

Elsie Annual Christmas Celebration - Santa and the Light Parade

ELSIE – Saturday, December 6th at 7pm the annual light parade kicks-off, with the highlight of the parade being the arrival of that jolly ol' elf Santa Claus.

Following Santa's arrival, the tree lighting and the lighting of the cow next to the Village office, there will be an opportunity for photos with Santa and cookies, hot chocolate and popcorn.

Still time to sign up for the parade at kkelly@elsie.org



Elsie Fire Chief Steps Down

by Deb Price

On Saturday, November 22nd, Elsie Fire Chief, Zak McNamara announced on facebook that he will be stepping aside as Chief of the Department. It is his intention to stay on as a firefighter and EMT with the department. He was named Fire Chief and EMS Director in August of last year.

"With the department moving in a positive direction and new location, it's time for me to step back and focus on my family. It has been an honor of a lifetime to help lead this department through some very difficult times. This decision is my own and I will miss leading these incredible public servants," explained McNamara. He went on to say, "Thank you all for your understanding, I look forward to this new chapter for the Elsie Fire Department."

Assistant Chiefs Heath Arnett and Rob Soul will share the duties of managing the department until the Fire Board appoints a new Chief.



Zak McNamara

Fill a Cop Car

The Ovid Police Department together with the Ovid DPW will be collecting non-perishable food items December 1st-5th. On December 6th, Fill a Cop Car will take place from 10am-2pm at Village Food Pride in Ovid.

Most needed items include: Breakfast foods, pasta sauces, canned chicken and tuna, Mac-n-Cheese (no milk required), instant potatoes, rice and laundry detergent. Monetary donations are welcome, checks made out to the Ovid Lions Club are also accepted.

Let's help spread holiday cheer by filling a police car with non-perishable food and essential items. ALL donations support the Ovid Christmas Baskets Project, helping local families in our community.



Laingsburg Will be Transformed into 'Elfburg' for 2025 Winterfest Extravaganza

LAINGSBURG -- This Shiawassee County community is undergoing a magical transformation as a warmup for Christmas, 2025.

Laingsburg will become "Elfburg" for a week during the annual Winterfest run-up to the holiday season. The festivities begin November 30 and continue all this week, sponsored by the Laingsburg Business and Community Association (LBCA). They're billing it as a "place where the elves work and magic happens."

What started as a one-day Santa parade in 1983 has grown into a week-long series of events that rivals anything community gathering Laingsburg offers throughout the year.

The fun kicks off Sunday November 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the elementary school with the Grinch 5K Run.

Things really heat up beginning Monday, December 1 with the Downtown Business Decorating Contest and local Home Decorating Contest. If you look around town, there are some impressive lighting-and-character displays already vying for top honors.

Children are also encouraged to write a letter to Santa starting Monday. Download fun Santa stationery from the LBCA website (laingsburgbusiness.org) or use your own and send Santa a letter ... the Santa Mailbox is posted just outside of the Laingsburg Post Office. All letters require postage and must be sent to this exact address: SANTA CLAUS, 123 ELF ROAD, NORTH POLE 88888.

At 6 p.m. Monday, children are invited to wear their PJs to Night Time Stories & Crafts with Mr. and Mrs. Claus, hosted by the Laingsburg Public Library. Please use the Sign Up Genius at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/.../10C054EAF623A7FDC25...> to sign up your little elf.

Tuesday is Giving Tuesday, and Winterfest is the season for giving. For many years The Raise Up Shiawassee campaign helps local non profit organizations in Shiawassee County fundraise to help there local nonprofits. Giving Tuesday will be on December 2nd and the LBCA is asking that our local communities help give back to The Clothesline or to the Laingsburg Food Bank. You can sign up to donate on the LBCA website.

Wednesday, December 3 brings the Thoughtful Tree Decorating competition, running through December 6. Community organizations or groups could take home a prize -- and a family in need gets a fully decorated tree for the holidays. For more information visit the LBCA website.

Saturday, December 6 brings the gigantic culmination to Winterfest week. From 3 to 11 p.m. there are 20 different events planned: visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus, horse-drawn carriage rides, the Winterfest Market community sales inside the Early Childhood Education Center, a Lighted Tunnel, balloon animals for the children, a silent auction, s'mores making, a PJ party, Christmas drinks offered, recycler crafts, a bonfire, face painting, kids games and crafts, free hot dogs, cookies and cocoa, a LHS Jazz Band concert, live entertainment with the Tom Ropel Band, a pancake eating contest, a Silent Disco ...

And the grandest event of all, the gala that started it all, Santa's Light Parade featuring Mr. and Mrs. Claus and other "special" guests. The parade steps off at 6 p.m. from Laingsburg Elementary School and the merriment continues down N. Crum St. to E. Grand River Ave.

For information on all the December 6 events, please visit the LBCA website, or use the QR code provided here:



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Elsie United Methodist Church to Host Advent Bible Study

by Dawn D Levey
ELSIE – Elsie United Methodist Church, 160 W. Main Street, will host an Advent Bible study series, Advent Lunch Table with Music and Scripture, on Thursdays, December 4, 11, and 18, at 12:00 noon in the Elsie Fellowship Hall. Join Pastor JD Paik as we joyfully await the coming of Christ through scripture, hymns, and fellowship. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Join us for lunch, as well.



CLINTON COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER NOTICE OF RELEASE OF EXCESS EASEMENTS

The Clinton County Drain Commissioner intends to release excess easements to the fee owners associated with the now abandoned Holden, Parker Branch Drain. The excess easements being released are located on Parcel Nos. 140-018-300-060-00; 140-018-300-005-51; 140-018-300-075-51; and 140-018-400-020-00.

Any property owner or governmental unit that wishes to protest this release of excess easements must submit an objection within 30 days of the date of this Notice in writing or by appearing at: Clinton County Drain Commissioner, 100 E State Street, Suite 2300, St. Johns, Michigan 48879.

Dated: November 30, 2025
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Hard to believe that Christmas will soon be here. Another year has flown by and all the hustle and bustle (and financial cost) of the holidays is once again upon us. Please help us in helping to make the holiday season a little easier to bear for some of our friends and neighbors by donating non-perishable foods, household items, winter wear, toys and personable hygiene products to be used for the Christmas baskets for local families. We are collecting items at the Ovid Public Library until Saturday, December 13. Lets make everyone's Christmas a little better!

Now that the weather is getting colder come join us for a classic movie. On December 3 we will be showing the movie 'Beyond Tomorrow' starring Richard Carlson, Maria Ouspenskaya and C. Aubrey Smith. Movie time will be 1:00. We will have light snacks available and you are welcome to bring your own.

December 8 will be our Adult Booktasting. Our group of avid readers would love to have you join them and share what you are reading. Our bookclub is unique in that they don't all read the same book. You read what you want and share it with the group (without giving away the important stuff!). This is a great way to learn about new books and authors. Come join us at 1:00.

Friday, December 12 will be Childrens Story Hour. Ms. Shelly will be reading some christmas themed books and we will be making a christmas craft. There will also be snacks for the kids as well as some other surprises.



Applications for Christmas Baskets

submitted by Holly Hibbard

The applications for the Ovid-Elsie Christmas Assistance will be available starting Monday, November 3, 2025. The applications will be available at the following locations:

Ovid – Leonard Elementary, Ovid City Hall and Ovid Public Library

Elsie – E.E. Knight Elementary and Elsie Village Hall
Families MUST live in the Ovid-Elsie School District and must not be receiving holiday assistance from another agency. Applications must be turned in at one of the above listed locations by Monday, December 1st.



