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Ovid, Laingsburg Lions Clubs Jointly Benefit Lions of Michigan Foundation, Bear Lake Camp

LAINGSBURG -- The work of volunteer efforts came to fruition August 19 at Bates-Scout Park, with the presentation of twin \$3,500 checks to the Lions of Michigan Foundation (LMF) and the Lions' sponsored Bear Lake Camp.

The setting was the Lions Club's annual Family Steak Dinner night.

The \$7,000 grand total was primarily raised during the August 9 Lions' joint golf outing, sponsored jointly by the two local Lions Clubs.

Chad McCann of the Webberville Lions Club and representing LMF, and Traci Tribley, representing the Bear Lake Camp Board of Directors, both expressed their gratitude during their remarks, for the continuing support offered by the Ovid and Laingsburg Lions.

The Lions of Michigan Foundation provides assistance to those in need with eye care, hearing aids or an unexpected life event. Services are offered statewide with a focus on helping Michigan residents succeed academically, develop normally, maintain independence and prosper in life.

Lions Bear Lake Camp's mission is to develop leadership skills build confidence, and to provide a premier outdoor educational and recreational experience year-round to all persons, regardless of ability. They strive to provide a positive environment through services and facilities.

Past President and golf outing organizer, Lion Terry Fraidenburg, made the presentation to the charities. "The participants at Bear Lake Camp grew in number this year and continue to grow," said Fraidenburg. "And our work with the Lions of Michigan Foundation goes to the very heart of what we do as Lions.

"We serve."

Ovid-Elsie Area Schools

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education was held Wednesday, August 20, 2025. Board members welcomed new staff and were updated on the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools 2025-26 school year kick-off.

Sam Sicilia, curriculum director, commented that the professional development held for staff Tuesday was well received. He went one step further and thanked Agri Liquid and Sue Kadlek, employee and board member, for hosting the event. It was a motivational event and a wonderful way to begin the schools year.

As part of the consent agreement officials took action to approve the minutes of the July 21, regular board meeting and July 24 special meeting. In addition, action was taken to correct minutes from February 17, 2025, March 10, 2025, and June 16, 2025.

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Corner Carousel to Celebrate 50 Years, Grace Ruckle Chosen as Carriage Festival Parade Marshal

Over the years in our community we have been accustomed to reading about businesses celebrating 10, 25, 35 and even 40 years in business. But 50 years, now that's an accomplishment by any standard!

This week Grace Ruckle, owner of Corner Carousel, is doing just that, she and her staff are Celebrating 50 Years of the business that opened along with Peggy Pattinson in August of 1975 on the corner of E. Clinton & Main Street in downtown Ovid. On Wednesday thru Friday, August 27th-29th, clients, friends, family and community members are invited to stop in between 10am-5pm and share in the celebration. There will be refreshments, prize drawing and souvenirs to commemorate the accomplishment.

After Grace and her hubby, Bob, were married they spent a year in Texas as Bob was in the military. Initially, Grace had wanted to be a nurse, she signed up for classes at LCC to get into their nursing program, but after waiting and not hearing back she switched gears and entered the Owosso Beauty Academy. It wasn't until after three months in Beauty college that she was informed she had been accepted into LCC's nursing program. By then she was happy where she was and she had met Peggy there and they struck up a friendship. From that friendship, Corner Carousel was established.



(seated) Grace Ruckle with daughter Patty Coleson and Bob Sauer

I sat down with Grace last week to talk about her success. "I worked 6 days a week for 30 years. Today, I'm down to 3 1/2 days a week and that's enough." She told me that when first opening up in 1975 beauty shops were not allowed per state licensing, to cut men's hair. In 1978, that rule changed. "Some men still are a little hesitant to enter a beauty shop," she said. Another cool thing she told me was that Ovid resident and business owner, Deno

Applebee was a day one client of hers and continues to visit Corner Carousel today at the age of 92.

The salon has three work stations, Grace's daughter, Patty Coleson who has worked at her station for 34 years and Bob Sauer who shares his talent at the third station. Others who have shared their talent over the years at the salon include, Georgia Horton, Linda Lou Behrens, Marilyn Bates, Krista Pierce and Colleen Pernell, just to name a few.

Grace and Bob have two daughters, Patty Coleson and Haylee Apol. They have been blessed with 5 grandchildren, Devyn, Derek, Cayden, Alivia and Addisyn. There is also a lady you may see whizzing around town on her scooter, that's Grace's Mom, Gloria House.

The Carriage Days Committee is happy to announce that Grace Ruckle has been chosen as the 2025 Carriage Festival Parade Marshal. She will be riding in a Carriage by PJ's Percheons along with her daughter Patty, on Saturday, September 6th at 11 am. Be sure to give Grace a great big wave as she rides along the parade route. Also be sure and stop into the salon next Wednesday-Friday from 10am-5pm and Congratulate Grace and share in the celebration.



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The church is located at 8975 E. M-21, Ovid.



I would like to express a heartfelt thank you for all the gifts, flowers, cards, calls, emails and texts received for my recent 90th birthday. I am blessed to have such a loving family, wonderful friends, and live in a very caring community!

-Margo Martin



Elsie Lions Club Partners with American Red Cross to Host Community Blood Drive September 12th

submitted by Douglas Sturgis

The Elsie Lions Club will host a community blood drive with the American Red Cross on September 12, 2025 from 1:00 to 4:45 at the Elsie United Methodist Church.



For more information on how to make an appointment to donate, call 517-256-4585 or sign up online at redcrossblood.org with sponsor code "Elsie".

The Elsie Lions Club is committed to strengthening our community and helping meet hospital and patient needs through blood donations, said Lion Douglas Sturgis. "This blood drive is our way of giving staff, colleagues and neighbors an opportunity to help save lives."

Blood is a perishable product that can only come from volunteer blood donors. With someone in the U.S. needing blood every two seconds, blood products must be constantly replenished, according to the Red Cross.

"We urge community members to donate blood and help ensure that patients in local hospitals have a supply of blood ready and waiting before an emergency occurs. There's no better feeling than knowing that your blood donation may give someone a second chance at life." The Elsie event continues to gain in popularity for donors in the area. Schedule today, don't miss this opportunity to make a difference.

According to the Red Cross, donors with all blood types are needed, especially those with types O negative, A negative and B negative.

For more information, contact: Douglas Sturgis, 517-256-4585

Memorial Healthcare to Host Free Lunch and Learn on "Seasonal Allergies"

submitted by Dianna Vsetula

Owosso - Memorial Healthcare will be hosting a FREE community Lunch and Learn presentation on Thursday, September 25th from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm in Owosso.

The topic of this educational presentation will be on "Seasonal Allergies" and will be presented by Dr. Jeffrey Kepes from Memorial Healthcare Allergy & Immunology.

This presentation will be held at Memorial Healthcare's Auditorium, 826 W. King Street, Owosso. Please RSVP to Becky Dahlke, Community Resource Manager at (989) 729-4856 or by email at RDahlke@memorialhealthcare.org. RSVPs are due by Thursday, September 18th.

For more information please visit, www.MemorialHealthcare.org



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.



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Ford Cemetery Elba Township of Gratiot County July 8, 2025 Burial/Grave Information

All interments (all full body and all cremations including ones being placed in monuments) must go through the Ford Cemetery Sexton. Information needed is usually included on burial permits. For cremations the Sexton needs the same information for Cemetery records. This includes: name, birth date, death date, sex, place of death and if the deceased is a veteran. All Monuments will need a foundation installed by the cemetery, which will have an added 3-inch border to the size of the base of monument. Monuments should be no more than 42 inches long for 1 grave or a double grave could be longer as they are placed in the middle of 2. For large Monuments, please contact the Sexton, so we can make sure there is room for them.

