

## Free Skin Cancer Screening Coming to Owosso Speedway

submitted by Dianna Vsetula

Owosso — The Erik Jones Foundation and Memorial Healthcare are proud to partner with Owosso Speedway to offer a free skin cancer screening to the public on Wednesday, August 20, from 9:30 am to 3 pm. This special event is being held prior to the Michigan 300 ASA STARS National Tour race, in which Erik Jones will race at 6 pm.

This screening continues the Erik Jones Foundation's national effort to promote early detection at racetracks across the country, and Memorial Healthcare's longstanding commitment to accessible, community-based care. It also marks the first time this life-saving initiative will be offered in Erik's hometown and at his hometown speedway. In previous events, healthcare professionals have identified dozens of potentially dangerous lesions, enabling early intervention and providing peace of mind to attendees.

This program holds deep personal significance for Erik Jones. His father, Dave Jones, passed away from melanoma in 2016 following a short but courageous battle with cancer. That experience continues to shape the Foundation's mission and its focus on early detection and care.

Spots are limited, and advance registration is required. Register online at <https://bit.ly/SkinScreeningSignUp> or call (989) 720-CARE (2273).

## Two Laingsburg Middle Schoolers Accepted to GATE

submitted by Amy Hoge

LAINGSBURG -- Two Laingsburg middle school students have been accepted to Michigan State University's Gifted And Talented Education (GATE) academic year program for the 2025-26 school year.

Caroline Jacobson and Carol Hoge will have the opportunity for Big Ten, college-level accelerated learning opportunities once the 2025 school year is underway.

Caroline, an 8th grader, has been accepted to the Intensive Studies of Humanities, Art, Language and Literature (ISHALL). ISHALL students study a wide range of texts and media in literature and the humanities including novels, biographies, plays, poetry, and film. Students will also be exposed to a variety of different historical movements and types of literature, such as romanticism, enlightenment, Shakespearean drama, and comedy, in addition to modern works.

Cora, also an 8th grader at LMS, has been accepted to the Cooperative Highly Accelerated Mathematics Program (CHAMP).

In their first year of CHAMP, students study Algebra I and Algebra II. In the second year, they study Geometry and a standard Pre-Calculus course (Trigonometry, Analytic Geometry, College Algebra, and a brief introduction to calculus concepts.)

GATE's academic year programs offer students an opportunity to take math, literature, and select foreign language courses at the high school level beginning in middle school. These twice-accelerated programs allow students to complete their high school curriculum requirements in half the time, allowing them to take AP or dual enrollment courses, or to pursue other educational endeavors in their high school years. Students may apply beginning in the spring of their sixth grade year.

Caroline and Cora began their application process in the spring of 2025 after seeing information about the program from Laingsburg Middle School. They each spent over 6 hours completing their applications, writing essays about why they wanted to be in the program and taking tests. Both ISHALL and CHAMP are 2-year programs and the girls are looking forward to participating through Spring 2027.



(l-r): Cora Hoge, Caroline Jacobson

## Elsie Village Council

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Elsie Village Council was held Tuesday, August 12, 2025. The Elsie Area Fire Department agreement remains at the forefront of the discussion. EMS building discussion was added to the agenda. Officials addressed over thirty individuals prepared to share concerns.

Dorothy Ornelas, trustee, updated officials on activities taking place Heroes Park. The Elsie Lions Club memorial plaque was available for inspection and the installation of bricks is on ongoing. A car show is scheduled for August 23, 2025 with all funds going towards the upkeep of Heroes Park. In addition, to the car show the Elsie Masonic Lodge will hold a pancake breakfast with all proceeds going towards the park, as well.

Ed White presented a brief update regarding the Elsie Village Park improvements. Two pickleball courts are good to go, and individuals are preparing opportunities to teach the skills of pickleball. Also, two backboards will be installed for the basketball courts. Finally, a \$100 donation was received for the pickleball courts.

Jason Freeman, village president, reported that the Fire Department lawyer contacted the Village regarding a lease agreement. It was recommended that a fire building committee be established, with two members from the village sitting on the committee. Freeman indicated that he, Jason Freeman, and Destinee Bryce, village manager, sit on that committee and represent the village in the negotiation process. The Village will request to be placed on the Fire Association agenda to address the lease agreement and the committee recommendation. The committee will work to establish the perimeters of the lease. Noting attorneys will probably be part of the discussion. The proposed lease agreement was \$1,200 per month for the first year, with a 5% increase the next. Further details to be established.

Destinee Bryce, police chief, presented the monthly police report, 17 traffic stops during the reporting period. There was a total of 31 service calls which included traffic enforcement, 911 hang-up, civil complaint Well fair check, motorized vehicle enforcement, and code enforcement. It was noted that the report reflects area responses from the Elsie Police Department, Clinton County Sheriff Department, Elsie Fire and Rescue.

Bryce, managers' report, LEAP, economic development, would like to host an educational session in Elsie September 12, time to be announced. Area businesses are encouraged to attend. The focus would be revitalizing the downtown area. Next, Bryce brought up the development a five-year strategic plan. It was suggested that officials bring their ideas to the September meeting. The long-term goal is developing a plan after the village addresses the financial issues currently facing the village. Work is taking place to repair and put up for sale unused and unneeded equipment. The Kubota tractor blew up; \$10,000 worth of repairs are needed. The budget will be amended to cover costs starting with \$3,500 down payment for the repairs.

Bryce also reported that there are educational and training opportunities for officials provided by the Michigan Municipal League. If the village officials are interested the conference room at the village business office could be set up for training. The first opportunity is slated for September 12.

Next, the DPW report was presented, regarding the lagoons there is nothing new to report. The south Ovid lift station is working well, and the new meters have not arrived. It was noted that the meter reader was included in the grant. At the special meeting there were questions regarding the application of chemicals to the water system. Chlorine is added regularly at a cost of \$240 per month, \$120 per barrel, phosphates is also added costing approximately \$810 monthly. At well #1 a scale for chlorine was replaced. In addition, there is testing quarterly for herbicides. Also, well 8 and 9 running as they should.

Officials took action to address eight budget amendments as recommended by the financial consultants, Woodhill Group. Approved.

Approximately thirty people attended the meeting however, only one person addressed the Elsie Village Council under public comment. Amy Bowen, Duplain Township Treasurer and Elsie Fire Board secretary/treasurer requested a copy of the proposed fire building lease agreement, and a copy of the land contract so all members can review it. No decision has been made on the part of the Elsie Area Fire Department regarding the building and the route to take moving forward.

Officials took action to approve expenditures totaling \$95,477.14 which includes the insurance obligation for the Elsie Area Fire Department.



