

## Elsie Fire Chiefs Speak Out

While watching events unfold from the sidelines is sometimes the easier option, eventually the time comes to speak up—and several past and present chiefs of the Elsie Area Fire Department agree: that time is now.

The Elsie Area Fire Department serves over 3,200 residents across three townships and the Village of Elsie. Today, it finds itself caught in what appears to be a political tug-of-war. This is unfair to the Department—and unfair to the people who depend on it for emergency services and public safety. Yes, public officials must always make tough decisions, and competing priorities can complicate any situation. However, when the core mission and purpose are at risk, the community has both the right and the responsibility to ask why.

In December 2024, the Elsie Area Fire Association received formal notice from the Village of Elsie stating that the Village Council had voted to withdraw from the Elsie Area Fire Association and terminate all associated contracts and agreements. Specifically: "On December 10, 2024, the Village of Elsie Village Council determined by motion to withdraw from the Elsie Area Fire Association and terminate all contracts and agreements. NOTICE is hereby given, effective March 31, 2025, of withdrawal and termination of membership from the Elsie Area Fire Association. Further, NOTICE is provided of non-renewal of Schedule A of the Agreement that includes the non-renewal of the Lease (i.e., lease termination) and termination of the Association's use of the Village's building and all structures. (Collectively, the "Fire Barn"). The Association is hereby given notice to Vacate the Fire Barn and Village property by November 24, 2025.

While the Village has expressed a willingness to renegotiate, no substantial progress has been made. Figures have been discussed without clear justification, and no formal agreement has been established. With only three months until the Village's withdrawal takes effect, the Department's future remains uncertain.

At a special meeting held August 7, the Village mentioned a potential lease and purchase options: • Lease: \$1,200 per month for the 1st year and an increase of 5% or the cost of living increase for each year after that and with all building expenses to be covered by the Fire Department. • Land Contract Purchase: \$300,000 for the building with \$50,000 down.

Both of these options could be detrimental to the Fire Department. The Department operates on a fiscal operating budget of \$135,000 a year. There is not enough left at the end of the year to afford either of these two options. Either option would require an increase to all three township millages at a time when taxpayer budgets are tight as it is.

The Village continues to express that they need to obtain "fair market value" for the building used by the Fire Department, and yet they fail to recognize that the firefighters, with support of the residents and other local donors, covered the entire cost of building the new addition and made other major improvements to the Fire Station, the Village-owned building. The firefighters feel cheated! The idea of charging taxpayers to purchase or rent a building taxpayers have already paid to build just doesn't seem right.

The Village stated in their last meeting if the Fire Department leaves the building, it would revert back to the DPW, whom the building was originally built for. Of course, this means the Village would be responsible for the cost of heat and electricity in the building, something for which they have repeatedly said they can't afford to do for the Fire Department. If the building goes back to the DPW, who is paying for the utilities?

The Fire Association remains obligated to provide Fire and Rescue services, even as its long-term stability is in jeopardy as a result of the Village terminating their membership and financial support and the extra expenditures.

It's time for area residents to speak up. The men and women of the Elsie Area Fire Department are dedicated public servants. They deserve clarity, cooperation, and strong community support—not political games. Let the Elsie Village Council know where you stand. Public safety should never be treated as a bargaining chip.

Sincerely, Zak McNamara, Chief 1, Heath Arnett, Chief 2, Rob Saul, Chief 3

*The Fire Board held a Special Meeting on Tuesday, August 26th. At that meeting they decided to send two Proposals to the Village of Elsie. Proposal 1, \$1.00 a year lease and Fire Board would take over all expenses for operation and upkeep. Proposal 2, \$100,000 cash purchase to include the old salt shed for parking. These proposals were given to the Village President who was in attendance at the meeting.*

## Music, Food & Family Fun During Ovid Carriage Festival

Downtown Ovid will be filled with activities for the entire family on Saturday, September 6th during the one day festival. A pancake breakfast will get the day started at 7:30am at the Lions/VFW Hall, followed by a variety of fun that will include Art's & Crafts Vendors, Co-Ed softball, parade, food trucks, inflatables, kids pedal pull, cake walk, car show and wrestling exhibition just to name a few.

The Carriage Days Committee welcomes back the Clarkson Band who will perform from Noon-2pm. Joining Jack & Tess will be Kathy Ford & Bill Fuller. Kathy was recently inducted into the Michigan Country Music Hall of Fame. She has recorded 4 albums in Nashville, opened for Garth Brooks, Waylon Jennings, Bonnie Raitt and sang a duet on stage with Vince Gill. "She plays piano, guitar, fiddle, banjo and is an amazing singer-songwriter. She has been a big part of our Second Saturday Barn Dance at our family farm in Laingsburg," said Tess Clarkson.

For all of Kathy's performance accomplishments, her teaching and mentoring of musicians has had a great impact on Mid-Michigan. She hosts and promotes the Annual Lansing Has Talent competition, which has launched the careers of many musicians. She's been an educator with Ingram County Intermediate School District for decades. She holds a Bachelors degree from Olivet College and two Masters degrees from MSU. In her spare time, she is the music director at Christ Community Church in Lansing.

Also performing that day is Rock Solid Evolution, a local Classic Rock Band. Their playlist includes all your favorite songs from the 60's, 70's and early 80's. The four musicians include Ray Simpson, drums & vocals, Kevin Jones, lead guitar & vocals, Dave Chase, guitar & vocals and "Bassman Billy" on the bass.

