

Lagnus, Nutter Outdistance Largest-Ever Field as Top Gridiron Gurus of Them All

CO-CHAMPION: Edith Lagnus, \$80
CO-CHAMPION: Jack Nutter, \$80
THIRD PLACE: Rose Purvis, \$40

OID — Edith Lagnus rallied in the second half of the season to catch Jack Nutter, the pair of Gurus outdistancing the field in The Weekly's 2025 Gridiron Guru contest.

The wildly-popular contest boasted the most number of players ever. Aspiring gurus were presented a slate of weekly games over a 15-week collegiate and NFL regular season; the final, determining slate was a real challenge, with 12 NFL contests over which several Gurus stumbled and fell by the wayside.

Edith had actually built a two-game cushion over Jack before he caught her at the wire. They both finished with stellar .770 winning percentages over a daunting 148-game slate. Rose Purvis was right behind them, grabbing third place one pick back with a .764 winning tally.

There is a precedent for co-champions in the ever-popular runoff. In 2023, Leann Arnst and Kevin Madsen forged a tie, splitting the Grand Prize and runner-up monies of \$160. A pretty nice Christmas gift, huh? We'll do the same this year, \$80 for both Edith and Jack, while Rose earns the 3rd place stipend of \$40. At the very least, that's a pretty nice stocking stuffer, right?

Nutter, a veteran prognosticator for former Ovid-Elsie coach, was a multiple weekly winner in 2025, taking home several food prizes. Edith, also a contest vet, was our runner-up last year with a fine .714 winning percentage. The trio unseated another veteran, Rod Weisenberger, who reigned as the 2024 Greatest Guru.

In addition to the Grand Prize monies, weekly prizes were given out: a pizza for 1st place, submarine sandwich for 2nd, and breadsticks for third.

Our pigskin pencil-sharpeners were even sharper this season; for instance, a .708% winning percentage was in the money for season. That accuracy would have been a full 9 games off the pace in 2025.

Each week through the 2025 edition of the contest, the top three winners received a coupon for redemption at the sponsor of their choice; we express our gratitude to our gracious sponsors, Main Street Pizza in Ovid and Twilliger's Tavern in Laingsburg.

Prize certificates can be picked up at The Weekly office in Ovid.

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Football never grows old ... signed, The Wolfman.



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by Tom Turek

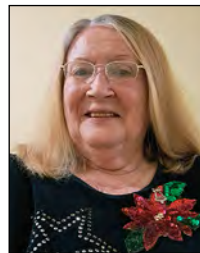
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Jack Nutter



Edith Lagnus



Rose Purvis

Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Strategic Board

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – A special meeting of the Ovid-Elsie Board of Education was held Monday, December 15, 2025 for the purpose of discussion and input regarding the strategic and the future of Ovid-Elsie Area Schools. Penny K McWilliams, MASB Consultant, facilitated the input session. The goal is developing a 5-year plan and to identify five goals. Currently the process is in the analysis stage – gathering quantitative data, and qualitative data. Officials will receive a comparison study of similar districts within the State of Michigan. It was recommended that officials choose the following districts to compare: Manistee, Mason Consolidated District, Stockbridge, Pinconning, and Ravenna. Officials will review the demographics, test scores, teacher salaries, class sizes, economic levels, special education numbers, graduation rates, fund balance, just to name a few. Once a decision is made the data will be provided by Michigan Association of School Boards. It was noted officials a number of questions specifically regarding the school districts suggested for the comparison. After reviewing the list of school districts officials choose – Elkton, Ravenna, Onstead, Stockbridge, and Manistee.

The board members reviewed and shared their responses to the five questions. There is an online survey: <https://masb.jotform.com/team/idess/ovidelsiesp26> and a QR code on the website community members are encouraged to provide input. The survey will close February 1, 2026. Sessions will be set up with staff, and community meetings. The survey questions include: 1) What are the current strengths of the district? 2) What are some areas of improvement that should be considered by the district? 3) What current barriers exist that would make it difficult for the district to implement its new strategic plan? 4) What is your vision for the district? What should it look like in 3-5 years? 5) If you could do only one thing to improve the district, what would it be to achieve student success?