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## Social

### Car Show at Hero Park in Elsie on August 23rd

On Saturday, August 23rd, there will be a fund raising Car Show at the Hero Park in Elsie. The show will run from 9am-3pm. There will be a pancake breakfast put on by the Masons, Lions Food Tent, Bingo at the American Legion Hall and Music by DJ, Scott Kool.

The fund raising event will go towards additional statues and upkeep at the park. Modern Woodmen will match the fund raising efforts with a \$2,500 match. The first 100 arrivals will receive a Dash Plaque and trophies will be awarded to the top 20. Cars, trucks, Motorcycles, golf carts, rat rods and side sides are welcome. Pre-registration \$15, \$20 on the day of the show. For more information contact Michael White at 989-413-8664.

### Elsie Public Library

submitted by Ann Trierweiler

Wow! School is almost here again. The summer got away from us here in our Book World.

Our Elsie Public Library has been a hub of activities. The summer reading program and the summer reading challenge were a big success. It is always exciting for a librarian to see books coming and going! Some of my reading choices this year have been made from hearing our patron's reviews. Speaking of this, I cannot wait for our Elsie Public Library Book Club to resume on September 11th at 6:00 pm. This club covers so many genres and has also been excellent at expanding my literary rut.

Mondays in August will still be offering activities for kids at 2pm. The Farm Bureau's Suzette Pross brought her energy and activities the first two weeks. She had the children not only listening, but also engaged in games and learning activities. It is a great program!!! It will be interesting to see the ideas that are generated during the next weeks.

Zoo passes are always here. I enjoy looking at the website for Potter Park. Spoiler alert! This zoo is not just for children. The zoo has a program titled "Falconers." This is a program "designed to allow children or adults with unique abilities (such as autism or developmental disabilities) and their whole family to have an enriching and educational experience in a safe, welcoming and sensory friendly environment." Falconers is a monthly event free for the family and/or support group. Most events include crafts, activities, snacks and beverages. How amazing is that? You do need to pre-register. There are events scheduled for adults, as well. Maybe a date night? Seriously, check out the Potter Park website. It will have something for everyone...and we have the zoo passes to help it happen.

The Ice Cream for Books drawing is almost finished. What an amazing thing for the Blue Moon Ice Cream Shop to do for our library. Thank you, Sandy. We and our many patrons owe you for your generosity and kindness!

Our Elsie Public Library board meeting will be held on the 20th of this month at 7:00 pm. This is another sign that summer is leaving...school is soon beginning. I hope this summer has been good for you. Not necessarily easy, but good none the less.

### Bannister UMC Summer Fun Day!

Come & join us at Bannister United Methodist Church (103 E. Hanvey St) on Saturday, August 23rd from noon to 3PM for FUN, FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, & LIVE MUSIC. Our friends, The Silverado Express will be providing live music for your listening pleasure.

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### Walk with Ease Group Program Starting

submitted by Christine T. Histed

The Walk with Ease Program is a walking exercise program that can reduce pain and improve overall health. If you can be on your feet for 10 minutes without increased pain, you can have success with Walk with Ease. The program includes walking, stretching exercises, health information, and motivation!

It's free to attend and you receive a Participant Workbook to keep. Must be 60 years old or older to attend.

The workshop is 6 weeks; Tuesdays, September 30 - November 4, 2025, from 1:30 - 2:30 pm.

Meet at Briggs District Library in St. Johns. Plan to meet at the library in the Meeting Room, then walk outside, weather permitting.

To register, call Tri-County Office on Aging at 517-887-1465 or email histedc@tcoa.org.

### Religious Education Classes at St. Cyril's Catholic Church in Bannister

submitted by Theresa Sopocy

St Cyril's Catholic Church in Bannister will be offering religious education classes for preschool- 6th grade students for the 2025-2026 school year. Classes run from October through April and meet two times a month on Sundays at 9 am. If you are interested please contact Theresa Sopocy at sopocyt@gmail.com. Adults who are interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith please contact Margaret Horak at margarethorak31@gmail.com.

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## Country Christmas Adds Pick-Up Location to Casino Trip

submitted by Keith Salisbury

Due to popular demand, the Village of Ashley Country Christmas has added a second pick-up location for the Saturday, Sept. 13 bus trip fundraiser to FireKeepers Casino in Battle Creek.

The bus will leave Ashley at noon, but will then stop in St. Johns at the park-and-ride location just off US 127 at M-21. On the return trip, the bus will stop in St. Johns before ending up at Ashley, around 7:30 p.m.

The cost of the trip is \$55, with participants receiving \$20 for free play plus a \$5 promotion. There will also be raffles on the bus for a homemade quilt, two North Pole Express tickets for the 2025 season, and more.

There are only 56 seats available, so call Jane at (517) 281-6456 to reserve a seat. Payment must be received by Friday, Aug. 29. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used for Ashley Country Christmas activities.



## 3rd Annual Community Family Fun Day

submitted by Melissa Holmquist

"Grove Bible Church (corner of Shepardsville and Price) is excited to host its 3rd annual Community Family Fun Day on Saturday, August 23rd from 1-4 pm. All are welcome to come! In addition to the bounce houses, dunk tank, and carnival games you have come to love we will have the foam machine back by popular demand (get ready to get wet)!"

We will be recognizing and honoring our local first responders. Our law enforcement, ems workers, corrections officers and military mean so much to us!

Brand-new this year will be our first ever classic car show hosted by veteran car show hosts. Invite some friends and come on out and say hi - oh and did we mention free giveaways too?!?!"

You won't want to miss this exciting community event completely free to the public as our way of saying thank you!"

## Elsie Library Historical Society Meeting

submitted by Janet Swanson

The Elsie Library Historical Society next meeting will be Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Historical Room (on the East side of the Library).

The public is invited to come and learn what projects we are working on to maintain and improve our present room.

The Historical Room is 50 years old; and again a huge thank you to the countless volunteers who have donated time, money and resources over the years. If you haven't stopped in a while, we encourage you to visit and see what's new. We have currently displayed pictures featuring Elsie's businesses from the 50's - 70's.

Come and see all the pictures we have found so far and perhaps you have others to add to our display. We are open every Wednesday 2-5 p.m. this Fall and by appointment.



## Bingo at Elsie American Legion

submitted by Brian Valentine

The Elsie American Legion Post 502 will be hosting BINGO on Saturday August 23, 2025 from 12:00 to 5:00 pm. This is a fundraiser and all public is invited to attend! Also, the Heroes Park Committee is hosting a Car Show at the Heroes Park in Elsie on the same day. Come and support both! The Committee and the Veterans of the Elsie American Legion thank you and appreciate your support.



## Memorial Healthcare Sleep Center Achieves Full Accreditation from the American Academy of Sleep Medicine

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso — Memorial Healthcare is proud to announce that the Memorial Healthcare Sleep Center has received full accreditation from the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM) — the gold standard in the field of sleep medicine.

