



Dawn Levey receiving award from Representative Graham Filler

## Representative Graham Filler Honors Local

LANSING – December 26, 2024 Representative Graham Filler honored Dawn Levey from Elsie for her environmental advocacy, her public service, her educational work. A fitting state tribute for a woman who has done so much good in this community.

Dawn and I have worked together so well as we worked together on the Elsie Dam situation. And wouldn't you know – we ran against each other on 2018, but hold no hard feelings. She's been a major source of information and trusted advice. The day was highlighted by the tribute and a private tour of the capitol.



Mary Levey, Kaden Levey, Dawn Levey, Bruce Levey, Kayla Levey, Eric and Stephanie Levey



## Elsie Masonic Lodge #238 Holds Installation of Officers

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – Elsie Masonic Lodge #238 held the open installation of the 2025 officers Saturday, December 14. The visiting installing staff included – Ryan Binkley – Regional Grand Lodge Lecturer of Michigan; Bob Johns - Deputy District Instructor; Christopher Owens – Owosso Lodge; and Chris Potts.

The Elsie officers installed for 2025 include: Rodney Ridgeway, Worshipful Master; Colby Putnam, Senior Warden; Robert Crosby, Junior Warden; Bruce Levey, Treasurer; Jeff Zampaloni, Secretary; Stephen Parker, Senior Deacon; Eric Levey, Junior Deacon; William Archer, Tiler; Walker Levey, Chaplin; Roger Reed Jr., Marshall; and Russell Gingrich and Timothy Higgins, Stewards. Prior to the installation of officers, a dinner was served.

The Elsie Masonic Lodge plans to continue the monthly pancake breakfast which is held the last Saturday of each month at the Masonic Community located on East Main Street. The breakfast is donation only with all proceeds going to support the Elsie Area Baby Pantry.

## A Look Back Through 2024

### Sheldon's Packing House Raised August 18, 2024



Sheldon Packing House being raised on Monday, August 12, 2024. Insert: Brothers Scott, Greg and Allen Martin watched the demolition. Photo by Allen Martin



Margo and Larry Martin



1947 Sheldon Packing House

## Pangborn, Farm Bureau Agent Donates \$5,000 to Elsie Food Bank April 7, 2024



Front row (l-r): Terry Ornelas, Ann Trierweiler (black and white shirt), Toni Ornelas, Ken Pangborn, Marcia Pangborn, Janet Krull. Back row (l-r): Vivian Durling, Marion Horsley, Keith Homer, and John Shipley

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# Social

## Shiawassee County Fair Virtual Check in for Market Steer

submitted by Carrie Rutkowski

Market Steer will be Virtual check in will end on the 3rd Saturday of January, for this year that is: January 18, 2025 at 5 pm. 2025

Market Steer Rate of Gain will be Live check in and weigh in will be as usual in the Beef Barn here at the fairgrounds on the 3rd Saturday of January this year will be January 18, 2025 between 8 am & 12 pm.

All Market Beef must be purchased and in possession by January 15, 2025.

Check in deadline is Saturday, January 18th at 5:00pm. If you have any questions please send us an email at SCASBeef@gmail.com

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## Elsie Library Adventures

submitted by Ann Trierweiler

Welcome to a New Year at the Elsie Public Library!

Our new Bingo Winter Reading Challenge began on January 2 and goes through the end of February. The bingo sheet is chock full of fun and interesting entries. The challenge will encourage us to read different books. The categories are great! I do think anyone would enjoy finding a "Book with a blue cover." Participants need to read five books to enter a drawing. Each box on the bingo card is a different book. The winners can select a prize from the showcase or a gift card, from several selections.

The Monday Storytime at noon is a great way for children to make new friends and enjoy stories, crafts and music. On each Monday the library alternates between Storytime with a craft and Storytime with music and motion. Likewise, every other Saturday at 11:30 a.m., we have Storytime with a craft.

The Elsie Public Library Book Club will meet on the ninth of January to discuss the book, "The Thirteenth Gift, by Joanne Huist Smith" and pick up our next book, "The Baker's Secret, by Stephen Kiernan." It is amazing how many things we learn by reading and discussing these different books and authors.

There are many very old and interesting donated books and a few DVD's here for the taking. The donations for these items are used by the library for more materials.

"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year" by Ralph Waldo Emerson

## 2025 Winter Euchre League

The American Legion Post 248 in Laingsburg will be holding their Winter Euchre League starting on January 8, 2025. It will be on Wednesday nights.

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## Ovid Library Happenings

Happy New Year to all of our patrons! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. We are ready for the New Year to begin! This week we have lots of things planned.

On Monday, January 6 we will be having a program on what you need to know about parasites and other environmental pathogens. The program is called What's Eating You and will be presented by Jackie Medley RN, BSN, Natural Health Therapist from Trinity Holistic Health. The program will begin at 5:00.

Wednesday, January 8 will be our Classic Movie. This week we will be showing "Woman of the Year" starring Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn. Movie time will be 1:00.

Friday, January 10 will be Preschool Story Time. This week Ms. Shelly will be reading some snow themed books. There will be a craft and a snack for the kiddos. We look forward to seeing you here for that! Story time begins at 10:30.

If you are looking for something to do on the cold snowy days of winter, we have lots of puzzles here for people to borrow. Feel free to come in and take a few home. If you are looking to get rid of puzzles you can donate them here.

## Elsie Area Food Pantry Offers Home Delivery With Door Dash

submitted by Toni Ornelas

The Elsie Area Food Pantry in partnership with the Greater Lansing Food Bank has entered into a new program that can deliver food to qualifying applicants. Greater Lansing Food Bank is proud to provide safe, convenient delivery of food to Mid-Michigan communities. A participant can have a box of food delivered to their home once a month and do not need to be home to receive it. As the need grows, the food pantry can evaluate the need to expand the service.

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AND

- Live within 10 miles of one of the Elsie Area Food Pantry.

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# Obituaries

## Shari Lorraine McCallister

Shari Lorraine McCallister, age 75, a resident of St. Johns, Michigan, and former long time resident of Ovid, Michigan died peacefully at home on December 31, 2024, after a hard-fought battle with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma, surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Wayne, Michigan, Shari grew up in Weidman, Michigan and was a proud 1966 graduate of Beal City High School. It was in high school that she met the love of her life, Gary McCallister. Their love blossomed quickly, and they married on September 6, 1969, at the Lutheran church in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. After beginning their life together in Remus, Michigan, they made their home in Ovid in 1979, before moving to St. Johns five years ago.