1. The price of burial rights for a single plot \$400 (\$75 of this is placed for permanent care).
2. Foundations will have a 3" border surrounding the base of the monuments and the price will be at \$.55 per square inch.
3. The price for a full burial in the summer will be \$600 and \$800 in the winter (December 1st to March 31st)
4. There is a \$100 extra fee for burials after 3pm and for weekends or holidays.
5. Winter Cremation or baby burials are \$200, if an excavator is required it will be \$ 575.
6. Summer Cremation or baby burials without excavator are \$ 175.
7. Remains in a monument, either at the cemetery or before monument is set will have a \$25 fee and will need the complete information mentioned above.

Paula Bolton, Sexton of Ford Cemetery
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Mark Horak, superintendent, presented his monthly report. The first day of the 2025-26 school year went very smoothly due to the skilled staff that made things happen. Building open houses were held Monday evening and the professional development also went well. On the legislative front the State budget for k-12 is concerning. There have been no negotiations, school districts are going into panic mode. Horak has slated September 5 and 6 for "Coffee Chats." One in Ovid and one on Elsie. Times and location to be announced at a later date.

Finally, Ovid-Elsie High School has been named one of America's Best High Schools for 2025 by US News and World Report, recognition as one of the nation's top-performing schools.

Officials reviewed the 2025-26 building student handbooks – elementaries, middle school, high school, alternative high school, athletic and transportation. All were approved without discussion.

Next, action item, the passing of conflict of inter policies 1130, 3110, 4110. Policies are available at the O-E administrative office.

The board has never participated in the MASB Delegate Assembly and conference. Ms.

Brook Wooley, president, requested designation as the delegate representing Ovid-Elsie Area Schools, the request was approved. It was noted she will be attending the conference as well.

High School curriculum guide – adding the computer science course as a science course and also counts as a senior math class. Approved unanimously.

The O-E Board extended contracts and a welcome to the following new staff members: Michelle McGroarty as a long term sub Spanish class working towards certification; Sadie Casady, as a long term sub, kindergarten, she has completed requirements for certification and will be brought back for a full contract; Rianna McCafferty as a long-term sub, teaching second grade; Stephanie Wilcox, high school mathematics and computer science, BA step 7; Brandi Bitterman, third grade; Connie Kioski, part-time paraprofessional alternative high school. In addition, officials approved the resignation of Megan Mack, third grade teacher, with regrets.

A suggestion was made to change the location of the school board meetings from the information center to the student lounge where audio is much better. This will be for regular meetings for 2025-26 school year. Larger meetings will be in the information center.

Wooley presented the criteria for public comment with a three-minute limit. Public comment: Eric Jones – reminded board members board of the ethics policy and respect for staff privacy.

Other matters – Willams thanked staff for filling position with qualified individuals.



City of Ovid Draft Regular Meeting August 11, 2025

Open Regular Meeting:

Mayor M. Perrien called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers located at 114 E. Front Street, Ovid, Michigan.

Roll Call:

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

Guests:

There were 7 people in attendance.

Agenda:

Council Member L. Perrien motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member M. Soliz seconded the motion. Carried on a voice vote.

Minutes:

Council Member L. Perrien motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion. Carried on a voice vote.

Invoice/Check Register:

Council Member E. Starn motioned to approve the invoice/check register from July 16, 2025 through August 12, 2025 for a total of \$155,997.13 Council Member M. Jones seconded the motion. Carried on a voice vote.

County Commissioner: 7:03 pm- 7:11 pm

Open Public Comment: Opened 7:11 pm Closed: 7:17 pm

Report Motion:

Council Member E. Starn motioned to accept receipt of the reports from Treasurer, Attorney, Police and DPW. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion. Carried on a voice vote.

New Business:

a. Police Union Contract: Council Member M. Olger motioned to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Capital City Labor Program (CCLP) for contract years 2025-2027. Council Member M. Soliz seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call vote the following voted YES: M. Soliz, L. Perrien, M. Olger, M. Perrien, M. Jones, E. Starn

Upon Roll Call vote the following voted NO:

Absent: E. Brown

b. Carriage Days Street Closures Council Member E. Starn motioned to close Main Street from Oak Street to Williams Street from Saturday, September 6th from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm. Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

Council Member E. Starn motioned to extend the noise ordinance time to September 7th at 1:00 am for the Main Bar & Grill. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote

c. City office lobby closed September 2nd and 3rd Council Member M. Soliz motioned to closed the city lobby on September 2nd and 3rd for training. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote.

Adjournment-

Council Member E. Starn motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 pm. Council Member M. Jones seconded the motion. Carried on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by
Susan Tomasek Swan-Clerk

Victor Township Clinton County, Michigan 6843 E. Alward Road, Laingsburg, MI 48848 Proposed Board Minutes of August 12, 2025

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

Attendance: Roll call: Present: Wiswasser, Sayles, Prange, Willoughby, Pesch. 7 citizens in attendance.

Public Comment: none

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Sayles to approve August 12, 2025, agenda. Motion seconded by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Willoughby to approve July 8, 2025, regular meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Sayles. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Prange to accept August 2025, Treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Wiswasser. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills and Payroll: Motion by Willoughby to disburse July 2025 bills. (Paid August 12, 2025) Motion seconded by Sayles. Roll call: Members voting yes: Prange, Willoughby, Wiswasser, Pesch, Sayles. Members voting no: None. Absent: None. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks# 12617-12641, 12648, 12649 in the amount of \$76,118.35

Motion by Willoughby to disburse July 2025, payroll and payroll related expenses (Paid August 12, 2025). Motion seconded by Prange. Roll call: Members voting yes:

Pesch, Willoughby, Wiswasser, Sayles, Prange. Members voting no: None. Absent: None. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks# 13263-13271 in the amount of \$14,693.44.

Parks and Rec Grant Project: A representative from c2ae gave an update on the design phase of the grant project. It is about 65% complete. The Board gave input with additions, corrections and suggestions. The bidding process for construction should begin sometime this winter and the construction is slated to begin in the spring of 2026.

Clinton County Commissioner District 1:

Commissioner Nicole Fickes gave a report on County business.

- ITC proposed transmission line was discussed and included in the area are parts of southern Victor Township. This project includes approximately 50 miles of electric transmission line. ITC, through its subsidiary, Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC (METC) has announced its intent to construct new high-voltage electric transmission lines, including a new 345-kilovolt high voltage electric transmission line called the Oneida to Sabine Lake Project, requiring a 200-foot-wide right-of way (100 feet on each side of the centerline). The area manager and main contact for this project is Ben Tirrell, BTirrell@ITCtransco.com , 517-652-9005. The County Commissioners supports construction only along areas of existing infrastructure and also insist that public input during the process be allowed.
- Additional broadband locations are being installed in the next few months in Clinton County.

Briggs District Library: Kendel Darragh gave an update on the library. Learn more about happenings at the library at: <https://www.briggsdistrictlibrary.org> or the Friends of Briggs District Library at:

<https://www.briggsdistrictlibrary.org/library-friends/home>. **Planning:** The Planning Commission/Historical group completed the Blood Cemetery Memorial Garden Project. Pictures can be seen on the township website: victortwp.org. Historical signs for the Cemeteries, Reed Church and Dennison School are in production. The PC would also like to add a bench to place at the site. The Planning Commission is discussing crafting questions for a survey to be sent to the residents of Victor Township in preparation for the draft of the next 5- year master plan which should coincide with the County's new Master Plan which will begin their process in January 2026.

Maintenance & Facilities: Remodel updates including cameras, displays, cable/wire, etc. to be finished in the next month.