This prestigious accreditation is awarded only to sleep centers that demonstrate the highest standards of patient care, clinical excellence, and safety. To earn this distinction, the Sleep Center met rigorous benchmarks across multiple areas, including:

- Qualifications and training of staff
- Facility and equipment quality
- Comprehensive policies and procedures

- Ongoing quality assurance and performance improvement
- Evidence-based evaluation and treatment of sleep disorders

This achievement reflects Memorial Healthcare's commitment to delivering exceptional, evidence-based care to patients experiencing sleep-related issues such as sleep apnea, insomnia, restless leg syndrome, and other sleep disorders.

To learn more, please visit [www.MemorialHealthcare.org](http://www.MemorialHealthcare.org).

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Actions taken and timeline  
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# Sports

## MHSAA Provides Heat Acclimatization Reminders, Resources as 2025-26 Fall Season Kicks Off

EAST LANSING -- This summer has seen several stretches of hot and humid weather, and as student-athletes prepare to begin practices and competition schedules this month, the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) is again ramping up awareness of hot-weather precautions as schools and families prepare for activity.

Each year, the MHSAA provides information to its member schools to help them prepare for hot-weather practice and game conditions during the late summer and early fall. Practices for all Fall 2025 sports – cross country, girls field hockey, football, Lower Peninsula girls golf, boys soccer, Lower Peninsula girls swimming & diving, Lower Peninsula boys and Upper Peninsula girls tennis, and volleyball – may begin Monday, Aug. 11.

The “Health & Safety” page of the MHSAA Website (<https://www.mhsaa.com/about/general-resources/health-safety/heat-hydration-resources>) has links to several information sources, including the MHSAA preseason publication Heat Ways, which is available for download and includes valuable information on heat management in addition to requirements and resources regarding head injuries, sudden cardiac arrest and emergency action plans.



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# Obituaries

## Catherine Sue “Cathy” Wang

Catherine Sue “Cathy” Wang, age 69, of Ashley, Michigan, passed away Sunday, August 3, 2025, at University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Lansing, Lansing, Michigan.

Catherine was born at Camp Pendleton, California on June 5, 1956, the daughter of Edward Joseph and Margaret Ann (Ryan) Swanchara. She lived most of her life in the Ashley area. On April 3, 1976, Cathy married Randy Duane Wang at Edgewood Church of God in Ithaca, MI. They were blessed with thirty-eight years of marriage prior to Randy’s passing on November 11, 2014.

Cathy was an amazing cook. She loved reading and watching movies. She was a caregiver and spent many years caring for Randy and their family.

She is survived by her son Eric (Regina) Wang; four grandchildren: Ezra (Lee) Bearden, Xander Bearden, Xaena (Miguel) Cruz, and Eric B. Wang; three great grandchildren: Jaycie Lynn, Saint Michael, and Theo; her brother Andrew Swanchara; her sisters: Brenda Hunt and Janice Seyrek; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by parents, husband Randy, daughter Randi Wang, and brothers: Ed Swanchara and Rodney Swanchara.

A Celebration of Cathy’s life will be held at The Topsy Cow, 145 East Main Street Elsie, MI, on Sunday, September 7, 2025, at 1:00 P.M. Burial will take place at Ford Cemetery, Elba Township, Michigan, at a later date.

Online condolences may be made at [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Ithaca, Michigan.



# Editorial

Isaiah 59:1-2 says, “Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.”

It’s serious business to be a sinner. It’s the bad news of the good news of the gospel.

To be a sinner means to be separated from God. Our sinful natures and the actual sins that we commit separate us from a perfect and holy God.

The Bible says that before we came to Christ we were God’s enemies. That’s pretty strong language. And some may feel that it doesn’t fit.

They say, “Granted, I don’t believe in God, but I’m not His enemy. I’m not out writing books saying that God doesn’t exist or telling people that He doesn’t exist.”

Okay. But nonetheless, in God’s eyes, for us to be in a sinful state of unbelief is to be in a state of rebellion against Him. It’s the worst possible position one can be in.

And yet, when we are at our worst, God gives us His best. His one and only Son.

In Romans 5:6-8, Paul describes the wonder, the awesomeness of the gospel. He says, “You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Here is the grace, the love of God in action. While at times one person may die for another, and that is a beautiful, wonderful thing, God dies for us when we were still sinners! That goes way over the top. Way beyond one person dying for another, as great a sacrifice as that is. In fact, that is Paul’s point. Since it is amazing when one person will die for another, how much more so is it amazing that God, perfect and righteous, in the Person of Jesus Christ, died for sinful, rebellious people? God died for His enemies.

Why? What motivated God to do this? Love. “God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

It seems too good to be true, and yet, it is true. It is real. And all of it is received through faith in the gospel. That Jesus is fully human and fully God. That He died on the cross and rose bodily from the dead as the one, full and final payment for all of our sins. Big and small. Past, present and future. Long list or short list. It doesn’t matter. And it’s for everyone.



## Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn  
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### Laingsburg United Methodist Church

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Worship Service: 10:30am  
Pastor:  
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### Middlebury United Methodist Church

8100 W. Hibbard Rd., Ovid  
989-834-2573

Minister:  
Pastor Kendra  
Holcomb-Densmore  
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9:00 a.m.

### Bannister United Methodist Church

103 Hanvey Street  
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Sunday Worship 11:15am

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# Editorial



## The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster  
theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com



### Paper AR-15

The Weekly Sportsman spent a few Saturday's ago at the Clinton County 4-H Fair judging vegetable and fairy garden entries. Business was slow at times, really slow, and more often than not the Weekly Sportsman wandered around looking at other exhibit entries. Over in the Paper Crafts division it was hard not to spot a modern AR-15 model made of cardboard of differing thicknesses. WOW! An Ar-15 made by youth and allowed to be displayed at a 4-H Fair??? The rules are to look and not touch but this was an AR-15... with a working telescoping stock, charging handle, trigger, and removable magazine along with a picatinny rail and a flash suppressor. Upon closer examination it was discovered that Emmeline Croel from Charlies Gang 4-H Club was the exhibitor and she received a B or Red Ribbon. The judge's comment only said that it should have been painted. If that had been painted black the Weekly Sportsman is almost sure of the controversy it may have caused. Regardless of color, or lack of paint, the model was incredible with realistic working and functioning features. In the eyes of the Weekly Sportsman, she should have received a purple Rosette or Best of Show Ribbon.

First for the attention to detail and secondly for having the courage as a young girl to undertake what could have been a controversial project under slightly different circumstances. The Weekly Sportsman didn't have a chance to speak to Emmeline and congratulate her on her exhibit but maybe a reader or two out there knows her and can pass it on.

-WS

## Getting What We Are Paying For?

Letter to the Editor:

I want to bring something to the attention of all Township residents who pay taxes as I feel that we are not getting what we pay for.

