovative techniques to give patients the chance to return to their active lives sooner.

To learn more about the most comprehensive heart and vascular care in Mid-Michigan, visit UofMHealthSparrow.org/Heart.



Faith Focus

by Phil Hoppersberger
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"Jesus Doesn't Use A Surfboard"

"You are mistaken...greatly mistaken (Mark 12:24, 27)."

What's impossible...Time Travel maybe? Physicists say there are 11 dimensions (we perceive only time, depth, width, and height), and some say as many as 26 dimensions. That means we could walk to Chicago from Grand Rapids...on top of Lake Michigan, and Peter's stroll with Jesus over the Sea of Galilee isn't so impossible.

Most dismiss that hike as a fable (despite 12 eyewitnesses). Ask any leper; Jesus was all about the impossible. As God, He created the Laws of Physics. I think Jesus inspired Lewis Carroll's exchange with Alice and the Red Queen in "Through the Looking Glass."

"Alice laughed. 'There's no use trying,' she said. 'One can't believe impossible things.'

'I daresay you haven't had much practice,' said the Queen. 'When I was your age, I always did it for half an hour a day. Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast.'" Charles Dodgson (Lewis Carroll was his pen name) wrote, "I owe all to Him who loved me, and died on the Cross of Calvary." So...

Just because you haven't seen it, doesn't mean it's impossible. The Bible names this "yet unseen" stuff – Faith. Does a water-walk still sound crazy? How about sky walking? Before 1903 walking in the sky was impossible, but today millions will get out of their seats and walk in the aisles on thousands of airplanes...without a thought of impossible.

So is impossible really that...impossible? Is only seeing believing? Have you seen your brain? Inspected your brakes before each trip? Such unseen realities (impossibles) aren't so far-fetched anymore. Physics has caught up with God's written record of impossible.

The Bible oozes with Quantum Physics...floating ax heads, walks through walls, cold furnaces, the sun standing still, even talking donkeys. Just made up like Lewis' chatty white rabbit...or realities where Mr. Possible got punched in the nose? This question got answered unequivocally on the day impossible was erased – a dead man opened His eyes!

You may scoff at Easter, but for more than a month the wet-walk witnesses and others saw Jesus alive (Acts 1:3), over 500 of them! Even a religious expert who murdered Jewish-Christians saw Him (Acts 9), who then believed impossible. Later, as an Apostle, Paul said most of the 500 were still alive if they wanted to verify it (1 Corinthians 15:6).

Mark said (chapter 12 above) that the religious experts foolishly tried to trip up Jesus about the resurrection of the dead (they'd never seen it, so didn't believe it). He told them they were dead wrong about "understanding the Scriptures and the power of God." Not only mistaken, but greatly mistaken. That hurt, but could His words apply to you?

Consider Jesus' impossible story – a dead man in flaming agony wants to warn his five brothers to repent and believe to avoid his awful fate (Luke 16:19-31). That's impossible now, He said. "If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets (the Bible), neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead." I can hear your doubt-grumbles...

"That's as crazy as a talking white rabbit who wants to sell me the Son of God's surfboard – Never Used. Or that I'll be raised from the dead and have to give an account for my life (2 Corinthians 5:10; Hebrews 9:27)." Yeah, you're right. That's impossible.



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A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

It is amazing, but we have finished replacing the ceiling tiles in the backroom of MG's. And it was done without having a family brawl because we are all alphas. It is amazing and makes the room look astonishingly lighter. We also replaced the AC unit. Another, larger grill is on the way and the forty gallon water heater will be installed by the end of the week. I'd say that we have a 'win,win' situation. Life is good and interesting. We also have a couple of additional storage racks.

I have been trying to catch up on my home duties. I did manage to can fourteen pints and six quarts of pickled beets. Of which a couple of pints are going to my sister and she is pleased. I now have my canning jars set up in the kitchen to fill with corn relish. Of course that won't happen until Monday when I pick up my sweet corn. I already have the cabbage and peppers needed. And yet the twenty-five pound bag of sugar is in the trunk of the car, it has been sitting there for a week. Need I mention that I'm back into that running behind scenario.