Clinton County Drain Commissioner: Property owners along the #042 Lake Victoria Branch 7 Drain and #818 South Maple Drain notified that the Drain Commissioner's office will be investigating blockage in the tile and per-

forming necessary maintenance (#042), mulching trees, mowing brush, and maintaining the right of way (#818) will begin soon. Questions can be brought to the attention of Ben Bradley at 989-224-5214.

Unfinished Business:

Emergency Services Showcase: Motion by Sayles to use KCI to send postcards inviting residents to September 14, 2025, for the Emergency Services Showcase in the amount of \$1,800.00. Motion seconded by Willoughby. Roll call: Members voting yes: Sayles, Prange, Willoughby, Wiswasser, Pesch. Members voting no: None. Members absent: None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Willoughby to spend up to \$500.00 on refreshments for the Emergency Services Showcase. Motion seconded by Wiswasser. Roll call: Members voting yes: Prange, Willoughby, Pesch, Wiswasser, Sayles. Members voting no: None. Members absent: None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Grant Resolution: Motion by Wiswasser to have Treasurer Willoughby be the point person concerning the grant process and sign all documents pertaining to the Parks and Rec. grant. Motion seconded by Sayles. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Sayles to adopt Resolution 2025-08-01 of August 12, 2025. RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND COMPLY WITH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TERMS OF (LWCF) GRANT. Motion seconded by Wiswasser. Roll call: Members voting yes: Wiswasser, Willoughby, Pesch, Sayles, Prange. Members voting no: None. Members absent: None. All in favor. Resolution declared adopted on August 12, 2025.

Hall remodel c2ae kickoff meeting: Trustee Pesch gave a report after meeting with c2ae. The project will move forward, and the board will be updated when more information is obtained.

VPN Network for Township Remote Access: VPN is installed. Motion by Pesch to change Victor Township's IP from a Public IP to a Static IP through DayStarr at an increase cost of \$5.00/month. Motion seconded by Wiswasser. Roll call: Members voting yes: Wiswasser, Pesch, Sayles, Prange, Willoughby. Members voting no: None. Members absent: None. All in favor. Motion carried.

DBI Project: Motion by Prange to accept the submitted quote from DBI for additional file for assessor, additional table in board room, and modifications to Assessor/Treasurer/Supervisor's offices in the amount of \$3,374.56. Motion seconded by Willoughby. Roll call: Members voting yes: Prange, Sayles, Pesch, Wiswasser, Willoughby. Members voting no: None. Members absent: None. All in favor. Motion carried.

2024-2025 Audit: Motion by Sayles to accept the 2024-2025 audit presented by VMD & Associates. Motion seconded by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

Propane Contract: Motion by Prange to accept the 2025-2026 propane contract by Applebee Oil. Motion seconded by Pesch. All in favor. Motion carried

L-4029- 2025 Tax Rate Request: Motion by Sayles to approve the 2025 L-4029 for Victor Township. Motion seconded by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

Dennison School Key issue: Motion by Prange to Purchase Keyless lock for Denison School for \$750.00 with \$313.00 being donated by the Dennison School Reunion fund. Motion seconded by Wiswasser. Roll call: Members voting yes: Sayles, Prange, Willoughby, Wiswasser, Pesch. Members voting no: None. Members absent: None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Sayles to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. Motion seconded by Pesch. All in favor. Motion carried

Copies of Resolutions, Agreements, and Minutes are on the Victor Township Website (www.victortwp.org) and at the Clerk's office in the Township Hall

Lianne Prange
Victor Township Clerk

Obituaries

Karen Maude Humphrey

Karen Maude Humphrey, age 83 of Owosso passed away Thursday, August 14, 2025 at Ovid Healthcare.

Karen was born November 7, 1941 in Tecumseh, the daughter of Walter and Edna (Daniels) Hoenig.

She graduated from Leslie High School, class of 1959 and earned an Associate Degree from Baker College in 1986.

Karen was a member of Owosso Eagles Auxiliary #851 and had a love for animals especially cats.

She retired from Capital Area Community Services as a substance abuse counselor and case manager. She also worked for P.A.C.E and in her early years D.M. Christians.

Karen is survived by her daughters Patti (Steve) Ackerman and Jackie (Donnie) Mulder; grandchildren Melissa (Cliff) Margraf and Nicole (David) Caves,

Reid and Tarin Ackerman; Great grandchildren Payton and Bentley Caves and Cayden and Jace Margraf. brother Russell (Kathy) Hoenig; other loving family and friends.

She was predeceased by her parents.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Shiawassee Humane Society.

Cremation has taken place and she will be interred at St. Paul Cemetery at a later date.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at Nelson-House.com.



Janice Marie Hettinger

Janice Marie Hettinger, age 85, of Ovid, Michigan, passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 14, 2025, at The Meadows in Corunna, Michigan.

She was born on September 14, 1939, in Lansing, Michigan, to Verlin H. and Alice L. (Remus) Love. Janice graduated from Ovid High School with the Class of 1957 and went on to earn her nursing degree from the Edward W. Sparrow School of Nursing in 1960.

On June 20, 1959, she married the love of her life, Donald Hettinger. Together, they shared 56 wonderful years of marriage until his passing in 2016.

A dedicated nurse, Janice was also known for her compassionate heart and unwavering care for others. She loved playing cards, visiting the casino, and—most of all—cherished time spent with her family. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the joy of her life. She will be remembered for her kindness, strength, and deep devotion to those she loved.

Janice is survived by her children: Brian (Theresa) Hettinger of Fremont, Jeff (Brenda) Hettinger of Owosso, and Connie (Mike) Walter of Ovid; her beloved grandchildren: Leah, Liza, Rachel, Danny, Katlyn, Brandon, Lexa, Dylan, Megan, and Logan; 11 great-grandchildren, with one more on the way; and her brothers: Paul Love and Jack (Karen) Love. She also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Donald; and sisters-in-law Lois Love, Donna Hettinger, and Doris Pollard.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, August 20 at McGeehan Funeral Homes - Keck-Coleman Chapel

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Christ Episcopal Outreach Food Bank.

The family was served by the McGeehan Funeral Homes – Keck-Coleman Chapel.



Jane Marie Jolly

Jane Marie Jolly, age 95, of St. Johns, Michigan, passed away peacefully on Friday, August 15, 2025, at Cadillac Hospital.

Jane was born on May 29, 1930, in St. Johns to Anthony and Ellen (Gladstone) Stambersky. A proud graduate of St. Johns High School, she was a member of the Class of 1949. In 1953, she married the love of her life, Keith "Red" Jolly, and together they shared 39 wonderful years of marriage until his passing in 1992.

Jane was best known for her kindness, generosity, and the warmth she brought to everyone around her. She worked as head cook in the cafeteria at St. Johns Schools, where she became affectionately known for her famous chicken noodle soup—still remembered fondly by generations of students.

Her love for people shone especially bright during the holidays. Jane joyfully played the role of Mrs. Claus and baked countless Christmas cookies to share with anyone who would accept them. After retirement, she worked at Rhemann's and used her earnings to buy extra Christmas gifts for her family, a true reflection of her giving heart.

Jane had a zest for life and simple joys—dancing with her beloved husband to polka music, baking delicious desserts, trying her luck with scratch-off lottery tickets, and most of all, spending cherished time with her family.

She is survived by her children: John (Charlotte) Jolly, Ellen (Mark) Rudy, William Jolly, and Betty (Joseph) Champagne; grandchildren: Sherry, Stacey, John II, Jeremy, Matthew, Tiffany, Lucas, Zachary, Mark, and Courtney; 22 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren, with one more on the way; as well as many other loving family members and dear friends.