The Ovid Township Clerk gets paid over \$26,000 per year, and has no problem asking for pay raises without providing justification for her request. Going as far back as March 2021, when then-Supervisor Debbie Shaughnessy requested documentation to justify pay raises, none was provided. For at least 2 more months, Debbie continued asking for justification and received none. To this day, during budget talks, no documentation is provided to the Township Supervisor to support a pay raise for the Clerk. But she gets one. Over \$1000.00 earlier this year.

And the question is: why? The Clerk doesn't spend very much time at the Township Hall to do her job and be there to support the residents whose taxes pay her salary. If you ask her, she says "well if you need something, you can call me at home and I will come to the hall to help you". I tried that, but she was in Lansing and could not come to the hall. She has also stated that she "was not going to turn this into a full time job". She also states that she does a lot of her work at home. In April of this year, the Township Board approved putting the Meeting Minutes into the Meridian Weekly and that the minutes would

be delivered to the paper within 10 days of the meeting. For May and June, the minutes didn't get there within the approved time frame, even though Trustee Byles offered to assist the Clerk in any way needed to meet the boards' actions. The Clerk stated that she "had no problem doing her job and did not need anybody's help." The Clerk didn't make the July meeting. Also of note, the Clerk has not appointed a Deputy, which is required by law.

No one expects it to be a full time job. But in my opinion, the amount of time that is being does not warrant \$26,000(+) per year. The Clerk doesn't even put in a sufficient time to qualify for part time pay.

We need a Township Clerk who is committed to doing the job as needed and paid for by the residents. Maybe a recall vote and elect Connie Kioski who is more than capable and willing.

William Keith Jones  
Township Resident



### Have a Question for Andy?

Submit them to:  
ask\_andy@aol.com

You can also mail or drop questions  
off to: Meridian Weekly  
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## School Bus Safety

Dear Andy,

It's nearly time for our children, who will be going back to school and riding the bus. I have been a bus driver for over 30 years and plan to retire soon. Not only do we need more bus drivers to provide transportation. I am worried and very concerned about the safety factors when traveling by bus. I cannot count how many close calls I have seen in my career. Children do not obey the rules of safety on the bus and drivers do not see the red flashing lights... what gives??? Please remind your readers to pay more attention and to explain to their children about safety in vehicles and buses. Bob, the Bus Driver

Dear Bob,

You said it! SAFETY FIRST! Just last year, in Michigan, there were 998 traffic accidents involving cars that passed school buses. Luckily, for alert bus drivers! They can usually circumvent the situation or prevent potential accidents by stopping the child with signals for crossing. Children must obey the bus driver, and parents must teach their children to watch for themselves and to listen to the rules.

Last school year, a young man and his mother rear ended a bus. The mother died. Last March, in Michigan a school bus accident resulted in the deaths of three children and two adults. We need to be especially careful in the Winter months. There were many accidents that should have been avoided, if people were paying more attention.

A 45-foot bus can weigh 51,500 pounds. Your car or truck may weigh up to a ton or 2, not to be treated casually when driving. The driver who is at fault can be punished with loss of driving privileges for life or go to prison. People who have survived carry a lifetime of torment and guilt, even when it was not their fault. It is not worth it if you are running late for work, too bad.

Slow down and STOP when you see red flashing lights of a bus. It could be your child or grandchild or someone else's ... Bob, Thank you for the reminder. Enjoy your retirement.

READERS: Please Be Safe! Andy at ask\_andy@aol.com

**Clarification:** In the MG's Perks and Pastries article published in the Weekly on August 10th, it was written that Diane Gingerich had served in Afghanistan for 5 1/2 years. She actually served in the Navy out of Ports in Guam, California and Virginia for 5 years. In the family photo, Diane's grandsons name was misspelled, his name is Enrique Guarjardo. Perks & Pastries is located at 116 N. Ovid Street, Elsie. The hours of operation are Tuesday-Friday 7am-noon.



## A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Time to rise and shine... Rise I get, shine not so much. It has been a rather busy two week period. The quicker that I advance the further I seem to fall behind. Today was rather simple. I got to sleep in until six and then proceeded to cover one minor set back after another. That dang critter that has been raiding my deck had hit it again. Potted plants were ripped from their pots and a few had their roots nibbled on but the rest were ignored. An interesting tidbit was the appearance of what looked to be burned black walnuts. No walnut trees on my property but burned black walnuts were scattered upon my front deck. Where they came from and how they got there are beyond my perception... Today is the first twenty-four hour period that has been comfortable both indoors and out. I'm enjoying it as I await a call from Margie so that I can deliver her peaches. I also thought that I would hear from Diane by now but nothing yet.

This is the second day of the week that I have made a trip up to Clare for supplies. Today I did have company with me because Karen was available for the trip. Of course the two of us had a great time gabbing all the way up and all the way back home. It was a good catch up session, which almost gave me an opportunity for a nice walk. My Buick was near to be gasping for lack of fuel. I almost coasted from the rail road crossing to the gas station, notice I did say almost... There was no ding, ding, ding to warn me of my judgment error. It took me fourteen point six eight gallons to fill up...I think that the tank only holds fifteen gallons. I was most fortunate. I should be peeling apples for pies this afternoon but I'm waiting for peach pick ups. Plus I need to tell Margie that her sun dills are ready to be refrigerated, as are Diane's, Dena's, and Larry's. They are probably ready to eat now, but I have always kept them refrigerated for a month before the pickles have to pass the taste test. These are a very garlicky dill...

Just ordered a new upright freezer for the shop. Freezer space is a major premium and we need more space for both fruit and veggies and of course the pork that we use. Which reminds me to order another hog to be made into sausage, I believe that we are down to the last thirty pounds. I hope that I haven't waited too long. I do get tired of being responsible at times. Oh my goodness, I wish that I could show you the treasures that Therese is designing for my gifts to my family members. She is one of those kind and giving individuals that everyone needs in their life. I believe that I will be taking photos of these items to show off to others. Many of my friends are very talented and they are good at sharing their talents. I am blessed.

I also have a bushel of peaches that are sitting on the dining room floor waiting for my attention... The wait won't be all that long but that gives me time to get kitchen ready for the assault of the peach brigade. I have to bring in about two dozen quart jars to be washed, matching rings to be readied and make space in the kitchen for the process. I swear that in the past that the process was a quick stint in time. I must have sworn a lot because I can assure you that there isn't much that is quickly done. Maybe the dipping the peaches into boiling water and then into cold to remove their skin. When you are looking at more than a bushel of peaches that it is big maybe. The peaches won't be ready for a couple of days yet, I do believe that I'm getting ready to have a race with myself to see if I still can successfully do the process... This could be interesting. Did I mention that I have six black raspberry plants and six blackberry plants that need to be planted in my garden? This is where I could use a 'wayback machine' to get caught up on projects. I'll check with Brent when he is over this afternoon to see if he could replace the trimmer line on my weed wacker. Then I would be able to remove the overabundance of thistle by my mail box, it was pretty while in bloom but now it needs to be removed. Prickly stuff. I'm happy that my life is seldom boring unfortunately there are boring items built into my days. May your life be happy, cheerful and full of good thoughts and may God bless you daily. Count them, it is amazing.