Join the fun on Saturday, September 6th in Downtown Ovid. See pages 5-8 for all the Carriage Festival events.

Bleachers are available, lawn chairs welcome.



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# Social

## Ola Camp Special Meetings

submitted by Jerry Drummond

The Ola Camp Special Meetings will be held September 4-7, 2025 at 7 p.m. each evening.

Thursday: Speaker - Jerry Kissling

Friday: Speaker - Ryvers Shukla

Saturday: Speaker - Heath Miller

Sunday: Special Singing with Aaron Shell and Jason Yoder

The camp is located at 7212 S Bagley Road (US 127), Ashley, MI 48806

Contact Arlyne Cooper - 989-640-7975 or Jerry Jakus - 517-719-5127 with any questions.

## You're Invited: Coffee Chats with New Superintendent Mark Horak

Ovid-Elsie Area Schools invites community members to meet and connect with new Superintendent Mark Horak during two upcoming Coffee Chats this September. These informal gatherings are a great opportunity to share ideas, ask questions, and learn more about the district's direction for the 2025-26 school year.

Dates & Locations:

- Friday, September 5 at 8:30 - 9:30 AM

- MG's Perx & Pastries, 116 N Ovid St, Elsie

- Saturday, September 6 at 7:30 - 8:30 AM

- Mary's Country Kitchen, 8875 E M-21, Ovid

All community members—parents, staff, local business owners, and residents—are welcome to stop in, grab a cup of coffee, and join the conversation.

Mark looks forward to hearing your thoughts and building strong relationships throughout the Ovid-Elsie community.

## Ovid Historical Society Meeting

submitted by Karen Anderson

The Ovid Historical Society will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 2nd at the Mary Myers Museum, 131 E. Williams Street at 7:00pm.

All are welcome.

## Elsie Library Adventures

submitted by Ann Trierweiler

Welcome, September! It's going to be a busy month!! The Children are back to school and the race begins. Don't forget to take time to read a book and let yourself relax.

We will be closed for Labor Day weekend, beginning on August 29th and reopening on Wednesday, September 3rd. We hope you all have a safe holiday week-end.

Beginning on September 8th the children's story time and craft will be on Mondays at noon. Every other Monday there will be Music and Motion. Every other Saturday, beginning on September 6th, there will be a story time and craft at 11:30 am. Emily and Kathy have oodles of fun planned for all the kiddos!

The Elsie Public Library is also adding a few changes to our calendar. Starting in September, we will be resuming our book club on Thursday, the 11th of September at 6:00 pm. Our first book will be "The Tattooist of Auschwitz" by Heather Morris.

Then the next Thursday, September 18 at 5:30 pm, we would like to start a craft time for adults and teenagers. For the first time bring what you are or aren't working on right now at home. I know it's been a busy summer but come to just sit and craft with others or bring your stuff to get some time in on your ongoing project. Secretly, I am hoping someone is doing that felting thing...I want to see it done. Just come for fun. There will be something here for you to do. The first night, we can find out what kind of crafts/art you would be interested in.

On Thursday, the 25th of September there will be a Homeschool Parent's get together.(please leave the kiddos home, if possible, for the first couple of meetings). The Elsie Public Library has quite a few homeschool families, so the idea came from one of our patrons. She was hoping to find ideas, energy and comradery. Once again, this first meeting will be casual with a short survey to help us help each other.

Please look at our Facebook page for any updates or program info...P.S. come check out the cool caterpillars we are hatching at the library!

## Elsie United Methodist Church Happenings

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE - Elsie United Methodist Church hosted another successful National Night Out the first of August. The event brought the community, EMS and local resources together to celebrate with one another.

Next, Elsie UMC and Shepardsville UMC are hosting worship in the park Sunday, September 7, 2025. Pastor JD Paik will lead worship and music. Church in the Elsie Village Park will begin with a worship service at 11 am followed by a community potluck and fellowship.



All are welcome and are encouraged to bring a lawn chair, and a dish to pass and join in the fellowship. After lunch there will be bingo for all to join.

Above: EMS and local resources were in attendance.

Left: Marie Ade providing face painting for the kids.



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# Obituaries

## Edward Russell "Russ" Pope

Edward Russell "Russ" Pope, 87, of St. Johns, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, August 23, 2025.

Born on March 25, 1938, in St. Johns, Russ was the son of Raymond Cyrus and Sarah Alice Irene (Georgia) Pope. He was a proud graduate of Rodney B. Wilson High School and later earned a Master's degree from Central Michigan University. Russ married Sally Crowell on June 30, 1962, and they remained together until her passing on October 10, 1989.

Russ worked as a guidance counselor and teacher at Ovid-Elsie High School, where he also served as the head football coach and student counsel advisor. He will be remembered for pouring concrete for many of the sidewalks and driveways in St. Johns and the surrounding communities. A man of simple pleasures, Russ loved to gamble and play pinochle with his friends at Dershey's. He also enjoyed fishing at Turk Lake. Russ will be remembered for his many St. Bernards—all named Jake—who could often be seen riding in the back of his truck. He spent much of his time working on his rental properties in St. Johns. Russ served his country in the U.S. Army in Southeast Asia, returning home to serve in the Army Reserves. He was an avid fan of the Detroit Lions, Tigers, Michigan, and Michigan State. Russ was also an avid reader of books and newspapers. He was very proud of his children and grandchildren and their accomplishments; his family was truly dear to his heart. He was one of the longest-serving members of the American Legion.