Jane was preceded in death by her beloved husband Keith; her parents; her son-in-law, Jeffrey Sickles; grandson, Jacob Sickles; great-grandson, Dakota Rudy; and sisters: Mary Ellen Reese, Margaret "Peggy" Waltz, and Dorothy "Dottie" Schmid.

A funeral service was held on Monday, August 18, at 1:00 p.m. at McGeehan Funeral Homes – Keck-Coleman Chapel.

Memorial contributions in Jane's name may be made to a charity of the donor's choice name may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.



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Obituaries

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Martha Elaine Coates

Martha Elaine "Marty" "Mugs" Coates, age 80, of Elsie, Michigan, passed away Sunday, August 17, 2025, at Ovid Healthcare Senior Care Home, Ovid, Michigan.

Martha was born in St. Johns, Michigan on August 10, 1945, the daughter of Andrew Whitney and E. Jean (Mansfield) Cobb. She graduated from Elsie High School with the Class of 1963. Martha earned her Masters' Degree in Education through Michigan State University.

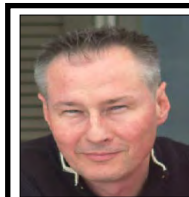
Martha began her career as an elementary teacher in Detroit in 1967. She then transferred to Waverly Public Schools where she taught for forty-one years, retiring in 2010. Her love of teaching was evident to all of her students. Textbooks weren't her style; she brought her own life into her lessons. She led a popular end-of-the-year camping trip to Wesley Woods for many years. She was a recipient of the Crystal Apple Award for outstanding educators twice.

Throughout her life, Martha maintained her love of MSU and was a huge supporter of Spartan Sports attending many games. She was a life member of the MSU Alumni Association. In recent years, Martha was an active member of the Michigan Centennial Farm Association and served as president for several years.

She is survived by three siblings: Lee Cobb of Grand Rapids, MI; Shirley (Glen) Larsen of Grand Blanc, MI; and Alan (Mary Ann) Cobb of DeWitt, MI; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, special friend Jerry Marshall, her brother Larry Cobb, her sister-in-law Jackie Cobb, and her nephew Michael Cobb.

Funeral Services will be held at Elsie United Methodist Church, Elsie, MI, at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, August 25, 2025, with Pastor JD Paik officiating. Burial will take place at Riverside Cemetery, Elsie, Michigan. Visitation will be held on Monday at 10:00 A.M. until the time of the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the MSU Ralph Young Fund. Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



Faith Focus

by Phil Hoppersberger
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"What Does Purple Taste Like"

"For you are bringing some strange things to our ears... (Acts 17:20)."

November 22, 1963 — Clive Staples Lewis died on the same day as John Fitzgerald Kennedy and Aldous Huxley. They've been dead almost as long as I've been alive, but for many of you they have been dead longer than you have even lived. Stop and think of that. Now ask yourself, "Where are they exactly?" Such important men just vanished?

All of them were important men who entered eternity on the same day; the most powerful man in the free world, a well-known British agnostic writer, and a famous Irish-born Christian writer, who profoundly said this about our leaving in The Weight of Glory:

"If we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards in the Gospels, it would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambitions when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased."

Another way of thinking of this offer is "the enemy of the best is the good." We're distracted by what we can see squish between our toes, and miss out on going away to a vast new world — content in a child's playground when flight is possible. In short, we settle. An enemy indeed, but who distracts us from slipping our muddy bonds to fly off?

The Bible says that Satan knows God, knows that He is real, has talked with Him, seen Him, defied Him, and even believes in Him. This knowledge is not a saving-eternal faith (a submission to Him as Lord and King). Real genuine faith is doing something about it. "Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead (James 2:17)." True trust precedes action.

Writing is like that. I can think all about writing a movie, but a scene must be put on a page (and total about 120 pages to be a script). Anything else is Jell-O in your pocket. God is a bit like that. There is a substance to Him, but as a Spirit He doesn't stay in our pocket; He is unconfined. A hard-to-hold jiggle, and perhaps a bit like tasting a color.

We all know the color Purple, but what if I told you that it had a taste (not a grape flavor), a new other worldly sensation, strange and marvelous, like a holiday at the sea. This is what Paul presented to the Greeks in Athens...a new God flavor... strange to ears and tongues, but very much a real taste. Resurrection! Here's Paul's holiday offer...

"Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising him from the dead."

When Gary Habermas agreed to write the Introduction for 52 Thinks About God II, I was thrilled. He is the foremost scholar on this Purple "proof" and you can gobble it down right now on his website for free. Your ignorance about the taste of Purple is no longer an excuse on the day when we all stand with Lewis, JFK, and Huxley. Just take a lick.

Or will you stay in your slum, an ignorant child in the mud with temporary things when infinite joy is at the seashore? God is no longer overlooking your ignorance as an excuse. He has declared repentance (get up and leave your mud pies behind) and wants you to get to the beach for a staggering good time (sample Gary's lifework on savory Purple).

Now then, the next time you go to a funeral or pass a cemetery, don't ask yourself, "Where are they exactly?" Ask yourself this instead, "Am I far too easily pleased?" Or to put it in biblical terms, "Taste and see that the Lord is good (Psalm 34:8)." Please, act on His beach offer, by faith, and take a tiny nibble. Trust me, Gary's website is delish!

www.GaryHabermas.com



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

It is already five in the morning and I'm up doing some deep cleaning in the kitchen. Not my idea of fun, but it is irritating to start a canning process and realize that all actions must stop until the issue of a spill is addressed. Oh well, it happens. I have a twenty quart pan of stewed tomatoes to finish up and then I will head up to MG's. I was supposed to sleep in today but didn't shut off the alarm. I could have shut it off because I was up already but just needed the extra nudge to get into gear. Now that I'm in gear I'm hoping for much progress. This past week has been interesting and filled with some wonderful blessings. On Wednesday afternoon I was driving down M21 headed west into St Johns and had to do a slam the brakes and swerve when someone in a white pickup pulling a trailer headed north on Scott pulled out into the intersection. I had the right of way and he had a stop sign. I am very thankful that I wasn't hit, it would have been a disaster. I wonder if he was on his phone... At any rate something had him oblivious to his surroundings. Maybe the city of St Johns will put in a four way stop and/or a traffic light. It is a bad corner.

Speaking of corners and stop signs. I was under the impression that if you are to be stopping before the sign that your line of sight should be clear before you pull out into an intersection. Meaning that you shouldn't have to pull out past the stop sign to see if your lane is clear or if both lanes are clear that you are crossing or turning into. I think that I need to discuss this with the local constabulary. I know of two such intersections within a couple of miles of my home. I have found the safest way to approach it is to drive at night then you can at least see the headlights. If that doesn't work, during daylight hours shut off the radio, and roll down the window and hope to hear anyone approaching as you ease out into the south bound lane. At least the semis are audible.

On Tuesday, after the shop was closed. I headed up to Clare to pick up some more Red Haven peaches. I had gotten three bushels last Thursday and needed a few more. I had forgotten about a recipe for peach blueberry bread that I wanted to make. I also needed to get some peach jam made. On the way home I stopped at Phillips Orchard to pick up some apples. I was also happy to find a public restroom there. On the way out the door I saw the posted prices for Red Haven peaches and I almost swallowed my tongue. Two dollars a peach with prices moving up to seventy dollars a bushel, granted the peaches were beautiful but I had paid forty-eight dollars a bushel up in Clare and I think that you can get them for about fifty-two dollars a bushel at the St Johns Farmers Market. I do understand the power of location.

Next on my agenda of information and sharing. I am the proud mother of Diane E Gingerich, she served nine and a half years in the Navy and another five in the National Guard. Like many others, she has traveled the world and found the value of home and family. And she has a nice family and several grandchildren which do add an extra light to your surroundings. Babies for cuddling, two and three year olds for scampering, five and six year olds filled with awe and ten and twelve year olds going on thirty. All part of life and served to make it both interesting and terrifying at the same time. And we love them all. She is one of my continuous blessings.