GREAT Gobbler Winners

- Corner carousel: David Zell-Ovid
- Dr. Dennis Hoffman: Doreen Wakefield-Ovid
- Ovid Service Agency: Don Dennis-Ovid
- Buk's Party Store: Angie Sawyer-Ovid
- Bearded Barber: Monica Stevens-Ovid
- Village Food Pride: Buk Patrick-Laingsburg
- Ovid Outdoor Power: Sally Long-Elsie
- Main Street Pizza: Ken Durham-Ovid
- Applebee Oil: Mark Brooks-Ovid
- Michigan Livestock: Jackie Mulder-Ovid
- Journey Federal Credit Union: Lisa Skaryd-Ashley
- Vierya's Market: Laurie Mead-Elsie
- OE Animal Clinic: Sue Casler-Ovid
- Meridian Weekly: Connie Thornton-Ovid
- Muse Hair Lounge: Roberta Patrick-Laingsburg
- Stay Dry Basement Waterproofing: Ed Railling-Oakley
- MG's Perk & Pasteries: Phillip Gruber-Bannister
- Kevin's Body Shop & Towing: Chuck Washburn-Bannister
- Tipsy Cow: Emilie Schoch-Elsie
- Piggy Tails Hair & Nail Salon: Russ Gunther-Elsie
- Green Meadow Farms: Nancy Brown-Elsie
- Working Man's Friend: Frank Ganda-Ovid
- Lakeside Garden & Floral: Roger Skaryd-Elsie
- Tammy's Bakery: Joan DeFrenn-Ovid
- Central Pharmacy: Shirley Karcher-Laingsburg
- Leonard's Hardware: Janette Wilson-DeWitt
- Laingsburg Eye: Susan Bettys-Ovid
- Tanks Tavern: Roger Skaryd-Elsie
- Twilliger's Tavern: Vickie Jackson-Laingsburg
- All-Tech Auto Sales & Service: Warren Salisburg-Perry
- Local Roots: Zachary Gomez-Laingsburg
- DG Hair Design: Vivian Miller-Laingsburg

Retired School Personnel to Meet

submitted by Peg Zink

The Clinton-Shiawassee MARSP Meeting will be held on Monday, December 8, 2025 at 12:30 PM at Baker College Welcome Center, 1309 S M-52, Owosso, MI. Luncheon (\$12) is payable at the door. Our program is Owosso High School Madrigals. For reservations, leave your name and number attending by email to rzick5039@gmail.com or call Peg at 517-282-8350 and leave a message by Friday, December 5, 2025 by noon.

Historical Society Meeting Notice

The Ovid Historical Society monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 2nd at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

Join the Parade

Entries are now being accepted for the Ovid Carriage Days "Home for the Holidays" light parade on Friday, December 12th. The parade will step off at 6:45pm. For more information or to sign up contact Chelsey Goodrich by emailing her at chelseylouhoo@gmail.com

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Christmas Wishes from Shiawassee County

submitted by Elisabeth Timon

With so many changes happening in the world and in our community, CACS is keeping our tradition of granting Christmas Wishes for children alive! The Shiawassee County office of Capital Area Community Services Inc., began accepting applications for our Christmas Wishes program in October for income-vulnerable families with children. While many applications have already been selected, there are still 22 families waiting to be adopted. We are asking if you would please consider helping us to make these children's Christmas wishes come true. The increased costs of providing food, heat, electricity, water and shelter make it extremely hard for parents to have money left over to buy presents. We are truly hoping that all the kids will have something special to open under the tree this year.

CACS is including a list of Christmas Wishes that have not yet been fulfilled. If you can help us to brighten their Christmas, please call 989-723-3115 or stop in to select a family at 1845 Corunna Ave. Owosso, MI 48867. Hours of operation are: Mon-Fri from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. We greatly appreciate your open hearts and willingness to help. Together we can make a difference!

Family #2: 4-year-old boy: size 4t-5t, bath toys, dinosaurs, clothing, Legos, learning toys

2-year-old boy: size 3t, bath stuff, toy cars, clothes, Magna-Tiles

Family #3: 7-year-old boy: size 6-7, Clothes, socks, blankets, Minecraft, Pokémon, Stitch, Science stuff. 5-year-old girl: size 4-5, clothes, 18-inch dolls, doll stuff, dance stuff, gymnastic outfits/stuff

Family #4: 15-year-old girl: size adult XL, Tree Hut body sugar scrub, flower/ plant Legos, Skyhigh mascara, Tweezers, Eyelash curler, Hair Straightener, Squishmallow animals. 14-year-old boy: size adult XXL, Superhero Legos, anything Detroit Lions, water bottle, shoe inserts, PlayStation gift card, curly hair moose/ gel, cologne, electric massager for feet

Family #5: 14-year-old boy: size 14 kids, Xbox games, tools, car-related room decor (BMW/Audi), gift cards. 3-year-old boy: size 4t, car toys, SpongeBob toys, Spiderman toys, bike

Family #6: 3-year-old boy: size 4t, Hot Wheels, clothes

Family #7: 22-month-old twins, sizes 18 months, both would like books, cars anything

Family #8: 10-year-old boy: size 10-12 youth, chain necklaces, clothes, anything sports

1-year-old girl: size 18-24 months, learning toys, Loves diapers 7

Family #9: 22-month-old boy: size 18-24 months, educational toys, crib sheets, clothes

Family #10: 3-year-old girl: size 3t, 9 shoes, Sonic anything, Princesses, Frozen stuff, jewelry, pretend play, Kpop demon hunters. 1-year-old girl: size 12 months, 3 shoes, interactive toys, Ms. Rachel, Barbies

Family #11: 3-year-old boy: size 3-4 t, Batman, Ninja Turtles, Legos, cars, punching bag

Family #12: 11-year-old boy: size adult small, Black crocks (size 10 men's), Owala 24 oz free sip water bottle (black), ugly stick dock runner, Rant squad 20-inch bike tire, ROBOX card for Xbox, Nike jogger sweatpants (black)

Family #13: 11-year-old boy: size adult small, Legos, gift cards for video games. 7-year-old boy: size child 10, Minecraft, Fortnite stuff

Family #14: 15-year-old girl: size adult small, makeup. 9-year-old boy: Pokémon cards. 2-year-old girl: size 2t, baby dolls, Barbies. 1-year-old girl: size 6-9 months, teething

Family #15: 17-year-old boy: size adult medium, anything baseball/basketball. 13-year-old girl: size adult small, Room décor. 4-year-old boy: size 5-6 child, Spiderman or dinosaurs

Family #16: 7-year-old girl: size 6, princess, unicorn, rainbow stuff. 5-year-old girl: size 6, princess, unicorn, rainbow stuff. 1-year-old boy: size 2t

Family #17: 12-year-old boy: Crystalynx dragons (in eggs), security breach- Five Nights at Freddy's Roxanne Wolfs charg-



ing station, Freddy's charging station, 3D art pen, Walmart gift card. 9-year-old girl: Magna-Tiles puppy park, Tetris arcade classic (red game color), 3D art pen, Walmart gift card. 7-year-old boy: Marvel Mixmashers (Venom), Miraculous-Ladybug dress-up set, Robo Alive orange lizard, Walmart gift card

Family #18: 11-year-old boy: size 14-16 boys, anything Minecraft, Eragon books 2-6, Brain teasers, Nintendo merchandise. 10-year-old girl: size women's medium, Sweet Valley Twins graphic novels, Brain Teasers, stuffed animals, anything Minecraft. 3-year-old boy: size 4-5 boys, Picture books, puzzles, snow boots (size 10), Kinetic sand, food playsets

Family #19: 5-year-old girl: size 6-7, pretend play, Disney princess. 3-year-old girl: size 4t, pretend play, Disney princess. 1-year-old girl: size 2-3 t, Mickey Mouse, books, educational toys

Family #20: 14-year-old girl: gift cards, makeup. 13-year-old boy: gift cards, Legos, remote control car. 11-year-old girl: gift cards, makeup, art/craft supplies

Family #21: 15-year-old girl: size adult small shirt, adult medium pants, makeup, gift card. 13-year-old girl: size women's extra small, gift cards, rubber band bracelet maker, rubber bands. 10-year-old girl: size 10/12 child, gift card, baby doll, watch, cool make bracelet studio, 8-compartment snackle-box

Family #22: 11-year-old girl: size 14, mini perfumes, travel-sized makeup. 7-year-old boy: size 6-7, anything Spiderman, Room décor, gloves. 6-year-old boy: size 6-7, anything Batman, room décor, gloves. Brainrot Character toys for all 3 children

LCC Performing Arts Free Performances

submitted by Laura Paige Tufford-Dunckel

LANSING - The LCC Performing Arts Department is offering six free performances to celebrate student achievement during the fall semester. Students enrolled in music and theatre classes are given the opportunity to showcase what they've learned during the semester by hosting public performances. Over the first two weeks of December, the community is invited to attend performances by The LCC Jazz Band, Multi-Instrumental Music Ensemble, LCC Concert Choir, LCC Rock Band, Improv and a 10-minute play festival by the student directing class.

LCC Blues Weekend @ Dart Auditorium. Dec. 6 @ 3 p.m.

Multi-Instrumental Music Ensemble AND. Dec. 7 @ 3p.m. LCC Jazz Band

LCC Rock Band. Dec. 7 @ 6 p.m. The Avenue Café

Improv Showcase. Dec. 9 @ 7 p.m. LCC Black Box Theatre

LCC Concert Choir. Dec. 13 @ 3 p.m. Dart Auditorium

Student Directing Showcase - 10-Minute Plays Dec. 14 @ 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. LCC Black Box Theatre

For more information, visit: www.lcc.edu/showinfo or follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LCCPerformingArts>

Ovid Christmas Basket Donations

submitted by Holly Hibbard

As November arrives, the Ovid Christmas Basket Committee is filled with gratitude for the incredible generosity that shines so brightly in our community each year. Because of your kindness, we were able to help more than 75 local families last Christmas with food, personal goods and the joy of a "Christmas Shop" filled with clothing, toys and household items like blankets and sheets.