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The Knights of Columbus-Bannister donated to the E.E. Knight Elementary special education program. Robin Wooley presented a check for \$423 to special education teacher Hannah Ramirez to support those students.

## Memorial Healthcare Expands Orthopedic Services with New Bay City Location

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso — Memorial Healthcare is proud to announce the expansion of the Memorial Healthcare Center for Orthopedics with the opening of a new office in Bay City, located at 2117 16th Street. This strategic growth supports our commitment to expanding regional access to high-quality specialty care while enhancing convenience for patients across mid-Michigan.

The Bay City orthopedic clinic will be led by Dr. Ramy Kurdi, a board-certified orthopedic surgeon known for his expertise in advanced joint care and surgical interventions. On-site care will be provided full-time by Amanda Methner, PA-C, with support from Derrick Jaus, PA-C.

This expansion brings Memorial Healthcare's personalized, patient-centered approach to a broader region—ensuring more patients benefit from the latest in orthopedic innovation and compassionate care.

To learn more or to schedule an appointment, visit [www.MemorialHealthcare.org](http://www.MemorialHealthcare.org).



## SUMMERPrise! Season Closes with Stronghold Quartet

submitted by Lynn Webster

Stronghold Quartet will wrap up the 2025 SUMMERPrise! season on Sunday, Aug. 17, at 7:30 p.m. Owosso First Church of the Nazarene at 1865 S. M-52 invites all to attend.

Stronghold began singing at their church in 2005, and their ministry developed quickly. They now have recorded 8 CD's. Their latest, entitled "Almost Home" includes Going There, David, Almost Home, and I Belong To Jesus.

Don Byers (tenor) and his wife, Michelle, live in Howell. They have three sons: Brett, Bradley, and Bryce. Don is a mechanic for Otis Elevator, and Michelle is a tech. person for Livingston Christian School, and worship leader at their church.

Jim Kitchen (baritone) and his wife, Katrina, live in Swartz Creek. They have three children: Ben, Hannah, and Arthur (AJ), and two grandchildren. Jim is Asst. Supt. at Swartz Creek Public Schools and a DJ for weddings and parties.

Dennis Byers (lead) and his wife, Julie, live in Howell. They have three children: Anthony, Benjamin, and Olivia. Dennis is a social worker for Livingston County Social Services, and Julie is a teacher at Livingston Christian School.

Bill Neatham (bass) and his wife, Donna, live in Fowlerville. They have three children: Bill, Scott, and Krista, and five grandchildren. Bill is a retired CAD Designer.

SUMMERPrise! has become a highly anticipated event for area gospel music lovers. "We endeavor to combine national and regional groups," shared organizers Lynn and Diana Webster. "The music has been especially well-received as the crowds enjoyed the musical and spiritual message being shared."

A survey is planned regarding the season, so bring a pen/pencil to fill one out and give us your suggestions.

There is no admission fee, but an offering is taken to support the SUMMERPrise! ministry, which is sponsored by the Owosso-Area Ministerial Association.

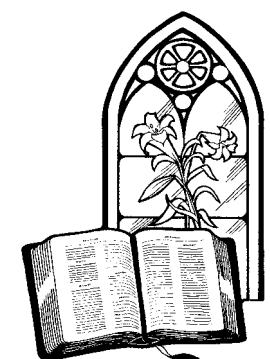


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## Ovid, Laingsburg Lions Club Raise over \$6,500 with Fun Day of Golf

LAINGSBURG -- A packed field of 28 teams turned out for the Laingsburg / Ovid Lions Club golf outing here August 9 -- one of the biggest events on the yearly calendar at Pine Hills Golf Course.

The field of players was the most it has in the last 20 years of the event. Last year, the work of all the volunteer efforts came to fruition with the presentation of twin \$3,000 checks to the Lions of Michigan Foundation (LMF) and the Lions' sponsored Bear Lake Camp.

This year, they topped that number once again, hitting \$6,500 in net proceeds. All funds raised will be given equally to Lions Bear Lake Camp and Lions of Michigan Foundation in the name of the Laingsburg and Ovid Clubs.

The Lions are reaping more of the same kind of benefits in 2025. The annual outing has become a major event on the local golf scene, and has helped develop a legacy of service to both the Ovid and Laingsburg communities. Longtime Ovid Lion Larry Martin and Laingsburg Lion John Carroll, Jr. "Both men worked tirelessly to strengthen their clubs and make our communities better through the Lions Clubs donations," said Terry Fraidenburg, who organizes the outing yearly on the Laingsburg side.

Mary Perrien and Deb Price handle the organizational duties for the Ovid club.

They were honored posthumously for their enormous contributions to the joint golf outing.

The foursome of Louie Robinson, CJ Lott, Tom Allen and Lester Sewell took home top honors. Their winning score for 2025 was a blistering 13-under-par.

"Giving back to our local organizations benefits everyone in our community, from our little kids' activities to our senior citizens," explains Fraidenburg. He highlighted some of the month-to-month activities throughout the year:

-- Spaghetti dinners continue to grow in the cold winter months of January and February.

-- An annual Easter Egg Hunt is extremely popular with all age groups.

-- Arts and Crafts exploded this year with over 40 vendors during the Laingsburg Springtime Festival.

-- The Laingsburg / Ovid golf outing had the most golfers and sponsors in the last 20 years.

-- Next up is a "Free" Thanksgiving Dinner for the community in November.

"Come join us at our monthly meetings the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Laingsburg Elementary School, 6 p.m.," says Fraidenburg. "We are looking for women and men of all age groups willing to make a difference in their community, and join a great world-wide organization."

He added, "Thank you to all the golfers, sponsors and Pine Hills Golf Course for making our outing so successful."



The winning foursome included Louie Robinson, CJ Lott, Tommy Allen and Les Sewell, three of whom are pictured with their winnings.

## Audrey Ray Brings Her 6-Piece Country Band to St. Johns

submitted by Bill Tennant

Audrey Ray, a Nashville recording artist, will bring her full 6-piece band to St. Johns for this special evening of "original country sound and twang with an added touch of today's country style." You will hear some of her original music, along with country cover songs on Wednesday evening, August 20th starting at 7:00 in the William E. Tennant Performance Shell in the beautiful St Johns City Park.