Robin gave me a call yesterday and also gave me fresh salmon from her fishing trip out on Lake Michigan. I hope to go with her next season, there was an opening the day before they left but I was needed at the shop and had to forgo the opportunity this time. That was another unexpected blessing. Then I got to meet Margie and Sally for lunch at Jade Gardens and Margie paid the bill, which was very nice because they joined me on their way home from Lansing. My life is filled with lots of blessings. God is good to me.

Finished up the first half bushel of tomatoes and got twelve quarts and one pint of stewed tomatoes. I had just added onions, celery, lemon pepper and Himalayan pink salt to the mix. Yes, there was about a cup left that I had for breakfast. It was delightful. May your days be filled with delights. God bless you.

Crystal Mitchell©2025

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@coa.org.



Editorials are welcome. 250 words or less.

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Carriage Days One Day Festival

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 6th, Ovid Carriage Festival's one day event. The day will start with a pancake breakfast from 8:00am-10:00am and will continue thru 6pm with a fun filled day with something for everyone to enjoy. Citywide Garage Sales and United Church Treasure Sale Thurs, Fri and Sat.

The September 6th events will include, Co-Ed Softball Tournament, beginning at 8:30am, Bingo in the Lions VFW Hall from 10:00am-Noon, Arts & Crafts Vendors, 10:00am-6:00pm, Parade at 11:00am, Food Trucks serving from 11:am-6:00pm, Inflatables, where kids can play for free, 11:00am-6:00pm, Kids Pedal Pull, immediately following the parade, Car Show, registration at noon, show from 1:00pm-4:00pm, Live Music, featuring Jack & Tess Clarkson, Noon-2:00pm, Kathy Ford and Bill Fuller, Rock Solid Evolution, 80's Band 2:00pm-5:00pm, Historical Museum Open House, 2:00pm-4:00pm, Miniature Golf, Boyer Park area, Corn Hole Tournament (Held at the Main Bar) beginning at 1:00pm, Wrestling Exhibition, 4:00pm-6:00pm.

If you haven't sign up for the parade or arts&crafts, applications are available at the Weekly or online at ovidcarriagedays.org. For information on the co-ed softball, call Chloe at 989-413-6722, for the car show, call Wesley at 989-307-9736, for Arts& Crafts email Liz at elizabethsnidere23@yahoo.com, for the parade, call Jodi at 989-640-4896.

Coming August 31st will be the Ovid Carriage Festival section with all the informationn about the events for the day



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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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Editorial

2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation! The old has gone, the new is here!"

When anyone comes to faith in Christ, God gives us new natures. Natures that desire to do God's will. Natures that want to live godly lives for God's glory and for the good of others.

It's similar to what happens to a caterpillar when it turns into a butterfly. First, tiny eggs are laid by the female caterpillar on a leaf. Around five days later, the caterpillar will hatch. The caterpillar is the primary eating and growth stage of the insect. Now it eats and grows a tremendous amount.

Next the caterpillar attaches itself to a twig and forms a hard outer shell or Pupa (or chrysalis). This is the resting or transformation stage, and within it the marvelous transformation from caterpillar to adult takes place.

Next an adult butterfly emerges from the chrysalis. The pupa skin splits, the limp, damp butterfly crawls out-now with compound eyes, a proboscis for feeding and six legs. The wings are expanded and blood is pumping into them. A little warming from the sun and it is now ready to fly off to feed and then lay its eggs.

<http://www.tooter4kids.com/LifeCycle/Stages.htm>

Now imagine if after going from being a caterpillar to becoming a butterfly, that the butterfly wanted to start acting like a caterpillar again.

What if it tried to walk on the ground? Or if it tried, somehow, to eat leaves?

Ridiculous, right?

And yet it's just as ridiculous for us who are in Christ to desire to live the sinful lives that we used to live before we came to faith in God.

It just doesn't make any sense.

As Paul writes, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

– Romans 12:2

In Galatians he writes, "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love."

- Galatians 5:13

Peter says that we should, "Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor."

- 1 Peter 2:16-17

This is a call for us as Christ followers to live godly lives.

It's not a legalistic call to try to earn our salvation by living a certain way. It is not a desire to earn God's love or approval from our lifestyles. Nor is it a call for us to live "better" lives than others and so get puffed up with pride and feel morally superior.

It is simply a call for those of us who are in Christ to know Jesus better. To daily experience life with Him- first and foremost. To talk to God throughout our days and think about Him when we can. To richly experience our personal relationships with God.

Out of this personal relationship with God, we strive to live godly lives. To follow God as He leads us and to do His will. To let Him use our minds and our bodies for His glory and for many to come to know Him or know Him better.

Michigan Apple Growers to Harvest 30 Million Bushels in 2025

submitted by Diane Smith

CHICAGO – Michigan's official crop estimate of 30 million bushels (1.26 billion lbs.) of apples was announced Friday as part of the USApple Outlook meeting which is held in Chicago. The 2025 estimate is above average for the Michigan Apple industry.

Michigan harvested an estimated 30.5 million bushels of apples in 2024. There are more than 17.6 million apple trees in commercial production, covering 38,000 acres on 850 family-run farms in Michigan.

With no significant frost and freeze events in the spring, and a gradual warm up into summer, growers saw ideal conditions for apple production.

Many factors contribute to the size of an apple crop, including weather, bloom conditions and tree health. To make the estimate, growers and other industry experts report on what they are seeing in various regions of the state, then come to a consensus on the crop size estimate.

Michigan Apples are available year-round. The largest and most valuable fruit crop in the state can be found at about 200 farm markets and cider mills in Michigan as well as more than 12,000 retail groceries across the U.S., according to Smith.

The Michigan Apple Committee is a grower-funded non-profit organization devoted to marketing, education and research activities to distinguish the Michigan apple and encourage its consumption in Michigan and around the world. For more information, visit MichiganApples.com.



The King of Rock and Roll is Back in St. Johns on Wednesday, August 27th

submitted by Bill Tennant

After an absence of one year, "Elvis" returns to St. Johns, with his Hound Dog in tow, for this wonderful tribute to one of the greatest performers of all-time. The King is Jake Slater from the Traverse City area, who has been doing his award-winning tribute to Elvis for the past 17 years. AND, the incredible Josh Ramses Band will join Jake on stage for this special performance. This not to be missed concert will take place on Wednesday evening, August 27th starting at 7:00 in the William E. Tennant Performance Shell located in the beautiful St. Johns City Park.

Originally from the Saginaw area, Jake has been an Elvis fan since he first heard him perform over the internet at his grandparent's home at the age of six. From then until now, Jake is a National and International award-winning Elvis Tribute Artist who has performed all over Michigan, across the country, and in Canada as well. He has won awards in Branson, Tupelo, Memphis & Winsor.

"I kept hearing from people who attended Jake's shows over in Ionia each summer - how great this kid is," mentioned Bill Tennant, concert coordinator. "Then one day I received a call from the Mayor of Ionia who told me that we really needed to book Jake in St. Johns. That sold me! What a great way to end our season!"

The Josh Ramses Band is a popular Bay City based band that is well known throughout the state. They perform a variety of music including blues, classic rock, country, 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, and a host of different artists. This 4-piece band has been a major backup band for Jake for several years now, presenting shows around the state together each year.

The Concert in the Park series is co-sponsored by the Clinton County Arts Council and the City of St. Johns. All of the co-sponsors who have graciously donated to the new addition building fund this summer will be recognized. 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.