This year we once again turn to our wonderful community - our local businesses, organizations, schools, churches and caring neighbors - to help us make the holidays a little brighter for those in need.

Monetary donations can be dropped off to the Ovid Service Agency or mailed to the Ovid Lions Club, PO Box 493, Ovid MI 48866 (checks should be made out to the Ovid Lions Club with a note that the donation is for Ovid Christmas).

We also gratefully welcome donations of non-perishable food (vegetables, soups, breakfast items, pasta and sauce, etc.), personal care or household products. Items can be dropped off at:

Ovid Public Library, Ovid City Hall, Meridian Weekly.

All donations will be gathered on Saturday, December 13th for distribution on the 15th. If you have any questions or would like to arrange a pick-up, contact Holly Hibbard at 989-666-2215 or email allsmileshkh@aol.com.



Lowe Community Christmas

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Santa

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- Each child gets a bracelet for admittance to the Santa Store, on Friday, where they choose a gift for mom and dad. FREE!
- Parents enjoy light refreshments

FRIDAY-6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Kids! Bring a friend and receive a free gift! Enjoy sloppy joes or hot dogs for all. Comedian Ann Marie Jarvis entertains all ages. Ice cream ends the evening.

SATURDAY-1:00 pm-5:30 pm
Child care available while parents chill! Crafts and activities! Parents return to church at 4:00 pm to enjoy a horse drawn wagon ride followed by hot chocolate and cookies.

Obituaries

Michael Lynn "Mike" Van De Perre

Michael Lynn "Mike" Van De Perre, age 75, of Ithaca, MI, passed away Thursday, November 20, 2025 at his home.

Mike was born in Alma, Michigan on September 2, 1950, the son of Gustaff H. and Vivian B. (Cassady) Van De Perre. Mike grew up in North Star and graduated from Ithaca High School, with class of 1968. He married Sandra (Siekierka) Guethlein on May 21, 1989, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Sandy passed away July 5, 2011.

Mike retired from Federal Mogul in St. Johns after many years of service. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, reading, and loved history. He proudly served his country in the United States Army during Vietnam from 1970-1972.

He is survived by his daughter Nanisa and Brad Chase of Bath, MI; step-son Kirk Guethlein of Breckenridge, MI; step-son Clint and Becca Guethlein of Wayne, MI; his sister Suzanne and Larry White of Riverdale, MI. He is also survived by a special aunt Willowdean Cassady, two grandchildren, many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Sandy and his brother Ted Van De Perre.



Cremation will take place and a graveside service will be held at North Star Cemetery, North Star, MI, at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the VA in honor of Mike. Online condolences may be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Ithaca, Michigan.

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Blanche Marie Woodbury

Blanche Marie Woodbury, age 85, of St. Johns, MI, passed away Monday, November 24, 2025, at her home surrounded by her family.

Blanche was born in St. Johns, Michigan on November 24, 1940, the daughter of Herman Joseph and Mary Florence (Meehan) Mueller. Blanche married Bruce Edward Woodbury. They celebrated 59 years together before his passing in 2019.

Blanche served as Elsie Village Clerk, Duplain Township Treasurer and retired from Ovid-Elsie Schools. She enjoyed playing cards, reading and trips to the casino. Blanche looked forward to lunch with friends, cooking meals for her family and hosting gatherings in her heated garage. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, St. Johns, MI.

She is survived by her children: Tammy (Chip) Saam of Dimondale, MI; Teri (Lori Schafer) Woodbury of St. Johns, MI; and Todd (Stacy) Woodbury of Gladwin, MI; her son-in-law Scott Gilhouse of Elsie, MI; her grandchildren: Sam (Megan) Woodbury, Jay (Nicole) Woodbury, and Cal Woodbury, and Matthew and Amelia Saam; great-grandson Ace Woodbury and sister Agnes Fedewa. She is also survived by sisters-in-law Marilyn Mueller, Jo Wakefield, and Marcia and Roger Workman; many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Bruce, her daughter Tena Gilhouse, her infant daughter Teresa Woodbury, her siblings: Bud (Arlene) Mueller, Geraldine (Larry) Moore, Jim (Betty) Mueller, Charley Mueller, Virginia (Bob) Compton, Mary Ann Mueller, Robert Mueller, Gerald Mueller, infant siblings John and Patty Mueller and brothers-in-law Marvin Fedewa and Dave Wakefield.

A Memorial Service will be held at Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, MI, at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, with Pastor Kathy Leydorf-Keck officiating. Burial will take place at Eureka Cemetery, Eureka, MI. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, from 4:00-8:00 P.M. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to A Charity of the Donor's Choice. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, Michigan.



Barbara Sue Tupica

Barbara Sue Tupica, age 84, of Ashley, MI, passed away Thursday, November 20, 2025.

Barbara was born in Marion Springs, Michigan on February 27, 1941, she was the daughter of Loring Alva and Marjorie May (Flegel) Buchholz. She was a graduate of Ashley High School with the class of 1959. Barbara would go on to become a factory worker at Precision Plastics in Ithaca, MI, and she drove bus for many years at Ashley Community Schools.

She loved to travel with her brother, Jim Buchholz, and his wife, Georgieana, in their younger days. Barbara also was an avid antique collector. Above all else, she loved spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her children: Tony (Michele) Tupica, Jole (Steve) Hill, and Lynna Tupica; her grandchildren: Michael (Heather) Tupica, Mary Tupica, Mark Tupica, Elizabeth Hill, Izzy Hill, and Josef Hill; great-grandchildren: Emily Evans, Abby Evans, Peyton Tupica, and Maxton Tupica; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Jim Buchholz, her sister Joyce Barancik, and her former husband Frederick Tupica.

The family would like to give a special thanks to the staff at Country Friends Assisted Living and Care Team Hospice

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Burial will take place at Ford Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Country Friends Assisted Living Facility 10481 Buchanan Rd., Sumner, MI 48889. Online condolences may be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



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Pastor Phillip Rogers

Laingsburg United Methodist Church

210 Crum St., Laingsburg
517-651-5531

Worship Service: 10:30am
Pastor:

Kendra Holcomb - Densmore

Middlebury United Methodist Church

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

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

Bannister United Methodist Church

103 Harvey Street
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Sunday Worship 11:15am

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ELSIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.
Pastor: JD Paik

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Sunday Worship 10:00am

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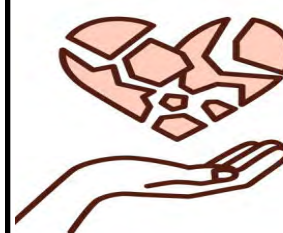
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"Grief is like the ocean. It comes on waves ebbing and flowing. Sometimes the water is calm, and sometimes it is overwhelming. All we can do is learn to swim."

~Vicki Harrison

Editorial



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

First, I wish you all a delightful and fully filling Happy Thanksgiving Day... May your appetites be appeased and may you enjoy the company of friends and families. I will be celebrating it three times this week. The first time was on Sunday after church where we cooked and baked and shared with each other, it is amazing that there are so many great cooks and bakers in such a small group. My second Thanksgiving will be on Thursday and shared with friends and finally on Saturday the family will be getting together. Diane's house will be rocking with noisy children and football watching adults. The youngest is six months old and the elderly is me, over seventy-five years as a differential. The food will be generous and delicious, the children amusing and laughter will fill the air. We will be sharing our blessings with each other. Of course there will be friends present. May God bless you all with such happiness and sharing, and of course a wonderful meal.

Speaking of sharing, my ten year old great granddaughter spent last Saturday and Sunday with me. Isabella generates a great deal of energy and she exhausts me. Out of the kindness of her heart she was my little cleaning whiz. My bookshelves have all been realigned and dusted to perfection. She found a dirty spot on the floor and scrubbed it. We filled boxes for the local thrift stores, so we did manage a bit of downsizing. Also we created some interesting crafts and in doing so decided that gnomes must all be mature adults because anyone with a dark beard looked poorly. So white beards and hair became the trend. Finding the correct nose was a bit easier though some are red, some are white, and some a deep brown. Did I mention that Isabella is very creative and talented?

Isabella made up my bed for the three of us. First in was Isabella, then Miss Prudence took her place, and I ended up on the outer edge. Isabella was concerned because Pru started out under the covers, but it didn't take long for her to come to the surface. Before we slept I had to tell a bedtime story so I shared some tales about her Grandma's childhood. They must have been satisfying because shortly I could hear some gentle snoring from the west side of the bed, and I know that it was not Prudence.

