

Applebee Oil Celebrates 50 Years

by Deb Price

On Monday, October 27, 2025 marks the 50 Year Anniversary of Applebee Oil & Propane. The 50 year old family gas business provides propane, fuel oil and gasoline for agricultural, residential and commercial customers since 1975. In addition to the services they offer customers, the Applebee Family contributes to its community in many ways. Customers and friends are invited to stop in on Monday, October 27th for some cider and donuts and share in the celebration of this business milestone.

Clare Applebee purchased the Ovid Oil bulk plant from Clare Crawford & Roger Craig on October 3, 1975. Four years later, in October of 1979, Applebee purchased Strouse Oil, a bulk plant in St Johns and in June of 1981, Clare added another bulk plant, purchasing Stevenson Oil on Chipman Street in Owosso. In December of 1991, Applebee's son, Shane, fresh out of college at Ferris, headed up a gas station project in St Johns across from Krogers, that location was sold in March of 1993.

In December of 1985, Dean's Deli, a gas station/party store, located across M-21 from Tri-Ami Bowl, became the Applebee's next business venture. Clare named the store after his wife Isedeane "Deno" Applebee. The location was a popular stop, not only for the locals but for those traveling east and west on M-21. Back in the summer of 1998, both Dean's Deli and Tri-Ami were impacted negatively when two bridges (one on Ovid's Main Street and one on M-21) were replaced at the same time.



Dean's Deli



Gas price in 2002

Both business had to make substantial changes during that process. Dean's Deli was forced to cut hours of operation and lay off workers. Try-Ami owner, Dale Greenhoe had no choice but to close for the month of August. The bridge on Ovid's Main Street was a Village of Ovid Project, the one on M-21 a Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) project. Not sure to this day if either business was ever given the reason why both bridges had to be done at the same time. Dean's Deli was sold in 2010.

In July of 1992, Clare purchased a piece of vacant land at the corner of Corunna Avenue and Gould Street in Owosso where a propane fill station was established. A second propane fill station was established in October of 2016 in Oakley at the previous White's Propane location. A third propane fill station was established on Baese Court on M-21 in Ovid in August of 2017.

The Ovid location at 108 N. Mill Street has over the past couple of years made upgrades, including new gas and diesel pumps, new tanks beneath the blacktop and building upgrades. They offer Gasoline, Diesel Fuel, Off Road & Recreational Fuel and Kerosine 24/7 to customers who utilize the Fuel Key System. Those interested in the 24/7 access to fuel can stop by during business hours and speak with Brad Kelley for details. Hours of operation at the Mill Street location, saw a change in August. "With the closing of the elevator, earlier this year, traffic patterns have definitely changed. We are going to not be open on Saturdays going forward. I'm sure my Dad would not be happy with the decision, he always thought we needed to be there for the customers," explained Shane back at the end of July of this year.

The hours of operation in Ovid are Monday-Wednesday 8am-5pm, Thursday 8am-6pm and Friday, 8am-5pm. They can be reached at 989-834-2828. In St Johns the hours are Monday-Friday 7:30am-4:40pm at the 603 E. Steel Street, phone 989-224-3875. Congratulations to the Applebee Family on their 50 years of success.



File photo of Isedeane "Deno" & Clare Applebee from 2017 when they were the Carriage Days Parade Marshals. Clare passed away in 2024.



Elsie Area Fire Department Finds a New Home

submitted by Amy Bowen

After months of meetings and careful consideration of all options, the Elsie Area Fire Association reached a decision at its Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 21st, to relocate the fire station to a new site within the Village limits.

The department will be entering into a lease agreement with Douglas Sturgis for his building situated at the corner of Main and Knowlton Streets. This new site will serve as the future home of the Elsie Area Fire Department.

As part of the relocation, the department will also be downsizing its fleet to better align with operational needs and available space. The new fleet will consist of one engine, one tanker, and one brush truck — a configuration deemed sufficient to meet the community's emergency response requirements.

The motion to move the fire station was presented during the meeting and passed with unanimous support from the board.

The decision comes following notice from the Village of Elsie, which has provided the fire department with an eviction deadline of November 24, 2025 from its current Village-owned facility. The department has committed to doing its best to complete the move by the specified date.

Ovid-Elsie Area Schools

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education held its regular meeting Monday, October 20, 2025. The highlight of the evening was the annual audit and cost savings due to refinancing of the 2014 and 2016 bonds.

The 2024-2025 financial audit was presented by Ali Barnes; representative of Yeo and Yeo. Officials were presented an unmodified or clean audit which is the best that a district can achieve. The audit will be presented in phases due to federal supplements that have not been received, however the audit will meet the State guidelines so state-aid payments will not be delayed. It was noted that the firm does not anticipate major changes at the federal level. General funding reflects small reductions and expenditures remain relatively consistent, the expensive years were 2022 and 2023 when extra funding was received due to COVID and federal funding increases. Fund balance 3.4 million in contingency that is unassigned. O-E has a 24% fund balance; the recommendation is a minimum of 15%. O-E is in healthy a financial state. Barnes indicated that it is anticipated that on the federal side of the audit it will be unmodified or a clean audit, as well. Officials approved the 2024-25 audit as presented.

Mark Horak, superintendent of schools, updated officials



(l-r): Brad Kelley, Lynette Eastman, Shane Applebee, owner/operator and Kristie Spencer.



108 N. Mill St., Ovid



Delivery Drivers and Garage Attendants: Back Row (l-r) Dale Boak, Dean Bundt, Scott Mulligan, Nick Stewart and Ron Wolfen. Front Row (l-r) Doug Spiece, Seth Holder, Mike Parenteau, Al Good and Mike Thelen.

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Social



Mark Your Calendar

St. John's Lutheran Church, 511 E. Sturgis, St. Johns will be having their Annual Cookie Walk on November 15th from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

Awesome variety of cookies - mix and match!

Also featuring Christmas "treasures" and gently used winter clothes for children and adults.

Annual Ham & Turkey Dinner

Chapin Methodist Church
at 19848 S. Chapin Rd.
Saturday, November 1st.
Serving begins at 4:30 until
7:00p.m.



Menu consists of ham & turkey,
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Pancake Breakfast

submitted by Brian Valentine

There will be a Pancake Breakfast at the Elsie Masonic Community Room on Saturday November 8, 2025 from 8 am to 12 noon. The proceeds from this event will benefit the Elsie American Legion Roof Fund. Thank you for your support.



Halloween Family Fun Night

On Friday, October 31, 2025 from 5:00 - 6:30 pm the Bannister United Methodist Church will be having Halloween Family Fun Night.

Hot dogs, chips & homemade cookies served inside.

Trunk or treat outside. All ages are welcome.

Have a unique vehicle? Drive is up to join in the fun.

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Elaine's Fall Quilt Show

Mark your calendar for Elaine's Fall Quilt Show to be held on Saturday, November 8th at the United Church in Ovid, 131 W. Front Street. Elaine's Too Quilt Shop and the United Church Women's group will be showcasing quilts, old, new or in progress. Quilts of all kinds including Vintage are welcome to put on display. For more information call 989-834-9118. Lunch will be provided for purchase. Make plans now to bring a friend to view the God Given Talents of the Quilter.

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Ovid Public Library News

On Wednesday, October 29 we will be having our Classic Movie at 1:00. This week's movie will be 'North by Northwest' starring Cary Grant and Eva Marie Saint. Bring a friend and join us for this Hitchcock Thriller! Light snacks are provided but you are welcome to bring your own.

On Friday, October 31, the Ovid Public Library will be closing at 4:00.

We still have lots of sale books at the library so be sure to take a look. All sale books are by donation. All monies help us to provide programming for our patrons. You are supporting a good cause whenever you purchase our books!

Elsie Library Adventures

submitted by Ann Trierweiler

I really thought the library traffic would slow down after the summer reading program. It didn't slow down much. Some days are a little more chillax, but the weather is still good, and yes, there are still so many more books to read! We enjoy your company!

The children's programs on Monday at noon and every other Saturday at 11:30 are always interesting and fun. I personally like to listen and watch the Music and Motion Mondays. Emily and Kathy come up with some interesting games and dances! Too Cute!