Shari had a deep passion for family and caregiving. She lovingly cared for children in her home and was a gifted seamstress, making clothes, quilts, and even costumes for her children, grandchildren, and their dolls. Her Halloween costumes were legendary, as were her creations for church Christmas pageants. She made each family member feel cherished and ensured everyone had plenty of baked goodies to enjoy during the holiday season. Christmas was her favorite time of year, and she made it magical for her family with her baking and homemade gifts. She also enjoyed finding good garage sales and passed that love along to her family.

Shari was also an active member of her community, enjoying Girl Scouts with her children and attending, without fail, countless children and grandchildren's sporting events and activities. Her faith was important to her, and she was a dedicated member of St. John's Lutheran Church. She took pride in supporting the church and finding joy in her daily life.

Shari loved animals, especially her dog and grand-dogs, and was never one to shy away from adventure. She and Gary enjoyed many special trips to Disney World with their children and grandchildren, where Shari's adventurous spirit truly shined. Known for her kind and caring nature, Shari was never easily rattled and was always ready to lend a helping hand. Her calm presence, unwavering love for her family, especially her grandkids, and dedication to making everyone feel special are her lasting legacies.

In addition to Gary, her beloved husband of over fifty-five years, she leaves her son, Lee (Christine) McCallister; her daughters, Jaime (Jarid) Halverson and Jenny (Lee) Chaney; grandchildren, Max & Nora McCallister, Kylie, Lauren, & Justin Halverson, McKayla & Parker Chaney; sisters, Valarie & Chuckie, brothers, Charles & Bruce, and many other extended family members and dear friends. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation will be held at McGeehan Funeral Home, Keck-Coleman Chapel, 1500 Waterford Parkway, St. Johns, on Wednesday, January 8, from 5-8PM. A Funeral Service will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 511 E. Sturgis St., St. Johns, on Thursday, January 9, at 11 AM with visitation beginning at 10AM. Pastor Jim Pearl will officiate. Burial will follow in Mt. Rest Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in her name to St. John's Lutheran Church. The family was served by the McGeehan Funeral Home.



# A Look Back Through 2024

**Rep. Graham Filler  
Donates \$1,000  
to Food Bank  
January 14, 2024**



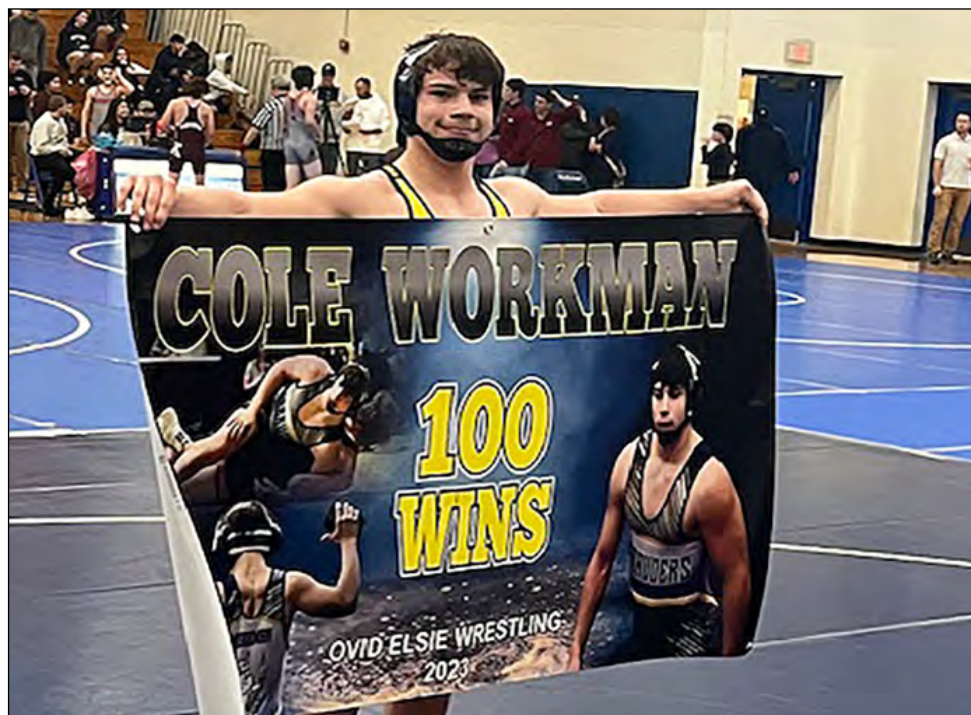
Sue Peterson, treasurer of Elsie Food Bank receiving donation from Rep. Graham Filler

**Laingsburg Chef Dan  
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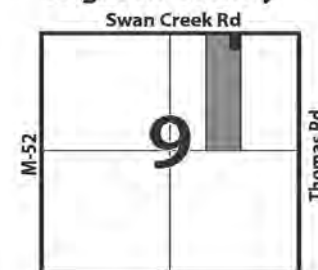
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## Allan Wesley Erickson

Allan Wesley Erickson, 71, died on December 31, 2024. Born in Fort Knox, Kentucky on October 30, 1953, to Wesley and Patricia (Lapham) Erickson, Allan was the oldest of five children. He graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School in the class of 1972 and went on to study the Bible at Bob Jones University, where he earned an associate degree. A lifelong reader, he voraciously consumed books on history, politics, and theology. He loved old school music, dancing, and laughing.

Allan faced many health challenges throughout his life and still submitted his way to the Lord. He chose to see the brighter side of life, using jokes and teasing to find the light. Allan had an infectious sense of humor. He was a jokester, always ready to tease his siblings and friends. While Allan's goofy spirit was most evident, he had a heart to take care of his loved ones. Allan was always concerned for his family and would often pray over each of his family members. He lovingly cared for two of his grandmothers in their final years.

Allan accepted Jesus as his personal Savior when he was sixteen. A longtime member of Grove Bible Church, he was deeply influenced by the mentors there. He served in churches in Michigan and Texas.

Allan's desire to preach the Word of God was especially evident in the last few years. When someone would walk into his room at Hazel Findlay, Allan's first question was, "Are you a born-again Christian?" Allan wanted everyone to experience the forgiveness of sins and grace of God that he knew so well.

Allan's laid-back personality and unshakable patience made him a beloved figure in the lives of all who knew him. Allan's legacy of love, humor, and faith will live on in the hearts of all who were touched by his life.