The Elsie Lions Club is a community favorite during the Elsie Dairy Festival, feeding us all while we celebrate our village. This year, the Elsie Lions Club celebrated their 85th anniversary with hotdogs on special! Pictured here is Lion Robert Wooley presenting a check to Elsie Dairy Festival President Brooke Wooley for \$519. The donation made is a portion of the proceeds that goes back into the festival.

Purse Party Bingo to Benefit Respite Volunteers

submitted by Helen Howard

The Respite Volunteer Purse Party Bingo will be held Thurs. Oct. 9th at the Owosso Knights of Columbus Hall located at 1259 E. M-21. Doors open at 5:30 pm and games begin at 6 pm. For each bingo game, the prize is a purse with a retail value of at least \$45. Advance Tickets are \$20, or \$25 the day of the event, if tickets are still available. With the tickets purchased, 20 bingo cards to play 20 games are included. Guests are encouraged to bring their own snacks. Tie-breaker prizes and door prizes provided. This is an Adults-Only event. License #V11457.



Tickets are on sale weekdays 9am- 3pm at the Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee office, the historic brick home east of Memorial Healthcare hospital at 710 W. King St., Owosso. The main entrance is on the parking lot (north) side.

Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee provides case management, education and support to adults with health challenges in Shiawassee County, and help to the family members caring for the person. The program then matches a volunteer with each person to provide friendly visiting, usually weekly. The program also provides education about all the other in-home services, senior services, support groups, and financial help that is available for both frail elderly persons and multi-generational families caring for the person.

For more information about Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee services, volunteer opportunities and this event, please call 989-725-1127

Bottom of the Hill Blues Festival

Mark your calendars for the Saturday, September 13th Bottom of the Hill Blues Festival in Laingsburg. Twilliger's Tavern and Tank's Tavern have joined forces to bring you this event. Three bands will be featured that day, the event runs from 3pm-11pm. Watch for all the details in the September 7th issue of the Meridian Weekly. For more information call Ronda Liskey or Mike Putnam at 517-420-3181.

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Gridiron Gurus PICK 'EM Contest WEEK 2

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We're back for Week 2 of our guruific gridiron gala! After a sneaky Week One slate that offered just five games, we're back to a full schedule of 12 games -- 13 if you include the tie-breaker (total points).

And one more surprise. Please help The Wolfman "welcome" our newest mysterious man, Amon-Ra St. Gibbs. After some careful vetting, we agreed to allow the newest "rook" to take his best shot.

It'd better be good.

We will be running the contest every week until the end of the regular college football season (no bowls). The picks will include six NFL games, once that league fires up.

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

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

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

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

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



GRIDIRON GURUS
by Tom Turek
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Sports

Caleb Bond in Match Play at U.S. Amateur

SAN FRANCISCO -- Caleb Bond of Williamston, the Michigan Amateur champion earlier this summer, is in match play today in the U.S. Amateur Championship being played at The Olympic Club in San Francisco.

Bond, a Michigan State University golfer, played Charlie Forster of England in the round of 64. Bond shot rounds of 75 and 68 for a 3-over 143 total Monday and Tuesday to tie for 48th in the stroke play part of the tournament. He then survived a 20-golfer playoff for the final 17 spots with two pars to get into the match play bracket of 64 golfers.

With a win Bond would move on to Thursday morning's round of 32. The round of 16 is also on Thursday with quarterfinal matches on Friday, semifinal matches on Saturday and a 36-hole final match on Sunday.

Bond earned his spot in the starting field with his Michigan Amateur win earlier this summer at Belvedere Golf Club in Charlevoix, with a narrow victory over Laingsburg's Zach Koerner. Caleb is the grandson of 1975 Laingsburg High School graduate Jan (Willard) Morris.



Wolfpack Cross-Country Teams Host Season-Opening Sleepy Hollow Invitational

LAINGSBURG -- The Wolfpack cross-country program opened the 2025 season on the beach.

No. It wasn't a relaxing, sun-bathing kind of time. This was hard work with some excellent times turned in, coach Shawn Baynes' teams hosting the Wolfpack Beach Run at Sleepy Hollow State Park.

Yes. The dramatic finish line was on the beach at Lake Ovid.

The LHS boys finished 7th and the girls 8th in a stellar field, headed up by Charlotte in the girls' race and Saginaw Swan Valley in the boys'.

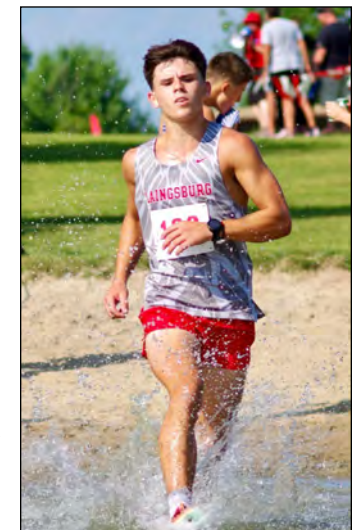
The Lady Wolves scored 179 points behind Charlotte 38, Goodrich 67, Lansing Christian 114, Haslett 124, Bath 162, Perry 171 and Leslie 174. Rounding out the field was Belding 205, Portland 207, Swan Valley 229 and Lake Odessa Lakewood 317.

Hazel Burley sparked the LHS girls with a time of 24:39.8, good for 25th place. Lilli Morrill ran 32nd, Kiki Ruzs 34th, Madison Phillips 52nd, Samantha Gutzman 57th, Hannah Rathka 67th, Meriel Burley 72nd, Ruby Burley 97th and Grace Knoll 98th in a star-studded field.

The male Wolfpack ran 7th with 205 points behind Swan Valley 77, Haslett 94, Leslie 111, Corunna 119, Marshall 152 and Portland 171. Fowler 209, Lake Odessa Lakewood 217, Belding 281, Goodrich 300, Lansing Christian 303, Bath 314 and Morrice 431 completed the boys' ledger.

Wolfpack All-State candidate Noah Devereaux ran 3rd overall in 17:24.8. Austin Hodges clocked 28th in 20:15.0, with Joel Rathka 52nd, Will Rathka 59th, James Foltz 74th, Calum Knoll 75th, Logan Robinson 80th, Cameron Betts 116th and Drake Pratt 120th.

"It was a great success," said coach Baynes. "Our team did well and showed the makings of a great season."



Noah Devereaux ran 3rd for LHS at the Wolfpack Beach Run.

Senior-led Wolfpack Soccer Team Opens with 8-1 Domination of Lions

MAPLE VALLEY -- Caiden Nidefski poured in five goals, and a senior-laden Wolfpack boys soccer team opened the 2025 season on a dominant note, with a 8-1 non-league victory at Maple Valley.

It was the first Wolfpack career win for new LHS coach Emily Tyner.

"The opening game was a good chance for the team to show some of their summer training work and come together as a team," said the coach. "They've worked hard this summer and overall I saw some good things offensively and defensively, but we are already looking to the next game and how we want to improve on some tactical approaches to solidify them in our game more and more under pressure."

Tyner explains the male Wolves are quietly confident and determined, very coachable and hard working. "We have several seniors leading the Pack, but a lot of underclassmen that are stepping up as well," she explains. "It's truly a team and all are contributing. I am excited to see how they grow as individuals and a group across the season."

Camden McGee and Cody Cataline shared the goalkeeping duties for the Wolves.

Two of Nidefski's goals were assisted by Cameron Spedoske, one by Kaleb Salas, one by Jayden Jackson -- and the last was a breakaway off a steal.

Other goals came from Keaton Dietz scoring twice, one assisted by Paxton Rodriguez and one assisted by Nidefski; and a goal for Jayden Jackson, assisted by Cameron Spedoske.



