



## 85 Years and Growing

The Elsie Lions Club installed two new members to the club on Monday, September 22nd. Pictured here (left-right) Lions Club President, Richard Easlick, presenting certificates to new members, Sara Fernholz and Kevin Duffy. 1st Vice, Doug Sturgis is recognized for sponsoring the two new members.

Watch for more Elsie Lions Club news as they start the celebration of the forming of the club 85 years ago.



## Walk to Defeat ALS

*submitted by Allen Martin*

You are invited to come join the Martin family and friends – Team Larry – on Sunday, October 5, as part of the Michigan Chapter of the ALS Association’s Walk to Defeat ALS. Walkers should meet in Ovid on the Fred Meijer CIS Trail (rail trail) near the water tower around 12:45 pm, with the walk starting at 1:00. The course will be west along the trail to the Larry E. Martin bench near Hollister Road and back, a total of about one mile. Participants can walk all or part of the course. The walk is a fundraising effort to assist those living with ALS, as well as fund research to cure the disease. Donations can be made online at: <http://web.alsa.org/goto/teamlarry-martin> or by mail to: Team Larry, P.O. Box 481, Ovid MI 48866 (checks made out to ALS Association of MI).



## Elsie Fall Festival

Saturday, October 4 | 10 AM – 4 PM | Village of Elsie

Join us for a fun-filled fall day and help fight hunger in our communities! The Elsie Fall Festival is the primary fundraiser for the Elsie Area Food Pantry. With over 400 families receiving assistance each month, your support is more important than ever. For over 25 years, the pantry has served the Elsie area and surrounding communities—thanks to the generosity of people like you.

### Main Stage Entertainment

- Jack & Tess Clarkston – 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- Dean Gilbert – 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM
- DJ James Chapko – Throughout the event

### Activities & Attractions

- Craft Vendors on Main Street
- Online Auction Headquarters at Elsie United Methodist Church where items will be on display 10 am-3 pm
- Pumpkin Painting for kids – pumpkins fresh from the patch!
- Witches Cake Walk – Begins at 1:00 PM, \$1 per round
- Sponsored by “The Witches” and Cupcakes & Kisses (Owosso)
- Free Children’s Books on the Blue Bus
- Sponsored by Great Start Family Coalition of Clinton County and Clinton Transit
- Animal Fun & Petting Zoo – Games and prizes included!
- Sponsored by Elsie 4Corners 4-H and OE FFA
- Children’s Scavenger Hunt
- Pumpkin-Shaped Cookie Decorating – Begins at 12:00 PM

Held at the Masons' Community Building

- Fun at the Elsie Public Library – Face painting, story time, and tattoos
- Apples Provided by Miller Soft Water and Wyrick Orchard
- Cider & Donuts at Elsie United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
- Car Show

Sponsored by the Elsie American Legion

- Pancake Breakfast – 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

At the Masons' Community Building

- Food & Refreshments

Available at the Elsie Lions Trailer from

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Support the Food Pantry

A representative from the Elsie Area Food Pantry will be present to accept non-perishable food and/or monetary donations. Look for the donation table and trailer located under the stop-light.

For more information visit: • Website: [elsiefallfest.com](http://elsiefallfest.com)

• Facebook: Elsie Fall Festival, Elsie, Michigan

Thank you for your continued support!

Let’s come together for a great cause and enjoy everything fall has to offer in Elsie.



*Marauder Owen Long had 14 tackles during the winning game, 31-28, against Durand on Friday, September 19th.*

*Photo by Michelle Ladiski*

*See pages 7-9 for more sports action results.*



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*Chad Juderjohn  
Ovid DPW Supervisor*

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**Elsie Library Adventures**

*submitted by Ann Trierweiler*

As I write this, today is the first day of fall. The front walk by our library is beautifully decorated with orange maple leaves. The children walked outside after Music and Motion to watch the butterflies that we hatched in the library fly away. So much beauty!

Speaking of beauty, the first adult and teen art day was fun and colorful! We were able to try our hands at pour painting. What fun!!! We decorated small canvases, but I saw a picture of a "poured over" terra cotta planter...I have big messy plans now. Next month, on the 16th of October, the Adult and Teen Craft will be a small macramé wall hanging. You really should come and try making a hanging. Bring your own small branch, or dowel or driftwood...It will be fun!

The "Candyland Contest" begins September 29. Read a book, choose a card, and move through the Candyland path. It doesn't take some people long to finish the race! Each person that finishes the path on the board gets their name put into a drawing!

The Elsie Fall Festival is almost here. Saturday, October 4th, from 10 am to 4 pm, there will be all kinds of activities to entertain anyone of any age! The proceeds from this festival go to the Elsie Area Food Pantry. The Elsie Public Library will have three Story Times at 11 am, 12pm and 1 pm. There will be face painting from 11:30am to 1:30pm There will be tattoos or stickers that can be purchased, for a donation to the Food Pantry. Come join the fun!!! I see doughnuts and cider are available...HELLO!!!! I wonder if they make deliveries to Public libraries???

**Harvest Dinner at  
Middlebury UMC**

Mark your calendars now for the Middlebury United Methodist Church Harvest Dinner on Sunday, October 12th. The curbside event will run from Noon-2:00pm or until sold out. The menu will include Ham & scalloped potatoes, meatballs, baked beans, coleslaw, roll & butter and a cookie. The cost is by donation. The church is located at 8100 W. Hibbard Road, Ovid.



**Breakfast at the Legion**

Sunday breakfast has returned to the Laingsburg American Legion Post 248. Breakfast is served from 8am-11am every Sunday morning. Bring the family and enjoy a great breakfast. Post 248 is located at 1240 E. Grand River, Laingsburg.