He is survived by his mother, Patricia Erickson; siblings, Catherine (Carl) Jones, Christine (Daniel) Boone, Brian (Annette) Erickson, and Tricia (Eric) Key; as well as 13 nieces and nephews and 15 great-nieces and nephews, many of whom he shared a special bond with and loved teasing. Allan was preceded in death by his father, Wesley Erickson, in 2021.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Grove Bible Church, 6990 E Price Rd, St Johns on Monday, January 6, 2025, at 1 PM, with a luncheon to follow. Friends may visit at the church from 11AM until the time of the service.

Memorial Contributions may be made in his name to Grove Bible Church.  
The family was served by the McGeehan Funeral Home.



## Obituaries

### Brent Jerome Brya

Brent Jerome Brya, a treasured husband, father, and grandfather, born on October 11, 1966, in Carson City, Michigan, passed away peacefully on December 28, 2024, in Elsie, Michigan, surrounded by his loved ones.

He was the beloved husband of Deborah Brya, and loving father of Alexander (Heather) Brya and Lukas Brya. His giving spirit lives on through his cherished grandchildren, Conner, Olivia, and Weston Brya.

Brent completed his early education at St. Johns High School in 1985 and furthered his learning by earning an associate's degree in business and also an associate's degree in applied science. He married the love of his life, Deborah Sue Taylor, at the Duplain Church of Christ in St. Johns, MI on October 17, 1987. Brent's entrepreneurial spirit led him to own and successfully operate Williams Heating and Cooling in Elsie since 2006, where his professional and personal contributions were deeply valued.

Those close to Brent will fondly recall his handy and generous nature which was as expansive as his love for life. He was happiest vacationing in the tropics with Deborah. Brent also loved camping with family. Especially backyard camping with his grandchildren.

Brent also leaves behind his brother, Jason (Mindi) Brya; his father, Kenneth (Sally) Brya; and his mother, Cathy Brya-Rotta.

A celebration of Brent's life, which was filled with love and generosity, will be held at a later date, offering family and friends the opportunity to come together in remembrance of a life well lived.

Brent's family is being served by Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes, Owosso Chapel. [www.watkinsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.watkinsfuneralhomes.com)

Online condolences may be shared with the family at [www.WatkinsFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WatkinsFuneralHomes.com)



### Brenda S. Nicholas

After a courageous battle with cancer, we are saddened to announce the passing of, Brenda S. Nicholas, on Sunday, December 29, 2024.

Brenda was born in Owosso, MI, the daughter of Larry and Bertha (Escamilla) Nicholas. She was born with a beautiful, warm heart, and a love for life, always laughing, dancing, and cheering for everyone she knew. She had such a happy childhood, but was the happiest when she could share her joy with others. She prided herself on the fact that she has had the same friends since she was five-years-old. This was her "tribe," and they were by her side until the end. From "cradle to grave" was how they stayed. Brenda was loyal and kind, and remained that way her entire life.

She graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School, and went on to college, eventually getting her Master's Degree from Florida Atlantic University, in Boca Raton, FL. Brenda always had a free spirit and a zest for life. Her longing for adventure and excitement even led her to being a dolphin trainer in Fort Lauderdale, FL, for a few years. She loved playing with the dolphins.

Brenda also always had a love for travel and adventure. It was this wanderlust that led her to her career as a Flight Attendant for United Airlines, where she remained until the day she passed away. During her twenty year career, Brenda explored five continents, and over one hundred countries, always eager and excited to learn about other cultures. She had a happy and care-free life, and wanted it to last forever. We know that wherever she is, she is still happy and care-free, playing with the dolphins, and flying with her angel wings. Fly High, Brenda! Fly High!

She is survived by her sister, Cindy and Bryan DeMass of Haslett, MI; and her brother Michael and Julie Nicholas of South Bend, IN; and her stepmother, Eileen Nicholas of Lansing, MI. She is also survived by 15 nieces and nephews, 11 great nieces and nephews, and countless friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Larry and Bertha Nicholas.

Funeral Services were held at Elsie United Methodist Church, Elsie, MI, on Friday, January 3, 2025, Burial has taken place at Maple Grove Cemetery, Ovid, Michigan.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be made at [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



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## The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster  
theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com

### Remembering Utah

The Weekly Sportsman traveled a lot around the country this last year and it seems like more time was spent on planes, trains, and automobiles than at weekend destinations. Despite the necessary travel of tens of thousands of miles there were many memorable events including incredible concerts and meals but the best trip by far was a three day sojourn to Ogden, Utah to visit eldest son Aidan.



Due to scheduling issues and booking almost last minute flights, the Weekly Sportsman took a gamble on trying the Denver based airline Frontier. Thought to be a discount airline like Spirit or JetBlue it didn't take long to recognize that fares were cheaper because of Frontier's conservation minded business model. Traveling light with just a fishing rod case, the additional fees for extra baggage didn't really matter. This is one of their ways of cutting down on fuel consumption as they encourage passengers to reduce overall baggage weight. Other fuel saving efforts are accomplished by using the most fuel efficient engines in the industry. Their seats are even lighter weight compared to other airlines but the Weekly Sportsman actually found them to be more comfortable. They encourage you to bring a water bottle and fill up on water after you pass through TSA checkpoints. Corporate is big on reducing plastic bottle trash! In addition, money is given to different conservation efforts and endangered species from North America are painted on plane tail wings. If nothing else, all of these efforts makes one feel better and almost a sense of pride flying on a conservation minded airline.

Upon arrival in Ogden, a quick trip was made to the historic Union Station to check out the five different museums contained within including the Browning Firearm Museum and

Browning-Kimball Car Museum. The museum has numerous prototypes and displays including four generations of family history along with a part of the original workshop that was originally downtown. There is a car museum on the first floor that houses thirteen cars of which nine once belonged to the Browning family and were donated to the City of Ogden. All cars on display, including a 1903 Oldsmobile Curved Dash along with numerous Lincolns and Cadillacs date from 1901-1937. Also, of John M Browning interest in Ogden is his historic home located just a few blocks from downtown. Built in 1900, it was used for forty years as the family residence. It has also served as apartments, a law office, and the YWCA women's shelter. In 2001, the house was restored to a single residence and exterior and interior work continue to this day.