"Audrey and her band are one of 6 new groups we have on our schedule this summer," said Kelly Jurman, Concert in the Park committee member. "She has been growing in popularity over the past couple of years, opening for some bigger names on some big stages in the Detroit area this summer -- it will be fun hearing her show. She is even bringing a steel guitar player along with her for this performance."

It's been a busy summer for Audrey. She just returned from a Nashville recording session earlier in July with her producer, Mr. Kent Wells, who also produces Dolly Parton's music. She's played twice in the Aretha Franklin Amphitheater in downtown Detroit opening recently for Clint Black, and back in June for Jamey Johnson. "I have been doing this for quite some-time, so this year feels like things have just taken off so well," said Audrey in a recent interview. "It's been a true blessing -- a lot of great things are starting to happen."

The Concert in the Park series is co-sponsored by the Clinton County Arts Council and the City of St. Johns. Koenigsknecht Dentistry has graciously donated to the new addition building fund this summer and is the "super" sponsor this week. The Concert in the Park committee is grateful for their support.

The concerts are open to the public free of charge -- donations are graciously accepted and needed to fund the series each year. The Lion's Club food trailer will be available 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.



Audrey Ray

## Back to School Fun

The last Teen Night will be held at the Ovid Inn on Wednesday, August 20th after school for kids ages 11-17. There will be a special Hole-In-one Golf Tournament in Boyer Park, free ice-cream and prizes. The game room at the Ovid Inn will also be open. A great big thank you to all the sponsors and local businesses who made the Teen Night successful over the summer.

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# Sports

## Gridiron Gurus PICK 'EM Contest WEEK 1

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We got that right. Our weekly football feature once again in 2025. Like you, we love football! Bring it on!

Our opening schedule will be an abbreviated one, with 5 NCAA games opening on Saturday, August 23. Usually, the weekly ledger will include 12 games, plus an extra tie-breaker where you predict the total points for that contest.

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. You will have to write in a total points score in the tie-breaker column.

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

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.

This season the Wolfman returns as a veteran of the contest and will be joined again by the mysterious "Jared Campbell" -- a mashup of our two favorite Detroit Lions, Jared Goff and Dan Campbell.

I know. Cheesy, right?

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



**GRIDIRON GURUS**  
by Tom Turek  
sports@meridianweekly.com

## Boys Volleyball Added as New Sport as MHSAA Heads Into 2025-26

EAST LANSING -- The Representative Council of the Michigan High School Athletic Association took several actions during its Spring Meeting in Gaylord, including approving the addition of boys volleyball and girls field hockey to the lineup of MHSAA-sponsored tournament sports beginning in 2025-26 and reorganizing the winter championship calendar to end one week earlier.

The Spring Meeting of the 19-member legislative body of the Association's more than 1,500 member schools is generally the busiest of its sessions each year. The Council considered 28 committee proposals and dealt with a variety of eligibility rule, postseason tournament and operational issues.

After a yearlong conversation about emerging sports at MHSAA member schools, the Council approved a Volleyball Committee recommendation to begin sponsorship of boys volleyball with the 2025-26 school year. The Council also voted to begin sponsorship of girls field hockey beginning with 2025-26. Girls field hockey will be played during the Fall season, and boys volleyball during the Spring season, with the 2024-25 school year to serve as a development period as the MHSAA works with the current governing organizations for those sports. These will be the first sports added to the MHSAA's tournament offerings since girls and boys lacrosse joined the lineup during the 2004-05 school year.

Here is a summary of other notable actions taken by the Representative Council at the Spring Meeting, which took effect during the 2024-25 school year unless noted:

### Regulations

- The Council approved a change to the athletic-related transfer (link) rule stating that an athlete is ineligible in all sports participated in during the current or previous school year if that student has transferred to a school where a coach is employed who previously was a school employee or third-party contractor at the athlete's former school. This change of language bolsters the regulation to include links to a coach at the new school who previously was employed in any way by the previous school.

- The Council approved a change to the football practice and competition rule to state that a school may not take part in an interscholastic scrimmage with another school until the Wednesday of the second week of practice and only if the team has conducted football practice on at least seven separate previous days. A joint practice with another school is considered a scrimmage and may not take place until those seven days of practice have been completed.

### Sports Medicine

- The Council approved a Sports Medicine Advisory Committee recommendation to require high schools to attest by each season's established deadline that their high school sports coaches have emergency action plans specific to location which are posted, dispersed, rehearsed, discussed and documented within their practice plans.

- The Council also approved a Committee recommendation requiring MHSAA Tournament host sites to have an AED (automated external defibrillator) within visible distance of the event.

### Sport Issues

- **BASEBALL:** The Council approved a Baseball Committee recommendation requiring varsity teams to submit their pitch count information electronically by noon the day following every game(s).

- **BOWLING:** The Council approved a Bowling Committee recommendation allowing for Regionals -- Team and Singles -- to be competed on consecutive days between Wednesday and Saturday of that week to increase the possibility of more bowling centers being able to host. Previously Regionals could be bowled only on Fridays and Saturdays.

- **COMPETITIVE CHEER:** The Council approved three Competitive Cheer Committee recommendations related to stunting while also prioritizing safety. In a braced suspended forward roll pyramid, the flyer and at least one bracer will be required to have a hand-to-hand/arm connection, with one or both hands/arms of the bracer connected to one hand/arm/foot of the flyer, and with this maneuver performed only to a cradle position or in a forward suspended role without twists.

Another change will allow a backward suspended roll when it originates from the cheering surface as long as both hands of the flyer maintain continuous hand-to-hand or hand-to-arm contact with the original bases or back spot.

A third change allows during an inversion the temporary loss of contact with the flyer while transitioning to a double-based sponge with both feet of the flyer in the hands of the bases, or to a cradle or shoulder-level or below stunt.

- **GOLF:** The Council approved a Golf Committee recommendation to form a Golf Site Selection Committee to review Regional tournament groupings and determine host schools and courses.

- **SOCCER:** The Council approved another Soccer Committee proposal to institute a running clock during the first half of matches when the goal differential is eight or more.

- **SWIMMING & DIVING:** The Council approved a Swimming & Diving Committee recommendation requiring all times entered for MHSAA Finals for both individual and relay swim events to be the times that are the fastest achieved in varsity competition during the current season and electronically verifiable on SwimCloud.com.

- **TENNIS:** The Council approved a Tennis Committee recommendation requiring the MHSAA to reduce the number of Regional tournaments for a season from eight to six if the number of teams participating that season is fewer than 288.

- **TRACK & FIELD:** The Council approved a Cross Country/Track & Field Committee recommendation allowing for athletes to qualify for MHSAA Finals by reaching predetermined standards during a window beginning April 1 of that season and extending until that athlete's Regional meet.