He is survived by his children, Ross and his wife, Carrie Pope; Julie and her husband, Tom Manzagol; and Mark Pope. He is also survived by his companion, Janet Taylor, all from St. Johns, Michigan. He also leaves behind his brother, Jim Pope, of Flint, Michigan, and his grandchildren: Aidan Pope, Meg Pope, Jack Pope, Caroline Pope, Henry Pope, Mitch Manzagol, and Tate Manzagol. Russ was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Sally Pope; his brothers, Lyle Pope and Raymond Pope, Jr.; and his bonus son, Denny Cole.

A graveside service was held at Mount Rest Cemetery in St. Johns, Michigan, on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, Pastor Judy Hazle will be officiating, and military honors will be offered.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Edwin T. Stiles American Legion Post, 153 110 E. Walker Street, St. Johns, MI 48879. Online condolences can be sent to [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel, St. Johns.



## Sharon K. Lawrence

Sharon K. Lawrence, age 85, of Cadillac, MI, formerly of Ovid, MI, passed away peacefully on Friday, August 22, 2025, surrounded by her family at home.

Sharon was born in Ovid, MI, on Friday, November 10, 1939, the daughter of Robert & Mary (Aldrich) Rando. She graduated from Ovid High School. She married Allan H. Lawrence, on November 5, 1960. They were blessed with 64 years of marriage.

She is survived by her husband, Allan Lawrence of Cadillac, MI; her children: Allane & Raymond Wieber of Ovid, MI; Jamie & Alan Betz of Owosso, MI; Nathan Lawrence & Irma Ramirez of San Antonio, TX; her 5 grandchildren: Amanda Ashmore, Tony Wieber, Andrew Betz, Jordyn Florida, and Logan Lawrence; and her 12 great-grandchildren.

Per Sharon's wishes, private family services have been held. Burial will take place at Maple Grove Cemetery, Ovid, MI.

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



## Nancy Lee Jorae

Nancy Lee Jorae, age 86, of DeWitt, MI, passed away Monday, August 25, 2025.

Nancy was born in St. Johns, Michigan on August 29, 1938, the daughter of Stuart Arthur and Beatrice Elizabeth (Welhusen) Holley. On September 10, 1955, Nancy married Joseph L. Jorae in East Lansing, MI. They were blessed with 60 years of marriage prior to his passing in 2016.

Nancy had a love of gardening and liked to cook, preferring brand name items. Her dogs and cats were dear to her heart. Nancy took pride in keeping a tidy home. She loved having her hair done every week and keeping up on all of the Soaps she watched. Her grandchildren were an important part of her life.

She is survived her son Jody and Stacy Jorae of DeWitt, MI; her daughter Deborah and Glen Rodier of Ovid, MI; grandchildren: Chad (Laura) Jorae, Joshua David (Kelly) Fowler, and Noah (Gabby) Fowler; great-grandchildren: Brayden, Joshua, Shawn, Kaiden, Kya, Brittany, Carter and Chloe; her brother John and Virginia Holley of McDonald, TN; her sister Joanne Driscoll of Lansing, MI. Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, step-father Bob Burns, her husband Joseph, daughter-in-law Linda Jorae, half-brother Terry Burns, sister in infancy Judith Holley, and brother-in-law Bob Driscoll.

Private Family Services have taken place with burial at Middlebury Township Cemetery, Ovid, MI.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, Michigan.



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Pastor Phillip Rogers

### Laingsburg United Methodist Church

210 Crum St., Laingsburg

517-651-5531

Worship Service: 10:30am

Pastor:

Kendra Holcomb - Densmore

### Middlebury United Methodist Church

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

Minister:

Pastor Kendra

Holcomb-Densmore

Worship Service

9:00 a.m.

### Bannister United Methodist Church

103 Hanvey Street

Pastor: Zella Daniel

Sunday Worship 11:15am

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Sunday School: 9:00am

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160 W. Main St., Elsie e(989) 862-5239

Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.

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## Obituaries

### Effie Joyce Keck

Effie Joyce Keck, age 98, of Bannister, MI, passed away Wednesday, August 27, 2025.

Funeral Services will be held at Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, August 30, 2025, with Pastor JD Paik officiating. Burial will take place at Ford Cemetery, Elba Township, MI. Visitation will be held on Friday, August 29, 2025, from 2-8 P.M. with the family present from 2-4 & 6-8 P.M. at the funeral home.

Effie was born in Chapin Township, MI on May 31, 1927, the daughter of Hiram and Elizabeth (Hall) Smith. She graduated from Chesaning High School, with the Class of 1945. On May 11, 1946, she married George LeRoy Keck in Chapin, MI. George passed away on May 19, 2001.

Effie was very proud that she went to work at E.E. Knight Elementary in 1964, as the school secretary, working there for 22 years. She enjoyed crafts, quilting, doing puzzles, and reading. After her retirement, she and George traveled extensively, and highly enjoyed square dancing together. She was a member of Elsie United Methodist Church, Elsie, MI.

She is survived by her daughter Sue and Ronald Mead; 4 sons: George and Rita Keck; Keith and Rebecca Keck; Douglas and Della Keck; and Jeffery and Suzette Keck. Effie & George were blessed with 14 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband George, her siblings: Clarence, LaMont, Lloyd, Donald, Harold, James, Hilda, Elizabeth, and Clara.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI on Saturday, August 30, 2025, with Pastor JD Paik officiating. Burial has taken place at Ford Cemetery, Elba Township, MI.