While not open to the public at this time efforts are ongoing to raise continued funds for restoration. Unfortunately, unless you are standing near the front porch, there is only a very small and faded historical marker that can be viewed in an unplanted flower garden. There are two other Browning buildings to see downtown that once served as a storefront, workshop, indoor shooting range, etc. The first one is located on 2450 Grant Ave and is used as an event center and the other one on the backside of the building is located on 2445 Kiesel Ave and is used as office space for a computer software company. There are no historical markers but both buildings still display the Browning painted facade. If you find yourself in the Salt Lake area and have any interest in John Moses Browning and the history of the company then plan to spend about half a day in Ogden. It is interesting to note, despite a lack of historical markers, that during the first half of the 20th Century this was once the center of the world for the design and development of small arms.

To the east of Salt Lake City and Ogden is the Wasatch Mountain range which extends for about 160 miles north to south. Literally right next to a region of over two million people these mountains are just minutes away and full of trails. It is hard to explain the amount of people who flock to the trails every weekend. The Trails Foundation of Northern Utah is a 501C3 that provides up to date maps with trail ratings and works with volunteers to maintain the trails.

Available online and in print these maps are an invaluable resource for hikers. Aidan suggested hiking the first night on a short four mile trail near the basin of Mt. Ogden. The Weekly Sportsman felt very unprepared with no survival kit or knife or even sidearm but Aidan was carrying a full backpack and gave assurance that everything was ok. The trailhead seemed very crowded but the trail soon became very quiet with very few hikers. Upon completion of the trail the car's headlights discovered some mule deer when exiting the parking lot. The deer stood there oblivious and did not bolt like whitetail deer do around here when lit up with artificial light. The next day father and son traveled south about 35 miles to meet cousin Nick and his girlfriend Jennifer to hike a waterfall trail. After a mile and half climb to about 7000 ft elevation there were ropes to descend into the creek bed and then a little more of a walk to the waterfall. With the trails being a little crowded it does make it safe for all participating; whether hikers with emergency supplies or safety and security with large numbers of people in constant view. It is interesting to note how some hikers are dressed in their Sunday best and others have so much gear that they look like they are loaded for bear.

The last afternoon in Ogden was spent wetting some lines at the Twenty First Street Pond. Amazingly enough this 20 some acre pond is surrounded by trees and a paved 1.1 mile path for either walking or biking. With numerous places to stop and cast there are many options and if you sit on the west side the view of the mountains reflecting on the still water is incredible.

There is a two day limit on the pond but that was irrelevant as this was purely a catch and release effort. The pond holds bass, trout carp, and of course perch. A quick trip was made to Wally World for a two day license, nightcrawlers, and some very light tackle and then off to catch some perch. When the afternoon wind came and went, the water looked like glass, and then the perch started biting and before long all the night-crawlers were gone.

Sometimes everything comes together for a great weekend; a cheap flight, free housing, great weather, seeing family, spending time outdoors, and learning new things. -WS

### City of Ovid Special Meeting Draft December 19, 2024

#### Special Meeting:

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

#### Roll Call:

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

Guests- There were two guests present Susan Tomasek Swan- Clerk and Liza Kusnier-Treasurer.

#### Agenda

Council Member M. Olger made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member M. Soliz seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote

Open Public Comment: Opened 7:02 pm Closed: 7:02 pm - None

#### New Business:

a) Insurance plan: The board discussed the insurance options and reviewed the differences.

Council Member M. Olger motioned to accept MML (Michigan Municipal League) proposal for liability and property insurance for the City of Ovid starting year 2025 and authorize the Mayor to sign any documents to implement the policy. Council Member M. Soliz seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote

b) Bank signers for City of Ovid's bank account.

Council Member L. Perrien motioned to remove former mayor, William Lasher, from all city's bank accounts and add Mayor Pro Tem, Eric Starn, as an authorized signer to all City's bank accounts. Council Member M. Soliz seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote

c) Janitor position- Kevin Bradley submitted his resignation.

Council Member E. Starn motioned to place a posting of accepting applications for the janitor vacant position with wage starting at \$13.00 per hour and post using the wording from 2023 job notice. Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on Voice Vote.

Final Comments: none

Adjournment-

Council Member E. Starn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Council Member M. Soliz seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Susan Tomasek Swan, Clerk  
Mary K. Perrien, Mayor

## Editorial



### A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Happy New Year to all of you. I do hope that you have had an enjoyable set of holidays. This being the first day of the New Year 2025, I have been sorting through stuff and catching up on what I should have already done. What I have found out is that I have more clothes than necessary for me. It would appear that for the last year I have over filled my closet whenever I'm dealing with how others affect me. I don't like the effect and am glad that I have been weeding through that mess. As I look back I can see that I would spend money whenever life threw me a loop. Too bad that it took me this long to do. Hence more boxes being filled to make their journey to either St Vincent de Paul's or Salvation Army. My washer is full, as is my dryer and even the kitchen sink. The clutter is gradually diminishing. The only things that I do need are smaller jeans and a couple pair of shoes. Which really is a good way to start out the New Year. Almost done sorting the clothes then will move onto sorting out the excess number of books on hand.

Tomorrow I will be dropping my phone off to Verizon to fix. I barely touch the screen and apps are added. These apps suck the power out at a very quick pace and I become very irritated whenever I need to use the darn thing. The arrogant young man showed me how to attempt it and then offered to fix it at a rate of fifty dollars an hour. I did attempt it but will let the youngun' see to the correction of the problem. Then I will drop off the boxes of clothes at St Vincent's and try to visit a few friends while in town. Maybe shop for the jeans and shoes...

Different things that happened the last few days of 2024. Some things hurt and others were just plain weird occurrences. The first and major hurt happened when my father and not my son was listed in a memorial. It was for my son, I did receive an apology and a tut tut due to the fact that most would know what I was doing. To me it was more like a slap in the face. Then one of my debit cards was scammed and is now being replaced.

On Christmas morning someone was standing on my deck at about 11AM knocking... That is on the west side of the house and the front door is on the south side. I opened the front door which does not have plants sitting in front of it and hollered to him to come to the front door. He knocked again and so I yelled louder, he then heard my voice. He came around to the front door and then proceeded to ask if I knew where someone who lives three and a half miles east of me was... I suggested that she might be at her children's home down south. That was a guess on my part because I seldom see or speak with her. He then mentioned that her place didn't look as if anyone had been home for a few days. Please note that he was trying to deliver a fruit basket and lives within a two mile radius of this person. What really irritated me was that he parked on my yard and not in the driveway. I do park on my yard whenever I have a lot of groceries to unload to multiple boxes to load. But it is my yard.