Penny McWilliams will be back January 30, 2026 to facilitate the in-person session. In addition, the retreat date options were presented, Saturday, February 21 or 28 or March 21, 2026 and will involve eight hours including light breakfast and lunch. This will be an all-day event. Officials will be sent a survey to set the date when the majority of board members can be present.

McWilliams reported that she had met with administration prior to the special meeting.

Ovid Carriage Days “Home for the Holidays”

by Alison Kozlowski

Christmas spirit filled downtown Ovid at the “Home for the Holidays” event on December 12th. It was a chilly evening, but plenty of hot chocolate kept guests nice and warm in the winter wonderland! The event was presented by Ovid Carriage Days and offered a festive Christmas celebration for all. Vendors could be seen all over downtown Ovid, giving families an assortment of activities and refreshments to partake in. Pictures at Lori Alley Studios, coloring at the Ovid library, board games at the Ovid Inn, hot cocoa and coloring at the Main Bar, donuts and pictures at the Heartland Church warming tent, food trucks, and horse drawn wagon rides through Main Street made for a night full of entertainment. The light parade followed the festivities and had guests lined up to see the magical floats decorated in the holiday spirit. The finale of the parade was Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus riding behind in the horse drawn wagon.

Families then went to the Lions Hall to enjoy cookies and milk, pictures with Santa and gifts for children. The event was a success and filled the town with Christmas magic!



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submitted by Sue Casler
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The church is located at 5565 E. Colony Rd., St. Johns.

Ashley UMC Christmas Eve Services

The Ashley United Methodist Church will be hosting Christmas Eve Services, Wednesday, December 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
Please plan to attend and witness the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Merry Christmas from the Elsie Public Library

submitted by Ann Trierwiler
We will be open on Monday, December 22, from 11 am to 7 pm. The children will have Story Time and a craft at noon. Spoiler alert...the craft is an ornament. Artistic license is always on the table...literally. I saw the girls getting the craft ready and it is going to be awesome and fun!
We will be closed Tuesday, 23rd -Friday, 26th, but we will be back here on Saturday, December 27 from 10 am to 2 pm. There will be no children's program that Saturday, but it is a good time to check out books and movies to carry you through the New Year. Oh, My Goodness, The New Year!!! Already??
For the New Year's week, we will be open on Monday, December 29, from 11 am to 7 pm. The children's program at noon will be Music and Motion, but they didn't tell me what was planned ... Something about giving out spoilers?
We will be closed from Tuesday, 30th-Friday, Jan 2nd. We wish you an early, yet sincere, Happy New Year! The Elsie Public Library will be back to our regular Saturday hours (10am to 2pm) on January 3, 2026.

Elsie United Methodist Church to Hold Christmas Eve Service

by Dawn D Levey
ELSIE – Elsie United Methodist Church will host a candlelight Christmas Eve service at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 24, 2025. The service will feature special music, an inspirational message, and Holy Communion.
Prior to the service, the church will offer a time of fellowship beginning at 5:30 p.m., with coffee, cookies, and a hot chocolate bar. Community members are warmly invited to gather for this evening of fellowship and reflection as we celebrate the joy of Christmas together.
Elsie United Methodist Church is located at 160 W. Main Street, Elsie.
In addition, for those seeking a quiet moment of reflection before Christmas Day, the church will be open from 11:30 p.m. to midnight with music playing. The church bells will ring at midnight, welcoming Christmas Day.

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Ovid-Elsie School Board Proceedings

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Ovid-Elsie Board of Education was held Monday, December 15, 2025.

Mark Horak, superintendent, gave officials an update on the snow days and the district policy. There two snow days the week of December 8, current weather conditions and are concerning for the last few school days of 2025. In addition, Horak informed officials of the upcoming holiday gatherings, December 22nd the pool and gym will be open for staff and their families, and December 27, a staff gathering will be held at the Elsie American Legion 7 pm. Finally, the heating unit at the administration building will be repaired December 16, 2025.