Halloween is right around the corner. There are goody bags for the children here at Elsie Public Library. Halloween falls on Friday and we are closed. Bring the children in now for a goody bag...when they're gone...they're gone!

Our October Adult and Teen craft was macramé. The little wall hanging had an impressive number of individual knots. The best part is learning together. Don't forget to come on the third Thursday of each month for craft time. How about some painting in November? Maybe even watercolors? Let us hear from you on ideas for a class or your ability to teach a class.

Thursdays are the busy, big people days. The second Thursday (November 13th) is Book Club at 6:00 pm. We still have some copies of "Thunder Dog" available if you need one. The third Thursday (Nov. 20th) is Adult and Teen Craft at 5:30 pm. The fourth Thursday (Nov. 27th) would have been a Homeschool Moms Meeting, but it is Thanksgiving. Enjoy your time with family!!

Join the "Happy Holiday Contest." From November 1 through December 15 you can put your name on a ticket for a drawing. There will be two contest winners, each receiving a \$20.00 Meijer gift card. Hope you win!! (1 ticket per person, thank you.)

We hope to see you soon. Yes, you! If you are reading this, then I think we can find a book, magazine or movie that is far more interesting. Come and see us at the Elsie Public Library!



Wyrick's Orchard

Northern Spy, Empire, Honeycrisp,
Snow Sweet, Jonagold, Pumpkins,
Squash, Red & Golden Delicious
Closing for the Season
November 2nd at 5pm

4 miles west of Ovid to St. Clair Rd., south 2 miles to Parks Rd., then 1/4 mile west.

10 am-6 pm Mon.-Sat.

Noon-6 pm Sun.

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regarding the fall student count the final count was 1,256.4 students, compared to 1,275 in 2024-2025 school year. In addition, Horak reported on the district website transparency page has been updated and presents a wealth of information. Next, the health insurance committee has been formed and it has been meeting to evaluate the different providers and costs. All employees have had an opportunity to provide input regarding the insurance costs and options provided.

Other actions items included the bids received on the used busses, specifically bus #065 in the amount of \$1,500 awarded to Ovid Iron & Metal, Inc. and bus #066 in the amount of \$1,500 also awarded to Ovid Iron & Metal, Inc. It was noted that bids were also received from Kalamazoo Metal, however the bids were awarded to highest bid. Mary Thompson abstained from the votes.

Board action was taken to approve the bond resolution authorizing the insurance and delegating the sale of the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools 2026 refunding bonds as presented. Mary Thompson reported on this action item, two bonds were up for refinancing the 2014 and 2016 bonds. The 2014 bond is just shy of 1.6 million dollars with a current interest rate of 4.6% and is set to expire May 1, 2029. The refinancing brings the interest rate down to 2.6% reflecting an estimated savings of \$48,000. The 2016 bond is 6.4 million dollars with an interest rate of 4.28% and will expire May 1, 2032. The refinancing will bring the interest rate down to 2.77% with an anticipated savings of \$200,000. Horak noted that the savings will be to the tax payers not to the district funds.

After considering the presentation at the September regular meeting to facilitate the strategic plan officials took action to approve the contract with Michigan Association of Schools Boards in the amount of \$8,766.00. The contract fee reflects a reduction of \$1,500.00 which is reflected in the cost, provided by the MASB membership assistance fund to facilitate the strategic plan process. The process will begin in January 2026. Discussion followed, the concern is the money to be spent which could be used elsewhere. One no vote, Josh Miller.

Finally, action was taken to approve the following employee contracts – extension of Rebecca Powell’s contract as business office specialist effect September 15, 2025; Rebecca Keusch as a part-time, three-hours per day in the morning, as a paraprofessional at the high school.

Superintendent’s self-evaluation – Brooke Wooley, board president, presented each board member with a binder outlining the process which includes goals and board expectations. The timeline was outlined. October is the time for the superintendent to present his/her evaluation. This is a process, not an event. At the November meeting a more in-depth review will be scheduled. The purpose is to maintain consistency in evaluating the school superintendent.

The self-evaluation was discussed with Mark Horak, school superintendent. This is uncomfortable process when giving one’s self a grade, self-evaluating is difficult. It was noted that Horak is four months into the job. Key events – community relations improved but work to do; staff relations were pointed out; business and finance; instructional leadership; growth data of all the different levels of the district based on student data; district wide goals usually tied to the strategic plan – the cycle goals were established when he was hired. The board will be going through them one by one in November during the formal evaluation. Officials were encouraged to bring notes back next month.

Eric Jones sent a written public comment – again quoting the board ethics policy.

Susan Kadlek voiced concerns about the social media and public comments which appear to be personal attacks, bullying and intimidation. She requested that personal attacks be ruled out of order. 167.73 public participation policy was referenced. And further commented that possibly publish the rules on the school district website.



University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Carson Launches New Cardiac Rehabilitation Center

submitted by John Foren

CARSON CITY.– University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Carson opened a new cardiac rehabilitation center today, expanding access to vital recovery services for Mid-Michigan heart patients.

The center, located at 406 Elm St., Carson City, provides a medically supervised program of exercise and education designed to help patients with heart disease achieve their optimal health.

“Cardiac rehabilitation is a critical component of recovery, helping patients regain strength and reduce their risk for future heart problems,” said Linda Reetz, market president for community hospitals at University of Michigan Health-Sparrow. “Bringing this service directly to the Carson City community means greater convenience, improved community health and continuity of care for our patients close to home.”

Cardiac rehabilitation is an individualized program that helps patients improve activity tolerance, increase exercise capacity and reduce risk factors for heart disease. The program is covered by most insurance plans and requires a physician referral.

Patients are eligible if they have or have had an established diagnosis of coronary artery disease, stable angina, a myocardial infarction (heart attack), coronary artery bypass surgery, angioplasty and stent placement, or heart valve surgery.

The program includes two phases. Phase one begins during a patient’s hospital stay, focusing on education about heart disease, risk factors, and the recovery process. Phase two is an outpatient program after discharge, featuring EKG-monitored exercise sessions and educational classes to support heart-healthy living for patients and their families.

The Carson City location joins other University of Michigan Health-Sparrow cardiac rehab centers in Lansing, and Clinton, Eaton, and Ionia counties, as well as in Wyoming under UM Health-West.

To learn more about UM Health-Sparrow Carson’s cardiac rehab services, go to UofMHealthSparrow.org/Departments-Conditions/All-Departments/Rehabilitation/Cardiac-Rehabilitation

Memorial Healthcare to Host Aquablation Dinner Seminar with Dr. Tarek Pacha

submitted by Dianna Vsetula

Owosso – Memorial Healthcare is inviting the community to attend a free Aquablation Dinner Seminar on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, from 5:30PM - 6:30PM in the Educational Theatre, located in the NOW Building at 819 N. Shiawassee Street, Owosso, MI 48867.

The event will be led by Dr. Tarek Pacha, a board-certified urologist with Memorial Healthcare Urology. Dr. Pacha will discuss Aquablation Therapy, an advanced, minimally invasive treatment option for men with Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH)—commonly known as an enlarged prostate.

Aquablation Therapy uses the power of water and robotic precision to remove prostate tissue safely and effectively, helping men experience relief from urinary symptoms while reducing the risk of side effects often associated with traditional surgical treatments.

“BPH is a widespread condition that severely compromises quality of life for countless men over age 50. With Aquablation therapy, men can reclaim their lifestyles and find relief from symptoms while preserving sexual function and continence – outcomes that have proven elusive with many traditional treatment modalities,” said Dr. Tarek Pacha.

Dinner will be provided for all attendees. Space is limited, and reservations are required. Please RSVP by Friday, November 14th, to Becky Dahlke, Community Resource Manager, at rdahlke@memorialhealthcare.org or by calling (989) 729-4856.

For more information, please visit, www.MemorialHealthcare.org

City of Ovid Draft-Synopsis Regular Meeting October 13, 2025

Open Regular Meeting:

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

Roll Call:

Present: M. Soliz, L. Perrien, M. Olger, M. Perrien, E. Brown, M. Jones, E. Starn.