**Mint Country Garden Club**

*submitted by Cherie Delger*

On Thursday, October 1st, at 7:15pm the Mint Country Garden Club will meet. The speaker will be talking about Herbs of the Bible. We meet at Clinton Commons community room, located at 1105 S Scott Road, St. Johns MI 48879. Light refreshments will be provided. Come join us. We would love to see you there. Questions Cherie 989-277-7788

**Laingsburg American Legion  
Auxiliary Craft Show**

The Laingsburg American Legion Auxiliary will be having a craft show on November 1, 2025. We are looking for vendors for the craft show. The cost is \$15.00 per table. Set up will be October 31st from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm and the morning of.

Please contact Cindy Suggate at either 517-651-5669 or cgs6578@aol.com to reserve a table. You will need to have it paid for by October 25th. We are trying to keep it at one vendor per items being sold if possible.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Cindy Suggate.

**MMPC Public Meeting**

*Kate Neese - Clinton County Waste Management Coordinator*

The Materials Management Planning Committee (MMPC) will be holding a public meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 5:45pm in the Clinton County Courthouse First Floor Conference Room to continue the Materials Management Plan process.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 5:45pm in the Board of Commissioners Room of the Clinton County Courthouse. MMPC meeting agendas and minutes will be regularly posted on the Clinton County website: [www.clinton-county.org/1075/Materials-Management-Planning-Committee](http://www.clinton-county.org/1075/Materials-Management-Planning-Committee).

For additional information, please contact the Clinton County Department of Waste Management by emailing [recycle@clinton-county.org](mailto:recycle@clinton-county.org) or calling the office (989) 224-5186.



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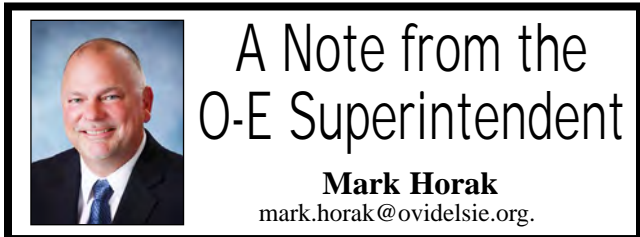
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## A Note from the O-E Superintendent

**Mark Horak**  
mark.horak@ovidelsie.org

### Thank You, Marauder Community

Thank you to everyone who joined our recent Coffee Chats and to our hosts, Mary's Country Kitchen and MG's Perx & Pastries. Your questions and ideas help keep Ovid-Elsie moving in the right direction. If you have additional questions, please reach me at mark.horak@ovidelsie.org.

Two themes came up often:

1) Fund balance and this year's budget.

Our fund balance has not been depleted; in fact, it is stronger than that of most Michigan districts and remains above the commonly recommended guidelines. It rises and falls with normal operations. This year's approved budget does use a portion of the fund balance; that approach keeps us stable now while we identify targeted reductions to protect long-term sustainability. Final details will depend on the state legislature's K-12 budget, which will clarify revenues for the year.

2) Enrollment trends.

Many were surprised by the size of the long-term enrollment decline. Ovid-Elsie enrolled 1,826 students in 2009-10 and 1,275 in 2024-25. This mirrors regional demographics and county birth-rate patterns. We are planning responsibly, which includes aligning staffing and programs with enrollment while maintaining high-quality learning and student support.

I'm proud of how our community showed up: curious, respectful, and focused on what's best for kids. We will continue to communicate clearly as the state budget is finalized and as we make thoughtful decisions to sustain strong schools for every Marauder.

In the near future, our transparency reporting tab on the school website will include more information related to our school finances along with student achievement data. Please watch for these updates.

Thank you for your partnership and for supporting Ovid-Elsie students and staff.

## Shiawassee County Land Bank Continues Blight Elimination Program

submitted by Justin Horvath

Land bank board member Jerry Meyer, Land Bank chair and County Treasurer Julie Sorenson, County Administrator Dr. Brian Boggs, and SEDP President/CEO and Land bank staff Justin Horvath pause for a photo after the demolition of a blighted home located at 131 Main St in Morrice.

The next in a series of blight elimination projects administered through the Shiawassee County Land Bank Authority was recently started in Morrice, demolishing a vacant home located at 131 Main St. The program, funded through the State Land Bank Authority, has been highly successful so far, with various residential, commercial and industrial projects completed in Caledonia Charter Township, Durand, and Lennon, and further work scheduled in Bancroft, Owosso and Woodhull Township (Shaftsbury).

"The Shiawassee County Land Bank Authority has been a tremendous win for Shiawassee County, with this program alone bringing back over \$1,000,000 of our taxpayer money from Lansing and Washington to support local efforts to get rid of blighted buildings. I am also very pleased to see how we've made this a truly countywide program, with so many of our cities, villages and townships receiving support so far," said Greg Brodeur, Chair of the Shiawassee County Board of Commissioners and a member of the Shiawassee County Land Bank Authority board.

"The Shiawassee County Land Bank Authority has been a huge boost to our toolbox to help develop (or redevelop) properties throughout the county, and we are working on even more projects that will revitalize our communities – stay tuned!" said Justin Horvath, the President/CEO of Shiawassee Economic Development Partnership and also staff for the Land Bank Authority.

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### OID TOWNSHIP PROPOSED SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES Thursday, September 12, 2025

Supervisor J. West called the Special meeting to order at 6 p.m., with the Pledge to the Flag.

**Roll Call:** Supervisor Jennings West, Clerk Claudia Barrett Pluger, Trustee Bobby Byles, Trustee Kurt Wolf

**Absent:** Treasurer Nancy Hughson Guests: None

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion by B. Byles to approve the agenda, Seconded by K. Wolf. Carried.

**Special Meeting Business:**

Resolution No. 2025-08: Resolution to Apply for Risk Reduction Grant Through PAR Plan: Moved by C. Pluger that we adopt Resolution No. 2025-08, Resolution to Apply for Risk Reduction Grant Through PAR Plan, Seconded by B. Byles.

**Roll Call Vote:** K. Wolf-Yes, J. West-Yes, B. Byles-Yes, C. Pluger-Yes. Carried. Resolution adopted.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Board Comments:** B. Byles.