This weekend I will be at Uncle John's Cider Mill helping Al with his charming wood products. Between Diane and I, we have accumulated anything Halloween and I believe all the Christmas themed. Of course we are both sporting snowmen, and black cats. Plus a few wooden daisies and shadow 'HOME' boxes. Some will be showing up at MG's to spruce up our décor. Miss Noah has a pattern now to illustrate our brown turkey and add some attractive colors. As an aside, I just ordered my fresh turkey for Thanksgiving and Diane will be smoking some pork loin for the holiday.

Miss Prudence is a bit perturbed with me because I'm back to getting up at five and leaving the house before six in the morning. The little stinker has let me know that I'm on the short list and need to step up and allow her to cuddle on my lap more. She is radiating her disappointment. If I'm in the dining room working on my computer she is laying by the slider in the sunshine. If I'm in the living room she is either watching me from the love seat or is cuddle on my lap. She also spends a bit of her time double checking my whereabouts and if I'm not making enough noise while working in the kitchen she peeks around the door to make sure that I haven't slipped out the backdoor.

You should have been at Ollie's in Alma earlier this week. Karen and I went up there to get a new AC unit. I took my cart straight back to the display, parked my cart and picked up the unit that I intended to buy. As I tried to put the carton into the cart. The cart swung away and I had to set the unit back on the pile. I realigned the shopping cart and tried again...the results were the same. The fourth attempt was a bit different. Karen held the cart and I picked up the darned unit off the floor and tried to lower it into the cart...while Karen tried to hold it in place it moved out of the way. I think that the 'powers that be' weren't having a positive reaction to my choice. I finally put it on the display and picked up a 6000 BTU window unit. Luckily I didn't end up with a hernia but my back is pouting. And my left arm is sporting a rather large bruise...

I am so happy that MG's is open again. Hopefully any other upgrades won't take as much time. I have missed our regular customers and am looking forward to seeing them again. Of course I'm looking forward to greeting new folks. I have been passing out our new business cards at the Mint Festival and will be doing the same this weekend at Uncle John's Cider Mill. Hopefully the weather will be comfortable and I won't manage to sunburn my pate again.

I have a few things to do yet this afternoon. I need to unload my pickup and take care of the contents. I also need to pickup my co-op order and deliver the order to MG's Perx & Pastries. I have a set of storage shelves that need to be assembled. You know, dishes to wash, clothes to fold and floors to mop. And of course there is more out of the house that needs my attention. It is good that I have much to keep me entertained and feeling useful. May God bless you all with necessary attention. Enjoy the small details.

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Memorial Healthcare to Host a Free Hernia Screening

submitted by Dianna Vsetula
Owosso

Memorial Healthcare is pleased to announce a free hernia screening event for members of the community on Wednesday, October 2nd. This event aims to raise awareness about abdominal wall and inguinal hernias, provide early detection, and offer expert medical advice on treatment options.



Dr. Gregory Flermoen



Dr. Sasha Spencley

This screening event is ideal for individuals who experience symptoms such as a noticeable bulge, pain, or discomfort in the abdomen or groin, have a family history of hernias, engage in activities that increase abdominal pressure, such as heavy lifting, chronic coughing, or straining during bowel movements or have been diagnosed with a hernia and are seeking further medical advice.

Hernias are a common condition, affecting millions of people each year. They occur when an internal part of the body pushes through a weakness in the muscle or surrounding tissue wall. While some hernias may not cause symptoms, others can lead to discomfort, pain, and potentially serious complications if left untreated. Early detection and proper medical care are crucial for effective management.

Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2024

Time: 5:30PM – 7:30PM

Location: Memorial Healthcare NOW Building Lobby, 819 N. Shiawassee Street, Owosso

Registration: Please RSVP to Becky Dahlke, Community Resource Manager at RDahlke@MemorialHealthcare.org or by calling (989) 729-4856 by Wednesday, September 25th.

After a short informational presentation, private hernia screenings will be conducted by Memorial Healthcare General Surgeons, Dr. Gregory Flermoen and Dr. Sasha Spencley, who specialize in the diagnosis and treatment of hernias. Participants will receive a thorough examination and have the opportunity to discuss any concerns.