Brooke Wooley, Ovid-Elsie Board President, gave a brief review of the board self-evaluation. It was noted that there is a reoccurring theme, “there is a lack of trust among board members.” It was further noted that six board members responded. Weaknesses included – trust issues on the board, and struggling in the areas when members disagree, and a lack consensus on controversial issues. Members need to commit to high expectations for students, maybe too hands off on some items. On a positive note, the board is attending committee meetings as requested and board effectiveness felt pretty okay. Adhering to code of conduct needs to be addressed by all. In addition, more data driven discussions need to happen and there is a need more for more information. Regarding board superintendent relations was one of the strongest issues. Better communication with the community as a board, and more visible in the public is an area that could improve. All agreed that this process should take place annually.

New business – Officials were provided updates to the NEOLA policies and a first reading was provided. The updates focused on the non-discrimination policies. These policies are being combined instead of restating separate policies for certified staff, support staff, and students. A number of policies are being rescinded, others are being replaced. Definitions are being updated to correspond with the proposed changes.

Next, officials received a letter of retirement from John Bernat, custodian at Leonard Elementary noting he was hired OE will remain opted in 2004. Officials accepted the letter with regrets. The retirement is effective June 30, 2026.

Action items included the updated Ashley Community Schools service agreement for buses and vans. Effective December 15, 2025. The approved updated agreement aligns with the agreement with Laingsburg Public Schools. Ovid-Elsie provides transportation maintenance and repair services.

Next, Approval of resolution 31aa as recommended by Thrum Law. 31aa funds are in litigation both in the state and federal courts. Opted in with the option to rescind if the courts do not render a favorable decision. Noting if the language is acceptable OE will accept the funding. Approved as presented. School districts must opt in by December 30, 2025 to be eligible for the funds. This is a scripted resolution from the law firm. Decision regarding language may be decided December 19, 2025. Area districts are adopting similar resolutions. There was lots of apprehension expressed by board members.

Michigan's Section 31aa funds (MCL 388.1631aa) are a significant state grant program providing per-pupil dollars to K-12 schools for student mental health and school safety, covering things like hiring counselors/nurses, buying screening tools, and improving physical security (cameras, etc.). While intended for well-being, recent laws tied acceptance of these substantial funds (over \$300M in 2025-26) to controversial requirements, including agreeing to waive certain privileges and undergo extensive investigations, causing legal challenges and debates over local control and unclear mandates.

Letter of agreement with Ovid-Elsie Education Association, the agreement addresses the use of leave-day privileges earned under the prior Master Agreement. Employees must use the leave-days by the end of the 2026-27 school year. In addition, a letter of agreement addressed the administrative assistants use of leave-day privileges earned under prior agreement and Bereavement Leave, as well. Both agreements were approved for clarification.

The updated 2025-26 high school curriculum guide was approved, as updated which reflects changes from LCC along with two proposed updates for LCC classes to count toward specific MMC requirements for students at OEHS.

The Ovid-Elsie Board of Education set the organizational board meeting set for January 2026, Monday, January 19, 2026, 6:30 pm followed by the regular meeting at 6:40 pm.

Public Comment – Letter from Doug Long letter regarding track and field coaches and the hiring process. Long reminded officials that he has been a long time track coach. He was informed that the track program was taking a new direction with the hiring of one coach and four assistants for 60 athletes which can be overwhelming. This change was made without input by coaches. Who decided it was time to restructure? Long was not rehired as the coach noting that original application was misplaced, the deadline was extended, when a second application was received. Long felt confident after the interview but was not hired. Told the program was going in a different direction, forty-year coaching. Lengthy letter – outlining a very successful track and field program under his leadership.

Wooley presented information about board committee structure. She had questions regarding the purpose of committees as board members; decisions will be made at the organizational meeting. The information provided outlined different committee structure. Recommended “committee of the whole.” The committee meeting would be a work session and will fall under the open meetings act. This would be an opportunity to talk through issues, no decisions would be made at that the committee work session, it would be a more relaxed session and an opportunity to talk through issues. Consider the suggestions and respond in the next few weeks.



UM Health-Sparrow Installs First-of-its-kind Labe Automation to Speed Patients Results

submitted by John Foren

LANSING, Mich. – The University of Michigan Health-Sparrow activated a new, laboratory automation system that boasts drastically shorter turnaround times for lab tests. The system is among the first of its kind in the nation.

The shortened turnaround times enable quicker diagnosis and treatment. The automated processes minimize manual handling errors and strenuous manual tasks for staff, enhancing overall testing quality and consistency, and contribute to shorter hospital stays.