**Adjournment:** Motion by B. Byles to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by K. Wolf. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Claudia Barrett Pluger, Clerk

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# Obituaries

## Chrystie Marie Groom

Chrystie Marie Groom, age 47, of Ovid, MI, passed away Monday, September 22, 2025, at her home.

Chrystie was born in Owosso, Michigan on March 3, 1978, the daughter of William Robert and Kathy Ann (Smith) Groom. She graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School, with the class of 1996. After high school she went on to ITT Tech, graduating in 1998 with a degree in CAD.

Chrystie loved God and her family. She enjoyed trips to the beach, especially Lake Michigan. Her trips this summer with Noah to Lake Huron, Higgins Lake, and Mackinaw City were very special to her. She enjoyed country music and had fun memories attending the Morgan Wallen concert with her daughter Jade. She looked forward to games of Scrabble with her mom and ice cream trips to Blue Moon or Culvers. She appreciated the simple joys in life like the fall colors. Chrystie will be remembered as a wonderful mother, daughter, and friend.

She is survived by her children: Jade Armock, Caleb Armock, and Noah Pugh; her parents Robert and Kathy Groom; her grandmother Barbara Groom; aunts and uncles: Karren and Joe Ford, and Connie Bertrand; great-aunts: Deno Applebee and Norma Smith. She is also survived by many cousins, and special friends. She was preceded in death by grandparents: Oliver and Barbara Smith, Robert H. Groom, uncles: David Groom, great-uncles: Clare Applebee, Hal Smith, and step-grandfather Fred Meyer.

Funeral Services were at the United Church of Ovid, MI, at on Friday, September 26, 2025. Burial has taken place at Maple Grove Cemetery, Ovid, MI.

Memorials may be made to the Ovid Public Library, the United Church of Ovid, or the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be sent to [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan.



### SCIOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Matthews, @ 7:02 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Matthews, Parker-Wing, Palmer, Reed, Vondrasek.

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Charlene Austin, Kay Nickols, Sara Danford, Jody Frank, Ken Wing, Diane Baclawski, Nanette Lillie, Rene Mahoney

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** On a motion by Vondrasek, and Seconded by Palmer, the Board approved the meeting agenda as written and additionally to include Lucille Matthews resignation.

**MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL:** On a motion by Palmer and seconded by Matthews. The Board approved the August 2025 meeting minutes with changes to include Treasurer Palmer's updated board report on banking stop payment services.

**TREASURER REPORT APPROVAL:** Parker-Wing made a motion to approve the Treasurer report, seconded by Reed—Motion approved by all. General Fund Balance \$114,635.34; Tax Fund Balance \$13,256.88; CD Fund Balance \$34,690.97.

**PUBLIC COMMENT—1st**

**COUNTY & PUBLIC OFFICIAL REPORTS:**

- Laingsburg Public Library: Diane Baclawski outlined the Library's monthly community services and outreach programs.

- LSW Fire & Ambulance: Diane Baclawski reported July data for Sciota and total LSW emergency runs. Discussion ensued.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

- Supervisor Matthews said the Shiawassee County Road Commission has been cutting roadside grass and they cut the grass on the corner of Bennington/Shafsburg Roads.

- Clerk Parker-Wing informed the Board that the State of Michigan has a 2-hour, Qualified Voter File mandatory training for the Clerk and Deputy Clerk this month. Sciota Township consolidated the November 4th Owosso School election with Bennington Township; and therefore, all ballots will be processed through Bennington Township's election site. The Sciota Clerk's office will be sending out permanent absentee ballots to recipients and a letter will be sent to all Sciota Township's Owosso Public Schools voters. The election camera cord was sabotaged/broken which required the purchase of a new electrical cord. The Clerk described a situation concerning training for the Board of Review.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Cleaning: No cleaning bids were submitted.
- Camera Surveillance: On a motion by Palmer and seconded by Vondrasek. A roll call vote was taken. YES: Vondrasek, Reed, Parker-Wing, Palmer, Matthews. The Clerk requested the Board's approval and signature on resolution 2025-08 which gave the Clerk permission to submit Sciota Township's application for a reimbursement grant of up to \$5,000 for security/camera surveillance equipment for the Sciota Township Hall, from the MTPP Par Plan Risk Reduction Grant. The grant application will be submitted on behalf of Sciota Township. The grant closes on 9/15/2025. Notification of awardees will occur during the month of November 2025.

- USPS Postal Boxes: Kim Palmer received a check made out to the US postal service to get the Treasurer's mailbox this month. The Clerk is waiting until November to purchase a P.O. Box being the November election has prepaid postage addressed envelopes with the Clerk's current address on them.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- On a motion by Reed, seconded by Vondrasek—Motion approved by all. The Board approved the resignation of Lucille Matthews as Deputy Supervisor beginning August

11, 2025.

- On a motion by Reed, seconded by Palmer—Motion approved by all. The Board approved for September 2025, the APPROVED August 2025 meeting minutes and the DRAFT September 2025 meeting minutes will be submitted to the Meridian Weekly newspaper for the month of September. In October, the DRAFT October meeting minutes will be submitted to the Meridian Weekly and will go forward with the DRAFT meeting minutes submitted to the paper each month. This subject will be revisited in January/February 2026.

- Sara Danford, Director of the Laingsburg Public Library, gave an overview of services available at the library and statistics of the Sciota residents that received library services. Sara enquired whether the Board members would be interested in signing a contract to support the Laingsburg Public Library in the upcoming years, being that other townships have such contracts in place. Supervisor Matthews suggested Sara enquire again concerning a contract commitment at the January 2026 board meeting. The supervisor then asked whether the Township would have a voice on the library's board if a Township contract were in place. Jody Frank said the State of Michigan wrote the public library rules in such a way that a Township board member is not allowed a seat on the Board. Jody will investigate and report information back to the Township concerning the State of Michigan rules for Board members at a later date.