"We are committed to providing essential health services to our community," said Dr. Gregory Flermoen. "By offering this free screening, we hope to help individuals identify hernias early and receive the necessary care before complications arise."

Dinner is sponsored by the da Vinci Surgical System.

For more information please visit, www.MemorialHealthcare.org



Grammy-Nominated Mardi Gras Band, THE RUMBLE, Makes Special Appearance in Greater Lansing

submitted by Ronda Liskey

Something very special is coming to The Lansing area! A taste of Mardi Gras in September! Local Roots Cannabis, and The Laingsburg Business and Community Association, are proud to present, THE RUMBLE, on September 13th, 6-8 pm at the McClintock Park Amphitheater, 255 E McClintock. This is a FREE concert, bring your own chair.

"Featuring seven Grammy-Nominated musicians, The Rumble is more than just a band, it's an opportunity to be immersed in a wholly unique facet of New Orleans culture! The band is composed of: Second Chief Joseph Boudreaux Jr. of the Golden Eagles, trumpeter, Aurelien Barnes, trombonist, Jose Maize Jr. bassist, TJ Norris, guitarist, Ari Teitel, keyboardist, Andriuy Yanovski, and drummer, Trenton O'Neal. The group fuses New Orleans Funk in the vein of The Meters, and the Neville Brothers, but updated, modern and vibrant, befitting the next generation, with electrifying brass and the singular visual splendor of the Black Masking Carnival Tradition."

"The Rumble's debut album, "Live at the Maple Leaf" received a Grammy Nomination for Best Regional Roots Album 2024. Their live show is a symphony of rich color and propulsive sound, with each member sharing vocal duties, and engaging the audience in the classic Mardi Gras Indian Style call and response chanting."

"The Rumble provides audiences with not only a top-tier musical event, but a chance to participate in a culture that, while deeply rooted in centuries-old tradition, is thriving and evolving through the active work of this next generation of bold and passionate culture-bearers."

Three times Grammy-Nominated Guitarist, Ari Teitel, is a Michigander, from the Detroit area, who graduated from the Jazz Studies program at MSU, in 2016. He moved to New Orleans to continue his music education. Because of his Lansing connections, he wanted to bring this band to share their sound with friends and colleagues in the area!

All information and photos can be accessed through therumbleband.com. Food concessions will be offered. Contact Ronda Liskey for more information!



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The human body is an amazing yet complexed organism. Although looking to be a simple and practical thing, its functionality is beyond fascinating. With each unique organ having its own distinct function and job keeping the body running smoothly, they also all work harmoniously together like a fine-tuned rhythm flowing beautifully in synchronization.

The body we all take for granted is a masterpiece of wonder. Remarkably, it communicates with us when things are not running well and will give us signals much like a check engine light in our vehicles. The only problem is we don't pay attention to the signs until things are way off, unbalanced and in much need of repair.

It's crucial to listen to our body, especially as we become older, because things can go south a lot quicker and the recovery process takes longer, putting a greater risk on not bouncing back the older our age is.

There's a lot of factors involved when caring for the body. It's an impressive machine that you should care for daily. As life goes on, so does the changes in our body, meaning each day might bring the need for something new or different to keep your body health and happy.

Making sure you're hydrated is beneficial as the body is made up of mostly water. Although

sweating is a great way to detoxify the body, it's very important to replenish yourself with fresh water to avoid dehydration.

Getting adequate rest and sleep to avoid different types of issues that come from exhaustion is another thing needed, yet many people go without and push their body beyond the maximum limits their body can handle.

Eating healthy, exercising, and getting enough fresh air is all important for various reasons, and lowering muscle tension along with decreasing stress levels are all important and helpful to staying healthy.

Each of these things are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to health and wellness for your body. So, keep in mind that maintaining your health by listening to the signals and warning signs that your body sends before it's too late is top priority and key.

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Memorial Healthcare Welcomes Board-Certified Family Medicine Specialist to Chesaning

submitted by Dianna Vsetula
 Owosso, MI – Please join us in welcoming Dr. Urooj Beenish to our active medical staff and the Chesaning community!