I have the canned venison and pork to move upstairs to the shelves. I have gotten into the habit of grabbing a box of stuff and moving it up the stairs for storage several times a day. Since Pru slide down the stairs she doesn't attempt to walk down them anymore. She zips right up the stairs but refuses to try going down. So I pick her up and tuck her into my right arm and carry her down the stairs. I do believe that my right bicep is getting stronger. There has be be something positive in this situation. It is a trust issue, I trust her to be still and she trusts me not to drop her.

Tomorrow morning I need to make a batch of white bread so that Mrs Batora can have hers, I also need to make some dinner rolls shaped like the soup ones for Julie, and one lemon meringue pie for Margie. I am curious as to how busy the shop will be... Most folks are getting ready for the feast. MG's is now taking orders for your Christmas and holiday meals, plus cookies to be given out at the tree lighting in Elsie on the sixth. There are pretzels to be dipped, peanuts to cluster and fudge to perfect. The first fudge of the season was despicable and I need to refund a kind gentleman for his purchase. Never again will I say yes to a product that I haven't successfully mastered. I'm sorry that it made it out of the shop, not just sorry but horrified. I don't take failure well.

Wednesday afternoon I need to make a pasta veggie salad for dinner on Thursday and make sure that I have all the necessary ingredients chilled for the pickle platter that I will add to the mix. Maybe I should pickle some eggs? I think that it will just be garlic dills, sweet chunks, pickled beets and maybe some bread and butter pickles in the mix. I also hope that I have several more boxes to drop off to the thrift store. Enjoy the season, may it be filled with God's blessings and much fellowship.

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Consumers Energy's New Energy Assistance Web Page

submitted by Matt Johnson

JACKSON— Consumers Energy has made updates to its energy assistance web page to help customers find resources to assist with paying their energy bills this winter season.

The new, more user-friendly web page comes complete with filter functionality to find various programs tailored for groups such as veterans and seniors. Its development is the result of co-design collaboration between the company and its customers.

Customers are encouraged to visit ConsumersEnergy.com/Assistance for a complete view of each of the eligibility requirements, programs, and services, including:

- State Emergency Relief (SER): Eligible residents with a past due bill or shut-off notice can receive up to \$900 in immediate one-time assistance.
- Home Heating Credit (HHC): Eligible Michiganders can file tax form MI-1040CR-7 to see if they qualify for help with heating expenses. Customers receive an average payment of \$250.
- MEAP and CARE program: Get fixed monthly payments for two (2) years and forgiveness of your past due balance when enrolled in the CARE program through the Michigan Energy Assistance Program (MEAP). MEAP also offers as-needed assistance payments for customers needing short-term support. Dial 2-1-1 or visit mi211.org to learn more or to connect with your local MEAP agency to enroll.

OID TOWNSHIP PROPOSED MEETING MINUTES - Thursday, November 20, 2025

Clerk C. Pluger called the regular meeting to order at 6 p.m., with the Pledge to the Flag. Roll Call: Clerk Claudia Barrett Pluger, Treasurer Nancy Hughson, Trustee Bobby Byles, Trustee Kurt Wolf

Absent: Supervisor Jennings West

Clerk reported, since the Supervisor is not here, we need to appoint a meeting moderator. Moved by K. Wolf to appoint Bobby as the moderator for the November 20 Board meeting. Seconded by N. Hughson. Carried.

Guests: Keith Jones, Woody Woodworth, Lionel & Robin Olson, Bill & Corissa Harris, Peggy Lidgard, Nicole Fickes, Larry Bosom

Approval of Agenda: Motion by B. Byles to approve the agenda for this meeting. Seconded by C. Pluger. Carried.

Approval of Minutes of October 23, 2025: Moved by N. Hughson to approve the minutes. Seconded by K. Wolf. Carried.

Treasurer's Financial Report: Moved by K. Wolf to accept the Treasurer's financial report to be placed on file. Seconded by B. Byles. Carried.

Amend and Approve Budget:

Moved by C. Pluger that we amend and approve the budget for GL # 101-265-933, Lawn and Landscaping-\$95; GL # 101-266-822, Insurance-\$234; GL # 101-446-934, Road Repairs and Maintenance-\$52,582.20, for a total from unallocated funds of \$52,911.20.

Seconded by B. Byles. Carried.

Clerk's Report & Check Register: \$171,436.69 (October 24, 2025-November 20, 2025):

The Clerk reported the largest invoice paid was to the Road Commission for \$157,711.50. Moved by K. Wolf to accept the Clerk's report and place it on file. Seconded by N. Hughson. Carried.

Public Comments: Keith Jones

New Business:

Vector-GoDaddy Domain for .Gov email: Board discussion. No action taken. Tabled until next month.

At 6:15 p.m. Supervisor J. West arrived.

Snow Removal: Board discussion. Motion by B. Byles that we use Jones Outdoors with the estimate and monies provided. Seconded by C. Pluger. Carried.

Cemetery Update-Parking Stops: K. Wolf updated the Board on the fence and purchasing parking stops for South Ovid Cemetery. He got an estimate from ULINE for \$678.59.

Board discussion.

Moved by K. Wolf that we purchase the curb stops to place out there, and remove up to four sections of the fence so people can get immediate access out there. Seconded by B. Byles.

Roll Call Vote: K. Wolf-Yes, N. Hughson-Yes, J. West-No, B. Byles-Yes, C. Pluger-No. Carried.

Reports By:

Assessor - Peggy Lidgard

County Commissioner - Nicole Fickes Library - Trustee Bobby Byles

OMESA - Treasurer Nancy Hughson CAASA - Supervisor Jennings West

Board Comments: Comment by N. Hughson, C. Pluger, B. Byles

Adjournment: Motion by K. Wolf to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by C. Pluger. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Claudia Barrett Pluger, Clerk

SCIOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 2025

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Matthews, @ 7:00 p.m.
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Matthews, Parker-Wing, Palmer, Reed, Vondrasek.

GUESTS PRESENT: Nanette Lillie, Charlene Austin, Kay Nickols, Ken Wing, Diane Baclawski, Mike Dowler, Diane Dowler, Sarah Mattson, Jody Frank, Rene Mahoney, Deputy Wells, Pat White, Traci Buxton, Kellie Hudson, Lucy Matthews.

AGENDA APPROVAL: On a motion by Vondrasek, seconded by Palmer. The agenda was approved as written.

MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL: On a motion by Vondrasek seconded by Reed. The Board approved the October 2025 meeting minutes with elimination of the following statement: "The Commission minutes reflected that the supervisor did not receive timely information concerning new MDARD processing rules for PA116 although the Clerk had informed the Supervisor prior to October 7 that PA116 documents must be processed at the County Clerk's office, as the Township does not have a Zoning board." Supervisor Matthews led a rollcall vote. YES: Reed, Vondrasek, Palmer, Matthews. NO: Parker-Wing. ABSENT: None.

• Supervisor Matthews contended the Clerk's statement should be stricken from the Board-approved meeting minutes due to 1) the Clerk's discussion of the Planning Commission's minutes did not involve the Township Board meeting directly, and 2) his claim that the Clerk added the statement to the minutes to "toot her own horn".

• In response to the Supervisor's contention, Clerk Parker-Wing vetoed the Supervisor's rollcall vote and stood by her inclusion of the statement's necessity due to, 1) The statement directly affected the Board meeting because the Commission's minutes were included as part of the Planning meeting's November 2025, Board-approved agenda item. Their minutes incorrectly stated, "The Planning Commission was informed on October 7th by Phillip Matthews that after further discussion with the County, the County is the local authority that needs to approve and file the application for PA116. Therefore, the Township does not need to grant or pass authority for the land owner to file". The Planning Commission's October draft meeting minutes need to be, 2) either corrected or fully excluded because the Sciota Township Clerk apprised the Supervisor of PA116 procedural changes prior to October 7, 2025—the Commission's minutes (*) note is incorrect.

TREASURER REPORT APPROVAL: On a motion by Reed, seconded by Vondrasek. The Board approved the Treasurer report and placed it on file—Motion approved by all. General Fund Balance \$128,929.35; Tax Fund Balance \$61,198.98; CD Fund Balance \$34,708.37.

PUBLIC COMMENT—1st: Charlene Austin had a question about the new culvert on Hibbard Rd.

COUNTY & PUBLIC OFFICIAL REPORTS:

- Shiawassee County Sheriff's office, Deputy Wells, reported Sciota Township total complaints for the month of October.
- Diane Baclawski gave updates on the state of the Laingsburg Public Library and LSW happenings for the month of October.

BOARD REPORTS:

• Supervisor Matthews had no news to share.

• Clerk Parker-Wing reported the camera/surveillance equipment MTPP grant fall submission was not awarded to Sciota Township this year, and recapped the numbers for the November 4, 2025, Owosso Public School election.