Then two days ago, I received a phone call from the deli at Walmart in St Johns. The young man at the deli wanted to know whether I was picking up my order on New Year's eve or day? I asked him what order and he told me that he had been given my phone number and name. I did not place any order. Due to circumstances beyond my control I did cancel the lasagna dinner that I had planned and didn't make it over to my daughter's for New Year's eve festivities. I moved the dinner to the fifth and hopefully I will have my poop scooped by then.

Lately I have been multiple days where I feel as if others expect too much of me or I do. Yes I do need challenges but I'm tired of jousting with windmills... Be careful when you joust. May God bless you daily with interesting affirmations of self. Enjoy your friends and family for they are a blessing.

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## Recycle 2024 Into a New and Improved 2025

submitted by Ellen Link

And so begins another new year of recycling, though apparently not for everyone. The Greater Laingsburg Recyclers' facility will be open on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays (Jan. 7 and 21), 4-6 p.m., and 2nd and 4th Saturdays (Jan. 11 and 25), 9 a.m.-1 p.m. But far too many people will not be participating, and we just don't understand this. Those who do helped us recycle almost 200,000 lbs. of materials in 2024. That's great, but it could—and should—be so much more.

The Laingsburg Lions' Club upped their already good game in 2024 by leaning in to support the environment and the GLR, first by allowing us to partner with their plastic film recycling project; second, with a large contribution; and then, by holding their first zero-waste Thanksgiving Dinner. That came on the heels of the zero-waste Laingsburg Pancake Breakfast, actively supported by the LBCA. And Laingsburg's Congregational Church recently cut their energy use by installing solar panels on the roof. This community should be very proud!

We rely on a myriad of natural resources for everything, from the clean water, edible food and breathable air we need for survival to those manufactured items that support our way of life—think cell phones, computers, cars and trucks, etc. Without a sustainable supply of natural resources our lives will fall apart. The first law, then, should be to protect them, and the second to reuse and recycle as much as we can to extend their existence. Yet we have illogically become a throw-away society, which not only erodes our life support system but also contaminates it with our throw-away plastics and use of other toxic materials.

While reuse of materials is always the best option, recycling is an obvious tool for protecting our environment. It reduces the greenhouse gas emissions created by manufacturing, conserves natural resources, reduces energy use, diverts waste away from air-polluting landfills and incinerators, and creates thousands of jobs. Shouldn't this be available in every community? If you agree, share your thoughts with friends, family and your elected officials.

Materials we accept for recycling, clean and separated:

- Newspaper and phone books
- tin and scrap metal, separated from aluminum
- corrugated cardboard (include brown paper bags here); boxboard
- mixed office paper and junk mail; magazines; books
- plastics— #1 bottles & jars (clear, transparent green & blue only), no clamshells (bakery & produce containers); #2 (milk jugs/cloudy separated from solid color bottles and jars, seam on the bottom—no motor oil containers); and #5 (food cups, tubs and lids, e.g., yogurt, sour cream, etc.)
- non-corroded household batteries; hearing aids (batteries removed)
- glass bottles & jars only (all colors), caps and lids removed—no mirror panes
- electronics; TVs (\$10-20) and monitors (\$5-10), fees dependent on type & size
- Brita water filters; dental products; empty inkjets; eyeglasses for the Lions Club
- denim (no more than 5% spandex, zippers and metal buttons removed)
- plant/nursery containers

We do not accept polystyrene (Styrofoam®) or plastic bags (return to grocery store).

For further information, 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. New volunteers of any age are always welcome. Help us turn the corner in 2025 toward creating a sustainable future in our own backyard.

## Memorial Healthcare Provides System Update, Announces Leadership

submitted by Vicki McKay

OWOSSO – Memorial Healthcare is proud to provide an update regarding the Memorial Health System, a governance structure first introduced in late 2023 designed to position the organization for long-term growth and enhanced service to the communities it serves.

The system, in allowing consideration of new and unique ways to generate revenue outside of core hospital operations, also further strengthens and preserves Memorial's continued status as an independent hospital.

Since its creation, the Memorial Health System Board has focused on the organization's future growth and stewardship.

Key achievements of the Memorial Health System in 2024 include:

Expansion of the 200 Health Park Building: Now home to eight employed providers serving the community.

Support for County Medical Care Expansion: Facilitated a property transfer to support the planned growth of the county medical care facility.

Revitalization of the Former Rite-Aid Building in Owosso: Transformed into a facility offering a pharmacy, expanded urgent care, lab, and x-ray services.

"As healthcare systems around us experience sudden and disruptive changes in leadership, we are more committed than ever to ensuring stability and consistency," said Greg Bontrager, Chairman of the Memorial Healthcare Board of Trustees. "We will never compromise on the things that matter most—our mission, our culture, and our values. This new structure allows us to focus on what we do best, even better."

In early 2025, Memorial Healthcare will implement a new system leadership structure to support its continued growth. Key leadership changes include:

Brian Long, current President and CEO of Memorial Healthcare will transition to the permanent role of the first CEO of Memorial Health System, overseeing the organization's strategic growth and operations.

Jorri Tremain, current Chief Financial Officer, will become System Chief Financial Officer. Abbie Majzel, current Chief Talent Officer, will assume the role of System Chief Administrative Officer.

Tom Kurtz, current Chief Operating Officer, will become CEO of Memorial Hospital, overseeing all inpatient and outpatient hospital operations.

"These leaders have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to our organization, embodying the values and culture that define Memorial Healthcare," said Brian Long. "Their leadership will ensure continued stability as we focus on growth, innovation, and operational excellence."

The new system structure is designed with financial stewardship in mind and results in a budgetary savings.

"I'm confident that, as a whole, our governance and operational teams will continue to represent the "Memorial Way" as Memorial Health System proceeds with laser focus and attention on the exciting work yet to come," Bontrager added. "We are prepared to excel and do what we do best – even better. A communitywide commitment to Memorial Healthcare has brought our vision to life, and for that, we are profoundly grateful."

For more information on Memorial Health System and its commitment to quality healthcare in mid-Michigan, visit [www.MemorialHealthcare.org/system](http://www.MemorialHealthcare.org/system).





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# Sports

## Wolfpack Lands 9 Players on All-CMAC Football Squad

by Tom Turek

LAINGSBURG -- Despite what some would consider a "down" season with a 2-7 finish, the Wolfpack football program landed 9 outstanding players on the 2024 All-CMAC honor squad.

The Fowler Eagles, the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) champions, finished an unbeaten regular season and advanced to the MHSAA State Semifinals before bowing out, 17-16, to the Beal City Aggies, the eventual state champions in Division 8. Fowler ended at 12-1 overall after a 7-0 league finish.