“This investment is about getting critical results to our physicians faster,” said Jon Baker, director of laboratories at University of Michigan Health-Sparrow.

The FlexLab X is a fully integrated automation line that manages sample tubes from check-in through final output. Representatives from Siemens-Healthineers, manufacturer of the FlexLab X, joined hospital leadership for the event.

“We look forward to building upon our relationship with this new technology to support University of Michigan Health-Sparrow’s goals in driving greater efficiency in their lab and delivering faster results for patients,” said Jennifer Murphy, senior vice president of national strategic accounts at Siemens-Healthineers.

The U-M Health Sparrow Laboratories is among the busiest hospital labs in the country, receiving lab results from throughout the state. The lab distinguished itself during the COVID-19 pandemic, becoming the first hospital to develop an inpatient COVID test and opening a drive-thru testing site at a former Sears Automotive Center.

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Planet Perspectives

by Alison Kozlowski

A Sustainable Christmas

While the Christmas season is a time for family, friends, and giving, it is also a time of extreme stress for the environment. For starters, artificial Christmas trees are fated polluters, as they are made from polyvinyl chloride and are non-biodegradable. The carbon footprint of one is around 40kg of CO2. However, what lies under them is a bigger problem. As great as it is to give them, gifts accumulate an astronomical amount of waste. And the reality is a lot of people will not want or use gifts that they receive. A 2024 survey found that 53% of Americans receive at least one unwanted gift, which leads to about 16.5 million discarded gifts each year. Not including the contributions of packaging, with 2.3 to 2.6 billion pounds of wrapping paper thrown away annually in the U.S. This majorly pollutes the natural world and endangers wildlife.

It is possible to be environmentally friendly while celebrating Christmas. Shoot for getting a real tree if you don't have an artificial one already, and compost it after Christmas. Give less material gifts. Some good alternatives are gift cards or experiences. For gift packaging, use reusable gift bags or eco friendly paper. If you receive gifts you won't use, donate them to a thrift store or regift them. It's important to remember that even though we have a Christmas break, the environment does not. This Christmas holiday, give the gift of sustainability to our planet!

Carol Garlock

Carol Garlock, lifelong resident of Ovid, passed away at the age of 79 on December 9, 2025.



Carol was born on January 6, 1946, the daughter of Milo and Doris (Griffith) Robinson at the nursing home that used to be on Main Street in Ovid. In elementary school, she and her brother attended a one room school house, and they were excited when the family moved into town, and had indoor plumbing - it was a cold trek to the outhouse in winter. She met Gary when she was 16, they were engaged while she was still in high school, married three weeks after graduation, and had Deb, one day before their first anniversary. She always said that she and Deb grew up together.

Carol stayed at home caring for her three children, and when they were older, she was a bus driver for Ovid-Elsie Area Schools, so that she could still be home summers and weekends with her family. The family lived off Gary's income, and all of the money that Carol earned was set aside for family vacations and to provide extra opportunities for her children. Her hard work sent Deb to San Francisco, Jim to China, and Mandi to Australia and Europe with Lions Band and Blue Lake. It also allowed the family to enjoy countless camping trips for decades, especially with the "Cadillac Crew", the Snowbirds in Florida, or at Hiari's in Harrison. All three of those groups were mostly the same people, so it worked out well for them to have their Friday night dinners regardless of what state they were in.

In 1979, Carol started serving with the Ovid-Elsie Band Boosters - a role that she would continue to serve, and eventually lead for 16 years. Carol was a Band Mom to her core, and even saw herself in that role in her elderly years when she would see her Band Kids around town or in the nursing home. She and Gary held officer roles for over a decade. She also took on leading the Concession Stands, Smorgasbord Dinners, Sub Sales, and efforts for passing the millage for the town to buy new High School Band Uniforms. Her favorite role was being in charge of all of the logistics for Band Camp and serving as the EMT. Carol was a force to be reckoned with, standing up to camp owners that were not giving her Band Kids what they were promised, and many out-of-town band directors that expected to do their own thing when O-E hosted festivals. During Solo and Ensemble, she often was found in the room when she had a Band Kid whose parents did not come to performances or in the cafeteria helping calm down students that were nervous.