Memorials may be made to Elsie United Methodist Church in her honor. Online condolences can be sent to [www.smith-familyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smith-familyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



not typically too expensive is to give a garden stone, often with a comforting message etched into the stone or a framed picture with a heartfelt verse.

Many families make a monetary donation in the name of their loved one who may have had a special charity or mission in that person's life. For example, to a Humane Society, a youth center or a park, or a medical foundation, if appropriate. You could just send a sympathy card to the family.

A charity or monetary contribution to a specific cause is often suggested in the obituary or funeral home posting. If you can afford it, I think the most appropriate thing to do is to bring a plant or bouquet of flowers to your loved ones while they are still living. Take time to have a cup of tea. That will always be appreciated and remembered.

Blessings to you and sorry for your loss. Andy  
@ask\_andy@aol.com.

P.S.  
What is not appropriate is wearing raggy old jeans or looking like you're on the way to the beach or just came from deep cleaning the arn. Be conservative and quiet. Keep crying babies with grandma.



### The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster  
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#### Rabbit and Squirrel Zombie Apocalypse

Cottontails recently spotted in the Fort Collins area have been infected with the mostly harmless Shope papillomavirus, which causes wart-like growths that protrude from their faces like metastasizing horns. The virus is not uncommon and can surface around the country during summer months when fleas and ticks are the common carriers and spreaders. Usually harmless, this virus eventually clears up and rabbits will look normal again. The public is advised to leave the infected rabbits alone and let mother nature take the course. This virus apparently only is transferable from rabbit to rabbit and does not jump species and therefore is harmless to humans and pets. The virus is named after Dr. Richard E. Shope who was a professor at The Rockefeller University in the 1930s.

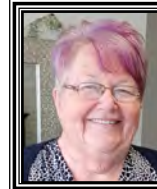
Squirrels have also been infected with a virus since mid 2023 and sightings have been reported in five states and Canada of zombie looking squirrels with fluid oozing wart-like tumors.

Leproripoxvirus causes a viral skin disease commonly known as squirrel fibromatosis. Usually this condition resolves on its own but sometimes can be fatal when internal organ damage occurs. Once again, stay away and do not intervene. Also, please note that it is separate from the squirrelpox which is killing off the native red squirrels in Scotland. The non native grey squirrels, that are often considered an invasive species across the pond, often carry the squirrelpox virus with very few issues but are often transmitters to reds.

What does this mean for Michigan?. First, if you see a zombie looking rabbit or squirrel please keep clear but report to the DNR as soon as possible. Secondly, you can reduce the risk of squirrels spreading viruses by keeping bird feeders clean to help reduce the transmission through saliva and lesions. Think about how humans spread herpes. Lastly, participate in small hunting to reduce populations which in turn helps to reduce the spreading of disease.

-WS

## Editorial



### A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Wow, another zoom by week and month, where has our year gone? Per usual it is canning time and I'm done with peaches but not peach jam. I'm also done with solar dills, I made up eight gallons for family and friends and then helped Margie do up six more for her family who relished them. Meaning that they enjoyed their taste, no one knows that I also make a pickle or corn relish. Too late for those this year. Maybe I will do them next year. I did a bit of Christmas shopping and gifting yesterday, it was sort of a seasonal gift and I couldn't wait for the reaction, it was received well. So must be that I made a good choice.

Yesterday was a decent day at the shop plus we had two of my youngest great grandchildren with us for about half the morning. Baby A was the picture of sweetness and contentment. She was a joy to hold and behold. I believe that she is pushing five months now and is a very happy baby. Her bigger sister Vanessa is a wonder to watch, she will be three years old shortly and is a different type of joy. She exudes life and promises. Vanessa is a kind and giving little soul and also pert in her manners and appeal. All that energy! She kept asking to help us and was thrilled when I asked her for a new roll of paper towels. She was in a big rush to leave as we shut down the shop. Grandma and Grandpa had installed a swing set and slide that needed to be investigated. Later in the afternoon she snuggled with Grandpa in the recliner and took a nap. I'm not sure who enjoyed the quiet more. But it was a great and endearing photo.

I came home from MG's Perx & Pastries for a nap and then I started scalding the tomatoes for canning. I did manage to get eighteen quarts finished before ten last night. Too bad I didn't get all the equipment ready for another round tonight. It is what it is and I was tired. I believe that I can postpone the next veggies until Saturday afternoon after the Farmer's Market. It already appears that my Labor Day weekend will be filled with canning. Oh, I almost forgot to share the kindness that my son-in-law showed me last evening. The ants had made mincemeat of my mailbox platform and had to be replaced. Brent and Diane came over after taking the girls home. Brent had thoughtfully brought a new board over for the job and finished installing it. Then he took look at my front step that needed his attention. We were both happy when he addressed that situation.

Pru seems to be very pensive this morning as she keeps patrolling the living and dining rooms. She has already done her morning yard patrol as she checked up on her feline friends. Both of us are happy that my black cat, Tiny Terror or TT for short has finally realized that the threat to her has been eliminated. She is happy to be home and stands ready for her head rub whenever our paths cross, she also reminds Pru that one of her most important jobs is to allow a cat rub daily.

Karen and I made an unplanned trip up to Clare on Wednesday where I picked up some more tomatoes since mine were few. I also picked up some winter squash and the much needed rye flour. I have started making some sauerkraut rye bread and it is wonderful. I have a customer who brought me the recipe and it is keeping both of us happy. I still do enjoy learning new recipes, especially when they turn out well. It has been a great week and I'm satisfied that my canning shelves are being filled. Possibly by Labor Day I may have all of the stewed tomatoes finished. Wahoo!!!