- On a motion by Palmer and seconded by Reed. The Board approved the purchase of (1) USBc/USBa electrical cord purchase for the Reolink election camera to replace the original cord that was sabotaged/damaged.

- On a motion by Palmer and seconded by Parker-Wing—Motion approved by all. The Board approved an update to the 2025-26 fiscal year Budget Hearing income/expense budget for a total of \$700,062. Additional monies were received prior to April 1, 2025, but after the Budget Hearing took place.

- The Clerk spoke about a Board of Review Training that took place in February 2025. The training occurred at the Township Hall for the Michigan Township Association's live-stream training event. Two non-resident trainees contacted the Clerk to get a copy of their signed attendance sheet to submit to the MTA for their certifications. The MTA billed training for Traci Buxton and Carla Dilday, but the training certificates were issued to the non-resident attendees. At one point, the Clerk was alerted to an incorrect address with the Michigan Township Association and investigated the USPS mail issue within the MTA member's site. She found that all Township mail was being sent to Traci Buxton's home address. This has since been corrected. Supervisor Matthews will contact Traci Buxton.

**PUBLIC COMMENT—2nd**

Nan Lillie commended the Board for getting along and stated the meeting was pleasant to attend and thanked them.

**BILL PAYMENT APPROVAL:** Palmer moved to pay bills, seconded by Vondrasek—Motion approved by all. Payroll and expenses = \$11,883.11; checks used #11517-11532. Check #11527 to Lucy Matthews was voided.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Vondrasek moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Parker-Wing—Motion approved by all. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

*Submitted by: Jamie Parker-Wing  
Sciota Township Clerk*

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## Editorial



### A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

It is time to rise and shine, though it feels more like time to throb awhile. I have a mundane mild form of rosacea and look like Rudolf with a glowing nose. And it did cause him some problems. For me, it is a hurtful mess and just seems to throb a lot. I know, what a pathetic irritation and I'm lucky that it is not something worse. It is a bit aggravation because you would think that at this stage of my life that I would be over those zit type afflictions. So I sanitize with peroxide and cream twice daily and feel as if others would like to recommend treatment. Such is life.

Today after work I need to make a quick trip up to Clare to pick up pastry flour and the case of molasses that I had ordered for the shop. I'll probably find something else while checking out the shelves that is needed. Then I need to hustle back home to make up a couple of salads for the anniversary party tomorrow evening. I am making fluffy desert style one with mandarin oranges, pineapple, marshmallows, coconut and sour cream which is quick and easy. Then I need to make one of those large Tupperware bowls filled with a pasta vegetable mix. The second one is a bit timely because of all the raw veggies that are involved. Margie gave me a big helping hand when she raided her garden for me, so now I will have a colorful and delicious mix of home grown veggies involved. I now have some red, yellow, and purple sweet peppers, a few mild Hungarian peppers, sweet yellow cherry tomatoes and beautiful deep red tomatoes to liven up the mix. Of course there will also be red and Vidalia onions to marinate with the rest of the veggies. The veggies will be mixed with rotini pasta and dressings. Sometimes I wish that they weren't so well received.

I bought a couple of pairs of work shoes at Walmart in Owosso yesterday afternoon. When I got home they still had the security devices attached. I called the store and told them about my problem. Of course they told me I could just come back and they would remove the devices. I told them that they were twenty-five miles from my home and asked if they were going to reimburse me for the time and gas used for the return trip. Of course not, I could remove the devices myself because they had many of them at the store and would not miss a couple. I was to be forewarned that in doing so the devices would make a lot of noise. This answer came from a substitute CSM... She suggested that I use a pair of heavy duty wire cutters. I tried tin snipes that that didn't work, then I moved on to a pair of hedge trimmers and they did. There was no noise because I wasn't in the store and there hadn't been a noise when I left the store. Must be the security gadgets hadn't been activated. Oh well, now I can wear the shoes.

Monday afternoon we finally got the new toilet installed at the shop, its nice not to have to hold down the handle until the bowl empties. Or have to remove the lid and adjust the water flow arm to get the tank to fill. Of course it could have been worse. Don't have to lime it like the old time facilities.

You know that at times like this I feel absolutely decadent when using these modern conveniences. Like real running water, not running out to the pump and filling a bucket and carrying it back to the house, or maybe to the barn to water the animals. We are truly blessed and many don't even know it.

Time to get back into high gear, I still need to get the whole wheat, plain white, cinnamon, and onion breads made and baked. Also must take a couple more of my loaf pans into the shop for use. Tomorrow is the Farmer's Market in St Johns and I hope to see many of you there. I already know that Larry will be bringing me a cup of coffee and he dropped off some more jelly jars to be used. I am blessed with so many kind folks in my life. Enjoy your family and friends. May God bless you with many.

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### The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster  
theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com

#### Deer Attractant Plots for 2025

The Weekly Sportsman started looking forward to the upcoming deer seasons in early August and decided to invest some sweat and financial equity in attractant plots. After some consideration it was decided to plant two plots for completely different seasons.

The first plot would be long and rectangular in shape and the size of about two acres for the purpose of late fall/early winter hunting. Composed of cereal grains and brassicas this plot will be planted early to allow growth and hopefully receive minimal pressure until it gets really cold and snow covers the landscape. The area was covered with tall grass and weeds and had been allowed to lie fallow this planting season. The target planting date was August 15th and was mowed twice and disced four times to prepare a somewhat rough yet adequate seedbed of Boyer complex/sandy loam. Seed was sourced locally from Family Farm and Home (FFH) and Corunna Mills. Cereal grains included two fifty pounds of Buck Forage Oats purchased for \$50 a bag from FFH and three fifty pound bags of winter wheat were purchased for \$10 a bag from Corunna Mills. Ten pounds each of Purple Top Turnips at \$5 a pound and Dwarf Essex Rape at \$3 a pound were purchased from FFH. Total seed cost for the plot totaled \$210. Planting began with a tractor and spreader/seeder on Friday the 22nd of August with oats being planted in a north and south direction and the wheat in a west to east direction. A hand seeder for the brassica mix was spread walking in a west and east direction skipping every other width of the hand spreader. Darkness fell before cutpacking could be done so that was finished up the next Saturday morning when rain began to fall just as the second pass was finished. After five weeks there is a solid dark green stand of foliage waiting to be feasted on by the local deer herd.