Dr. Urooj Beenish

Dr. Beenish has joined Dr. Carolyn Ebert, Marcus Feldpausch, PA-C, Alexa Klumpp, FNP, and Kimberly Wegscheid, FNP-BC at Memorial Healthcare Family Medicine in Chesaning.

Dr. Beenish is a board-certified physician with a wide range of family medicine experience. She received her medical degree from Ayub Medical College in Abbottabad, Pakistan and completed her Residency program in Family Medicine at Detroit Medical Center-Sinai Grace Hospital/MSU-COM Family Medicine Residency Program.


Dr. Beenish offers compassionate healthcare to individuals and families across all ages and genders, delivering the highest quality primary care including well-baby checks, immunizations, illness assessment and management, gynecological care, injury assessment and treatment, acute and chronic disease management, preventative care management, and a wide variety of other services.

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Gridiron Gurus PICK 'EM Contest WEEK 1

We're back!

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We will be running the contest every week until the end of the regular college football season (no bowls). The picks will include some NFL games, most weeks.

It's simple, fast, easy to play and FREE. For those who play every week, there will be a winner's prize fund to be disbursed at the end of the season for whoever ends up picking the highest total of winners.

First place - \$100; second place - \$60 and third place - \$40. Just pick your winners and make a check mark to the right of their name on the entry blank below. No worry about Las Vegas point spreads, just pick who you think will win the game outright.

MOST IMPORTANT: make sure your entry gets to The Weekly before each Thursday at 4pm.

Don't forget to fill in the tiebreaker as this will decide any and all ties. Entries are accepted in person at The Weekly's offices at 200 S. Main in Ovid, by e-mail at "news@meridianweekly.com" or "tomturek20032003@yahoo.com," or via USPS delivery.

For those of you that get your Weekly fix on line at the paper's website -- remember to email your picks to news@meridianweekly.com.

Each week the top three winners will receive a coupon for redemption at the sponsor of their choice; 1st place (pizza), 2nd place (sandwich) and 3rd place (breadsticks) will be awarded.

We would like to thank our gracious sponsors, Main Street Pizza in Ovid and Twilliger's Tavern in Laingsburg. All winners can pick-up their coupons at The Weekly.

This season the Wolfman returns as a veteran of the contest ... aptly dubbed by the late Timmy Zwick himself ... as our staff prognosticator. Go ahead, howl at the moon -- and see if you can out-pick ol' Wolfie week-to-week.

The Wolfman's picks in Week #1 are CMU, Colorado, Wisconsin, Florida Atlantic, Michigan, N. Illinois, Miami, Penn State, UMass, Tennessee, Texas and Notre Dame.

Best of luck to all, and please remember our sponsors!



GRIDIRON GURUS

by Tom Turek
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City of Ovid Draft Regular Meeting August 12, 2024

Open Public Meeting:

Mayor Lasher called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Council room located at 114 E. Front Street, Ovid, Michigan.

Roll Call:

L. Ordiway, L. Perrien, M. Olger, W. Lasher, E. Brown, M. Perrien, E. Starn

Guests- There were 10 guests present.

Agenda

Council Member E. Brown made the motion to approve the agenda as presented Council Member M. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote

Minutes

Council Member M. Perrien made the motion to approve July 8, 2024 Regular meeting minutes as presented.

Council Member E. Brown seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote

Invoice/check register

Council Member M. Perrien made the motion to approve invoice/check register from July 10, 2024 through August 13, 2024. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote

Open Public Comment: Opened: 7:03 pm Closed: 7:04 pm

None

Mayor's report:

Treasurer's Report

Council Member E. Brown made the motion to approve the budget amendments as presented by the treasurer.

Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

Attorney's Report

Police Report

DPW Report

Council Member M. Perrien made a motion to go with Kennedy for the lift station service in an amount of \$1350.00 Council Member E. Starn seconded the motion.

Carried by voice vote.