Absent: none

Guests:

There were 8 people in attendance

Agenda:

Motioned by Council Member M. Soliz and seconded by Council Member E. Brown to approve the agenda as presented. Carried on a voice vote.

Minutes:

Motioned by Council Member E. Brown and seconded by Council Member L. Perrien to approve the minutes from September 8, 2025 Regular meeting with correction on grammar with the reports motion and Resolution 2025-04 motion. Carried on a voice vote.

Invoice/Check Register:

Motioned by Council Member L. Perrien and seconded by M. Soliz to approve the invoice/check register from September 10, 2025 through October 14, 2025 for a total of \$1,346,955.77. Carried on a voice vote.

County Commissioner: 7:03 pm to 7:06 pm

Open Public Comment: Opened 7:07 pm Closed: 7:07 pm -none

Treasurer’s Report: Motioned by Council Member L. Perrien and supported by Council Member M. Olger to amend the budgets for General Fund (101), Sewer Fund (590) and Water Fund (591) as presented by the Treasurer. Carried on voice vote.

DPW Report: Motioned by Council Member E. Starn and Supported by Council Member M. Soliz accept the bid from Custom Heating and Cooling for A/C and furnace maintenance service with the monies coming from hall and ground repair and maintenance line item (101-265-930.00).

Report Motion:

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

New Business:

a. USDA Pay Request #6: Motioned by Council Member E. Brown and supported by Council Member M. Olger to approve pay application #6 for an amount of \$6,704.66 and authorized the Mayor to sign all necessary documents. Carried on voice vote.

b. Tobacco and Vaping Personnel Police Update: Motioned by Council Member M. Soliz and seconded by Council Member M. Jones to adopt the updated language for Tobacco and vaping policy as presented. Carried on a voice vote.

c. Sick Hours Earned Policy Update: Motioned by Council Member L. Perrien and seconded by Council Member E. Brown to adopt the updated language for the Earned Sick Hours as presented. Carried on voice vote.

d. Trick or Treat Hours -Motioned by Council Member E. Starn and seconded by Council Member M. Soliz to set the City of Ovid Trick or Treats hours as Friday, October 31st from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Carried on a voice vote.

e. Storm Drain Repair: Motioned by Council Member E. Brown and seconded by Council Member L. Perrien to approve Five Star Masonry for an amount of \$1,900.00 to repair the storm drain at the corner of West Street and W. Williams Street. Carried on voice vote.

f. Sidewalk Repair- Motioned by Council Member E. Brown and supported by Council Member M. Olger to approve Five Star Masonry quote of \$2,500.00 for sidewalk repairs at 210 S. Gratiot St, 204 S. Gratiot St., 146 E. Williams St. Carried on voice vote.

g. Sign, Window and City Logo- Motioned by Council Member L. Perrien and supported by Council Member M. Olger to approve the quote by Rockstar Graphix of \$810.00 to strip and recover a sign, apply a City Logo on the council room wall and place privacy vinyl on front office windows. Carried on voice vote.

h. CAASA (Clinton Area Ambulance Service Authority)- Motioned by Council Member E. Brown and supported by Council Member E. Starn to approve the Articles of Incorporation as presented (8-18-25 version). Carried on voice vote.

Committees:

a. Park & Rec/Hall & Grounds- Motioned by E. Starn and support by E. Brown to appoint Mary Collier as the STEPP coordinator. Carried on voice vote. Motioned by E. Starn and Supported by L. Perrien to spend up to \$2,400.00 for 6 disc golf baskets. Carried on voice vote.

b. Cemetery- Motioned by M. Olger and supported by L. Perrien to place urn in the mausoleum with documentation. Carried on voice vote.

Boards and Commissions:

a. Carriage Days- Motion by Council Member L. Perrien and support by Council Member M. Olger to support the move of Carriage Day Event to the weekend following the 4th of July. (July 10,11,12 2026). Carried on voice vote.

Adjournment-

Motioned by Council Member L. Perrien and seconded by Council Member M. Soliz to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. Carried on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by

Susan Tomasek Swan, Clerk

Complete minutes available on www.ovidmi.org or at City Hall.

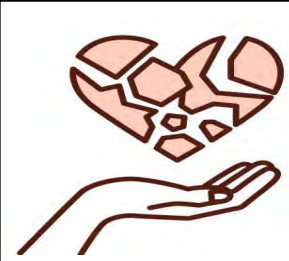
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~Vicki Harrison

Heather G. Kline

Heather G. Kline, age 77, of Ovid, formally of Lapeer, passed away Sunday, September 28, 2025 at Sparrow Hospital.

She married William “Bill” Kline on January 19, 1974 while working at General Telephone & Electronics. Heather and her husband raised and showed Quarter Horses and enjoyed traveling, antiquing, and spending time with family and friends. She also enjoyed reading and cooking and served on the Board at the local library in Ovid.

She is survived by her husband Bill, daughters Darcy (Tim) Nye, Stacy Kline (Ed O’Neill), granddaughter Kenna Nye, sisters Carmen (Terry) Dolan, Leslie (Fred) Bond, brother Scott Himes, eleven nieces and nephews, and several great-nieces and nephews and her beloved dog Heidi.

To honor Heather’s wishes, there will be no funeral service. In celebration of her memory, contributions can be made to The National Multiple Sclerosis Society and St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.



Minnie Dora Freed

Minnie Dora Freed, age 89, of Ithaca, MI, passed away peacefully Saturday, October 18, 2025, at her home.

Minnie was born in Bethany Township, Michigan on January 15, 1936, the daughter of Rudolph A. and Katie Putnam (Howd) Flashaar. She graduated from Breckenridge High School with the Class of 1954. On March 27, 1976, Minnie married Wayne Freed at the Ashley United Methodist Church. They have been married forty-nine years.

Minnie was an RN and was Director of Nursing at the Maple Valley Nursing Home in Ashley, MI for many years. She was a member of the Ashley United Methodist Church, the Methodist Women, and sang in the choir.

Minnie was devoted to her family. She worked hard to provide and care for her children. She faithfully attended her children and grandchildren’s sporting events. She loved to bowl, golf, play horse-shoes and shuffleboard. She and Wayne enjoyed traveling and spent 20 years wintering in Florida. Next, they lived in Houghton Lake for many years and golfed on several leagues. Eventually, they moved to Ithaca to be near their family.

She is survived by her husband Wayne, three children: Jodi (Bob) Studt of Ashley, MI; Paul (Katherine) Howard of Houston, TX; and Sherri (Terry) Beck of Ashley, MI; two step-children: Ron Freed of Boyne City, MI; and Sheri (Jim) Freed-McNeil of Columbus, GA. She is also survived by fourteen grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, five siblings: Verna (Roy) Carrick, Rupert (Glendola “Glen”) Flashaar, Charles (Inez) Flashaar, Stanley “Dar” (Louella “Lou”) Flashaar, and Richard (Margaret) Flashaar; and three step-children: Kay Sinclair, Kathy Freed, and Roger Freed.


A Memorial Service will be held at Ashley United Methodist Church, Ashley, MI, at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, with Pastor Zella Daniel and Dexter Carrick officiating.

Memorials may be made to Ashley United Methodist Church, 112 N. New St., Ashley, MI 48806, or Ithaca Baptist Church, 221 Norton Gibbs Drive, Ithaca, MI 48847. Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Ithaca, Michigan.



The Family of Karen Humphrey

would like to express all heartfelt thanks to everyone who reached out to us during this difficult time. Your kinds words, prayers, messages and flowers has brought comfort when we needed it most. Your compassion has reminded us that we are not alone in our darkest moment.



With Love,
Jackie and Donnie Mulder

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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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Corner of Price & Chandler, St. Johns

Pastor: John Jakus

Sunday School: 9:00am

Worship Service 10:00am

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Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.
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Sandra “Sandy” Lee (Smith) Libbey

Sandra “Sandy” Lee (Smith) Libbey, of Owosso, MI, passed away on October 21, 2025.