The second plot is a lot smaller and was much cheaper to plant. A third of an acre of Houghton Muck was mowed twice, plowed and disced repeatedly with a target planting date of September 1st. Although the seed bed was rough in some spots seeding started on the evening of the 1st with a seeder/spreader and finished the next morning with a very light discing and cultipacking. The purpose of this plot was to provide deer with a fresh and very tender plants while trying to thread the needle and avoid an early frost. A cold front moved in right after planting but the seed germinated and pushed through the soil as the threat of frost passed. The barn was cleaned out of leftover seed from Pheasants Forever. One bag of corn, four bags of sunflowers, and four bags of soybeans was the recipe for this plot. Many would say that is too much seed for such a small area but as seed ages the germination rate can decline quite rapidly. The planting is three weeks old as of this writing and still has a week to grow a little more until the 1st of October when the Weekly Sportsman will be sitting in a blind with a crossbow. Deer have already been nibbling...

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## Sports

### Solid Showings for O-E Harriers in Second MMAC Jamboree at Twin Brooks

CHESANING -- Clarissa Baese finished in 6th place, and Will Baese and Josh Miller ran 6th-7th for the male Marauders, as cross-country teams from Ovid-Elsie trekked through the second MMAC Jamboree of the 2025 season here September 23.

The 5,000 meter layout, hosted by the Chesaning Indians, wove through Twin Brooks Golf Course on a sunlight fall afternoon.

Montrose won the boys title with 44 points, followed by Ovid-Elsie 69, Chesaning 77, Otisville-Lakeville 86, Birch Run 121, Bryon 140 and New Lothrop 143.

Baese paced O-E in 17:59.27, with Miller just .31 seconds behind him. Travis Wright finished 13th, Mitch Gonzalez 15th, Jeremiah Stewart 30th, Sam Kennedy 38th, Colton Sempstrott 44th and Destin Kinney 47th.

Clarissa's time of 22:16.84 led the Lady Marauders. Ava Juhas and Lydia Lawrence ran 18-19 for O-E, Dana Juhas 21st, Shaelyn Kinney 25th, Haley McClung 33rd, Brena Vincent 50th and Belle Cooper 51st.

The host Indians won the girls team title with 54 points, chased by Birch Run 60, New Lothrop 78, Ovid-Elsie 83, Montrose 96 and Byron 124.



Saturday, October 4.

#### Notice of Drainage Board Meeting For Consideration of Proposed Consolidation

#### Wait Consolidated Intercounty Drain Clinton and Shiawassee Counties

Date: October 6, 2025  
TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Ovid Township Hall, 1015 Baese Court, Ovid, MI 48866  
The Wait Consolidated Intercounty Drain Drainage Board will meet at the above date, time, and location to hear all interested persons, receive evidence, and determine whether the consolidation, as set forth in the application dated July 17, 2025, is conducive to the public health, convenience, or welfare; pursuant to Chapter 19 of Public Act 40 of 1956, as amended. Proceedings conducted at this public meeting will be subject to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Written comments may be submitted prior to the meeting, or additional information may be obtained from the following offices:

Brent Singer  
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1024 N. Shiawassee St.  
Corunna, MI 48817  
989-743-2398  
Phil Hanses  
Clinton County Drain Commissioner  
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Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Drain Commissioner of their county at the number listed above or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

Dated: September 9, 2025  
Joseph P. Brezvai, Deputy  
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## Memorial Healthcare Welcomes Nurse Practitioner

submitted by Dianna Vsetula  
 Owosso — Memorial Healthcare is pleased to welcome April Morris, RN, MS, NP-BC, to our active medical staff. April will be working closely with Dr. Steven Simensky at the Memorial Healthcare Institute for Neuroscience in Okemos.



April Morris, RN, MS, NP-BC

April is an experienced neurology nurse practitioner with a strong track record in diagnosing, treating, and educating patients with complex neurological conditions. Her background spans outpatient neurology (dementia, epilepsy, neuromuscular and movement disorders), post-hospital follow-ups, case management, and patient and family education. April has also taught and precepted learners in academic settings at the University of Michigan and Michigan State University, and served as a preceptor for nurse practitioners, registered nurses, and social workers.

April received two Master of Science degrees in Adult Health and Women's Health from the University of Michigan, and is accepting new patients with most insurances.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please visit [www.MemorialHealthcare.org](http://www.MemorialHealthcare.org).

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— EMILY BRONTE

**Color Walk**  
 The Tom Bradley Walk to End Hunger  
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## Elsie Fall Festival's Tom Bradley Walk to End Hunger: A Color Walk for a Cause

Join us on Saturday, October 4 at Elsie Park for a vibrant start to the Elsie Fall Festival with the Tom Bradley Walk to End Hunger — a Color Walk sponsored by BetterLife and the ZCJB Lodge #225 in Bannister.

**Event Details:** • Check-In: 9:00 AM • Walk Begins: 9:30 AM • Registration: Pre-register online or sign up the morning of the event. The cost to register is any amount you would like to donate. A \$50 donation receives a one-of-a-kind 2025 Color Walk t-shirt!. • Free snacks and water will be provided to all attendees.

Lace up your sneakers, throw on a white t-shirt, and get ready to be doused in color as we walk in honor of Tom Bradley, a beloved community member who dedicated his life to building a stronger, more compassionate community.

This isn't just a walk — it's a movement. Every step, every splash of color, and every dollar raised will benefit the Elsie Area Food Pantry, a vital resource for local families in need. Expect color stations, community spirit, and feel-good fun for all ages!