It is past time for me to head out the front door. May God bless you and may you be aware of our fleeting existence. We all have a purpose in life and once it is served we move on as Linda has. If we are lucky we will have touched many lives in a positive manner. So be kind.

Crystal Mitchell©2025



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### Proper Funeral Etiquette

Dear Andy,

My aunt recently passed away. Our family sent a plant with flowers which cost \$80.00. We had four siblings to divide the amount but that still seems like a lot of money, considering there was plenty of flowers and plants from her church friends and her immediate family at the funeral. I felt obligated when my out of state sibling suggested we send a plant. What do you do you think is the appropriate thing to do?

Loving Nephew

Dear Nephew,

This is a subject matter that should be talked about at a time when you are not under pressure to feel obligated. Plan with your siblings sooner rather than next time; there is likely to be more situations you will want to do something special at the loss of a loved one, weddings, a graduation, a baby, a Baptism, or some other milestone for family members.

Your attendance at the funeral or visitation and a gentle hug is the most appropriate thing to do. If you cannot make the funeral because you are out of state, a plant would be appropriate and nice, if you can afford it. Another thoughtful idea and

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# Ovid Carriage Festival 2025



## Treasure Sale

The United Church of Ovid will be holding a Treasure Sale during Carriage Days, Thursday, September 4th, Friday, September 5th from 9am-4pm and Saturday, September 6th from 12noon-?

The sale will be held inside the church hall. Community donations for the sale will be accepted at the church on Tuesday, September 2nd from 9am-noon. All proceeds from the Treasure Sale will go towards VBS, local and global mission projects.



**Bring your lawn chairs** for comfortable seating at the Live Wrestling Exhibition. A tent and ring will be set up on Main Street in front of the Main Bar. Bleachers will also be available.

## Carriage Days Parade

There's still time to get in the parade on Saturday, September 6th.

Call Jodi at (989) 307-3981 or pick up an application at The Weekly office or online at: [ovid-carriagedays.org](http://ovid-carriagedays.org).

The parade begins at 11am.



Parade Marshal  
Grace Ruckle



## Bouncing Bellas Inflatables

Calling all kids! Bouncing Bellas Inflatables will be available for kids of all ages to enjoy on Saturday, September 6th. A 65 foot obstacle course will be just one of the many inflatables featured. The units will be manned by Bouncing Bellas staff and will run from 11am-6pm. Free All Day!



## Kiddie Tractor Pull

The popular kiddie tractor pull will be held on Saturday, September 6th immediately following the parade. The kids will pull on the corner of Main and Front Streets.

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**Arts & Crafts Vendors**

The 2025 Carriage Days festival will see the largest number of arts and crafts vendors than organizers have seen in quite some time. They will be set up starting at Oak Street and Main. 10am-6pm Saturday, September 6th. Applications are still be taken this week. Be sure and stop by and see what they have to offer. For more information check out the events tab on the web-site [ovidcarriagedays.org](http://ovidcarriagedays.org) or email Liz Sneider at [elizabeth-snidere23@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabeth-snidere23@yahoo.com).



**Historical House to Open During Festival**

The museum will be open for tours on Saturday, Sept. 6th from 2pm-4pm. Come and see all the improvements that have been made to the museum!

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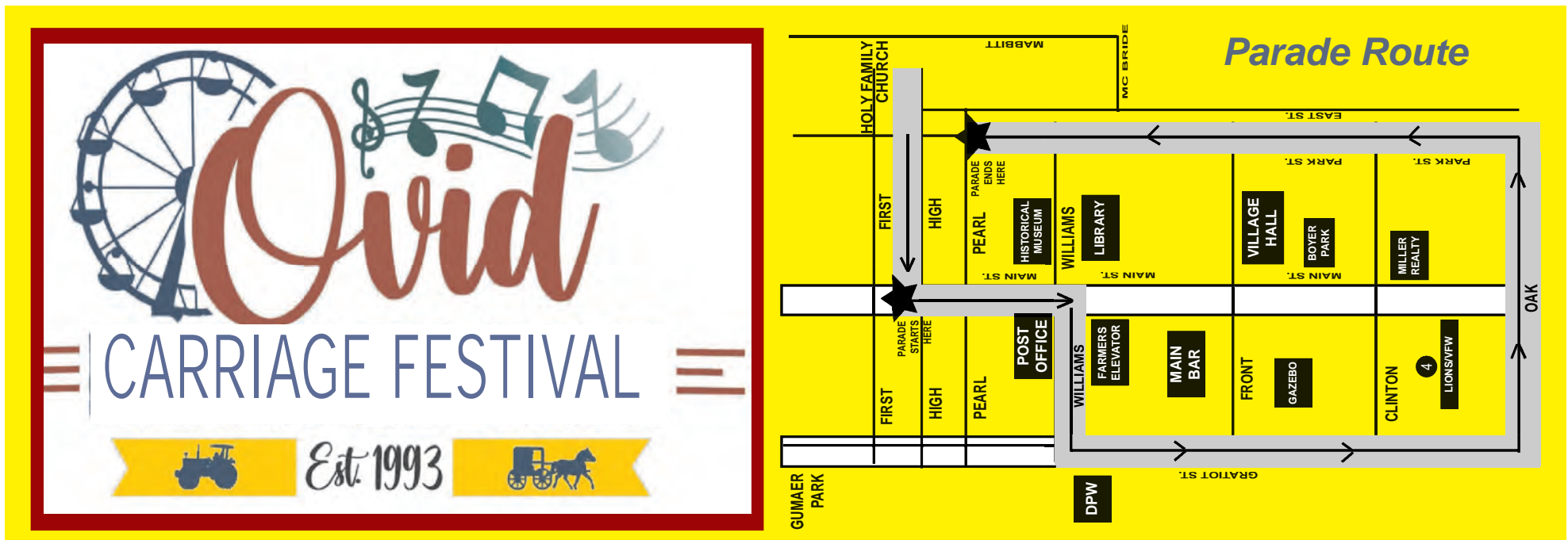
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## Schedule of Events Saturday, September 6th