Sandra was born in St. Johns, Michigan on December 20, 1940, the daughter of Roger Rex and Josephine Marie (Roberts) Smith. She graduated from Ovid High School, with the class of 1959. She went on to work at various factories in the area before settling into her primary role as a homemaker.

She was a very generous, compassionate person, and easily forgiving. Sandra was also known for her sense of humor, her big smile, and contagious laugh. She loved horseback riding, and owned many horses throughout her life. But her love was not limited to just horses; Sandra, loved all animals, especially cats, and chickens. Sandra enjoyed all kinds of music, and even played a little of her own on the steel guitar. Her grandkids were also her world, and took any opportunity to look after them.

She is survived by her children: Jackie (Keith) Grubaugh, Harold (Tammy) Segur, Wayne (Tracie) Hertzler, and Jason Libbey; her grandchildren: Trisha (Jon) Turner, Jaclyn (Paul Gibson) Gilbert, Nichole (Corey) Grider, Zach Grubaugh, Eric Segur, Chris Segur, Kaleb Segur, Kirk Segur, Ellie Hertzler, Charles J. Hertzler, Meggan Libbey, and Miranda Libbey; many great-grandchildren; her siblings: Jeanne (Don) Sudau, Maureen Roberts, Janet (Rodney) Tew, and Patti Hagan. She was preceded in death by her parents, her daughter Janean Marie Segur, and her husbands: Michael L. Libbey, and Charles G. Hertzler, her brother Richard Smith, and brother-in-law Edward Hagan.

A Memorial Service will be held at Smith Family Funeral Homes – Houghton Chapel, Ovid, MI, on Saturday November 8, 2025, at 11:00 A.M. Burial will take place at Maple Grove Cemetery, Ovid, MI. Visitation will be held from 10:00 A.M. until the time of the service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Shiawassee Humane Society, 2752 West Bennington Road, Owosso, MI 48867. Online condolences may be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan.



Obituaries

William Walter "Bill" Furstenau

William Walter "Bill" Furstenau, age 89, of Elsie, MI, passed away Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at his home surrounded by his family.

Bill was born in Richmond, MI on May 19, 1936, the son of Edward John and Helen

(Wybraniec) Furstenau. He graduated from Memphis High School in 1954, and went on to Western Michigan University and earned his bachelor's degree in education in 1958.

On June 14, 1957, Bill married Marilyn Sue Richardson at the Hastings United Methodist Church, Hastings, MI. They were married for thirty-one years prior to her death on May 24, 1988. On August 5, 1996, Bill married Lora Mae Geiger, in Las Vegas, NV. They have been married twenty-nine years.

On November 1, 1953, Bill reported for duty in the US Army National Guard. After 5 years of service, he was honorably discharged on November 1, 1958 as a Heavy Weapons Infantryman.

Bill started his teaching career in 1958 with the Climax-Scotts School District. In 1963, he and his family moved to Elsie to begin his career teaching for Elsie School District (Ovid-Elsie in 1966). Bill retired from teaching at Ovid-Elsie at the end of the 1991 school year. During his teaching career he also served as a bus driver, track, cross-country, football coach and scout for Varsity football.

Bill also had the honor of serving as an ambulance driver and a first responder for the Elsie Area Ambulance Service for 30 years.

For 29 years, Bill was a member of the Elsie Masonic Lodge #238. Bill was a 72-year veteran and member of the American Legion Post 502, Elsie, MI.

Many summers, beginning in 1965, Bill and his family and friends enjoyed their cabin in the woods at Higgins Lake, where they share campfires, cookouts, lots of games and snipe hunts. Bill and Lora spent many winters enjoying the warmth of Holiday and Spring Hill, Florida. Bill enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, card playing, marble board game, making many wood-working projects in his shop, old Western shows, teasing his children and grandchildren, and most importantly cheering on U of M - Go Blue!

Bill is survived by his wife Lora, his children: Terri (Daniel) Simon, Gayle (Andrew) Hamilton, and Julie (Barry) Holley; step-children: Jodi (Brian) Merritt, and Traci (Mike) Love; grandchildren: Emily Braun, Holly (Samuel) DeBruin, Zachary (Katie) Hamilton, Kaley (Nathan) Moxley, Michael Holley, Jeffrey (Megan) Holley, and Matthew (Ashton) Holley; step-grandchildren: Darlah Allfie, Danielle McCoy, Bradley Swagart, and Chase Swagart; great-grandchildren: Kara, Noah, Lillian "Billie", Luke, Brooklyn, Eleanor, Sophie, Grace, Brayden, Whitney, Braxton, and Brynley; step-great grandchildren: River, and Victor; sister Carolyn Facione, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife Marilyn (1988), his brother Edward (Donna) Furstenau, and brother-in-law Peter Facione.

Funeral Services will be held at Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI, at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, with Pastor Kathy Leydorf-Keck officiating. Burial will take place at Riverside Cemetery, Elsie, MI at a later date. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, 4-8 P.M. and again one hour prior to the service on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Elsie Area Ambulance or Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Industrial Arts Program. Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



Arnold Lee Rosekrans

Arnold Lee Rosekrans, age 87, of Elsie, Michigan passed away peacefully Thursday, October 23, 2025, at Haven of Rest Hospice House, Owosso, Michigan surrounded by the love of his family.

Arnold was born in Ovid, Michigan on July 28, 1938, the son of Gordon Lyle and Maxine Fern (Weller) Rosekrans. He was blessed to be raised by his grandparents Don and Gladys Rosekrans. He graduated from Elsie High School, with the Class of 1956. Arnold proudly served his country in the United States Army. While stationed at Fort Hood in Texas, Arnold met Betty Lou White. They were married on June 16, 1963, in Temple, Texas. They have been blessed with sixty-two years of marriage.

Arnold loved working outdoors and caring for his property. He enjoyed trips to the Smokey Mountains in Tennessee with the family and to Texas to visit Betty's family. Arnold was an animal lover and always had a variety of animals.

He is survived by his wife Betty Rosekrans; his son Ronnie Rosekrans; his daughter Bonnie (Mark) Crist; and his brother Spencer (Barb) Reitz. He was preceded in death by his mother Maxine (Richard) Reitz, father Gordon Rosekrans, grandparents Don and Gladys Rosekrans, his daughter-in-law Brenda Rosekrans, and his sister Joyce (Dan) Bendall.

Funeral Services will be held at Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan, at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, October 30, 2025, with Pastor JD Paik officiating. Burial will take place at Eureka Cemetery, Eureka, Michigan. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, from 3:00-8:00 P.M. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Shiawassee County Humane Society. Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



Editorial

A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell



I lost electricity while out roaming around the country. I was only aware of it when I checked my email and was informed that the electricity was back on again and Tri-County was sorry for the inconvenience. I had been sitting over in Laingsburg sipping coffee with Therese, so it had caused me no problems. I still need to reset the clock in my stove but everything else is fine. Karen showed me the pictures that she had taken of the stormy clouds and I was glad that I wasn't here then. Not because storms scare me but if I'm in a foul mood they don't improve my outlook. In all honesty I usually feel cozy because I've always been safe and warm in my home. I was caught out in that storm and almost got soaking wet while getting a few items out of my car. It didn't just rain, it was impressively shedding buckets of water. Too bad I couldn't move faster because that would have eliminated much of the dampness. Such is life, at least I can still move without added accessories.

I have Mondays off, so I usually get some extra running done. Pru had an appointment at the groomers so we left the house at 8:30 and headed up to Alma. Normally it takes an hour for her to be bathed and clipped. So I zipped over to the bank to replenish my semi-empty pockets. I prefer paying with cash because I don't have the added three per cent charged to my debit cards. I then went back over to wait for Pru to be finished. They ladies always text me to let me know when I can pick her up. Yes, I had a book with me so that I could read and relax as I waited. I didn't get a text so I walked in and found out that their wifi set up had failed and Miss Pru was barking for my attention. I set up the next two appointments before we left. Of course Pru no-longer looked like that scruffy pup that I had brought in with me. She looked quite elegant and let me know that she knew that I had left her there surrounded by strangers, she did finally forgive me for my negligence.