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Sports



Parker Hits Century Mark in Wins; O-E Boys Bring Home Soccer Title

OWOSSO — Chaycen Thornton, Dalton Jordan, Dominic Martin and Leyton Belill were all named to the All-Tournament Team, leading Ovid-Elsie to the championship of the Trojan Boys Soccer Invitational here August 16.

Coach Chris Parker's Marauders went 3-0 on the day with wins over Owosso, Corunna and Durand.

Parker hit the century mark in wins on the Marauder bench, with his 100th career victory.

Corunna went 1-2 in the tournament, losing to O-E before defeating Durand, 3-0, followed by a 6-0 loss to Owosso.

The host Trojans also went 1-2 in the tournament with 2-1 losses to both Durand and O-E and a win over Corunna.

Marauder soccer boys stay undefeated, 4-1 over Clare

OVID-ELSIE -- Dominic Martin tallied twice and Aidan Doyle and Marshall Leavitt added goals, as Ovid-Elsie's boys soccer team moved to 4-0 overall with a 4-1 non-league victory in their 2025 home opener.

The opponent was the Clare Pioneers. "We came out strong and took a 2-0 lead just two minutes into the game," said veteran Marauder coach Chris Parker. "We moved the ball well and continue to grow as a team."

Doyle and Mason Somers added assists to the Marauder offensive attack.

Carman-Ainsworth Ties Up Wolfack Soccer Boys in Second Half 3-3

LAINGSBURG -- The host Wolfpack dashed to a 3-1 lead in the first half, then settled for a 3-3 tie opposite Flint Carmen-Ainsworth on the boys soccer pitch here.

Keaton Dietz, Caiden Nidefski and Nolan Russell all tallied for LHS, with assists going to Paxton Rodriguez, and two to Cameron Spedoske.

"We are a young team, starting 8 freshmen and sophomores, and they played very well," said first-year coach Emily Tyner. "I'm seeing them grow in leaps and bounds. They played a very seasoned Carmen Ainsworth who forced a few mistakes out of us, but we fought to the end and created chances to score even to the end of the game."

"We are looking forward to a fun season with this young group."

Camden McGee started in goal for the Wolves and went the distance, making 6 saves.

FALL SPORTS

Previews
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Memorial Healthcare Now Offers HYDROS Robotic System

Owosso, Michigan — Memorial Healthcare is among the first in Michigan to offer Aquablation® therapy with the new HYDROS™ Robotic System, the next-generation platform to treat men suffering from benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH), commonly known as an enlarged prostate. Aquablation therapy, is clinically proven to provide significant, durable BPH symptom relief while preserving sexual function and continence across prostates of all shapes and sizes.

BPH is an unfortunate reality of aging for millions of men and impacts urinary function, making it difficult to urinate and fully empty the bladder. Common indicators that a man may be experiencing BPH are the need to urinate immediately or urgently, urinating more often than normal and urinating frequently at night. Without timely treatment, BPH can lead to severe health issues such as permanent bladder or kidney damage, bladder stones and incontinence. One in two men ages 51-60 have BPH1 and 99 percent of men say BPH impacts their quality of life2. The standard treatment option today is surgery, but this has been shown to impact sexual function and continence.

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CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

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

CASE NO: 25-32604-DE
Estate of
JERRY LEE KOHON
Date of birth: November 5, 1949
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent,
JERRY LEE KOHON
Died May 8, 2025
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to Emily Johnanna Holes, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 100 East State Street, Suite 4300, St. Johns, MI 48879 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Emily Holes
8950 W. Heribson Rd.
Eagle, Michigan 48822
(517) 281-9616

(08-24)

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

The **EDITH LOUISE LAW LIVING TRUST**, dated August 11, 2016
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent,
EDITH LOUISE LAW,
who lived at 1219 Glastonbury Drive,
St. Johns, Michigan 48879
Died on July 14, 2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustees of the **EDITH LOUISE LAW LIVING TRUST** dated August 11, 2016 within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Norman E. Moinet, Jr.
1002 E. Cass Street
St. Johns, Michigan 48879
(989) 640-2572
Pratt Law, PC
Alexa B. Pratt P83426
201 E. State Street
St. Johns, MI 48879
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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Trust

GEORGE W. PARMENTER LIVING TRUST
Date of Execution:
September 10, 2009
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent,
GEORGE W. PARMENTER, who
lived at 6642 Walker Road, Ovid,
Michigan 48866
Died on January 22, 2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustees of the **GEORGE W. PARMENTER LIVING TRUST** within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Silas F. Johnson
620 Whitehills Drive
East Lansing, Michigan 48823
Pratt Law, PC
Alexa B. Pratt (P83426)
201 E. State Street
St. Johns, MI 48879
(989) 224-9449

(08-24)

Health Department Officials Remind Residents the Importance of Staying Safe from Mosquito Bites

submitted by Brady Guilbault

St. Johns, Stanton, Ithaca, MI – The Mid-Michigan District Health Department (MMDHD) urges residents to stay safe and prevent illness by taking steps to protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites. In some cases, these bites spread diseases that can make you sick, like West Nile, dengue, Zika, Chikungunya, or malaria.

The best protection against mosquitoes is by using EPA-registered insect repellents with one of the following active ingredients: DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE), Para- menthane-diol (PMD), or 2-undecanone. When used as directed, EPA-registered insect repellents are proven safe and effective, even for pregnant and breastfeeding women.

To protect babies and children against mosquito bites, you can dress your child in clothing that covers their arms and legs and cover any strollers or baby carriers with mosquito netting. If you're using insect repellent on your child, it's important to note:

- Always follow label instructions.
- Do not use products containing OLE or PMD on children under 3 years old.
- Do not apply repellent to a child's hands, eyes, mouth, cuts, or irritated skin.
- Adults: Apply repellent onto your hands and then apply to a child's face.

Signs of a mosquito bite can include: A puffy and reddish bump appearing a few minutes after the bite, a hard, itchy, reddish-brown bump, or multiple bumps appearing a day or so after the bite or bites, small blisters instead of hard bumps, or dark spots that look like bruises. In some cases, severe reactions can occur in children, adults bitten by mosquito species they haven't been exposed to previously, or in people with immune system disorders.

To learn more about staying safe from mosquitoes, visit: www.cdc.gov/mosquitoes.

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CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

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

NANCY JEAN TOMLINSON Living Trust, dated August 5, 2021
Date of birth: January 15, 1937
TO ALL CREDITORS:
The decedent, **NANCY JEAN TOMLINSON**, Settlor of the Nancy Jean Tomlinson Living Trust, dated August 5, 2021, died on June 26, 2025.
There is no personal representative of the Settlor's estate to whom letters of administration have been issued. Creditors of the Settlor are notified that all claims against the *Nancy Jean Tomlinson Living Trust*, dated August 5, 2021, will be forever barred unless presented to *Michael R. Tomlinson, Richard J. Tomlinson, or Jeffrey A. Tomlinson, Successor Co-Trustees*, within four months after the date of publication.
Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

SUCCESSOR CO-TRUSTEES:

Michael R. Tomlinson
Successor Co-Trustee
12452 Gates Road
Mulliken, MI 48861
Jeffrey A. Tomlinson
Successor Co-Trustee
12520 W. Clark Road
Eagle, MI 48822
Richard J. Tomlinson
Successor Co-Trustee
2150 Pleasant Glen Drive SW
Byron Center, Michigan 49315
Kenneth L. O'Deen (P58004)
Attorney at Law
133 S. Cochran Ave.
Charlotte, Michigan 48813
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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CLINTON
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Trust**