• Treasurer Palmer says that it's tax time again and payments are being processed.

• Trustees Reed and Vondrasek had no news to share.

OLD BUSINESS:

- On a motion by Parker-Wing and seconded by Vondrasek. The Board approved a new janitorial contract with Kellie Hudson of "Wicked Cleaning Solutions" at \$125/month for four years. The business had not purchased a bond for the business yet, so the Board asked the owner to return in December 2025 where they will sign the contract after proof of bonding and insurance has been presented. A roll call vote was held. YES: Vondrasek, Palmer, Parker-Wing NO: Matthews. ABSENT: None
- Camera Surveillance: Bid was not accepted for fall 2025. A new award period starts in spring 2026.

• Newspaper Meeting Minutes: DRAFT meeting minutes will be submitted to the Meridian Weekly monthly. Subject tabled—To be revisited in January or February 2026.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Kelly Mattson and Jody Frank of the Laingsburg Public Library presented information concerning funds needed to support the Library for the upcoming 2026-27 fiscal year, as sent to them by the State of Michigan. They apprised the Board that there will be a Township resident voting subgroup of the Laingsburg Public Library for each Township that participates with a yearly contract commitment. They will be back in December or January to revisit a contract with the Township vs. a contribution.

PUBLIC COMMENT—2nd: Traci Buxton noted the Laingsburg Food Bank is accepting canned good and non-perishable items (shampoo, conditioner, soaps, cleaning supplies, laundry soap, etc.).

BILL PAYMENT APPROVAL: Parker-Wing moved to pay bills, seconded by Palmer—Motion approved by all. Payroll and expenses = \$5,552.24 and expenses = \$64,969.69; checks used #11552-#11566.

ADJOURNMENT: Vondrasek moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Reed—Motion approved by all. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Jamie Parker-Wing
Sciota Township Clerk

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Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee Volunteer Training Wed. Dec. 3rd from 4-6pm

submitted by Helen Rathbun

Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee is seeking persons to consider giving Respite Volunteering a try. The nonprofit serves adults who have ongoing health and medical challenges in Shiawassee County. Volunteer Services for persons and their caregiving families are based on the availability of volunteers for each community. Volunteers are matched with one person and their family, to provide friendly visits to the person, and respite (a gift of time) to the family caregivers.

Respite volunteers typically spend 1-3 hours a week with the person they are matched with. The volunteers may play cards or board games, help the person with hobbies, go for walks, help someone write a letter, learn how to keep connected to grandkids on cell or computer, read a book, or just visit with each other. The family caregivers may need time for grocery shopping, going to their physician appointments, or even meeting a friend for coffee or lunch.

In addition to visiting someone, there are multiple other volunteer opportunities; helping at the office in Owosso, helping with events, helping with special projects, and sharing information about the program in your community and church.

The next Respite Volunteer Training will be Wed. Dec. 3rd from 4-6 pm at the Respite Volunteer office, the historic brick home east of Memorial Healthcare hospital, 710 W. King St., main entrance is on the north (parking lot) side. For more information; 989-725-1127 or office@respitevolunteers.org, or stop by the Respite Volunteer office M-F 9-3.

Adults with health and medical challenges, and their family caregivers may also contact Respite Volunteers to request an evaluation to receive Respite Volunteer in home visit to provide education about all the in home and senior care services available, case management by Respite Volunteer staff and the volunteer services. Area Employers wanting to provide information to their employees, who are also family caregivers may also call to schedule presentations, and individual meetings for their employees could also be provided.



New SRESD Heavy Equipment Learning Lab

submitted by Kathleen Haak

Great Lakes Fusion and AIS Construction Equipment have provided Shiawassee RESD CTE Heavy Equipment students with something special to be thankful for this November. On Friday,



November 21, officials from Shiawassee Economic Development Partnership (SEDP) and Shiawassee RESD joined Bryan Marks of Great Lakes Fusion, along with Robert Sayles, Chris Boyd, and Tony Wieber of the AIS Construction Equipment, at the ribbon cutting of the Shiawassee RESD's Career and Technical Education (CTE) Heavy Equipment Work-Based Learning Lab in Vernon.

The garage, leased by the Shiawassee RESD (SRESD) from Great Lakes Fusion, contains state-of-the-art equipment that allows students to work on hydraulics, engine performance, fuel systems, and fundamentals of mechanics as they relate to heavy equipment and diesel operations. AIS Construction Equipment has a contract with the SRESD to provide the CTE program's instructor along with a variety of hand tools.

The CTE Heavy Equipment program is in its second year at Shiawassee RESD and has been working out of traditional classrooms. As the program grew, there was a distinct need for a better work-based learning lab space, and Bryan Marks stepped up to help create that space.

"We are very grateful for Great Lakes Fusion and AIS," said Charmian Fletcher, SRESD Associate Superintendent for 21st Century Learning/CTE Director, "We have had a terrific response to the Heavy Equipment program and employers have really contributed by making sure students, as their potential employees in the future, have the equipment that they need to be successful in and out of the classroom. We have a very hands-on program as a result."

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Area Hunters have Successful Season



Benjamin Hoch Gets a 9 Point

Benjamin Hoch, age 10, got this nice 9 point on Saturday, November 22nd while hunting in rural Ovid with his Dad.



Shaine Leslie Bags 11 Point

Shaine Leslie of Ovid, shot a 11 point buck in Clinton County on November 24th with a 450 Bushmaster.

Philip Hopersberger Authors 52 Thinks About God II

Here's a bit about 52 Thinks II, the sequel to his first book 52 Thinks.

The whole idea was brevity...two-minute reads, once a week, for the whole year. A short spiritual nibble for the week for the too busy, but curious folks.

The first book was a Christmas themed compilation of some of my favorite newspaper columns over the six years writing, but they were not written for Christians per se, but intended as a "devotional for seekers" who have questions about God.

The second 52 Thinks II is the same format as the first book, a devotional for the non-churched or those with spiritual questions about Jesus and the Bible, but it has an Easter theme...these seem to be the two times most Americans go to church these days (Easter and Christmas).

Dr Habermas wrote the Introduction for the new book... very gracious of him as he's quite famous and busy. You can find tons on him on YouTube, but here's an old favorite lecture he gave that's quite remarkable:

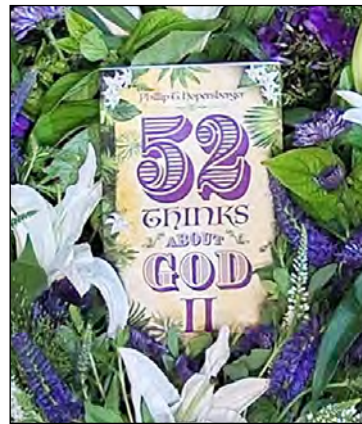
About the author



PHILLIP T. HOPERSBERGER was born in Detroit, Michigan and graduated from Michigan State University (1984). After working for Knight-Ridder Newspapers for four years, he went into the ministry and became a pastor (Penn State & Michigan State Universities). In 1998, he resigned his pastorate to pursue a writing career.

He lives with his family in Michigan where he writes, hunts, fishes, and chases History tales (www.TotallyWriteousCopy.com).

His novel, XPOSURE, and his Civil War screenplay converted into an eBook, SOMETHING GRAY, and 52 THINKS ABOUT GOD, are all available on Amazon.



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- ♥ Lebowsky Center for Performing Arts
- ♥ Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee
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Sports

Wolfpack Lands 9 on All-CMAC Gridiron Honor Team

LAINGSBURG -- A disappointing season -- at least, in the win column -- still ended in solid postseason honors for nine Wolfpack standouts.

Coach Brian Borgman's club concluded a 3-6 campaign on October 24 with a loss at non-league Caro. In the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC), Pewamo-Westphalia again ruled supreme at 6-0, followed by Fowler 5-1, Saranac 4-2, Bath 3-3, Laingsburg 2-4, Perry 1-5 and Dansville 0-6.

P-W's optimistic postseason run end with a 32-28 loss to Menominee in the MHSAA Semifinal round.

Linebacker Dylan Koenig and WR Leandro Dolega-Caceres, both seniors, were the Wolves' top honorees, voted 1st Team All-CMAC by the league's coaches. Koenig led LHS with 78 total tackles, 26 of them solo, with three tackles for loss.

Dolega-Caceres, perhaps the CMAC's fastest player, caught 19 passes in 8 games for 265 yards, leading the team with a 13.95 per-catch average, scoring 3 touchdowns. He also rushed 12 times for 112 yards -- a 9.33 per-carry average. As the Wolves' top kickoff return man, he scored twice of 21 chances.

Koenig was also a 2nd Team offensive line choice and Dolega-Caceres a 2nd Team pick at defensive back. Senior RB Waylon Rowley was a 2nd Team honoree after leading the red-and-white with 100 carries for 715 yards (7.15 average) and two rushing touchdowns. He also caught 6 passes out of the backfield for 23 yards.