Council Member E. Brown made a motion for tree removal for the two trees at Pearl and Gratiot St at a cost of \$1,475.00 and High for and Gratiot St. for a cost of \$2,675.00 from J&J Hardwoods, Inc.

Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on Voice vote.

Council Member E. Brown made a motion to replace the street lamp post with cost of \$939.96 from C&S Electric; Light fixture at \$1,027.00 and light post at \$ 3,709.00 from Robert C. Shaver Co. minus any insurance reimbursement. Council Member M. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on a Voice vote.

Council Member E. Brown made a motion to approve the City of Ovid to obtain a commercial account at Harbor Freight. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

Report Approval Motion Council Member E. Brown made a motion to approve the reports from the Mayor, Treasurer, Attorney, Police and DPW. Council Member M. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote

New Business

a. Pay App #8 Approval Council Member E. Brown made the motion to approve payment and authorize Mayor Lasher to sign documents for Pay application #8 in the amount of \$1,104,071.64 for the watermain project. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion.

Carried on Voice Vote.

b. Front Office furniture

Carried on voice vote.

Council Member E. Brown made the motion to dispose of the old office furniture by Friday August 16, 2024 after posting on Facebook for free. Council Member M. Perrien seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote.

c. Engagement letter Maner Costerisan Council Member E. Brown made the motion to approve the 3-year letter of Engagement with Maner Costerisan for audit services from FY 2024 thru FY 2026. Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

d. Mural Appropriation Holly Hibbard explained the Ovid Mural and purchasing spots. The council discussed legality. Council Member E. Starn made the motion to approve \$1000.00 to purchase two spots on the mural pending legal approval to Ovid Carriage Days for the Celebrating Ovid mural painted on Corner Carousel Building at 133 S. Main St. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion.

Carried on Voice Vote.

e. Closing Streets for Carriage Days Council Member E. Starn made the motion to approve closing of the following street for Carriage Day Festival: Main St. from Oak St to William St. on September 6th at 6:00 pm and to 7:00pm on September 7th. Council Member seconded the motion.

Carried on Voice vote.

f. Clinton County Mounted Division Advertisement- NO ACTION Council Member E. Starn made a motion to purchase the Go Gov code enforcement application for an amount of \$4,200.00. Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on Voice vote.

g. Go Gov Code Enforcement App Council Member E. Starn made a motion to purchase the Go Gov code enforcement application for an amount of \$4,200.00. Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on Voice vote.

h. USDA Bond/ Loan resolution Council Member E. Brown made a motion to adopt the USDA Loan Resolution for \$ 1,531,000.00. Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call vote the following voted YES: L. Ordiway, L. Perrien, M. Olger, W. Lasher, E. Brown, M. Perrien, E. Starn

Upon Roll Call Vote the following voted NO: None Resolution is adopted.

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Upon Roll Call Vote the following voted NO: None Resolution is adopted.

Old Business: None

Committees:

a. Carriage Days - Council Member E. Brown made the motion for the city to pay for the cost of seven (7) port-a-jons for the Carriage Day festival. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

Council Member M. Perrien made a motion for Main Bar and Grill to stay open with band music until 2AM for Friday, Sept 6, 2024 and Saturday, Sept 7, 2024. Council Member E. Brown seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

b. CAASA- **Final Comments:** None

Adjournment-

Council Member E. Brown made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 pm. Council Member E. Starn seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm

Respectively submitted by

Susan Tomasek Swan

Clerk



GRIDIRON GURUS

WEEK ONE

Form must be at The Weekly office no later than Thursday, September 29 at 4pm

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Sports

Wolfpack Boys Open With Soccer Shutout of Maple Valley

LAINGSBURG - Playing on their home pitch August 16, the Wolfpack boys varsity soccer team opened their 2024 season by whitewashing Maple Valley, 8-0.

With thirty seconds left in the non-league match, freshman Paxton Rodriguez drew a foul, then sent his penalty kick just to the right of the keeper to complete the scoring and a mercy win for the red-and-white.

"All 25 players saw minutes, as this opener was played the last game of tryout week," said veteran LHS coach Natalie Elkins.