On Tuesday I managed to removed eight gallons of vinegar from my kitchen and get them upstairs where they will dwell until next summer's pickle season. I also got the relish out of the kitchen and onto the shelves. I started out with thirty-six pints and am already down to eighteen, so I seem to have found fans without too much effort. It is nice to be appreciated. I think that I'm almost done re-potting plants, or at least I should be because I'm running out of pots. Hopefully I have found a pot large enough for my aloe plant. Its leaves have spread out so that they are lying on surrounding plants and pots, its leaves measure approximately twenty inches and also has about six younguns surfacing and being crowded by the parent plant. It was six months ago when I re-potted it.

I also got the milk house door closed and worked on clearing the area for a new slab of cement to be poured, hopefully before winter. I also re-trimmed a pair of maple trees and some wild grape vines so that I could use some scrub killer on them. They are growing between the steps and the door of the granary. Makes it kind of hard to enter through that doorway. I hope that the stuff works. I don't get thrills for removing the grapevines, they aren't that easy to tug out of the building's interior. It is good to be more mobile that I was last year but the catching up on stuff is a bit insane. It gives me negative vibes but also reminds me that I'm still capable of doing many things, yup I am blessed.

Yesterday was a busy day at the shop. I passed my breakfast burrito attempts, the boss gave me a thumbs up, now Brent will have to do the same. He is very good at making cookies and does a good job of running the grill. We are all advancing in our skill sets. Diane does a beautiful job of decorating cakes for weddings and birthdays, I do not have the needed patience for such a project. I enjoy making the yeast breads and am looking forward to making fudge and peanut clusters. Which by the way the case of blanched peanuts arrived yesterday afternoon, thankfully I was home in time to keep the box from getting soaked. I did make the grocery run and managed to restock the shelves. Keep smiling and keep your shelves stocked daily. May God bless you with an abundance. Have a great week.

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Editorial

The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
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This week the Michigan Senate passed SB 276 & 277 which would raise the cost of hunting and fishing licenses. The last increase was over ten years ago and while the senate's proposal is less than expected from several months ago, it is still an increase. It is uncertain what the House Of Representatives will do now that the ball is in their court. Don't expect a quick passage and approval by the House Republicans because they have recently been very critical of some of the DNR'S inner workings and have been holding hearings in order to bring transparency to what is perceived as government abuse and over-reach.

Regardless of partisan politics, there are some interesting nuggets tucked away in this legislative package including an 80% reduction in antlerless deer licenses, potential program of shoot a doe to earn a second buck license, lifting of baiting ban for 2026 season, and a "complete license" which would bundle many different licenses to save money. Hard to say what the end result will be at this point in time.

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Editorial



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Fifty-six walkers represented Team Larry in the Walk to Defeat ALS, held in Ovid on Sunday, October 5. The annual walk is organized in memory of Larry Martin. Approximately \$3800 was raised this year. The money was donated to the ALS Association's Michigan Chapter to support families affected by ALS, as well as fund research for a cure. The Martin family wishes to thank everyone who came to walk with us and those who so generously donated!



Gratiot County Toys for Tots

submitted by Joanne Fornusek

BetterLife Bannister ZCJB Lodge is again collecting for Gratiot County Toys for Tots. We would like to assist families in our area who are struggling to provide Christmas gifts for their children. Last year this Toys for Tots organization made sure 1300 local children could celebrate the holiday with gifts and a book. If anyone (member or nonmember) would like to help with this project, toys and/or financial donations can be brought to the hall (401 E Main St. Bannister) on Saturday Nov. 1, or Nov. 8 from 7 am until 4 pm. Or Sunday, Nov. 9. at 1:30 pm. Thank you for helping put a smile on a child's face this Christmas season.



Ovid - Friday, October 31, 2025, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Halloween Party, Hosted by the Ovid Lions Club, 4:30 p.m. at the Lions/VFW Hall, downtown Ovid, **before trick-or-treat.** Costume

Judging at 4:30pm, prizes for top 5. Games, Hot Dogs, Chips, Cider and Donuts.

Elsie - Trick-or-Treat hours will be held from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. on Friday, October 31, 2025.

During and after Trick or Treat The EAFD will be holding the annual Halloween Party at the Fire Station, 140 W. Maple St. Elsie. They will be providing hot dogs, donuts and cider.

Ovid Healthcare Center - Trunk or Treat Friday, Oct. 24, 2025, 6:00-8:00pm. 9480 E. M-21. Cider, donuts and candy!

Downtown St. Johns Halloween Candy Crawl - Friday, October 31, 2025, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Daytime trick or treating for young children at various businesses in St. Johns. Participating businesses with have a "pumpkin" sign on their store window/door.

St. Johns - The trick-or-treat hours are from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, October 31, 2025. The beginning and ending of the candy gathering period will be signaled by the fire whistle. Please use caution when driving as there will be lots of children running door to door to collect candy.

Owosso - Friday, October 31, 2025. Trick or Treating hours are from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Ashley - Friday, October 31, 2025 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Laingsburg - Friday, October 31, 2025. Trick or Treating from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Fire Whistle will sound at 6pm. Movie in the Park after Trick or Treating - Hocus Pocus 2.

Bannister United Methodist Church - Friday, October 31, 2025. Family Fun Night from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Hot dogs, chips & homemade cookies served inside. Trunk or treat outside. All ages are welcome.

Pitch the Pumpkins

submitted by Ellen Link

Thanks to a beneficial collaboration between the City of Laingsburg and DBD Dumpsters, YOU can help keep pumpkins and gourds out of the landfill! Bring your pumpkins to any November recycling drive hosted by the Greater Laingsburg Recyclers (GLR).

Please remove all candles, lights, and decorations before you pitch your pumpkin!

Pumpkins should not go in the GLR food scrap bins — instead, place them in the designated dumpsters at the recycling site.

All collected pumpkins will be taken to the City of Laingsburg's compost site, where they'll be mixed with yard waste and transformed into rich compost. Let's give those pumpkins a second life. Don't be a Bumpkin-Compost your Pumpkin!



Trucking for Troops Fundraiser

Raffle tickets for the 4th Annual "Trucking for Troops" fundraiser put on by Modern Woodmen are now available. Proceeds from this raffle go to support local veterans. The \$100 ticket price entitles the winner to a 2026 Chevrolet Silverado "Patriotic" truck. Tickets are available from Ed Arthur at Modern Woodmen, The Meridian Weekly office or from Shaheen Chevrolet. The drawing will be held on Monday, November 10th at the Modern Woodmen office in Lansing.

Sports

Marauders Show Just How Good They are with 56-25 Dismantling of Hornets

OID-ELSIE -- The Montrose Rams ended galloping to an undefeated prep football season, so the only thing the two teams here could do was battle for second place.

Ovid-Elsie ended up showing just how close to a league championship they had come.

With the 2025 season drawing to a close, Travis Long's Marauders pummeled New Lothrop, 56-25 at Mark O'Donnell Field. The decisive win ended a MMAC season with just one blemish -- a late-in-the-game 14-10 home loss to Montrose that the Marauders will tell you they should have won.

They were oh-so-close. They showed it here in a dismantling of a good New Lothrop team. The Hornets fell to 5-3 overall and ended up 4-3 in the Mid-Michigan Activities Association (MMAC).

Ovid-Elsie finished 6-2, 6-1, while Montrose wrapped things up at 8-0, 7-0 with a 44-0 shutout of Mt. Morris.

O-E's Owen Long had his offensive talents on display -- again -- opening up the scoring early in the opening quarter on a 52-yard scamper to the endzone. Dannika Campbell, who was perfect on the night, kicked the first of her 8 PATS for a quick 7-0 lead.

Before the end of the period, O-E made it 21-0. Long hit Brody Howard with an 8-yard scoring strike, before Brock Spitzley picked off a Karson Agnew pass and returned it 73 yards to paydirt.

At 11:04 of the second quarter, Long and Howard connected again, this time to 40 yards. Campbell made it 28-0.

Second-quarter fireworks ensued:

-- Agnew with a 16-yard touchdown launch to Aaron Wenzlick. Kyler Campbell PAT kick, O-E 28, New Lothrop 7.