Following Fowler in the CMAC standings: Pewamo-Westphalia 6-1, 9-3; Bath 5-2, 5-5; Saranac 4-3, 6-4; Laingsburg 2-5, 2-7; Perry 2-5, 3-6; Pottersville 2-5, 2-7; Dansville 0-7, 0-9.

The CMAC will have a new look in 2025, with the Pottersville Vikings moving to 8-man football.

Fowler QB Jacob Halfmann and LB Trevor Spicer headed up the honor team as Offensive and Defensive Team Captains, respectively.

The Laingsburg athletics included on the 2024 All-CMAC team looked like this:

**FIRST TEAM OFFENSE**

WR Leandro Dolega-Caceres, 11, Laingsburg

**FIRST TEAM DEFENSE**

K Caiden Nidefski, 9, Laingsburg

**SECOND TEAM OFFENSE**

OL Harvey Montgomery, 12, Laingsburg

**SECOND TEAM DEFENSE**

LB Tucker Dunn, 12, Laingsburg

DL Josiah Hawes, 11, Laingsburg

In addition, veteran coach Brian Borgman's Laingsburg team landed RB/DB Dylan Witgen, OL Shaun Mills, DB Waylon Rowley and LB Dylan Koenig on the All-CMAC Honorable Mention contingent.



Leandro Dolega-Caceres



Caiden Nidefski



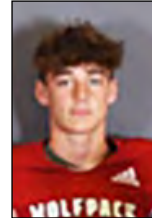
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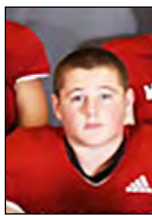
Dylan Witgen



Shaun Mills



Waylon Rowley



Dylan Koenig

## Exciting News Off the Mat Opens 2024-25 Wolfpack Season

by Tom Turek

LAINGSBURG -- The 2024-25 Wolfpack wrestling season has begun with exciting news off the mat.

"We are excited to welcome a new member to our Wolfpack wrestling staff," said veteran coach Shawn Baynes with the announcement that Trent Lashuay is joining the coaching braintrust.

Lashuay was recently hired as a math teacher at Laingsburg High school and comes with an extensive wrestling background. As an athlete, Trent was a 4 time all state wrestler (taking 7th twice and 2nd twice), while under coach Derek Phillips at St. John's High School.

He later went on to wrestle at Alma College and had a very successful wrestling career.



Trent Lashuay

Since graduating with a teaching degree in math and special education, he's coached at Shepherd and St. Johns. While coaching at Shepherd High School his team qualified for the MHSAA team state finals.

Lashuay also works for NUWAY Combat as a tournament director for wrestling tournaments all over the country.

The Wolfpack program was also honored with current collegiate wrestlers -- still showing support for each other. Gabby Motz is a 2022 graduate currently wrestling for Albion College. Aden Baynes is a 2023 alum currently grappling for Olivet College.



Aden Baynes & Gabby Motz

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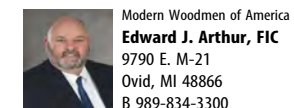
Michael doesn't see himself living on the beach when he retires, but he'd like to vacation there with his wife. He worries he isn't saving enough in the 401(k) account he has at work, but he isn't sure what more he can manage with two kids, a mortgage and credit cards.

Michael faces two dilemmas: Saving enough money for a comfortable retirement, and making those savings last his lifetime. Like most Americans, having money in retirement may depend on part-time jobs, personal savings and tax-advantaged retirement savings accounts.

A financial representative can help people like Michael understand their options, such as 401(k) and 403(b) plans, annuities, and individual retirement accounts (IRAs).

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# Sports

# A Look Back Through 2024

## Milner Earns 1st Place Plaudits at Ionia Wrestling Invitational

by Tom Turek

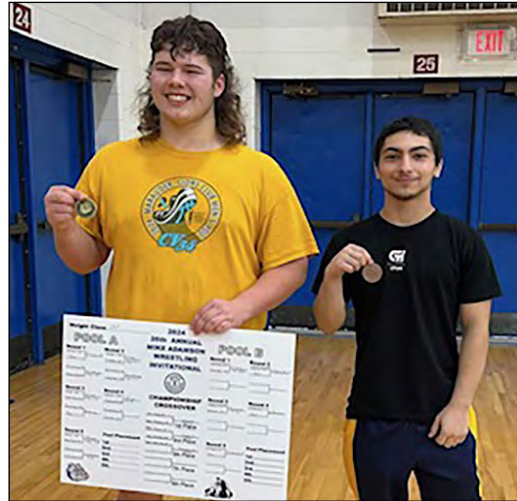
IONIA -- A motivated -- albeit small -- Ovid-Elsie wrestling contingent traveled to the Mike Adamson Invitational here for some holiday mat action.

"We visited Coach Bowen and the Ionia Bulldogs for their round robin holiday tournament," said Marauder coach Kyle Spiess. "With lots of vacations, only 5 athletes traveled with us."

The Marauders were led by Trey Milner at 285 lbs., posting a 4-0 record for 1st place.

Anthony Silva at 113 went 3-1 for 3rd place. Jeremiah Stewart at 165 grabbed 5th place.

"Mitchell Gonzales and Travis Wright also competed for us and improved every match," explained coach Spiess.



Trey Milner and Anthony Silva place at Ionia Wrestling Invitational

## Talan Parsons Gets 100th Pin February 4, 2024



## CMAC Wrestling Champions First Ever Title for Wolfpack February 11, 2024

## Marauder Swim Team Opens Season in Action vs. Kearsley

by Tom Turek

FLINT -- Coach Karl Dahlke's Marauder swim team opened its 2024-25 season in action opposite Flint Kearsley at the Kearsley pool.

Dahlke's charges had been scheduled to open at Haslett, but the meet was postponed.

Personal bests were turned in by Marauder swimmers Wyatt Dahlke in the 50 fly (:42.8); Luke Spitzley in the 50 breaststroke (:40.25); Natalie Leavitt in the 50 back (:43.03); Jayden Mulder in the 100 freestyle (1:41.66); and Caleb Love in the 50 free (:41.13).