The first half ended with 2 goals scored. First, Keaton Dietz crossed to Andre VanElls who ran on in from midfield and placed a perfect shot. Next, midfielder Hudson Yates assisted with a through-pass to Dietz.

The Wolves kept attacking with 6 goals in the second half. Lucas Shastal passed a high cross in the air that Kaleb Salas finished with a strong header goal. Asher Shastal then placed a defensive rebound with his back to the goal with a hip-swing volley. Lucas Shastal then scored on a breakaway goal. Cameron Spedoske added a breakaway goal. Lucas Shastal then broke loose with another breakaway goal from the defensive midfield.

LHS soccer boys win for 2nd time in as many outings

LAINGSBURG -- The LHS Athletic Complex was the setting as the Wolfpack boys soccer team moved its early-season record to 2-0.

The win came in shutout form again -- the Wolfpack whitewashed Maple Valley in the opener -- as Alex Grandy started and Kade McLean finished in goal, to toss a 2-0 shutout at Olivet.

Coach Natalie Elkins' Wolves nabbed a 1-0 lead over the Eagles in the first half, when Keaton Dietz scored on a breakaway.

Lucas Shastal scored off a free kick in the second half to complete the scoring.



Andre VanElls looking downfield for the perfect shot to score during the game against Maple Valley.

Photo by Burg Sports

CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - CLINTON COUNTY

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on September 18, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Andrew J. Skriba, a single man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns Date of mortgage: May 1, 2018 Recorded on May 4, 2018, in Document No. 5266646, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Sixty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred One and 79/100 Dollars (\$65,901.79) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clinton County, and described as: Beginning at a point 429 feet South and 414 feet East of the Northwest corner of Section 13, T8N, R1W, Village of Elsie, Clinton County, Michigan, thence East 138 feet;

thence South 240 feet; thence West 138 feet; thence North 240 feet to the place of beginning. Commonly known as 146 E Maple St, Elsie, MI 48831 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale will be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. 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 been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc. Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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Memorial Healthcare Awarded for Efforts to Improve Rural Stroke Care

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso – According to the American Heart Association, People who live in rural communities live an average of three years fewer than urban counterparts and have a 40% higher likelihood of developing heart disease and face a 30% increased risk for stroke mortality — a gap that has grown over the past two decades.

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"Patients and health care professionals in Shiawassee County face unique health care challenges and opportunities," said Karen E. Joynt Maddox, M.D., MPH, volunteer expert for the American Heart Association, co-author on "Call to Action: Rural Health: A Presidential Advisory from the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association" and co-director of the Center for Health Economics and Policy at the Institute for Public Health at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. "Memorial Healthcare has furthered this important work to improve care for all Americans, regardless of where they live."

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on October 9, 2024. 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 Richard L. Guerrazzi, Gerardo Guerrazzi and Carmela Guerrazzi to NPB Mortgage LLC dated May 8, 2003 and recorded May 15, 2003 as Instrument No. 5028264, Clinton County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by Sound Community Bank by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$137,577.39. Said premises are located in Clinton County, Michigan and are described as: PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 23, TOWN 6 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, OLIVE TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING ON THE EAST-WEST 1/4 LINE OF SECTION 23, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEG. 42'04" EAST 738.00 FEET FROM THE WEST 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION, THENCE NORTH 00 DEG. 17'56" EAST 600.00 FEET THENCE SOUTH 89 DEG. 42'04" EAST 160.00 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEG. 17'56" WEST 600.00 FEET TO THE EAST-WEST 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 23, THENCE ALONG SAID EAST-WEST 1/4 LINE NORTH 89 DEG. 42'04" WEST 160.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Said property is com-

monly known as 2085 East Alward Road, Dewitt, MI 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. **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: August 20, 2024 Attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage: Thomas E. McDonald (P39312) Brock & Scott, PLLC 5431 Oleander Drive Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (844) 856-6646 File No. 24-22285 (08-25)(09-15)