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## Laingsburg American Legion Reverse Raffle

submitted by Cindy Suggate

The Laingsburg American Legion, Clare Burt Post 248, is having an all money reverse raffle. The drawing will be November 11th at 12:00 pm. Tickets are available at the Post and you can get them from a member. The tickets are \$50.00 each and the proceeds will go towards the parking lot fund.

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# Sports



Landon Freeman scored a touchdown in a 82-yard run in the third quarter against P-W Pirates. Photo by Burg Sports

## Pirates Take Another Step Toward Another CMAC Title, 56-6 Over Laingsburg Wolfpack Gridders

LAINGSBURG -- Pewamo-Westphalia mixed up the pass and run to start the contest, rambled to a 28-0 first quarter lead, and took another big step toward yet another CMAC football title here September 19.

P-W's resounding 56-6 victory was the 16th-straight over Laingsburg, and moved the Pirates to 4-0 overall, 3-0 in league play. Brian Borgman's Wolves slumped to 1-3 overall, 1-2 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC).

The last time LHS conquered the Pirates on the gridiron was in 2009 by a 20-14 count. As what has become an annual date on the league calendar, P-W is bracing for an October 10 showdown with the Fowler Eagles (3-1, 3-0).

The Buccaneers nearly doubled up the Wolves in total yards, 361 to 158 -- but really showed their domination on the ground, with 330 rushing yards.

P-W sprinted to a 28-0 lead in the first quarter, on a runs of 4 yards and 27 yards, and passing TDs from 4 yards and 5 yards. They made it 42-0 at halftime, tacking on a 41-yard scoring run and another 5-yard TD pass.

The Wolfpack broke through to start the third quarter, Julian Smith hitting Landon Freeman with an 82-yard scoring strike. Payge Woodworth's PAT boot was no good, and the Pirates held a 42-6 advantage.

P-W closed things out with touchdown runs of 6 yards and 10 yards for a 56-6 final.

Most of the Pirate plunder came on the ground, where they ripped off 330 team yards. They added 31 through the air.

Laingsburg managed 59 rushing yards, 99 passing yards and four first downs. Smith hit 10-of-18 passes, including the one TD. Freeman latched on to 10 aerials for 89 yards, and Collin Logghe three for 10. Waylon Rowley led the LHS ground game with 42 yards on 10 carries.

Leandro Dolega-Caceres, Rowley, Calvin Stier, Ethan Platte, Cooper Morr, Liam Esch, Gus Larson, Bryce Curry, Freeman, Logghe, Dylan Koenig and Adam Kazor were all in on tackles for the Wolfpack.

Borgman's charges looked to get on the winning track Friday night at non-league Vestaburg (0-4).

## Wolfpack's Devereaux Tops Field at Covenant Christian Sunrise Meet

GRAND RAPIDS -- Noah Devereaux topped the male field in 16:19.27 as Laingsburg cross-country teams turned in a strong effort at the Covenant Christian Sunrise Invitational here September 20.

Shawn Baynes' Wolfpack totaled 155 points to finish behind Holland Calvary Christian 44, Wyoming Potter's House 59, Holland Black River 65, Covenant Christian 77 and Kent City 147.

Joining Devereaux as top male finishers for LHS were Austin Hoges 32nd, Calum Knull 40th, Andrew Stevens 51st, Cameron Betts 53rd and Drake Pratt 54th.

Kiki Rusz paced the Lady Wolfpack, 16th in a time of 22:38.06. Hazel Burley clocked 17th, Samantha Gutzman 20th, Madison Phillips 30th and Meriel Burley 34th.

Grandville Calvin Christian won the girls 5,000 meter meet with 27 points. Covenant Christian totaled 29 as a team, Laingsburg 90, Potter's House 107 and Holland Black River 111.

# 2025 LAINGSBURG WOLFPACK

Friday, October 3rd

at 7:00 pm

vs Saranac



### WOLFPACK VARSITY FOOTBALL:

Front row (l-r): Josiah Hawes, Adam Kazor, John Schafer, Calvin Stier, Leandro Dolega-Caceres, Waylon Rowley, Liam Esch, Nate Malone, Stephen Stahl, Landon Freeman. Second row (l-r): 5Dylan Koenig, Julian Smith, Harrison Dorman, Caiden Nidefski, Colin Logghe, Joe DeShone, Cooper Morr, Gus Larson, Ethan Platte, Bryce Curry.

Not pictured: Payge Woodworth.

Photo by Keith Kingsbury

## GOOD LUCK WOLFPACK...

Power Puff Game - Wednesday October 1 at 7:00pm  
Homecoming Parade 4:45pm on Friday, October 3rd  
FFA Hog Roast - 5:00pm Friday, October 3rd  
Homecoming Dance 7-10pm - Saturday, October 4th



**WOLFPACK CHEER:** Front row (l-r): Kierstyn Szilaygi, Riley Bowman, Ally Underhill, Taylor Droste, Keira Justice, Laura Rademacher. Back row (l-r): Claire Hinkley, Sara Hart, Jayden Foltz, Ava Trier, Sophia Wilburn, Edie Zacharda, Maya Venton.

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**Victor Township  
Clinton County, Michigan  
6843 E. Alward Road, Laingsburg, MI 48848  
Proposed Board Minutes of September 9, 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, Prange, Willoughby, Pesch. Absent: Sayles

5 citizens in attendance.

**Public Comment:** none

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Willoughby and seconded by Pesch to approve September 9, 2025, agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Pesch and seconded by Wiswasser to approve August 12, 2025, regular meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Prange and seconded by Pesch to accept September 2025, Treasurer's report. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of Bills and Payroll:** Motion by Willoughby and seconded by Pesch to disburse August 2025 bills. (Paid September 9, 2025) Roll call: Members voting yes: Prange, Willoughby, Wiswasser, Pesch. Members voting no: None. Absent: Sayles. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks# 12650-12679, in the amount of \$37,013.98

Motion by Willoughby and seconded by Pesch to disburse August 2025, payroll and payroll related expenses (Paid September 9, 2025). Roll call: Members voting yes: Willoughby, Wiswasser, Pesch, Prange. Members voting no: None. Absent: Sayles. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks# 13272-13281 in the amount of \$13,789.87.