- **WRESTLING:** The Council approved a Wrestling Committee recommendation to amend the penalty for a team when a wrestler competes at an ineligible weight class during a dual event. If the ineligible wrestler is discovered during the involved match, that wrestler forfeits that match and the opposing team will be awarded six team points, plus the head coach of the team with the ineligible wrestler will be assessed an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty resulting in a one-point team score deduction. If the ineligible wrestler is discovered after the involved match, any points earned by the offending wrestler are removed from the team score, along with the point for unsportsmanlike conduct, and six points are added to the offended team's total. In both instances, neither wrestler involved in the match in question may compete again in that dual. If the ineligible wrestler is discovered after the dual is completed, the teams have left the mat area and the scorebook has been signed by the official, the results and team score will stand.

# GRIDIRON GURUS

**WEEK ONE**

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### Sciota Township July Board Meeting

The July 14, 2025, meeting of the Sciota Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Matthews at 7:19 p.m. at the Sciota Township Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all. The Board members present were Supervisor Matthews, Treasurer Palmer, Trustee Reed, and Trustee Vondrasek. Clerk Parker-Wing was absent. The guests present were Charlene Austin, Nanette Lillie, Diane Baclawski, Kay Nickols, Nancy Cross, Mike Dowler, Diane Dowler, Ken wing, Dian Parker, Rene Mahoney, and Cindy Garber.

**MINUTES:** Palmer moved to approve the June 2025 meeting minutes as written, seconded by Vondrasek—Motion approved by all.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Vondrasek made a motion to approve the Treasurer report and place it on file, seconded by Reed —Motion approved by all. Account funds were: General Fund \$152,027.00; Tax \$10,724.82; IMMA \$34,573.58.

**1st PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**COMMISSIONER & PUBLIC OFFICIALS:**

o Cindy Garber shared the Shiawassee County Sheriff Department plans to contract Allstar Towing & Repair LLC for impounded vehicles in Shiawassee County that are tagged to be impounded. Although the contract has been contentious at times, Sheriff Chapman has worked many hours on the project, and she is in favor of contracting for service. This is not a blanket contract as only impounded vehicles are contracted for removal. The Owosso Water Tower on Delaney Road will be getting a new access drive from highway M-21. The County earmarked up to \$18,000 for use to build access roads to maintain the water tower and cemetery in Owosso Charter Township. The Community Mental Health facility has reduced their budget by approximately 1M. Cindy says they will be cutting back mostly in the administrative area. The Sheriff Department will be reopening the County animal shelter. Shiawassee County previously contracted with Saginaw County for shelter facilities; however, Shiawassee County is transitioning back to their own facility.

o Deputy Wells shared Sciota Township's 911 calls. There were 66 total calls for Sciota Township. The County total calls are up 100 complaints overall. The Department has 2 deputy positions to fill.

o Library Updates: Diane Baclawski spoke with Sara Danford and Friends of the Library. The library has 1,823 total members of which 18% is Sciota Township memberships. There were 80 E-books checked out, and 555 items that month were checked out to Sciota Residents. There are several July calendar of upcoming events, such as free Potter Park Zoo family passes, Impression 5 museum passes for checkout, and the Lions club is sponsoring story time.

**LSW FIRE & AMBULANCE:** Diane Baclawski reported that Sciota Township had a total of 162 total calls for the month of May.

**ASSESSOR:** Diane Dowler reported there will be a short Board of Review July meeting on Tuesday, July 22, at 8:30 am. She submitted a resolution for Board signature.

**BOARD REPORTS:** Supervisor Matthews spoke about having his house washed by a contractor and they did a good job cleaning the outside of his house. So, he contacted the board members for verbal approval to get the Township Hall washed for \$400. Treasurer Palmer received information from the County Treasurer that the State of Michigan Treasury Department has requested electronic property tax rolls (vs. paper/stamped) be submitted for future submissions.

Trustees Reed and Vondrasek had no news to share.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

o Budget Amendment

**NEW BUSINESS:**

o Dian Dowler submitted Resolution 2025-07 for signature to Supervisor Matthews for the Board of Review meeting date in July Tuesday, July 22 at 8:30 am. The resolution was signed by Matthews. Clerk Parker-Wing was absent for signing.

o On a motion by Palmer and seconded by Vondrasek. The Board approved \$400 to hire a contractor to wash the Township Hall during the month of July 2025. The Supervisor telephoned Board members for a verbal approval Saturday, July 5th, to contract Jason Sherlock with a \$400 prepayment for services. The board officially approved the request at the July Board meeting. A roll-call vote was taken. YES: Reed, Vondrasek, Palmer, Matthews. NO: None. ABSENT: Parker-Wing.

o On a Motion by Palmer and seconded by Reed—Motion approved by all. The Board approved a motion that the Township submit electronic property tax roll records to the County Treasurer as requested by the State of Michigan Treasury Department.

o Observations of Sciota Township. Rene Mahoney spoke to the board about their mistreatment of the clerk and of their maligning the Clerk's integrity. She asked the people who came to the meetings to listen with an open mind and asked the supervisor to please respect her rights because in the past he repeatedly violated the Open Meeting Act. They are openly accusing the Clerk of giving herself a raise by falsifying documents when she has a tape of the Supervisor clearly stated on record that the Clerk's raise of 2024 was removed, which is illegal by the State of Michigan. They continue to persecute her and by defaming her character, insulting personally, belittling, and spreading rumors. The Board has one set of rules for the Clerk and another rule for themselves.

**2nd PUBLIC COMMENT:**

o Wanda Potter noted that in working at elections with the Clerk, the poll workers must stay at the polling location until the Clerk is able to balance the results. She said that the Clerk balances the results in a way that she understands and isn't open to taking suggestions from workers present, resulting in the workers staying longer than necessary.

**APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS:** Reed moved to pay bills, seconded by Vondrasek—Motion approved by all.

Check Dates 06/11/2025 - 07/13/2025

Check Date	Bank	Check Number	Name	Check Amount
07/15/2025	GEN	11478	LINDA KNOBLAUCH	\$162.61
07/15/2025	GEN	11479	JAMIE PARKER-WING	\$1,140.90
07/15/2025	GEN	11480	LUCY MATTHEWS	\$150.23
07/15/2025	GEN	11481	PHILLIP MATTHEWS	\$1,126.95
07/15/2025	GEN	11482	NANETTE LILLIE	\$162.61
07/15/2025	GEN	11483	KIMBERLY PALMER	\$1,407.32
07/15/2025	GEN	11484	VAUGHN VONDRASEK	\$150.23
07/15/2025	GEN	11485	DIANE DOWLER	\$955.12
07/15/2025	GEN	11486	SHIAWASSEE COUNTY EQUALIZATION	\$1,602.00
07/15/2025	GEN	11487	CONSUMER'S ENERGY	\$41.68
07/15/2025	GEN	11488	JOHN HANCOCK FINANCIAL SERVICES	\$892.08
07/15/2025	GEN	11489	MICHIGAN TOWNSHIPS ASSOCIATION	\$285.00
07/15/2025	GEN	11490	ACCIDENT FUND INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA	\$755.00
07/15/2025	GEN	11491	SHIAWASSEE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION	\$34,391.67
07/15/2025	GEN	11492	T-MOBILE	\$39.65
07/15/2025	GEN	11493	TWIN OAKS MOWING	\$550.00
07/15/2025	GEN	11494	CONSUMER'S ENERGY	\$49.51
07/15/2025	GEN	11495	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AGENCY	\$10.00
07/15/2025	GEN	11496	UNITED STATES TREASURY	\$494.71