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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 September 4, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Julie Elizabeth DeGraw, a single woman Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns Foreclosing Assignee (if any): SELENE FINANCE, LP Date of Mortgage: May 1, 2023 Date of Mortgage Recording: May 1, 2023 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$146,465.03 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Bath, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 28, Town 5 North, Range 1 West, Bath Township, Clinton County, Michigan, and including a part of Lot 29 of East Bank, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 35, Clinton County Records, described as: Beginning at a point that is North 00 degrees 05 minutes 48 seconds West on the North and South 1/4 line, as occupied, a distance of 1780.60 feet from the South 1/4 corner of said Section 28; thence North 00 degrees 10 minutes 19 seconds East 40.69 feet; thence North 00 degrees 25 minutes 50 seconds West 135.60 feet; thence South 66 degrees 29 minutes 49 seconds East 59.83 feet; thence North 22 degrees 54 minutes 26 seconds East 19.01 feet; thence South 76 degrees 03 minutes 57 seconds East 37.12 feet to the centerline of Park Lake Road; thence South 17 degrees 04 minutes 42 seconds West on said centerline a distance of 167.88 feet; thence South 89 degrees 22 minutes 39 seconds West 48.10 feet to the point of beginning. Common street address (if any): 15632 Park Lake Rd, East Lansing, MI 48823-9433 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16). If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: August 4, 2024 Trott Law, P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 642-2515 1536770 (08-04)(08-25)

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
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Memorial Healthcare to Host Free Lunch and Learn on “Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD)”

submitted by Dianna Vsetula

Owosso - Memorial Healthcare will be hosting a FREE community Lunch and Learn presentation on Friday, September 13th from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm in Owosso.

The topic of this educational presentation is on “Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD)” and will be presented by Zachary Landers, MSN, FNP-BC and Erin Sattazahn, PA-C from Memorial Healthcare Gastroenterology.

This presentation will be held at the Memorial Healthcare Auditorium, 826 W. King Street, Owosso. Please RSVP to Becky Dahlke, Community Resource Manager at (989) 729-4856 or by email at RDahlke@memorialhealthcare.org. RSVPs are due by Thursday, September 5th.

For more information please visit, www.MemorialHealthcare.org

Denise Davis and the Motor City Sensations Perform in St. Johns’ Concert in the Park Finale

submitted by Bill Tennant

There is no better way to bid farewell to our 2024 “Concert in the Park” series than to welcome Denise Davis and the Motor City Sensations to the William E. Tennant Performance Shell stage on Wednesday evening, August 28 starting at 7:00 in the beautiful St Johns City Park! This incredibly dynamic band from Detroit is known for their high-energy performances and versatile music repertoire.



“The group performs a wide range of genres, including jazz, blues, Motown, gospel and more,” says Bill Tennant, concert coordinator. “They also have performed at big events for the likes of General Motors and Amazon and at major festivals throughout the mid-west. We are extremely pleased to present this pure DEE-TROIT party band for our final concert of the year.”

Denise Davis, the lead singer, is celebrated for her ability to connect with audiences and keep the party going all night long. She is known for her powerful vocals and dynamic stage presence. Denise Davis is Excitement, Energy and Entertainment. The band has received several accolades, including the Detroit Black Music Award for Best Live Performance and R&B Artist of the Year

Denise writes, “We’re all set for the show, and you’re in for a real treat! We’ll start with Jazz and move through Veterans, Pop, Blues, Motown classics, and wrap up with a grand finale of Gospel. This show is especially meaningful to me, as I’ve been anticipating it since 2021, ever since we started talking about a St. Johns show, performing on the same stage as Martha Reeves. I’m determined to make a memorable impression.”

The “Concert in the Park” series is co-sponsored by the Clinton County Arts Council and the City of St. Johns. New this year, a third sponsor has been added to each concert, as the Shell Committee has started a fund-raising campaign for a much-needed addition to the back of the Shell for performers to use and for additional storage. This week’s special sponsor is AgroLiquid who has graciously donated to the building fund this summer - we are grateful for their support.

The concerts are open to the public free of charge – donations are graciously accepted and needed. The Lion’s Club food trailer will be available this year and as always, all concerts are presented every Wednesday rain or shine.

So, set your GPS to 801 W Park St, St Johns - bring a chair or blanket and enjoy! The CCAC receives funding from the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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