### GARAGE SALES

City-wide Garage Sales: **Thu, Fri, Sat**

### TREASURE SALE

United Church of Ovid: **Thu/Fri 9am-4pm**

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Lions/VFW Hall: **7:30am-10am**

### CO-ED SOFTBALL

Ackley Field: **8:30am**

### BINGO

Lions/VFW Hall: **10am-NOON**  
Play for Free - Get a Bingo - Win a Prize - All Ages

### ARTS/CRAFTS VENDORS

Starting at Oak St. & Main: **10am-6pm**

### SUPER PARADE

**11am Sharp**

### FOOD TRUCKS

Variety available: **11am-6pm**

### INFLATABLES

Bouncing Bellas Inflatables: **11am-6pm FREE ALL DAY**

### KIDS PEDAL PULL

**After Parade. Until Finished**  
For kids ages 3-12

### CAKE WALK

**1pm** Sponsored by Heartland Church



### LIVE MUSIC

**Noon-2pm**  
Jack & Tess Clarkson; Kathy Ford & Bill Fuller  
**2pm-5:30pm**  
Rock Solid Evolution - a Classic Rock Band

### CAR SHOW

**1pm-4pm**  
North Main St. - Ovid Farmers Elevator/Library  
Registration: **Noon**

### HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Open House at Mary Myers Historical House  
East Williams St.: **2pm-4pm**

### WRESTLING EXHIBITION

Exhibition: **4pm-6pm**





# Ovid Carriage Festival 2025



## Cake Walk

Calling all kids! A cake & cookie walk and carnival games will take place on Main Street in front of Ovid's Main Square and Boyer Park on Saturday, September 6th from 1:00pm-4:00pm. So make sure you bring the kids and let them experience the fun in an old-fashioned cake walk and carnival games where they can win a prize. This is another free event during Carriage Days thanks to our generous sponsor Heartland Church.



## Car Show

A car show will be Saturday, September 6th from 12-4pm on North Main Street by the library. \$10 Registration starting at Noon. Rain or Shine! Sponsored by Authorized Cornwell Dealers. Call Wesley at (989) 307-9736 with any questions.

## Bingo

The 2025 Carriage Days festival will be having Bingo on Saturday, September 6th from 10am to Noon in the Lions/VFW Hall.

Play for free. Get a Bingo and win a prize. All ages! Stop in and enjoy this event and have fun!



## Wrestling Exhibition

Get ready for the Super Championship Wrestling Exhibition during Carriage Days on September 6th. The live show will round out the family day of fun from 4:00pm-6:00pm. Bleachers will be set up for seating or bring your own lawn chair to settle in for some exciting toss em and throw em down wrestling fun.



**OVID BIG SALE:** 9918 McBride Rd. September 1st to September 7th. 9am-5pm. Upright walker. Lots of misc & tools.

**Many Garage Sales Around the City**

## Lions Pancake Breakfast

The Ovid Lions Club will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast at the Lions/VFW Hall on Saturday, September 6th from 7:30am-10:00am. The menu will consist of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee, tang and water. Donation of \$7.00 will be collected. Plan now to start a family day of fun on September 6th in downtown Ovid.

Enjoy a meal



## Food Trucks

A variety of Food Trucks serving BBQ, Hot Dogs, Mexican, Ice Cream, Lemonade, Cotton Candy and more available 11am-6pm.

## Main Street Closing Time for Festival

A portion of Downtown Ovid's Main Street will close on Friday, September 5th at 6:00 p.m. The festival is Saturday, September 6th from 7am-6pm.



## Co-Ed Softball Tournament

There will also be a co-ed softball tournament held that day, beginning at 8:30am. Eight team bracket, double elimination, hosted by Chloe Taylor. Proceeds from tournament will be donated towards the Christmas in Ovid event held in December. For more information call Chloe at 989-413-6722.

## Ovid Public Library Book Sale During Carriage Days

Be sure to come to the Ovid Public Library during Carriage Days to find some books to restock your shelves. We will be having a sale beginning Thursday, September 4. We will be open from 9-4 on September 4 and 5 and 10-1 on Saturday, September 6. We have lots and lots of books as well as puzzles and games, dvd's, books on cd, and more! All sales are by donation. We love our library so don't be afraid to be generous! All monies help us to provide programs for children and adults.



## Miniature Golf

A nine hole miniature golf course will be set up in Boyer Park. All ages are welcome to play. Donations to play will be accepted and will go towards the after school Teen Program located at the Ovid Inn. This event sponsored by Golf-On-The-Go owner, John Anderson.



## Bachelors Since Breakfast

Bachelors Since Breakfast will be playing at the Main Bar on Saturday, September 6th. The popular band will perform from 8pm-midnight. Plan now to end the day fun at the Main Bar.