Landon Freeman, a junior who'll return in 2026, boasted 19 total tackles and 10 assists while leading the 'Pack with four interceptions. Also named to the Honorable Mention team as a WR, Freeman led Laingsburg with 31 receptions for 419 yards (13.5 per catch) and 5 touchdowns.

Joining Freeman as Honorable Mention picks were offensive linemen Adam Kazor and Joe DeShone, linebacker Ethan Platte, defensive lineman Joshiah Hawes and DB Liam Esch.

The Wolfpack offense cranked out 2,009 total yards over 9 games, including 1,066 through the air as sophomore QB Julian Smith completed 89-of-169 aerials for 11 touchdowns and a pass completion average of 52.66%. The 'Pack had 21 total TDs on the season.



Dylan Koenig



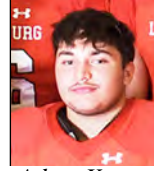
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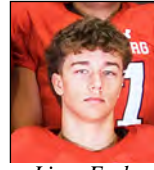
Joe DeShone



Ethan Platte



Joshiah Hawes



Liam Esch



Julian Smith

LCC Presents Climate Change Theatre Action: The Time is Now

submitted by Paige Dunckel

LANSING - LCC is participating in the global Climate Change Theatre Action festival with two performances of short plays from different countries, poetry, art and information presented by a multidisciplinary group of students, staff and faculty on Dec. 3 at Noon and 7 p.m. in LCC's Black Box Theatre.

LCC's production features six CCTA plays: Here in the Long Now by Isla Cowan (Scotland), The Donation by Jordan Hall (Canada), Space Cat by Lewis Hetherington (Scotland), The Presentation by Juan C. Sanchez (U.S./Cuba), Friends for Life by Himali Kothari (India) and Now by Wren Brian (Scotland/Canada). The plays are being directed by theatre faculty, Emma Baker, Ginneh Thomas and Paige Tufford.

The event will also include displays of event posters created by Graphic Design students, climate-themed poetry from the LCC Community-Generated Poetry Project, and a Reclaimed Fashion Show of garments made from recycled materials by LCC Art and Design Students.

Launched in 2015, Climate Change Theatre Action is a worldwide festival of short plays about the climate crisis. Fifty professional playwrights, representing all inhabited continents as well as several cultures and Indigenous nations, are commissioned to write five-minute plays about an aspect of the climate crisis based on a prompt. This collection of plays is then available to potential organizers interested in presenting an event in their community during the festival's time window.

WHO: Lansing Community College

WHAT: Climate Change Theatre Action: The Time is Now

WHEN: December 3 @ Noon and 7 p.m. / Free Admission

WHERE: LCC Black Box Theatre - 411 N. Grand Avenue, Gannon Building, Room 1422

FREE parking is available on Grand Ave. and on level one of the Gannon Parking Ramp.

Gridiron Gurus Weekend of December 6 (Final Week)

PIZZA -- Greg Atwood 11-1

SUB SANDWICH --

Cheryl Stammersky 10-2 (tie-breaker)

BREADSTICKS -- Lena Skaryd 10-2 (tie-breaker)



GRIDIRON GURUS

by Tom Turek

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We enter the final week of selections in our ever-popular gridiron goof-off with everything on the line.

Goof off? C'mon ... be honest. You sneak a few minutes away from what you should be doing each week to bone-up on being a fearless football forecaster. Right?

If I'm lyin,' I'm dyin.'

Greg Atwood did the best at boning up last week, going nearly perfect through a difficult slate at 11-1. Cheryl Stammersky and Lena Skaryd tied for the runnerup spot at 10-2, with Cheryl nearly hitting the tie-breaker dead-on with a 50-point guess. Texas A&M blew out "mighty" Samford in the tie-break game, 48-0.

Our staff runoff is all but academic at this point. Amon-Ra-Ra-Ra went "Rah! Rah! Rah!" by making a game up on the Wolfman ... not that it did him much good. Your favorite and my favorite, Ol' Wolfie, holds a commanding .698 to .661 lead as we enter the final week of picks. That's a five-game lead that ... perhaps ... is insurmountable.

We will be running the contest every week until the end of the regular college football season (no bowls). The picks this week include all NFL games, the college regular season has wrapped up (except for the Army-Navy game, which won't be played until December 13).

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.

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

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GRIDIRON GURUS

WEEK FIFTEEN

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Jets	DOLPHINS___ JETS ___	Dolphins
Ravens	STEELERS___ RAVENS ___	Ravens
Browns	TITANS___ BROWNS___	Browns
Vikings	COMMANDERS___ VIKINGS ___	Commanders
Packers	BEARS___ PACKERS ___	Packers
Rams	RAMS___ CARDINALS ___	Rams
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Recycling the Last of 2025

submitted by Ellen Link

Winter is just around the corner but hopefully snow and ice (hazardous driving predicted) or extreme cold (15o and below) won't prevent the GLR from remaining open during regular hours. As usual, the facility on Woodbury Rd. will be operating the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays (December 2 and 16), 4-6 p.m., and 2nd and 4th Saturdays (December 13 and 27), 9 a.m.-1 p.m. We hope to see you there, no matter where you're from. Find us online or call (see below) for information on the many items we accept.

Now that Thanksgiving has come and gone and all the trappings of the holidays start taking over, we hope you'll keep the environment in mind as you make plans for decorating, food prep and gift buying. Think about materials that can't be recycled, like certain plastics (#3, 4, 6 & 7), polystyrene and clamshells and try to avoid those. Sometimes the best gifts are homemade goodies: granola in a Mason jar, honey from a local beekeeper, fudge or chocolates in a fancy cardboard box. Now is a good time for crafty folks to share their skills, be it knitting, sewing, woodworking, baking, even writing (a special poem or story?).

For those gifts you do buy, try to shop local and opt for fair trade products. Your dollars will do a lot more good if they help sustain local businesses and communities. And there's nothing wrong with buying good used items, especially when it comes to books. But gifts don't always have to be things. Why add to the glut of possessions that must often later be recycled or disposed of? Consider entertaining or meaningful experiences, like tickets to a concert or play, entry to a special garden or museum, a gift certificate for a massage, the offer to take someone bowling or ice skating. Surprise them!

Post-holiday, remember, we do accept non-metallic wrapping paper (no ribbon) and holiday cards without glitter. But it's even more sustainable to reuse gift wrap when possible or get creative with newspaper, brown paper bags or even cloth as a wrap. Instead of ribbon, try making flowers or other decorations out of paper or cloth, and have fun with DIY gift tags.

One might also consider donating to a worthy cause in someone's name, the benefactor usually receiving the organization's monthly newsletter or magazine. Some environmental organizations like The Nature Conservancy put out colorful issues full of interesting articles. There are organizations for protecting national parks, rivers and seas, farm animals and homeless animals, the health of the planet, the movement to combat plastic pollution: the list of possibilities is endless, as are the opportunities to make the world a better place on behalf of someone else—a thoughtful gift indeed.

Questions, comments or ideas? Visit our Facebook page or website (<https://recyclelaingsburg.wixsite.com/mysite>). You can also call Terry or Ellen Link at (517) 651-2005 or Beth Lange at 651-6437. We wish you all healthy, happy holidays and a sustainable future in our own backyards.



Laingsburg Public Library's Annual Silent Auction

submitted by Sarah Mattson

Laingsburg Public Library will be holding their Annual Silent Auction through Saturday, December 6, 2025.

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Victor Township Clinton County, Michigan 6843 E. Alward Road, Laingsburg, MI 48848 Proposed Board Minutes of November 11, 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, Sayles.

19 citizens in attendance.

Public Comment: none

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Sayles and seconded by Willoughby to approve November 11, 2025, agenda with additions. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Pesch and seconded by Sayles to approve October 14, 2025, regular meeting minutes with correction on item, "Cemetery Ordinance Amendment to create a Cemetery Director" changed to "Cemetery Director Position" & "Cemetery amendment passed" changed to "Motion passed" All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Approval of Bills and Payroll: Motion by Willoughby and seconded by Sayles to disburse October 2025 bills. (Paid November 11, 2025) Roll call vote: Members voting yes: Willoughby, Sayles, Prange, Pesch, Wiswasser. Members voting no: None. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks# 12700-12729, in the amount of \$315,487.35 (\$229,736.55= Roads).

Motion by Willoughby and seconded by Pesch to disburse October 2025, payroll and payroll related expenses (Paid November 11, 2025). Roll call vote: Members voting yes: Pesch, Willoughby, Sayles, Wiswasser, Prange. Members voting no: None. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks# 13292-13312 in the amount of \$18,780.75 (includes election inspector wages \$2,618.50).