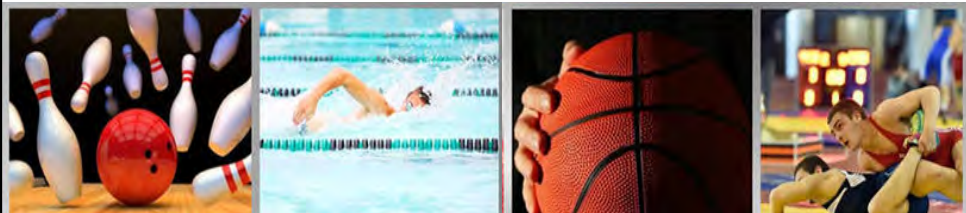
Top point scorers for O-E were Audrey Bensinger with 226.70 points; Lilliana Kennedy 223.35; Jolene Hebel 220; Marshall Leavitt 182.10; David Lohr 133.70; and Dylan Henning 91.90 points.



Team Includes: Ethan Schneeberger, Scarlett Ruhf, Alex Grandy, Cooper Mund, Marlon Graham, Liam McDonald, Calvin Stier, Logan Robinson, Dano Winans, Charles Dehnert, Garrett Matthews, Troy Matthews, Zach Grandy, Tucker Nethaway, Martin Meyers, Bryce Smith, Cameron Betts, Jack Borgman, Seth Sivak, Charlie Porubsky, Alex Forcier, Gus Larson, Mirabella Carolan, Harvey Montgomery, Thomas Smith, Wyatt Stanfield, Riley Kiffer. Head coach Shawn Baynes.

More "A Look Back Through 2024" in the Next Edition of the Meridian Weekly

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# Sports

## 2024 All-MMAC Football Team Includes 13 Ovid-Elsie Gridders

by Tom Turek

OID-ELSIE -- Thirteen Marauder gridders have been selected All-Academic and All-League honorees for the recently-completed 2024 season.

Veteran coach Travis Long announced the awardees after wrapping up another solid 8-3 season.

Long himself was honored as the MHSFCA (Michigan High School Football Coaches Association) Regional Coach of the Year for Division 6. The Marauders' 8-3 finish in 2024 was amplified by a stunning 44-21 playoff-opening victory over Almont, a Division 6 state finalist from the season before. Too, Long's Marauders nearly claimed a 2nd-straight District championship before narrowly falling to Lansing Catholic, 31-28, to end the 2024 campaign.

O-E players Joe Bancroft, Javen Belill, Jake Bowen, Clayton Fruchey, Tryce Tokar and Joe Zuniga were all selected as Division 6 Academic All-State players.

As far as the football field, the All-MMAC (Mid-Michigan Activities Conference) included the following:

### FIRST TEAM

-- Senior QB Tryce Tokar, passing 81-147, 1528 yds, 17 TD, 6 interceptions; rushing 118 carries, 1115 yds, 14 TDs; total offense 2643 yds, 31 TDs; all-purpose yds 7 kick returns 214 yds, punt returns 138 yds, 1 TD, all-purpose totals 2995 yds, 32 TDs.

Also starring as a DB, the strong safety totaled 86 tackles, 54 solos, 32 assists, 10 TFL, 2 interceptions and 2 forced fumbles.

Tokar was feted as MHSFCA All-Region. "Tryce has been our Mr. Everything the past three seasons," said coach Long. "He played his best football against our toughest opponents. In two playoff games he passed for 304 yds, 3 TDs, going 22/28. He also rushed for 403 yards on 47 carries and 5 TDs."

Tokar now holds O-E records for Season Pass Yards 1528, Career Pass Yards 3679, Career Passing TDs 45, Career Passes Complete 219 and Longest Pass Play 94 yards to Mikey Bancroft against Chesaning.

-- Senior LB Javen Belill, 122 Tackles, 59 solo, 63 assist, 3 sacks, 19 TFL, 1 Int, 1 fumble recovery.

On offense as a WR 14 Receptions, 294 yds, 5 TD. Belill was also selected MHSFCA All-Region. "Javen finished his career with 237 total tackles. He has been a great asset for us these past two seasons," said coach Long.

-- Senior OL and DL Jake Bowen, as a right tackle team totals 4437 yds., 1528 yds passing, 17 pass TD, 2909 yds rushing, 32 rush TDs.

Helping anchor the defensive line, 50 Tackles, 21 solo, 29 assist, 8 sacks, 11 tackles for loss. Bowen was honored on the MHSFCA All-Region Team. "Jake has been the anchor of our offensive line for the past two seasons. Look forward to seeing where he goes to play after High School as a few colleges have shown some interest," explains coach Long.

-- Senior RB Clayton Fruchey, rushing 150 carries, 1085 yds., 12 TD; all-purpose yards, kick return, 10 returns 206 yds. total yards 1291 yds, 12 TD.

As a defensive cornerback, 45 tackles, 24 solo, 21 assist, 2 TFL, 1 interception. Fruchey was another MHSFCA All-Region recipient for the Marauders. "Clayton was our bell-cow this year after having a strong finish to the 2023 season. He did a tremendous job in our running game this season," explained Long.

-- Junior DL Braxton O'Bryant, as a defensive tackle 40 Tackles, 13 solo, 27 assist, 2 sacks, 10 tackles for loss. As offensive left tackle team totals 4437 yds., 1528 yds passing, 17 pass TD, 2909 yds rushing, 32 rush TDs. O'Bryant was the Marauders' 5th MHSFCA All-Region honoree. Said Long, "Braxton finished his junior year playing really well for us on both sides of the ball. He really stepped up on the defensive line late in the season."

-- Junior OLB/WR Mikey Bancroft, on defense 35 Tackles, 14 solo, 21 assists, 1 sack, 11 TFL, 3 interceptions (2 returned for TDs), 1 blocked punt recovered for TD.

On offense, 5 receptions, 161 yds, 1 TD. Explained Long, "Mikey made some big plays for us this season, especially on the defensive side."

### SECOND TEAM

-- Junior LB Brock Spitzley, 121 tackles, 51 solo, 70 assist, 4 sacks, 18 TFL, 2 fumble rec., 2 forced fumbles.

Offensively, as a RB, 45 carries, 335 yds, 4 TDs. "Javen and Brock teamed up to have over 240 tackles this season. Brock was a huge part of why the defense was so successful. We look to Brock to lead our defense in 2025," said coach Long.

-- Junior DB Owen Long, playing free safety, 70 tackles, 39 solo, 31 assists, 4 Int (1 returned for TD), 2 fumble recoveries.

As a offensive WR, 26 Receptions, 529 yds, 4 TDs. Another MHSFCA 2024 All-Region pick for the Marauders. "Owen played a huge part for our team all-around. He really stepped up

as a junior and looks to play a huge role next year," said coach Long.