Trust of **ANTHONY E. ARENS, DECEASED**
Date of birth: October 10, 1937
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, **ANTHONY E. ARENS**,
Died on May 21, 2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to co-Trustees of the Anthony E. Arens Trust dated December 17, 2021 at Rick A. Arens at 807 S. Maple Court, Sweetser, IN 46987; and Todd M. Arens at 2505 Julie Way, DeWitt, MI 48820 within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Rick A. Arens
807 S. Maple Court
Sweetser, IN 46987
(317) 220-3036
Todd M. Arens
2505 Julie Way
DeWitt, MI 48820
(517) 930-4616
Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, P.C.
James F. Anderton, V P67628
313 South Washington Square
Lansing, MI 48933
(517) 371-8282

(08-24)

Public Notice (Birth of Baby)
LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - This is public notice and affirmation that a baby boy has been born on the land in a mortal body to the Afify family. The family welcomed their baby earthside on the land of the geographical location commonly known as (Laingsburg, Michigan, Republic, United States of America) North America on the 19th day of July in the calendar year 2025 AD. He is happy, healthy and thriving!
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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CLINTON
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate**

Estate of **ELIZABETH LOUCINDA BUXTON**
Date of birth: November 3, 1943
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, **ELIZABETH LOUCINDA BUXTON**
Died August 1, 2025
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to the estate of Elizabeth Buxton, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 100 East State Street, Suite 4300, St. Johns, MI 48879 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Jennifer Pettit
11123 Griffith Rd.
Eaton Rapids, MI 48827
(517) 920-0758

(08-24)

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

File No: 25-32625-DE
Estate of **PATRICK J. KAVANAGH**
Date of birth: 3/31/1956
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, **PATRICK J. KAVANAGH**, whose address was
314 W. Washington Street, DeWitt, Michigan 48820,
Died on July 9, 2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Greg Overway, named personal representative, or to both the probate court at 100 E. State Street, St. Johns, Michigan 48820 and the named personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Greg Overway
704 E. Webb Drive
DeWitt, MI 48820
(517) 490-6673
Craig S. Gerard P66855
The Gallagher Law Firm, PLC
6025 N. Hagadorn Road
East Lansing, MI 48823
(517) 853-1510

(08-24)

**Notice of Foreclosure by
Advertisement**

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on September 10, 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): 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

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: August 3, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515

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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).

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Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clinton County, and described as: LAND SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF VICTOR, COUNTY OF CLINTON, STATE OF MICHIGAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT 400 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTH 50 ACRES OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 11, TOWN 6 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST; THENCE WEST 768 FEET; THENCE NORTH 429 FEET; THENCE WEST 552 FEET; THENCE NORTH 131 FEET; THENCE EAST 1320 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 560 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as 6214 South Hollister Road, Ovid, MI 48866. The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after the statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241, the redemption period will be 1 month from the date of such sale. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes pursuant to MCL 600.3240(16), the redemption period is 1 year from the date of such sale. The redemption period may be extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. 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. Date of Notice: 08/24/2025. Codilis & Moody, P.C. 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (313) 536-2500. This law firm is a debt collector. C&M File 23-25-00294

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**Notice of Foreclosure by
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Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on September 24, 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): Casey R Adams and Stevie Adams
Original Mortgagee: The Dart Bank
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None
Date of Mortgage: September 16, 2022

Date of Mortgage Recording: September 22, 2022
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$287,359.82

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Victor, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 13, Town 6 North, Range 1 West, Victor Township, Clinton County, Michigan, described as: Beginning on the West line of said Section 13, 1003.86 feet measured South 00 degrees 26 minutes 10 seconds East from the Northwest corner of said Section 13, thence South 88 degrees 23 minutes 20 seconds East 330.00 feet, thence North 00 degrees 26 minutes 10 seconds West 280.00 feet, thence South 88 degrees 23 minutes 20 seconds East 661.50 feet, thence South 00 degrees 26 minutes 10 seconds West 600.00 feet, thence North 88 degrees 23 minutes 20 seconds West 661.50 feet, thence North 00 degrees 26 minutes 10 seconds West 150.00 feet, thence North 88 degrees 23 minutes 20 seconds West 330 feet to the West line of said Section 13, thence North 00 degrees 26 minutes 10 seconds West along said West line 170.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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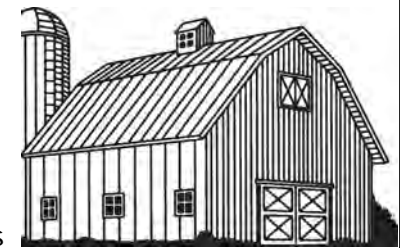
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Ron Elrod at United Church of Ovid on August 31st

submitted by Sue Casler

Ron Elrod will be at the United Church of Ovid, 131 W. Front St., Ovid, on Sunday, August 31 @ 11:00 a.m.

Potluck lunch following service
Ron Elrod, accomplished pianist, vocalist, and composer showed an interest in music early in childhood. He began taking piano lessons when he was only five years old. Even though he could not reach the piano pedals at this young age, he wanted to play the piano more than anything. At age fourteen, Ron started playing for church services. By age 17, he was playing with gospel quartets such as The Templeaires and the Calvarymen Quartet, in the Michigan area.



Later, Ron organized the nationally recognized gospel trio, Sons of Song. With many of his own compositions recorded on cassette and CD, Ron became a welcomed musical guest at churches throughout the U.S. and Canada. Ron has shared the stage with such well-known artists as: The Cathedral Quartet, J.D. Sumner & The Stamps Quartet, Dottie Rambo, Bill Gaither, The Statesmen Quartet, The Blackwood Brothers, The Oak Ridge Boys, Imperials, and Singing Canadians.

Ron attributes his longstanding musical success to his Heavenly Father for the gift of music, and to his earthly father who constantly encouraged him to keep playing and singing for the Lord. Ron's heartfelt summary of his life so far can be summed up in this one statement: "I thank God for his mercy and blessing on my life. Without Him, I would have no song to sing, and no reason to make music."

Ron believes that no church gathering is too big or too small for his music ... God blesses his people in every setting. Ron Elrod continues to compose new music, and clearly presents the gospel in every church, in every concert, and in every song.

Ovid-Elsie High School Named One of America's Best High Schools by U.S. News & World Report

submitted by Crystal Loynes

Ovid-Elsie High School has been named one of America's Best High Schools for 2025 by U.S. News & World Report, placing it among the nation's top-performing schools. This honor highlights the district's longstanding commitment to academic excellence, student growth, and community support.

"This award is truly a reflection of the hard work of our students, the commitment of our families, and the extraordinary efforts of our staff at every level," said Superintendent Mark Horak. "While the recognition is presented to the high school, it is important to emphasize that this is a cumulative achievement. From the earliest days in our elementary classrooms, through the middle school, and into high school, every teacher, administrator, and staff member has played a role in this success."

Ovid-Elsie earned this distinction based on measures of student achievement, graduation rates, and college and career readiness. The ranking affirms the district's ability to provide a rigorous, well-rounded education that prepares students for success in higher education, the workforce, and beyond.

"We are proud of the hard work of our staff and students and their relentless pursuit of excellence," said Jason Tokar, Principal of Ovid-Elsie High School. "This honor confirms what Marauder Nation already knew—that Ovid-Elsie is a great school district where hard work, community support, and a shared commitment to the 'Students First' motto makes a lasting impact on our school and community."

The district also extends heartfelt gratitude to those whose behind-the-scenes work makes student success possible—custodians who keep our schools safe, bus drivers who start and end each student's day, support staff who provide essential services, and kitchen staff who fuel learning with nutritious meals. This recognition belongs to all of them.

This recognition is a powerful reminder that Ovid-Elsie is not just a school system, but a community dedicated to helping students thrive. Families interested in joining our award-winning school community are reminded that the current School of Choice window is open until September 5, 2025.



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