Mike Wall Resolution: Motion by Supervisor Wiswasser and seconded by Trustee Pesch to adopt Resolution 2025-11-02: Resolution Honoring the Life and Service of Michael (Mike) Wall. Roll call vote: Members voting "yes": Wiswasser, Prange, Willoughby, Pesch, Sayles. Members voting "no": None. The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted. Elaine Wall was present to accept a copy of the resolution.

Blood Cemetery Resolution: Motion by Supervisor Wiswasser and seconded by Trustee Pesch to adopt Resolution 2025-11-01: Resolution of Appreciation to the Victor Township Historical Society for their Efforts in Constructing the Memorial at Blood Cemetery. Roll call vote: Members voting "yes": Willoughby, Wiswasser, Sayles, Pesch, Prange. Members voting "no": None. The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Clinton County Drain Commissioner: Phil Hanses, Clinton County Drain Commissioner, discussed drainage concerns for the Parks and Recreation Project scheduled to begin in spring of 2026. He recommended working with adjacent property owners and c2ae engineers to avoid future drainage issues. The township will follow up with the recommendations.

Clinton County Commissioner District 1: Commissioner Nicole Fickes reported that the County has adopted the 2026 Budget, with revenues and expenditures increasing by approximately five percent (5%). The Board also approved the renewal of the County Administrator's three-year contract. Work is underway to update the County's Comprehensive Land use Plan. The Board approved funding for the 4-H Fairgrounds Master Plan and approved Clinton Trails County Park Master Plan. Additional information is available at www.clinton-county.org.

Clinton County Road Commission Report: Doug Steffen, Managing Director of the Clinton County Road Commission, provided a report on the County's road projects, including those completed and ongoing during the current year. He also presented the results of Culvert Assessments in Victor Township, categorizing their condition as Good, Fair, or Poor.

Planning: The board is working on moving the hard copies of the historical documents to a climate-controlled storage facility at no cost to the township.

Laingsburg Public Library: Jody Frank, library liaison, gave an update on the library. There will be a silent auction with bidding open to the public through Saturday, December 6, 2025. Donations are accepted. It's the largest fundraiser of the year. Learn more about happenings on the library's Facebook page @laingsburg-publiclibrary

Briggs District Library: Kendel Darragh reported on the

many programs available to patrons of the Briggs District Library. She noted that the Library offers a Legal Self-Help Center to assist visitors in navigating online resources to locate legal information, forms, and instructions regarding common legal matters. Additional information is available at www.briggsdistrictlibrary.org, on Facebook at facebook.com/BriggsLibraryStJohns, and on Instagram at instagram.com/BriggsDistrictLibrary. The Library is located at 108 Railroad Street, St. Johns.

Maintenance & Facilities:

Fresh Tracks Bid on carpet care: Motion by Wiswasser and seconded by Pesch, to accept Fresh Tracks bid to clean all carpets every 6 months. Roll call vote: Members voting "yes": Sayles, Pesch, Wiswasser, Prange, Willoughby. Members voting "no": None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Clinton County Sheriff Contract: Motion by Wiswasser, seconded by Prange, to approve contracting with the Clinton County Sheriff's Office to provide police services to Victor Township, including eight (8) additional hours per week to be scheduled at times that best address the Township's needs, to authorize enforcement of all Township ordinances, to begin January 1, 2026, and to amend the budget by increasing line item 101-301-801-003 by \$3,600.00, with funds to be taken from the contingency fund. Roll call vote: Members voting "yes": Prange, Sayles, Wiswasser. Members voting "no": Pesch, Willoughby. Motion carried 3-2.

C2AE Remodel/Hall Rental Update: Planning Commission member, Voisin, gave an update on adjustments to the original costs of the project. The Township Board feels we should move forward with the project. Pesch moved, seconded by Wiswasser, to move forward with phase 2 of the township hall remodel. The project will span over at least 2 fiscal years in the budget. Roll call vote: Members voting "yes": Sayles, Prange, Willoughby, Pesch, Wiswasser. Members voting "no": None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Hall Facilities Rental/Use:

Discussion was held regarding the rental and use of Township Hall facilities. Motion by Willoughby, seconded by Pesch, to cease bookings of the Township Hall facilities for 2026-2027, or until further notice. All in favor. Motion carried.

Cemetery Director Guidelines:

Motion by Prange and seconded by Sayles to approve the guidelines for the Cemetery Director position in Victor Township. Roll call vote: Members voting "yes": Willoughby, Prange, Wiswasser, Sayles, Pesch. Members voting "no": None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Sayles and seconded by Pesch, to accept the Clerk's recommendation of Cassy Brown to fill the position of Cemetery Director. Roll call vote: Members voting "yes": Prange, Wiswasser, Sayles, Pesch, Willoughby. Members voting "no": None. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

MI-CLASS: Willoughby gave information on Michigan Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (Michigan CLASS). Motion by Sayles and seconded by Wiswasser to give the Treasurer authority to move Township monies for investment purposes to Michigan CLASS. Roll call vote: Members voting "yes": Wiswasser, Prange, Sayles, Willoughby, Pesch. Members voting "no": None. Motion carried.

L-4029 Tax update: Motion by Prange and seconded by Sayles to amend the 2025 Tax Rate Request /Millage Request to County Board of Commissioners to include the 1.5 millage approved by the voters on November 4, 2025, for Emergency Medical Services. Roll call vote: Members voting "yes": Wiswasser, Willoughby, Prange, Pesch, Sayles. Members voting "no": None. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Township Board of Trustees will meet on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. to hold a workshop on the 2026-2027 budget.

Motion by Sayles, seconded by Willoughby, to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried

Copies of Resolutions, Agreements, Budget Amendments, Cemetery guidelines 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

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CASE NO: 25-32715-DE
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JOYCE H. THELEN, Deceased
Date of Birth: May 18, 1936
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS:
The decedent
JOYCE H. THELEN, Deceased
Died on September 2, 2025
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to Tamara T. Feldpausch, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 100 E. State St., Ste. 4300, St. Johns, MI 48879 within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Tamara T. Feldpausch
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Fowler, Michigan 48835
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313 S. Washington Square
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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

CASE NO: 25-32699-DE
Estate of
THEODORE N. THERRIEN
Date of Birth: January 24, 1972
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS:
The decedent
THEODORE N. THERRIEN
Died on October 9, 2025
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to Rowen Therrien, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 3174 Avon Manor Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307 within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

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(517) 899-4132
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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

CASE NO: 25-32717-DE
Estate of
EUNICE IRENE TIEDT
Date of Birth: October 18, 1934
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS:
The decedent
EUNICE IRENE TIEDT
Died on January 26, 2025
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to Michael Tiedt, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 100 E. State St., Ste. 4300, St. Johns, MI 48879 within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Michael Tiedt
7300 W. Walker Rd.
St. Johns, MI 48879
(989) 292-1853
Alexa B. Pratl. P83426
201 E. State
St. Johns, MI 48879
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE 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. 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 a.m. on December 3, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the 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. DEFAULT having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made on December 2, 2014, by Kareem Everett, a single man, given by him to Michigan State University Federal Credit Union, of 3777 West Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, as Mortgagee, and recorded on December 11, 2014, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Clinton County, in Instrument Number 5222408; on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid, as of the date of this Notice, the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Two and 44/100 Dollars (\$78,282.44); and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by said Mortgage, and the power of sale in said Mortgage having become operative by reason of such default; NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at the South entrance to the Clinton County Courthouse, 100 E. State Street (M21), St. Johns, Michigan, that being one of the places for holding the Circuit Court for Clinton County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or venue for purposes of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Mortgage, together with all allowable costs of sale and includable attorney fees, the lands and premises in said Mortgage mentioned and described as follows: SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BATH, COUNTY OF CLINTON, STATE OF MICHIGAN: Lots 11, 12 and 13, Supervisor's Plat Number 1, of a part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Town 5 North, Range 1 West, Bath Township, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats,

Page 14, Clinton County Records, ALSO, a part of Outlot C of said Supervisor's Plat Number 1, Bath Township, described as beginning at the/ Southeast Corner of Lot 11, Supervisor's Plat Number 1, running thence West 30.6 feet thence South 300.2 feet, thence East 30.6 feet, thence North 300.2 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Also, Lot 31, Culver's Plat Number 1, a plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 4, Clinton County Records. AND That part of Lot 30, Culver's Plat Number 1, Bath Township, Clinton County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot 30, thence Northwesterly along the Northerly lot line to the Northwest corner of said lot, thence Southwesterly along the Westerly lot line to the point of intersection thereon, thence Southwesterly to a point on the Easterly lot line which is 34 feet Southerly along the Easterly lot line from the Northeast corner of Lot 30, thence Northerly along the Easterly lot line 34 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as: 15793 Culver Drive, East Lansing, Michigan 48823 Tax Parcel Numbers: 010-160-000-030-01; 010-160-000-031-00; 010-380-000-011-00 and 010-380-000-135-00 The period within which the above premises may be redeemed shall expire six (6) months from the date of sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with M.C.L.A. Sec. 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the time of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector. Dated: October 27, 2025 MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION of East Lansing, Michigan, Mortgagee FOSTER, SWIFT, COLLINS & SMITH, P.C. Benjamin J. Price Attorneys for Mortgagee 313 S. Washington Square Lansing, MI 48933 (517) 371-8253