Sayles entered the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

**Clinton County Commissioner District 1:** Commissioner Brian Hurtekant, district 4, filled in for Nicole Fickes and gave a report on County Business.

**Laingsburg Public Library:** Sara Danford gave an update on the library. Victor Township has over 500 members that use the library services. Learn more about happenings on the library's Facebook page @laingsburgpubliclibrary.

**Planning:** The Planning Commission/Historical group completed the Blood Cemetery Memorial Garden Project. A bench will be purchased to place at the site. The Planning Commission is working on 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. Hydrants were repaired by the playground. Eyewash in Fire Hall was repaired. New lock installed at Dennison School.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Emergency Services Showcase:** The Township Board is sponsoring an Emergency Services Showcase on Sunday, September 14th at the Township Hall from 3-5 pm to answer any questions regarding Ambulance Service for our residents. There will be a millage proposal for Ambulance Services for Victor Township residents on the ballot on November 4, 2025.

**New Business:**

**Budget Review/Amendments:** Motion by Prange, seconded by Sayles to approve the following budget amendments: Increase funds in Annual Audit, Township Insurance, IT and annual Website Contracts, Election supplies and postage

Roll call vote: Members voting yes: Wiswasser, Prange, Sayles, Willoughby, Pesch. Members voting no: None Absent: None Motion carried. Copies of 2025-2026 budget can be obtained by contacting the Township Clerk: clerk@victortwp.org or by calling 517-651-2094.

**Memorial Garden Bench:** Bench to be purchased using remaining funds allocated for the project.

**Victor Township Noise Ordinance:**

Motion by Pesch, seconded by Wiswasser to have the Supervisor research options for creating a noise ordinance for the Township.

- Zoning issue and how many dogs are allowed
- Private kennel vs. Commercial kennel
- Options for enforcement
- Twp vs County
- What are other townships doing regarding noise and dogs
- Barking vs. noise ordinance

Roll call vote: Members voting yes: Pesch, Sayles, Prange, Willoughby, Wiswasser. Members voting no: None Absent: None Motion by Wiswasser, seconded by Willoughby to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried

Copies of Resolutions, Agreements, Budget Amendments, 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

# Sports



Bentlie Kelley, Kortlynn Loynes and Kendal Tokar working the net for Ovid-Elsie against Bath.

Photo by Denise Burgess

## Lady Marauders Claim Four Set Victory Over Bath, Now 10-4-2

OVID-ELSIE -- The Lady Marauders' 25-18, 26-28, 25-14, 26-24 non-league victory over the Bath Bees improved the O-E record to a sterling 10-4-1.

With senior outside hitter Ashton Ehle still out of the rotation due to an injured shoulder, the hosts still rallied to victory behind the solid play of Bentlie Kelley (1 kill, 9 aces, 30 assists, 15 digs), Allie Veith (9 kills, 1 ace, 4 blocks, 2 digs), Kortlynn Loynes (16 kills, 1 dig), Kendal Tokar (2 kills, 6 aces, 3 blocks, 9 digs), Lily Bates (6 kills, 2 aces, 10 digs), Isabelle Ryal (2 aces, 3 assists, 12 digs), Sarah Newman (3 aces, 8 digs), and Isabelle Phillips (4 kills, 1 dig).

Bath's stellar season hit just a small blip on the radar, at 18-7-1 overall.

## Ovid-Elsie, Ithaca Battle to 1-1 Soccer Tie on the Pitch

ITHACA -- Dalton Jordan stopped three shots in four save chances in the Ovid-Elsie goal, and the Chris Parker's Marauders salvaged their first tie of the 2025 season here September 24.

The 1-1 standoff ended with Ovid-Elsie 12-2-1 on the season. The host Yellowjackets stood 6-7-2 after the non-league action.

"We played a solid game against a quality opponent but weren't able to finish our chances," said coach Parker. "Our play in the final third was a bit lackluster and our touch failed us too many times.

"If we clean up the things we can control, we'll be heading in the right direction as we approach the playoffs."

The Marauder goal came mid-game from scoring leader Dominic Martin, assisted by Ryker Parsons.



## Marauders, Railroaders 'go to work' in Smash-Mouth MMAC Matchup; Ovid-Elsie Prevails for 31-28 Victory

DURAND -- It was time to go to work.

The images were all around Roundhouse Stadium in Durand. The Ovid-Elsie student section was adorned in work safety vests, as were the cheerleaders. There were road work signs posted in front of the O-E stands. Hand-painted "go to work" signs peppered the stands. The cheerleaders tied their hair back with caution tape.

The stage was set. And -- to be sure -- both teams, the Durand Railroaders and the Ovid-Elsie Marauders, did some work.

O-E placekicker Dannika Campbell was named the Marauder "Player of the Week" (WOES radio) after she was perfect on all four of her PAT kicks. But it was her 37-yard field goal at the end of the first half that proved to be the winning points in a nail-biting 31-28 victory.

It didn't look like a nail-biter at the start. O-E dashed to a 7-0 lead on its first possession, Brock Spitzley doing the honors from two yards out.

They grew the lead to 24-6 by halftime on a Joie Fabus fourth-down 25-yard TD catch from Owen Long, Spitzley's 48-yard gallop through a huge hole with 2:06 left before halftime, and Campbell's accurate kicking.

Durand do-everything back Carver Purdy had tallied the Railroaders' first TD on a two-yard in the first quarter (the PAT kick failed). He then led the hosts on a ferocious comeback to open the third quarter.

First, it was Purdy from 8 yards out on Durand's first possession of the half. Caden Holbrook bowled in the two-point conversion, cutting the deficit to 24-14.