She continued to serve in these roles a year after her youngest graduated so that she could train "the newbies", and transitioned her efforts to cheering for Jim and Mandi in the Spartan Marching Band. Her dream was for Mandi to walk down the aisle to the Spartan Drumline and could be heard saying "Alexa, play the Michigan State Marching Band" even last year whenever Mandi came home.

Carol and Gary were committed to serving the Ovid Community in an era where women were expected to be behind the scenes. She was one of the first female EMT's for the Ovid Area Ambulance service, where she also was in charge of the community's 4th of July celebrations. She also was one of the first females in the Ovid Lions Club as well.

When Carol became a grandma, her conversations quickly shifted from marching band to the interests of her grandchildren. She was always eager to hear about Bible Bee, Debate, Heritage Girls, Robotics and Trail Life. It was a challenge for her to learn the new lingo, but her grandchildren were always on her mind.

Gary and Carol were married for over 61 years, and were able to spend 9 months together at Hazel Findlay before Gary passed away two months ago. While there, they were crowned Prom King and Queen of the Nursing Home and got to be in a float for the Mint Festival Parade. The St Johns High School Marching Band followed their float, and spent she the entire parade waving her arms to the beat as if she was conducting. Once a Band Mom, always a Band Mom.

Carol is survived by her son Jim (Ginny) Garlock of Connecticut, her daughter Mandi (Steve) Wolfgram of Wisconsin, and grandchildren Jessica, Lillianne, Luke and Katrina. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Gary, daughter Deb, and brother Dick.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, MI, on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at Smith Family Funeral Homes-Houghton Chapel, Ovid, MI, with Mr. Andy Goodrich officiating. Burial has taken place at Maple Grove Cemetery, Ovid, MI.

The family would like to thank the staff of Hazel Findlay Nursing Home for their excellent care and compassion and particularly Diana Schueller and Sandy Fossano for their fierce advocacy in caring so deeply for both of our parents and the rest of our family as well. We cannot thank you enough.

Memorials may be made to Ovid-Elsie Band Boosters, 8989 East Colony Road, Elsie, MI 48831. Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan.

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Helen Louise Bennett

Helen Louise Bennett, age 85, of Elsie, MI, passed away Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at Welcome Home Assisted Living, Owosso, MI.

Helen was born in St. Johns, MI on February 23, 1940, the daughter of George W. Bennett, M.D. and Mary Louise (Wilbur) Bennett. She graduated from Elsie High School, with the class of 1958. She went on and became a beautician in the Royal Oak area, where she also taught at a beauty school, for many years.

Helen's main passion was line dancing, dancing the night away. She collected cowboy boots and western clothing and enjoyed sewing. Helen took pride in being the fun aunt and loved spending time with her nieces and nephews, especially little Bobby. She was a lifelong member of Elsie United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her sisters: Nancy and Richard Conklin, and Linda and Bruce Moore; nieces and nephews: Robert and Marcia Hardaker, Darlene and Curt Nichols, Sheryl Hehrer, Shawne and Bruce Hofferbert, Jr., Michele and David Guyski, Melissa and Scott Blasingame, and Stephen and Kathryn Moore. Helen is also survived by many great-nieces and nephews and great-great nieces & nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Sue Hardaker, and fiancé Lawrence Jordan.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes Elsie, MI, on Saturday, December 20, 2025. Burial has taken place at Riverside Cemetery, Elsie, MI.

Helen's family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Welcome Home and Swan Hospice for the fabulous care they gave Helen for over the last year.

Memorials may be made to Elsie United Methodist Church or Swan Hospice in Flint. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



- The Ovid Historical Society, Gayla Ehlert and Karen Anderson for putting together the beautiful Christmas Tree auction.

- Main Street Pizza for providing gift certificates for all applicants.

- Applebee Oil and Propane and Ovid Village Food Pride for your assistance with gift certificates.

- The Ovid Lions Club for the use of the hall, Larry for making sure it was ready for us and helping with the heavy lifting on Saturday and Greg Martin for keeping track of the finances.

- Ovid Public Library for collecting donations.

- The Weekly for collecting donations and providing advertising.

- A wonderful group of hunters for providing venison we could offer to the shoppers.