-- Spitzley 13-yard touchdown jaunt. Dannika kick, O-E 35-7, Hornets 7.

-- Owen Long 33-yard TD sprint, Dannika kick, O-E 42-7, Hornets 7.

-- Agnew to Wenzlick again, this time from 38 yards. PAT kick blocked, O-E 42, Hornets 13. And that was just the first half, folks.

The track meet continued into the third quarter. Agnew fired a 43-yard scoring strike to Marcellus Childress. The two-point pass failed, and it was 42-19.

Spitzley marched the Marauders right back, finding the promised land from 17 yards. Dannika kick, O-E 49, Hornets 19.

The punishing O-E running game still wasn't done. Chase Fabus ran it in from 9 yards, Dannika kick, Marauders 56, Hornets 19 -- still in the third quarter.

New Lothrop got the final score of the night with 8:25 unplayed in the fourth quarter. Stone Wineman found Evan Ostrander with a 12-yard touchdown pass. The PAT pass again failed, final score 56-25.

Try to catch your breath: there were 108 offensive plays ran, 63 for New Lothrop. Ovid-Elsie amassed 412 yards, NL 385. The Hornets boasted 19 first downs, the Marauders 17.

Owen Long ran for 145 yards on 12 carries, Spitzley 79 on 8 tries and Fabus 75 on 7 pops. Toby Brown, Jason Harrell and Joie Fabus also rushed for positive yards for O-E.

Long clicked on 7-of-9 passes for 116 yards, two TDs and no interceptions. Howard's monster night included 114 receiving yards on 6 catches. Joie Fabus caught one pass for two yards.

Leading the Marauder defense was Daniel Topping (5 tackles, 2 for loss), Spitzley (5 tackles and a TD interception), Julian Medina (2 tackles, one interception), Robert Kebler (5 tackles), Howard (4 tackles), Long (4 tackles), Hunter Smith (4 tackles),

Chase Fabus (3 tackles, one for loss) and Chandler Hart-Butcher (2 tackles, two for loss).

The Marauders wrapped up their 2025 regular season, playing for playoff seeding, by hosting Lansing Waverly last Friday evening at O'Donnell Field.



Owen Long hands off the ball to Brock Spitzley during the game with New Lothrop on Oct. 17th. OE came out on top 56-25. Photo by Michelle Burgess

Rowley, Dolega-Caceres Lead Wolfpack Gridders to 43-11 Triumph Over Winless Aggies

LAINGSBURG -- Senior RB Waylon Rowley ran for 88 yards and three touchdowns, Leandro Dolega-Caceres sprinted for a pair of TDs, and sophomore QB Julian Smith added another score through the air, as the Wolfpack varsity football team got back on the winning track here October 17.

The Wolves' 43-11 victory over the Dansville Aggies moved Laingsburg's to 3-5 overall, 2-4 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC). The Aggies remained winless at 0-7, 0-5 in the circuit, with one game left in the 2025 regular season.

That set the stage for two winless teams -- Dansville and Vestaburg, both victims of Laingsburg this season -- to meet last Friday night in the season-ender.

That, after Brian Borgman's Wolves handled Dansville easily. The hosts amassed 274 total yards, 192 of them through the air, and rolled to a 24-0, second-quarter lead before DHS kicked a field goal to get on the board.

Rowley was off-and-running to open the contest, blasting in on a 4-yard carry to break the ice. Payge Woodworth's PAT kick made it 7-0.

Still in the opening quarter, Landon Freeman gathered in a 5-yard pass for Smith to go up, 13-0. Woodworth again tacked on the PAT boot.

Rowley returned to the endzone to open the second stanza, this time on a 15-yard run. Woodworth's PAT upped the ante to 21-0.

Woodworth then kept her perfect night alive, adding a 21-yard field goal: 24-0, Wolfpack.

The Aggies got on the board with a 23-yard boot, before senior speedster Dolega-Caceres returned his third kick return of the season for a touchdown. The 60-yard sprint, then a failed two-point conversion try, left the ledger at 30-3 at the halftime break.

Rowley notched his third TD in the third quarter, this time on a 34-yard scamper. Woodworth's kick moved the difference to 36-3.

An Aggie one-yard run and ensuing two-pointer got them within 36-11 to start the fourth quarter. But Laingsburg answered on another Dolega-Caceres TD, on a 20-yard pass from Smith. Woodworth's final PAT completing the scoring at 43-11.

Smith was true on 11-of-17 passes for 189 yards, including a long aerial of 37 yards. Rowley needed just 12 rushing attempts to gain 88. Liam Esch ran three times for 4 yards. Dolega-Caceres caught 7 balls for 124 yards, Freeman 4 for 37 and Harrison Dorman one for 31.

The Wolfpack defense was led by Freeman, with a pair of interceptions. Nate Malone was stellar with two sacks and two tackles for loss. Dylan Koenig, Dolega-Caceres, Ethan Platte, Dorman, Josiah Hawes, Gary Larson, John Schafer, Ethan Smith, Esch, Joe DeShone, Adam Kazor, Bryce Curry, Calvin Stier and Titan Sindel all recorded tackles or assists for the Wolf 'D'.

The victory snapped a 7-game home losing streak for LHS dating back to 2024. Borgman's charges ended the 2025 campaign last Friday evening at non-league Caro.



Leandro Dolega-Caceres was able to break away from a Aggie defender with help of Harrison Doorman during the Oct. 17th win. 43-11.

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Sports

Pewamo-Westphalia Girls Dominate Field in Final CMAC Jamboree to Wrap Up 2025 Cross-Country Title

POTTERVILLE -- Dominance? The Pewamo-Westphalia girls cross-country team just defined it.

The Lady Pirates captured an unheard-of 7 of the 10 top finishes in the final Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) Cross-Country Jamboree of the 2025 season, wrapping up another league title.

Noah Devereaux of Laingsburg highlighted the Wolfpack effort with an outstanding runner-up clocking of 16:38.0 in the boys' race.

Girls' team scores were Pewamo-Westphalia 24, Bath 68, Lansing Christian 85, Saranac 122, Fowler 145, Dansville 156, Laingsburg 157 and Perry 168.

The boys' tally was P-W 42, Saranac 69, Portland St. Patrick 84, Fowler 98, Laingsburg 117, Bath 135 and Lansing Christian 142, running over the 5,000 m layout at picturesque Country Mill Farms Cider Mill and Orchards.

Calista George of P-W topped the female field in 18:52.0. For coach Shawn Baynes' Lady Wolfpack, KiKi Ruzs was 18th in 21:50.4, Samantha Gutzman 22nd in 22:18.1, Lilli Morrill 37th in 24:07.1, Madison Phillips 44th in 25:22.7, Hannah Rathka 51st in 27:25.0., Sarah Kibzey 61st in 29:51.9, Meriel Burley 62nd in 33:55.2 and Ruby Burley 64th in 34:22.7.

Bath's Owen Poppema topped the male circuit in a blazing time of 16:06.2.

Following Devereaux for the LHS boys was Austin Hodges 22nd in 18:42.0, Jayden Jackson 32nd in 19:37.6, James Foltz 37th in 19:52.4, Calum Knull 47th in 20:12.7, Logan Robinson 56th in 21:00.7, Andrew Stevens 59th in 21:08.2, Cameron Betts 70th in 22:48.2 and Drake Pratt 72nd in 22:48.2.

The MHSAA postseason kicks off with Regional action at Bath on October 25.

Senior Night Special: Lady Wolfpack Downs Dansville

LAINGSBURG --Mallory Woodbury unleashed 4 aces, 11 kills and defensively added 17 digs, as Laingsburg defeated Dansville on Senior Night at LHS.

The match scores were 25-15, 23-25, 25-16, 25-19 with Mickey Fox's Wolfpack winning in four sets.

The Lady Wolves moved to 6-3 in league play, 13-11-2 overall. The Aggies made the long trip home at 6-3-3 in the conference, 10-17-8 overall.