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

CASE NO: 25-32714-DE
Estate of
ADELBERT H. THELEN, Deceased
Date of Birth: December 17, 1935
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS:
The decedent
ADELBERT H. THELEN, Deceased
Died on January 31, 2025
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to Tamara T. Feldpausch, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 100 E. State St., Ste. 4300, St. Johns, MI 48879 within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF MORTGAGE CHARLES J. HIEMSTRA IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 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. Default has occurred in the conditions of a Mortgage ("Mortgage") made by Lloyd Williams, of 15095 Wood Road, Lansing, Michigan 48906, Mortgagor, to Astera Credit Union, a state chartered credit union, having its principal office at 111 S. Waverly Road, Lansing, Michigan 48917 ("Mortgagee"), which Mortgage was dated July 8, 2019, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Clinton County, Michigan on July 15, 2019 at Instrument Number 5281200. This Mortgage is now held by Adventure Credit Union, successor by merger of Astera Credit Union. By reason of this default, the Mortgagee hereby declares the entire unpaid amount of said Mortgage due and payable immediately. As of the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due on this Mortgage the sum of Thirty-nine Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-two and 27/100 Dollars (\$39,832.27). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by this Mortgage or any part thereof. 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 above Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, Clinton County Courthouse, 100 E. State Street, St. Johns, Michigan 48879, starting promptly at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, the 7th day of January 2026. The amount due on the Mortgage may be greater on the day of the 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. The premises covered by this Mortgage are located in the Township of Dewitt, County of Clinton, State of Michigan and described as follows: Beginning 559 feet South of the Northwest corner of Section 26, Town 5 North, Range 2 West, Dewitt Township, Clinton County, Michigan; thence East 396 feet; thence South 176 feet; thence West 396 feet; thence North 176 feet to the point of beginning. Parcel ID No. 19-050-026-200-035-00 Property address: 15095 Wood Road, Lansing, Michigan 48906 Notice is further given that the length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from the date of sale unless determined to be abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be as provided by MCL 600.3241a. If this property is sold at a foreclosure sale by advertisement, during the period of redemption, borrower/mortgagor will be responsible to the purchaser or to the mortgage holder for physical injury to the property beyond wear and tear resulting from the normal use of the property if the physical injury is caused by or at the direction of the borrower/mortgagor. Dated: November 18, 2025 Adventure Credit Union, successor by merger of Astera Credit Union MORTGAGEE THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY: Charles J. Hiemstra (P-24332) Attorney for Mortgagee 125 Ottawa Ave., NW, Suite 310 Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (616) 235-3100

(11-23)(12-14)

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 January 7, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the 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. MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Abigail Brewer, a single person, whose address is 4148 North Williams Road, Saint Johns, Michigan 48879, as original Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Rocket Mortgage, LLC, being a mortgage dated September 23, 2024, and recorded on September 27, 2024 with Document Number 5348026, Clinton County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated November 10, 2025 and recorded on November 12, 2025 and given document number 5359273 in Clinton County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWELVE AND 67/100 DOLLARS (\$153,212.67). Said premises are situated in the Township of Greenbush, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, and are described as: PART OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 26, T8N, R2W, GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 26, 670.00 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 26; THENCE PROCEEDING NORTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 26, 200.00 FEET; THENCE EAST 330.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 200.00 FEET; THENCE WEST 330.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Street Address: 4148 North Williams Road, Saint Johns, Michigan 48879 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a 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. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 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. Dated: November 23, 2025 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Robert A. Blumberg (P87490), Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 30 North LaSalle St., Suite 3650 Chicago, Illinois, 60602. Telephone: (312) 541-9710 File No.: MI 25 6831

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Sports

Ovid-Elsie Gridders Show Well in Post-Season Honors Voting

OVID-ELSIE -- Ovid-Elsie, Montrose and Durand were feted with the most representatives on the 2025 All-MMAC Football Team, after that traditional trio finished atop the league.

Montrose won the MMAC title by going undefeated through the regular season, eventually losing in the MHSAA Regional Final round to Kent City.

The Rams sat atop the league at 7-0, followed by Ovid-Elsie 6-1, Durand 5-2, New Lothrop 4-3, Birch Run 3-4, Mount Morris 2-5, Otisville Lakeville 1-6 and Chesaning 0-7.

A dozen Marauder gridders were honored for veteran coach Travis Long's club.

First teamers included:

-- Senior left tackle Braxton O'Bryant, a 4-year varsity and 3-year starter, helped lead the Marauders to 3284 yards total offense, including 2295 yards rushing, 989 yards passing and 45 total TDs in 10 games. Braxton also started at DT, where he amassed 39 tackles, 3 sacks, and 6 tackles for loss.

-- Senior free safety Owen Long, a 3-year varsity player with a senior season that boasted 67 total tackles, 5 tackles for loss, 2 interceptions, a forced fumble and a return for a touchdown. For his career, Owen recorded 187 career tackles and 7 interceptions. Previously a WR on offense, he started at QB this season and was 58-114 passing 989 yards, an 8.68 avg., with 14 TDs to 6 interceptions, 458 rush yards and 9 rushing touchdowns. Overall, he contributed 1447 total offensive yards and 23 TDs to the Marauder scoring column.

-- Senior RB Brock Spitzley, another 3-year varsity player, and 3-year starter at FB. This season, Brock rushed 99 times for 799 yards (8.39 avg. per carry) and 10 touchdowns. He also caught 6 passes for 124 yards.

On the defensive side of the ball, Brock was a standout as well with 115 tackles, 4 sacks, 16 tackles for loss, a fumble recovery and an interception. Spitzley graduates with 327 career tackles.

-- Junior noseguard Chandler Hart-Butcher, in his first year with the varsity Marauders, recorded 42 total tackles and 6 sacks, 5 tackles for loss and a forced fumble.

Ovid-Elsie 2nd Team honorees were:

-- Senior RT Daniel Topping, a 2-year varsity player and first-year started at right tackle. "Daniel was our most improved player by far, and really impressed us on both sides of the ball," said coach Long. Topping was another stalwart in the offensive line, helping lead the Marauders

to 3284 yards total offense, including 2295 yards rushing, 989 yards passing and 45 total TDs in 10 games.

Daniel also started at DE and tabulated 26 tackles, 11 tackles for loss, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.

-- Senior LG Daniel Olger, a 3-year varsity player and 2-year starter at guard, helping lead the Marauders to 3284 yards total offense, including 2295 yards rushing, 989 yards passing and 45 total TDs in 10 games.

Also a starter at DT, Olger had 10 total tackles and one tackle for loss.

-- Junior RB Chase Fabus, a 2-year varsity player and 1st year starter in the backfield. He was the perfect complement to Spitzley with 121 rushes for 740 ayrds (6.12 yards per carry) and 10 TDs. As a receiver, he caught 3 passes for 43 yards and an additional touchdown.

A starter at LB, Chase locked down 30 total tackles, including 7 tackles for loss.

-- Junior CB Julian Medina, a 1st-year full time varsity Marauders, with 26 total tackles, two interceptions and 12 pass break-ups. A highlight for Julian was a blocked field goal return for a touchdown against the Birch Run Panthers.

-- Senior placekicker Dannika Campbell, in her 2nd year as the Marauders' kicker. With a long field goal of 37 yards, she connect on 4-of-6 FGs and 43-of-46 PATs. Career-wise, she booted 8-of-11 field goals and 95-of-102 PATs.

Honorable Mention for the Marauders were:

-- Sophomore WR Joie Fabus, a two-year varsity Marauder and first-year starter at wideout, with 13 receptions for 261 yards and 4 touchdowns. He also rushed the ball 8 times for 75 yards.

-- Junior WR Brody Howard, in his 2nd year on the varsity, with 19 catches for 358 yards and three TDs. Brody also ran the ball 6 times for 30 yards.

A starter at strong safety, Howard notched 44 tackles and boasted 6 kick returns for 142 yards and a TD.

-- Junior LB Hunter Smith, in his first full year on the varsity, recorded 59 total tackles, 3 sacks, 5 tackles for loss, two forced fumbles and a fumble recovery.

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