- Ovid Holy Family Catholic Church and Ovid United Church for your continued support with generous donations of money, gift cards, items and assistance.

- Middlebury Church and Cole and Bedoway families for your continued support of family adoptions.

- Megan Erickson and Mary's Merry Christmas Drive for working with EE Knight Elementary to provide the incredible toy donation.

Thank you to the individuals and families that have provided monetary support and donations of gift cards and items, these baskets are possible because of YOU! And lastly, THANK YOU to the many volunteers that showed up and worked so hard on Saturday, Sunday and Monday to sort items, fill the boxes, set-up the shopping area, and distribute, this couldn't be done without the time you volunteer to assist. THANK YOU, Pat, Dan, Heather, Brent, Emily, Dylan, Delilah, Renae, Mayor Mary, Jennifer, Deb, Doc, Diane, Jeff, Officer Watson, Officer Vohwinkle, Shawn, Jody, Maddie, Marie, Kyle, Max, Tori, Shirley, Karen, Genevieve, Kaia, James, Renee, Kirsten and the Loynes Family.

Christmas Basket Committee

ted, played games that tested our perception and ability to follow directions. I wasn't very good at either one of them, especially sorting red and blue Christmas balls in twenty seconds without mixing them up. I made it through with ten red and nine blue with one red. I was disqualified. I didn't do much better with recognizing bottle caps. I managed to get only eleven of the twenty correct. I didn't even think about taking Christmas cards to pass and a couple of the ladies made gifts for all. I now have three triangular chickens to share with Diane and Dena. One of the gals bought all of our lunches and another put together cups filled with candy... I know that I have forgotten something other than leaving in the rain and stopping to pick up a few things to make sure that my needed supplies were now in-house.

I have to de-clutter my desk area and attach the rods for the drapes that will be put over the slider at the west end of the dining room. My plants aren't happy with what has been very cold days so I'm putting up another barrier for them that I can open and shut as needed. I want the view and they detest the bitter cold that passes through the slider window. Even though I have thinned the group I still have too many. I am surprised that I did manage to keep last years poinsettia alive this past year, now if I could just remember how to get it to change to blooms... It is a splash and I couldn't find one for this year and had to settle for a deep red one. My little Christmas cactus are blooming beautifully. I wish that I had some snack trays and that whoever borrowed my card table would have it back to me before I needed it. I do believe that is a wish in one hand thing...

It just passed midnight and is now early Friday morning, Miss Prudence is grunting and woofing at me to at least make my lap available for her snoozing. I believe that I have surpassed her patience level. I just need a few more words to finish up this column. I do hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas filled with family and friends. That you remember the 'reason for the season' and that God blesses you with good health, peace and contentment. I also hope that 2026 is filled with much love and the prosperity that we all need. God bless.

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Editorial



Thank You Ovid Community

Letter to the Editor:

When a community works TOGETHER it is amazing what can be accomplished. Saying THANK YOU to the Ovid Community just doesn't seem to be enough! We again saw a large request for Christmas Baskets this year and you responded. Seeing the area businesses, churches, schools, organizations, and community members come together to make Christmas brighter for 60 families is truly an amazing sight and defines the Christmas spirit.

Many thanks to the Leonard Elementary families who donated to the food drive sponsored by the SOS group, the Spiess Family for their annual drive that provides so many of our toys, personal hygiene and peanut butter and jelly, the Ovid Police Department and Department of Public Works for their donations from Fill a Cop Car, thank you for keeping it local. We were able to donate all extras to the Elsie Food Bank which will continue to help the Ovid-Elsie Community.

We would also like to extend our deepest gratitude to the following:

- The Country Kitchen and their staff and volunteers that do so much to provide the Ovid Community Thanksgiving Meal that brings in monetary donations to help provide gift certificates in the baskets.



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

I have been attempting to get my gift wrapping done... Yup, been trying but still have about twenty more to wrap. I don't believe that they will all fit under the tree which still needs its lights and decorations, but it is fluffed and in place. My kitchen is also making some stupendous strides in improvement. Yesterday I assaulted the stove and oven and now they gleam and sparkle, so glad that I am almost done with canning. It will wait until after the holidays. Next up on the agenda is purifying the refrigerator, its contents have already made their trip to the garbage after emptying those containers that were more a mystery than a necessity. I had to make way for all the expected left overs. Granted there will be twenty-three folks here for Christmas dinner but with a ham, a twenty pound turkey and a smoked twelve pound pork roast, three salads, dressing, mashed potatoes, squash, string bean casserole, two kinds of gravy and dinner rolls there should be some. I do believe that there will only be three pies and a rum cake to top off the feast this year. I plan on eating meat and salads through the New Year.