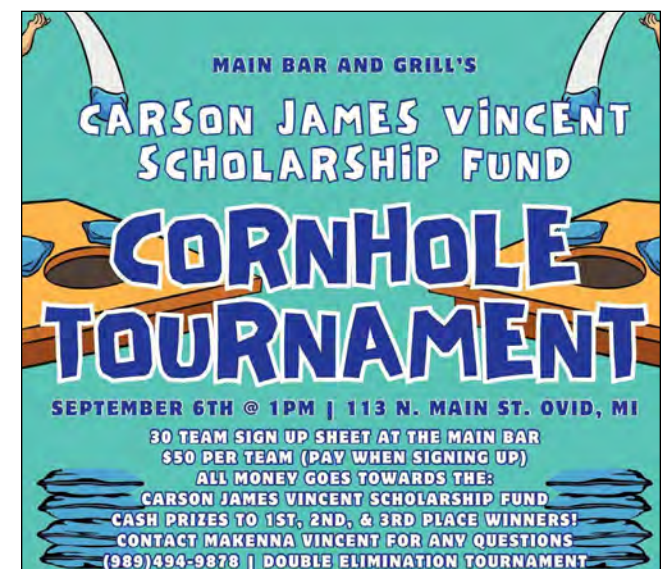
## Cinnamon Roll Sale

Char Potter from Mary's Country Kitchen will be selling their delicious, homemade Cinnamon Rolls during the Carriage Festival. She will be set up outside the Lions/VFW Hall in downtown Ovid. Come grab one, or two!!



## Get Your Raffle Ticket

Ovid VFW Post 8964 is raffling off a Trager Pro Series 22 Wood Pallet Grill/Smoker. Only 200 tickets will be sold, all proceeds from this raffle will benefit the Veteran's Relief Fund. Tickets are \$5.00 and are available from any VFW Member or at the Meridian Weekly office. The drawing will be held on September 6th at 3:30pm during the Carriage Festival. Get your tickets today.



# Sports

## CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

### Devereaux Shines Again, LHS Cross-Country Thinclads Set PR's

**S H I - A W A S S E E**  
**COUNTY FAIR- GROUND** -- A standout performance from Noah Devereaux ended with him taking 2nd overall, and cross-country harriers from Laingsburg set a handful of personal records at the Corunna Early Bird Invitational here August 26.



Kiki Rusz, Hazel Burley and Sam Gutzman placed in the top 30. Not pictured are Austin Hodges, James Flotz and Lilli Morrill.

"A lot of the kids ran well with lots of season PR's (personal records)," said coach Shawn Baynes. "We also took home 7 medals for being in the top 30 individually."

There were both large and small school divisions in the 21-team field. Teams competing were from Bloomfield Hills, Byron, Chesaning, Clarkston Collegiate, Durand, Kearsley, Powers Catholic, Flushing, Genesee Christian, Goodrich, Grand Blanc, Laingsburg, Montrose, Morris, New Lothrop, Otisville LakeVile, Owosso, Perry, Swartz Creek and Waterford Our Lady.

Devereaux ran past all but one in the male field in 16:52.79. Other Wolfpack finishers were Austin Hodges 17th in 19:28.58, James Foltz 26th in 20:42.60, Joel Rathka 35th in 21:17.89, Calum Knull 38th in 21:30.87, Logan Robinson 46th in 22:13.28, Cameron Betts 67th in 24:44.47 and Drake Pratt 69th in 24:51.83.

Kiki Rusz topped the LHS girls in 13th place in 23:37.26. Samantha Gutzman was 17th in 23:47.44, Hazel Burley 18th in 23:52.59, Lilli Morrill 27th in 25:13.97, Madison Phillips 31st in 26:33.57, Hannah Rathka 45th in 29:37.98, Meriel Burley 54th in 31:55.78, Grace Knull 65th in 39:27.90 and Ruby Burley 66th in 39:30.17.

### Marauder Soccer Boys Climb to 5-0 With MMAC Win Over Chesaning

**OVID-ELSIE** -- The Marauders kept their red-hot start to 2025 intact here August 26 with a 5-3 boys soccer victory over the Chesaning Indians.

Dominic Martin booted three goals and Chaycen Thornton chalked up a pair of assists, as coach Chris Parker's Marauders kept their perfect start intact, 3-0 in league play, 5-0 overall.

Martin's three goals were assisted by Leyton Belill, Thornton and Ryker Parsons. The Indians grabbed the upper hand, but O-E battled back with a goal from Aidan Doyle in the 27th minute, assisted by Thornton. Marshall Leavitt tallied the 5th and final score off an assist by Doyle.

"We came out strong to start the game with Dom scoring early. Chesaning then took control of the game and had us back on our heels for the middle part of the game," explained coach Parker. "We took back control and put some separation between us. The second half was controlled mostly by Chesaning. We have to play a full 80 minutes if we want these games to continue to go our way."

Dalton Jordan was in goal for the Marauders, denying 8 saves on Indian 11 shots.

### Howard City Bolts to 12-0 Lead and it Stands up in 24-15 Win Over O-E

**HOWARD CITY** -- Wyatt Lover scored on a 33-yard pass from Owen Long late in the fourth quarter, but that was as close as Ovid-Elsie's comeback attempt would come in a 24-15 season-opening loss at Howard City Tri-County.

The Division 5 Vikings opened up a 12-0 lead in the second quarter before the Marauders (Division 6) charged back. Brock Spitzley bulled in from a yard out, and after Dannika Campbell tacked on the PAT boot, it was 12-7.