Harper Strouse add 7 kills and 10 blocks to the Wolfpack cause. Kendall Michels contributed 29 assists and 3 aces.



Owosso Boys, Girls Wim Shiawassee County Cross-Country Invitational; Ovid-Elsie and Laingsburg Teams Shine in Late-Season Action

CORUNNA — Cross-country athletes from both Ovid-Elsie and Laingsburg turned in impressive runs, while twin Owosso cross-country teams Saturday took home first place in the Corunna-hosted Shiawassee County Invitational.

The Trojan boys finished first out of the five teams local teams — who brought the five runners necessary to qualify for the team competition — with a team score of 24.

Ovid-Elsie placed third (90) as Will Baese finished 13th (18:28), Mitch Gonzalez was 18th (18:56) and Travis Wright took 22nd (19:21).

The Laingsburg boys finished fourth (101), led by Austin Hodges (eighth, 17:55), James Foltz (25th, 19:31) and Jayden Jackson (27th, 19:34).

In the girls race, Owosso was first (67) out of six teams. Abby Crandell won the race (19:53), Miriam Skarich took 15th (23:25) and Ava Spencer finished 16th (23:37).

Ovid-Elsie took fourth (79) as Clarissa Baese took fourth (21:51), Audrey Bensinger finished 11th (23:09) and Ava Juhas placed 14th (23:23).

Hazel Burley was fifth (22:29) for sixth-place Laingsburg (107), followed by teammates Samantha Gutzman (sixth, 22:32) and Madison Phillips (27th, 25:38).

The meet, held at the 5,000 meter layout at Corunna HS, annually provides a warmup for the MHSAA Regionals. The State Meet will follow on November 1 at Michigan International Speedway.

Lady Marauders Short-handed Again, Drop MMAC Matchup at Birch Run

BIRCH RUN — Ovid-Elsie's varsity volleyball team, playing short-handed again -- as they have much of this season -- lost to Birch Run in five sets in a Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) match.

"Our setter sprained her ankle badly (and could not return to the match) in the 4th set when the score was 5-8," explained veteran coach Angela Ehle. "Unfortunately, we could not gain much traction with the adjusted lineup."

Ovid-Elsie (17-9-2 overall, 4-3 in the MMAC) was victorious in two of the first three sets (25-23, 18-25, 26-24) before dropping the final two (12-25, 8-15).

Ashton Ehle led the way with 18 kills and Bentlie Kelley racked up 32 assists for O-E, while Kendal Tokar tallied 19 digs and Allie Veith had four aces.

Also contributing for the Lady Marauders was Kortlynn Loynes (7 kills, 3 blocks), Lily Bates (3 kills, 16 digs), Isabelle Ryal (1 assist, 9 digs) and Sarah Newman (1 ace, 3 assists, 4 digs).

Following last week's action, the host Panthers were unbeaten in MMAC play at 7-0; 26-12-3 overall.

Editorial



Faith Focus

by Phil Hoppersberger
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"KISS Ace Good-bye"

"No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier (2 Timothy 2:4)."

The Detroit Police officer sized me up. "When it's all over, you be right here, and I'll take you back out." I glanced at my buddy Mike and his teenage eyes said what I was thinking... Can you even believe this? It was 1976 and we had just entered Cobo Hall, illegally, to see our favorite rock band, KISS. "No seats, so just sit in the aisle," he said.

When KISS guitarist Ace Frehley died this week at the age of 74, those memories came flooding back. Mike's Dad knew how much we wanted to see KISS, but the concert was sold out, so he asked his best buddy on the Detroit Police force who was working at the arena to sneak us in! How cool was that at 15 years old? We nodded and sat right down.

We loved their music (my ears rang for three days), but there was a whole other level of KISS fandom that called themselves the KISS Army. They painted their faces like the band, wore their crazy outfits, and went way over the top in their loyalty to Ace, Paul Stanley, Peter Criss, and Gene Simmons. It was like Beatlemania, except a decade later.

Three years after that, at MSU, I joined God's Army. I always considered myself a Christian having grown up going to church with all the trimmings (confirmation, altar boy, Sunday School), but deep down I knew I wasn't sure where I'd go if I died. I had no assurance that I was His, so I decided to be sure and surrendered my life to Jesus Christ.

Perhaps you feel that way now. You "believe" in your head, but your life doesn't reflect that knowledge. For me it was fire insurance (since I "believed," I lived on the edge and did what I wanted with no thought of pleasing God, actually quite the opposite). I was wearing a mask, like the wild make-up KISS wore. My life said I was not "enlisted."

One look and you knew those kids in the KISS Army had an obvious loyalty, like being in the US Army (you knew you signed up, took an oath, got a haircut, a uniform, and boot camp). There was no doubt you'd joined. Being a genuine Christian has that same believing loyalty. It's an obvious, blatant allegiance, without any qualms who you love.

If you don't feel like you're a Christian, most likely you aren't. You are not His soldier if you have not enlisted (Ephesians 1:13-14). The test is simple, is He inside your body (1 Corinthians 6:19)? And the first act after surrendering your allegiance is a public profession — water baptism (Acts 8:25-40), which is an outward demonstration of what's happened in your heart (that you're dead to your old life and raised up to a new one).

In 1915, the word Ace was coined during World War I for someone who was invaluable at shooting down enemy planes. The most famous Ace was the Red Baron with 80 confirmed kills. God wants you to join His ranks, but His army is different; it's an army of love where captives get released (Isaiah 61:1). I sure hope Ace Frehley enlisted and unlike us, wasn't stuck in the aisle, but had a reserved seat in Heaven (1 John 5:12-13).

Wall of Fame Nominations

submitted by Krissy Pratt

The Laingsburg Board of Education will be accepting "Wall of Fame" nominations through December 12, 2025. The purpose of the "Wall of Fame" is to honor a person or persons who have made significant contributions to Laingsburg Community Schools. To nominate a special person to the "Wall of

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Gridiron Gurus Week 10

PIZZA -- Edith Lagunas 10-2 (tie-breaker)

SUB SANDWICH -- Zachary Grieder 10-2 (tie-breaker)

BREADSTICKS -- Ryan Ackels, Lisa Skaryd (tie)

Those of you who watched Joe Flacco's stunning reincarnation on Thursday Night Football, beating the Steelers, also had a ringside seat into the demise of many a Gridiron Guru.

Translation: no one saw that coming.

That NFL upset was the biggest stumbling block for our Fearless Forecasters the weekend of October 18 ... yet we still had four fabs that navigated their way clear enough to tie for the top spot.

Contest veteran Edith Lagunas deadlocked with Ryan Ackels, Zachary Grieder and Lisa Skaryd, all correctly picking 10 of 12 games. Edith won the tie-breaker, closest to 68 points (Tulsa vs. East Carolina) to earn herself a delish pizza. The sub sandwich went to Zach via the tie-break. After that, we had a contest rarity: a dead-even tie.

Hey, Wolfie's nothing if not generous. Both Ryan and Lisa tied for 3rd place, so they both get an order of breadsticks.

There wasn't anything close to a tie in our staff strifer. The Wolfman bolstered his lead to a "commanding" three games over Amon-Ra Oops I Missed That One. Wolfie is rolling along at a .697 win rate, while Amon-Joy has slipped back to .658.

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.

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

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

MOST IMPORTANT: make sure your entry gets to The Weekly before each Thursday at 4pm. Don't forget to fill in the tiebreaker as this will decide any and all ties. Entries are accepted in person at The Weekly's offices at 200 S. Main in Ovid, by e-mail at "news@meridianweekly.com" or "tomturek20032003@yahoo.com," or via USPS delivery.

For those of you that get your Weekly fix on line at the paper's website -- remember to email your picks to news@meridianweekly.com.

Each week the top three winners will receive a coupon for redemption at the sponsor of their choice; 1st place (pizza), 2nd place (sandwich) and 3rd place (breadsticks) will be awarded Street Pizza in Ovid and Twilliger's Tavern in Laingsburg. All winners can pick-up their winning coupons at The Weekly.