-- Senior OL Joe Bancroft, the Marauders' center, team totals 4437 yds., 1528 yds passing, 17 pass TD, 2909 yds rushing, 32 rush TDs. Says coach Long, "Joe has been a blessing to coach the past three seasons. He has been a leader on the offensive line."

-- Senior OL Dawson Taylor, O-E's left guard, team totals 4437 yds., 1528 yds passing, 17 pass TD, 2909 yds rushing, 32 rush TDs. "Dawson played great for us this season coming off an injury that took his junior season away. Tough gritty player that played the season while battling another injury to his shoulder," cited coach Long.

-- Senior DE Ben Wildes, 41 Tackles, 14 solo, 27 assists, 4 sacks, 14 TFL, 1 fumble recovery. "Ben really stepped up for us this season playing a big part of our defensive line success," explained Long.

-- Sophomore WR/DB Brody Howard, offense 17 receptions, 305 yds, 5 TDs; on defense 29 tackles, 18 solo, 11 assists, 1 tackle for loss. "Brody came up as a sophomore and had a really good season. Made some big catches in big games. Look forward to seeing him progress in the next couple of years," said coach Long.

-- Junior special teams specialist and PK Dannika Campbell, 4-5 on field goals with a long of 26 yards, 52-56 on PATs. "Dannika really came in this year and was a consistent kicker for us. She did a great job of handling our Kickoff and PAT duties," explained coach Long.

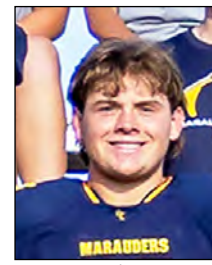
Posting a .727 win percentage, the Marauders outscored their opponents, 430-188, over the course of 11 games -- an average victory margin of 39-17 this campaign.



Tryce Tokar



Javen Belill



Jake Bowen



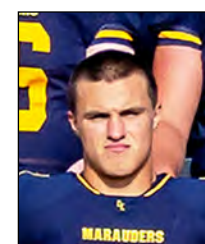
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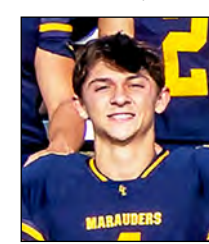
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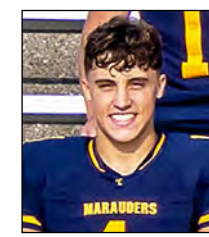
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### Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on January 29, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:  
 Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Joshua Lee Schneider, single man  
 Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns  
 Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation  
 Date of Mortgage: January 5, 2016  
 Date of Mortgage Recording: January 25, 2016  
 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$75,991.65  
 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Watertown, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing in the Section line at a point 881 feet East of the Northwest corner of Section 15, Town 5 North, Range 3 West, Watertown Township, Clinton County, Michigan; thence East 294.5 feet; thence South 03 degrees West 202 feet; thence South 88 degrees 56 minutes West 288.55 feet; thence North 00 degrees 57 minutes East 207 feet to the point of beginning.  
 Common street address (if any): 6801 W Heribson Rd, Dewitt, MI 48820-9212  
 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).  
 If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.  
 Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: December 29, 2024  
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### Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on January 29, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:  
 Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Ronald Reaves and Sue Reaves, husband and wife  
 Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns  
 Foreclosing Assignee (if any): The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of The CWALT Inc. Alternative Loan Trust 2006-OA12  
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 Date of Mortgage: July 6, 2006  
 Date of Mortgage Recording: July 14, 2006  
 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$158,591.51  
 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Watertown, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 64, Hawthorne Hills's No. 1, Watertown Township, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 4, Clinton County Records.  
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 Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: December 29, 2024  
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### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on February 12, 2025. The amount due on the Mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by ROYAL DAVIS AND MARGARET DAVIS to SEATTLE MORTGAGE COMPANY dated April 20, 2006 and recorded May 9, 2006 as Instrument No. 5099800, Clinton County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by Longbridge Financial, LLC by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$243,403.13. Said premises are located in Clinton County, Michigan and are described as: Beginning on the East-West 1/4 line of said Section 17 at a point 330.85 feet North 89°45'22" West of the center of Section 17, T6N, R1W, Township of Victor, Clinton County, Michigan, thence South 00°02'09" West, 1330.00 feet; thence North 89°45'22" West, 330.85 feet; thence North 00°02'09" East, 1330.00 feet to the East-West 1/4 line of said Section 17; thence South 89°45'22" East, 330.85 feet on said East-West 1/4 line of said Section 17 to the point of beginning. Said property is commonly known as 5434 Green Road, Saint Johns, MI 48879. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Please be advised that any third party purchaser is responsible for preparing and recording the Sheriff's Deed. If this is a residential Mortgage, the following shall apply: ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU: ARE A DEBTOR IN AN ACTIVE BANKRUPTCY CASE; ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF A BANKRUPTCY STAY; OR, HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AND YOU HAVE NOT REAFFIRMED THE DEBT, THIS NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY. Dated: December 6, 2024 Attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage: Thomas E. McDonald (P39312) Brock & Scott, PLLC 5431 Oleander Drive Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (844) 856-6646 File No. 24-33475

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**DAVID B. MARR TRUST, As Amended**  
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**NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS:**  
The Settlor of the above-titled trust, DAVID B. MARR, whose address was 13335 Speckledwood Dr., DeWitt, MI 48820  
Died: December 23, 2024  
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust will be forever barred unless presented to Catherine Marr, Trustee of the David B. Marr Trust, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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## Memorial Healthcare Welcomes Baby New Year 2025

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso – Memorial Healthcare is pleased to announce the arrival of the first new baby of 2025.

Grant Garber and Alyssa Capiello from Laingsburg rang in the New Year at Memorial Healthcare in a special way with the birth of their daughter, Layla who was born on January 1, 2025, at 1:20 am. Layla weighed 9 lbs. and was 20 ¾ inches long.

In celebration of the 2025 New Year’s baby, the family received several baby gifts such as clothing, diapers, wipes, toys, gift cards, and more.

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submitted by Corey Alexander

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Both mom and baby are doing wonderfully, thanks to the quality, compassionate care provided by UM Health-Sparrow Lansing team members. Adaline is the third child in the Clough family.

As this year’s New Year’s baby, Adaline and her mother were gifted a car seat, a cozy stuffed animal, books, baby blankets and more from the UM Health-Sparrow Foundation.

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