Six minutes later, Purdy completed another impressive Railroader march, plowing in a 4-yard run. Lucas Goodman added the two-point run, and the Marauders were reeling, clinging to a 24-22 lead.

The 1-2 power punch of Spitzley and Chase Fabus out of the O-E backfield had caused the Durand 'D' problems the entire game, with Fabus giving O-E some breathing room. The final dagger was a 37-yard blast from Fabus, staking the visitors to a 31-22 edge.

Durand wasn't done yet. Holbrook capped another staunch drive with a one-yard TD plunge, but the try for two failed.

The Railroaders got the ball back one last time. This time, the Marauder 'D' was up to the task, stopping DHS on fourth-and-two -- putting the icing on a classic MMAC slobber-knocker.

Fabus and Spitzley each rushed for 126 yards, O-E churning out 288 yards on the ground. Long was 6-for-8 passing for 113 yards, with Howard (47 yards), Joie Fabus (40) and Spitzley (26) each latching on to two catches.

For Durand, Purdy was All-State like, with 19 carries for 137 yards and three TDs.

Defensive leaders for the Marauders were Spitzley (16 tackles), Long (14 tackles, one for loss), Howard (7 tackles), Hunter Smith (7 tackles, one for loss) and Braxton O'Bryant (4 tackles and a sack).

Next on the O-E slate: a key MMAC showdown vs. unbeaten and No. 3-ranked Montrose at Mark O'Donnell Field. Going into the contest, Jackson Lumen Christi was #1, Almont #2, the Rams #3 and Ovid-Elsie #8 in MHSAA Division 6.



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# Sports



## Laingsburg Homecoming Court

Front row (l-r): Jameson Conklin, Morgan LaMacchia, Hannah Rathka, Mallory Woodbury  
Back row (l-r): Cody Cataline, Leandro Dolega-Caceras, Josiah Hawes, Waylon Rowley  
Photo by Deb Price

## Laingsburg Defeats Potterville in Straight Volleyball Sets

LAINGSBURG -- Lia Soeltner led the Lady Wolfpack with 28 digs and four aces, leading the red-and-white to a straight-set CMAC volleyball victory over Potterville.

Mickey Fox's Wolves kept the Vikings winless in league action at 0-4-1, with a 25-17, 26-24, 25-22 sweep. LHS improved to 9-6-1 overall, 3-2 in the CMAC, while dropping the Lady Vikes to 3-8-2 overall.

Joining Soeltner leading the Wolves was Harper Strouse with 11 kills, 1 block, Kendall Michels 18 assists, 8 kills, 16 digs, 1 ace and Mallory Woodbury with 7 kills and 19 digs.



Lia Soeltner led the Wolfpack with 28 digs and four aces. Teammate Alayna Merrell looks on as she returns ball.  
Photo by Burg Sports

**Coaches please remember to send in your weekly sports results! tomturek20032003 @ yahoo.com or news@meridianweekly.com**

## Gridiron Gurus Week of September 21

- PIZZA -- Cathy Coe 10-2
- SUB SANDWICH -- Rose Purvis 9-3 (tie-breaker)
- BREADSTICKS -- Russ Ginther 9-3 (tie-breaker)



**GRIDIRON GURUS**  
by Tom Turek  
tomturek20032003@yahoo.com

A doozy of a September 21 slate brought most of our elite, eclectic experts back to Earth with middling records and muddling minds.

Upsets like the Panthers stunning shutout of the Falcons, Iowa's big win at Rutgers and Indiana's run to 4-0 -- dominating a good Illinois club -- stumped most of our pigskin pundits.

Cathy Coe wound her way through the minefield with her best work yet in 2025, winning the pizza pie with a stellar 10-2 mark. Four players tied for 2nd with 9-3 marks: Rose Purvis, Russ Ginther, Bryan Reed and Kevin Madsen. The tie-breaker was 44 points, and Rose (42) and Russ (41) came closest to nailing it, earning a sub sandwich and some yummy breadsticks, respectively.

In our staff runoff, Amon-Ra St. Gibbs was merely mortal, turning in his worst effort of the season at 7-5. That allowed ol' Wolfie to forge a tie, going 8-4 for a .711 mark on the campaign. Both the Sun God and the Wolf are 37-15 for 2025.

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all in Block 15 of the Village (not City) of DeWitt, Clinton County Records. Also that part of the vacated West 33 feet of Market Street, except commencing at the Southwest corner of Block 15, Village of DeWitt (now City), being a Subdivision of part of Section 5 and 8, Town 5 North, Range 2 West, Clinton County, Michigan, thence South 89 degrees 51 minutes 21 seconds East 132.00 feet along the North line of Madison Street to the point of beginning of this description, thence North 00 degrees 37 minutes 00 seconds East 95.30 feet, thence North 88 degrees 47 minutes 25 seconds East (not West) West 166.00 (looks like 165) feet; thence South 00 degrees 37 minutes 00 seconds West 99.20 feet; thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 21 seconds West 166.00 (looks like 165) feet along said North line of Madison Street to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 308 N Franklin St. Dewitt, MI 48820 The redemption period will be 12 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. 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. U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Harborview Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-3, Mortgage Loan Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-3 Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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**PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE STATE OF MICHIGAN**

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CASE NO: 25-32589-NC

In the matter of Tung Thanh Vu-Nguyen and Jessica Louise Vu-Nguyen TO ALL PERSONS, including: (specify non-custodial parent's name here, if applicable) whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

**TAKE NOTICE:** Tung Thanh Vu-Nguyen and Jessica Louise Vu-Nguyen have filed a petition for name change. A name change hearing will be held on Monday, October 20, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. at 100 E. State Street, 4th Floor Courtroom St. Johns, Michigan 48879, before Judge Lisa Sullivan to change the name of Tung Thanh Vu-Nguyen to Tung Thanh VuNguyen Jessica Louise Vu-Nguyen to Jessica Louise VuNguyen

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