GRIDIRON GURUS

by Tom Turek
tomturek20032003@yahoo.com

CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

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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 6 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 ORDER REGARDING ALTERNATE SERVICE REGARDING PETITION 29TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - CLINTON COUNTY PROBATE

CASE NO: 25-12579-CZ
Plaintiff: WATER WHEEL MOBILE HOME ESTATES, INC
c/o Swistak, Levine, P.C.
Plaintiff's Attorney: Jarrett E. Levine (P71902)
30833 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 120
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 851-8000
Defendant: John Doe
316 W. Michigan Ave., Lot 67
Clinton, MI 49236

THE COURT FINDS:
Service of process upon the defendant, John Doe, cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR2.105 and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonable calculated to give the defendant actual notice of proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED:
Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of the order shall be made by the following method(s):
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Tacking or firmly affixing to the door at 316 W. Michigan Ave., Lot 67, Clinton, MI 49236.
Other: Certified mail with return receipt requested to 316 W. Michigan Ave., Lot 67, Clinton, MI 49236 and by publication in Clinton County Legal News for three consecutive weeks based on MCR 2.106. For each method used, proof of service must be filed promptly with the court. (10-19)



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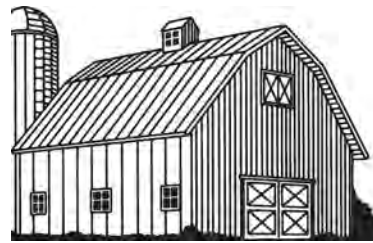
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Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Heather L. Rauscher, An Unmarried Woman to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated September 29, 2017, and recorded on October 12, 2017, as Document Number: 5259272, Clinton County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Fifth Third Bank, National Association, FKA Fifth Third Bank by an Assignment of Mortgage dated May 20, 2019 and recorded May 24, 2019 by Document Number: 5279356, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty and 97/100 (\$96,760.97) including interest at the rate of 4.12500% per annum. Said premises are situated in the Township of Dewitt, Clinton County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning on the North line of Section 28, at a point 1080.00 feet North 89 degrees

57 minutes 29 seconds East of the Northwest corner of Section 28, Town 5 North, Range 2 West, Dewitt Township, Clinton County, Michigan; Thence continuing North 89 degrees 57 minutes 29 seconds East 208.80 feet on the North line of Section 28 to the center of Turner Road; Thence South 00 degrees 01 minutes 40 seconds East 205.11 feet on the center of Turner Road; Thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes 24 seconds West 206.62 feet; Thence North 00 degrees 38 minutes 15 seconds West 205.06 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as: 1785 W STOLL RD, DEWITT, MI 48820 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) 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. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: October 19, 2025 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Fifth Third Bank, National Association, FKA Fifth Third Bank 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 25MI00737-1

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on December 10, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Jeremiah Hernandez and Shealyn M. Hernandez, husband and wife
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation
Date of Mortgage: May 23, 2014
Date of Mortgage Recording: May 29, 2014

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$178,084.06

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of De Witt, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 35 Assessor's Plat, City of DeWitt-South, City of DeWitt, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 8 of Plats, Page 16, Clinton County Records. Common street address (if any): 506 S Dewitt Dr, Dewitt, MI 48820-9567
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: October 26, 2025
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Rachel Rodriguez to Perform in Lansing

On November 7, 2025, music artist and former Ovid resident, Rachel Rodriguez, will perform at the Grewal Hall in Lansing along with her Dad, Ray Rodriguez.

Rachel Rodriguez commands the stage with the same fearless spirit that defines her music – a fusion of her Latino heritage, rock 'n' roll attitude, and soulful vocals – defying genre boundaries. Rachel refuses to be boxed in, creating a sound that is both deeply personal and universally resonant.

Raised in Michigan, belting Mariachi and Country in her father's band, Rachel carried her musical vision to Nashville. She has since established herself as an electrifying frontwoman known for raw, truth-telling performances.

Her upcoming album 'Mi Vida' chronicles the bold journey of a woman claiming her power.

The songs encourage everyone to follow their passions unapologetically at every stage of life.

Her artistry pays homage to her musical roots and draws inspiration from the power and authenticity of influential artists like Linda Ronstadt, Los Lobos, and Tina Turner.

Her musical versatility extends beyond the stage. She is the creator of Songs for My Little Amigos, a bilingual children's music program, and co-founder of Magenta Expression, where she mentors emerging artists. These parallel paths reflect her commitment to cultural celebration and community building through music.

Rachel's impact in the music industry has earned recognition from the Women's Music Business Association and numerous arts organizations. She serves on multiple boards including The Entrepreneur Latina Leaders of America (E.L.L.A.), while mentoring for Girls Write Nashville and GRAMMY U.

Whether performing on stage or championing arts education, Rachel strives to uplift others by fostering expression, creativity, and cultural connection. With every endeavor, she uses her platform to inspire, educate, and bring people together.

Rachel embodies the unapologetic spirit of an artist who knows that every voice matters, every story counts, and it's never too late to amplify your truth.

Doors will open at 6pm, on November 7th. Advance tickets are available online at Grewalhall.com, they will also be available at the door.

Follow her:
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Consumers Energy Connects Customers in Need to Programs to Offset Bills Ahead of Winter Season

submitted by Matt Johnson

JACKSON – Michigan's winter is coming, and Consumers Energy stands ready to assist customers who may need extra help paying their heating bills this season. Several of the energy provider's agency partners have started accepting applications through the Consumers Affordable Resource for Energy (CARE) program. The Consumers Energy program is funded through the Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund (LIEAF), a surcharge on retail electric meters of participating Michigan utilities. LIEAF falls under the Michigan Energy Assistance Program (MEAP) which offers income qualified customers affordable payment options to help stay on top of their energy bills.

Customers in need of assistance with their energy bill can call 2-1-1 to be connected to nonprofit organizations in their area who can help process applications.

CARE is a 24-month affordable payment plan that gives qualifying customers an affordable fixed monthly bill and pays down past due balances while customers make regular monthly payments.

"We are committed to ensuring these much need dollars are available to our customers most in need," said Brian Lewis, Consumers Energy's Senior Executive Director of Customer Experience and Programs. "By connecting our most vulnerable customers with the resources to stay on top of their energy bills we are advancing energy equity for all Michiganders."

To qualify for CARE, customers must meet the following criteria.

- Must be a Consumers Energy electric or gas customer
- Must meet household income guidelines at or below 60% State Median Income (SMI)
- No unaddressed theft, fraud, or bankruptcy
- Account address must be the applicant's primary residence or responsible third party authorized to apply on customer's behalf
- Customers who are already receiving some other form of state assistance may also now be automatically eligible.

The following new qualifications go into effect immediately, expanding eligibility for additional customers.

- Prior application for State Emergency Relief (SER) is no longer required for all MEAP applicants. However, households experiencing crisis (past-due notices, a fuel tank below 25% full, and/or a stated need for combustible fuel) who are at or below 150% of the federal poverty level (FPL) may be asked to apply for SER prior to applying for MEAP.

CARE enrollment is now open and is on a first come, first serve basis. Customers with a past due balance can apply for State Emergency Relief (SER) by visiting newmibridges.gov.

As a CARE program participant, customers may also be

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able to get no-cost, in-home energy efficiency upgrades to help reduce energy costs. This is done through our Helping Neighbors Program. To learn more, call 877-448-9433 or visit ConsumersHelpingNeighbors.com

In addition to the CARE, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has also increased the caps for dollars given to qualifying customers through the State Emergency Relief (SER) fund. SER offers one-time payments to customers who have past-due bills.

The following new thresholds for customers at 150% of the federal poverty level (FPL) go into effect immediately:

- Electric and gas customers: state pays shut-off amount with a \$600 cap for each
- All-electric households: state pays shut-off amount with \$900 cap

Beginning January 1, qualifying customers may also be eligible for a Home Heating Credit (HHC) by filing a claim through the Michigan Department of Treasury. Customers do not need to file taxes in order to be eligible for the credit. The credit, which on average is \$250, is applied to customer bills whose income is below 110% of the federal poverty level.

For additional resources available through Consumers Energy, customers can visit ConsumersEnergy.com/Assistance.

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