ADJOURNMENT: Palmer moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Reed—Motion approved by all. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.  
Submitted by: Jamie Parker-Wing, Clerk

## CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

**Public Notice (Birth of Baby)**  
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(08-17/08-31)

**Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement**  
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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Lisa M. Grysen, 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 30, 2019  
Date of Mortgage Recording: June 3, 2019  
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$275,554.84  
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Watertown, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 21, Watertown on the Meadow II, Watertown Township, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 7 of Plats, Page 39, Clinton County Records.  
Common street address (if any): 13994 Adeline Dr, Lansing, MI 48906-9397  
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.  
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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Johnathon Poole, married man and Kasandra Poole  
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns  
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing  
Date of Mortgage: April 8, 2021  
Date of Mortgage Recording: June 10, 2021  
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$182,206.62  
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Saint Johns, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 1, Block 95 of Original Plat of the City of St. Johns, according to the plat thereof of Clinton County Records.  
Common street address (if any): 701 S Swegles St, Saint Johns, MI 48879-2235  
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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Gary Alan Wallace and Stacy Rogers Wallace, husband and wife as tenants by the entirety  
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: July 17, 2015  
Date of Mortgage Recording: July 27, 2015

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$152,383.53

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Bath, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: A parcel of land in the North 1/2 of Section 9, Town 5 North, Range 1 West, Bath Township, Clinton County, Michigan, the surveyed boundary of which is described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 9;

then South 00 degrees 14 minutes 51 seconds East 6.11 feet along said North-South 1/4 line; then North 89 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds East 443.73 feet; then South 31 degrees 55 minutes 20 seconds West 200.00 feet; then South 79 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 752.10 feet to a point on the bank of Mud Creek, said point being North 79 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 173 feet, more or less, from the centerline of Mud Creek; then along said bank on an intermediate traverse line of the Easterly bank of said creek the following 2 courses: North 28 degrees 36 minutes 29 seconds East 75.68 feet and North 24 degrees 14 minutes 00 seconds East 273.64 feet to the end of said intermediate traverse line, said end being North 89 degrees 23 minutes 14 seconds East 165 feet, more or less, from the said centerline of Mud Creek; then North 89 degrees 23 minutes 14 seconds East 251.73 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel having rights of ingress and egress by means of a private drive easement as described below.

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minutes 10 seconds West, along said centerline, 177.24 feet to the point of beginning of said easement; thence continuing South 00 degrees 41 minutes 10 seconds West 20.00 feet; then South 89 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds West 879.00 feet; then South 00 degrees 05 minutes 30 seconds East 23.00 feet to the Northeast corner of Parcel C; then North 81 degrees 04 minutes 46 seconds West 262.20 feet along the Northeasterly line of said Parcel C to a point on the Southerly line of Parcel B; then North 67 degrees 53 minutes 47 seconds East 55.53 feet along said Southerly line to the Southeast corner of said Parcel B; then North 23 degrees 41 minutes 54 seconds East 215.00 feet along the East line of said Parcel B; then South 58 degrees 04 minutes 40 seconds East 23.00 feet; then North 31 degrees 55 minutes 20 seconds East 50.00 feet; then North 58 degrees 04 minutes 40 seconds West 23.00 feet to a point on the East line of said Parcel A; then North 31 degrees 55 minutes 20 seconds East 30.00 feet along said East line of Parcel

A; then South 58 degrees 04 minutes 40 seconds East 66.00 feet; then South 31 degrees 55 minutes 20 seconds West 30.00 feet; then North 58 degrees 04 minutes 40 seconds West 23.00 feet; then South 31 degrees 55 minutes 20 seconds West 34.25 feet; then on a curve to the left 21.94 feet, said curve having a radius of 90.00 feet, a central angle of 13 degrees 58 minutes 07 seconds and a long chord of 21.89 feet bearing South 25 degrees 38 minutes 20 seconds West; then South 19 degrees 21 minutes 20 seconds West 53.85 feet; then on a curve to the left 139.72 feet, said curve having a radius of 90.00 feet, a central angle of 88 degrees 57 minutes 06 seconds and a long chord of 126.11 feet bearing South 25 degrees 07 minutes 13 seconds East; then South 69 degrees 35 minutes 46 seconds East 45.37 feet; then on a curve to the left 32.19 feet, said curve having a radius of 90.00 feet, a central angle of 20 degrees 29 minutes 44 seconds and a long chord of 32.02 feet bearing South 79 degrees 50 minutes 38 seconds East; then North 89 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds East 855.23 feet to the point of beginning. Common street address (if any): 12110 Scotch Hollow Dr, Bath, MI 48808-8476

The redemption period shall be 1 year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a.

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: July 27, 2025

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**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**

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Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Jessica Herrick to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC dated May 24, 2016 and recorded May 26, 2016 as Instrument No. 5241332, Clinton County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Bank, National Association by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$184,424.39. Said premises are located in Clinton County, Michigan and are described as: Lot 5, Country Farm Estates, Victor Township, Clinton County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 7 of Plats, Page 7, Clinton County Records. Said property is commonly known as 8346 Country Farm Ln, Laingsburg, MI 48848.

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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. 25-19780

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## Huzzah! Michigan Renaissance Festival Returns for 46th Season

*submitted by Allison Joslin*  
Step back in time as the Michigan Renaissance Festival transforms Hollygrove Village into a bustling 16th-century realm—complete with noble courts, Vikings, pirates, and fairies. Enjoy 17 stages of jousting, live music, comedy, magicians, and more.

Weekends, Aug. 16 – Sept. 28, 2025 • Labor Day (Sept. 1)  
• Festival Friday (Sept. 26) Hours: 9 AM – 7 PM Where: Hollygrove Village, 12600 Dixie Highway, Holly, MI

• Attendance has grown 9% in three years, from 249K in 2022 to 269K in 2024, drawing visitors from five surrounding states and Canada.

• New in 2025: Wicked Wand Workshop, Ninja Warrior Challenge, Viking Invasion and Petting Zoo.

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Sept 26 Festival Friday

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Masquerade Ball — Friday, September 26

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