The Marauder defense stymied several Viking attempts to get in the endzone, but Howard City broke through for a pair of scores from the 3-yard line, then the 7, for a commanding 24-7 advantage.

Owen Long, in his first start as Marauder QB, clicked on 8-Of-21 passes for 132 yards -- including a 35-yard strike to Brody Howard. Lover caught 3 passes for 33 yards and Michael Bancroft one for five.

Spitzley ran 10 times to 45 yards to spark the Marauder ground game. Chase Fabus added 27 yards on 8 touts.

Spitzley led a hard-fighting Marauder defense throughout the contest, with 8 tackles. Long and Howard both had five stops. Bryce Krueger was in on 7 tackles, including 6 assists, and had one tackle for loss.

Coach Travis Long's Marauders open their MMAC season this season at Mount Morris.

### Michigan Lutheran Seminary Sprints Past Wolfpack in Season-Opening Grid Victory

**LAINGSBURG** -- One thing about option football. You can option into it.

Or you can option out.

Laingsburg's defense looked impressively stout in the first series of the game, when Michigan Lutheran Seminary chose to run the option. Joe DeShone stuffed the run on the opening play of the opening game, and the Cardinals went nowhere the rest of the drive.

That was NOT a harbinger for the rest of the contest. MLS got out of option football on their next drive and showcased burly tight end / H-back Noah Reif, and they rode him and a strong running game the rest of the contest, in a convincing 42-0 non-league victory to open the 2025 season here.

Reif ripped off a 40-yard run, setting up a 32-yard strike from Andrew Miller to Simeon Kober, as the Cards scored at the 5:46 mark of the opening quarter. Thomas Luetzow booted the first of his 7 extra points for a quick 7-0 lead.

The Cards followed that up with a 72-yard sprint from Brady Teste around right end, a 30 yard blast from Reif up the middle, and a Miller keeper 10 yards around left end for a commanding 28-0 lead at halftime.

The Wolfpack's best chance to score came in the closing seconds of the first half, led down the field by sophomore QB Julian Smith. The Cardinal defense stiffened on first-and-goal from the three, and Smith's pass to Landon Freeman just missed being complete on 4th down, ending the scoring threat -- and the first half.

MLS cashed in on two touchdowns in the final quarter to complete the scoring.

Brian Borgman's Wolfpack opens its CMAC league season this Friday night, hosting Fowler.

### Lady Wolves Run Early-Season Volleyball Record to 3-1 at Bath

**BATH** -- After a season-opening loss to Brandon, the Laingsburg volleyball team has reeled off three-straight wins and sits atop the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) at 1-0.

The Wolfpack's latest victim? Neighboring Bath, where coach Mickey Fox's club shutout the Bees, 3-0, on August 27.

The Wolves downed Bath in 3 sets 25-18, 26-25 and 25-12.

LHS statistical leaders were Sydney Curtis (8 kills, 3 blocks), Kendall Michels (4 aces, 14 assists, 4 kills), Mallory Woodbury (7 kills, 9 digs, 1 ace) and Lia Soeltner (32 digs).

The Lady Wolves dropped a 2-1 nod to Brandon to open 2025, then downed Fulton 2-0 and Corunna 2-1. They return to CMAC action September 3 at Pewamo-Westphalia.

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

The FELDPAUSCH FAMILY TRUST, Dated November 6, 2003 TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, FRANCIS J. FELDPAUSCH, who lived at 810 Norway Drive, Fowler, Michigan 48879 Died on July 14, 2025. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustees of the FELDPAUSCH FAMILY TRUST dated November 6, 2003 within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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 Erie, Colorado 80516  
 (517) 930-6329  
 Prall Law, PC  
 Alexa B. Prall P83426  
 201 E. State Street  
 St. Johns, MI 48879  
 (989) 224-9449

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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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# CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

**Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement**  
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on 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.  
Common street address (if any): 7149 Hollister Rd, Laingsburg, MI 48848-9229

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 10, 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  
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**Gridiron Gurus Week of August 30**



**GRIDIRON GURUS**  
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**WINNERS:**

- PIZZA:** Kevin Madsen 1st prize
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- BREADSTICKS:** George Gates tied for 3rd

With such an abbreviated slate in the opening week of our gridiron gonzo, The Wolfman was afraid we'd see a slew of salacious savants compile perfect records -- therefore, taxing the tie-breaker.

Yet, that wasn't the case. Only four players got through the first four games unscathed (and OI' Wolfie wasn't one of them). Jason Grieder, Kevin Madsen, Jack Nutter and George Gates were all perfect (for at least once in their lives?) at 4-0, with Madsen winning the tie-breaker and scoring a scrumptious Main Street pizza. Grieder eased into 2nd place in the tie-break, with Nutter and Gates tying for 3rd place via the tie-breaker.

All win delicious goodies -- a sub sandwich or pizza sticks -- from our gracious sponsors, Twilliger's Tavern of Laingsburg and Main Street Pizza of Ovid.

By far the most popular picks in Week One ended up going 3-1 with a 48 point tie-breaker. It was like everyone was hooked into everyone else via ESP, AI or something of another annoying acronym. Almost all of us swung and missed on Iowa State's late, nail-biting win over K-State in Dublin, Ireland.

In our staff picks, Wolfie knotted up newcomer Amon-Ra St. Gibbs at 3-1 ... so there certainly isn't any clear advantage yet. We're just getting started! Let's keep it going!

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 and six collegiate games each week.

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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.

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**GRIDIRON GURUS**  
**WEEK THREE**

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