I've already attended two Christmas parties and enjoyed myself thoroughly. Yesterday the ladies that I worked with at Wal Mart in the nineties had our festivities. The group of us gathered at the Main Street restaurant in St Johns and chit chat-

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MEET THE TEAMS • LAINGSBURG WOLFPACK



Laingsburg Boys Varsity Basketball

Front row (l-r): Kollin Bentley-Barr, Nate Malone, Waylon Rowley, Jake Rivet, Landen Hart, Everett Rodriguez, Kade McLean, Paxton Rodriguez. Back row (l-r): Head coach Tim Beebe, Leandro Dolega-Caceres, Colton Heaton, Collin Logghe, Cash Heaton, Josiah Hawes, Cooper Morr, Grey Seguin, Asst. Coach Evan Rogers. Missing: Landon Freeman, Asst. Coaches Jordan McGee and Rob Porritt.

Photo by Keith Kingsbury

Team Chemistry is Outstanding as Wolfpack Basketeers Head Into Hopeful 2025-26 Season

LAINGSBURG -- Things are looking up in Wolfpackland this boys basketball season. Emphasis on: look up. Especially if you're 6' or shorter.

Coach Tim Beebe's team is long on length, depth, shooting skills ... and height entering a challenging 2025-26 season.

Most importantly, says the 3rd-year head coach, is the outstanding team chemistry this unit has.

"We have have solid depth and this group has tremendous team chemistry," the coach explains. "We have a good blend of shooters and size."

Senior forward Leandro Dolega-Caceres is Laingsburg's top returnee, an honorable mention selection in last year's CMAC postseason voting. The Wolfpack was a top-shelf conference finisher last year with an 11-7 record, 13-11 overall.

Leandro is joined by a talented returning group including Jake Rivet, Landon Freeman, Kollin Bentley-Barr, Josiah Hawes, Waylon Rowley and Everett Rodriguez. All are seniors, except for Freeman, a junior guard.

The newcoming class, all juniors, are Collin Logghe, Colton Heaton, Cash Heaton, Kade McClean and Cooper Morr.

Of note: Hawes is 6-3. Cash Heaton is 6-6. Colton Heaton is 6-4. Morr is 6-3. Logghe is 6-2. Packaged together, they represent one of the "longest" teams the Wolfpack has ever introduced to the court.

Pewamo-Westphalia, Fowler, Portland St. Patrick and Laingsburg should be the frontrunners in the CMAC, Beebe says, followed by Lansing Christian, Perry, Saranac, Potterville and Dansville.

Dolega-Caceres is one of the top-ranked players in the conference, joined by Grady Eklund in P-W, Charlie Thelen at St. Pats and Anthony Cochran in Perry.

Beebe will be assisted again this season by veteran coaches Rob Porritt, Jordan McGee and Evan Rogers.

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



Laingsburg Girls Varsity Basketball

Front row (l-r): Leah Mills, Brooklyn Holm, Payge Woodworth, Lilli Morrill. Back row (l-r): Head Coach Daniel Morrill, Mallory Woodbury, Bella Latuszek, Harper Strouse, Savvy Stirm, Peyton Stahr, Assistant Coach Norm Holm.

Photo by Keith Kingsbury

Lady Wolfpack is Ready to. Rock Against Talent-Laden CMAC

LAINGSBURG -- The top half of the Central Michigan Athletic Conference is talent-laden once again, says veteran Wolfpack girls basketball coach Dan Morrill ... but that notion hasn't got this year's Lady Wolves batting an eye.

"We plan to be in that conversation along with Pewamo-Westphalia, defending state champion Fowler, Portland St. Patrick and Bath," explains the coach, coming off a fine 14-10 season that included a showdown with New Lothrop in the Division 3 District Final.

"We have a goal of getting the most out of what we have," Morrill explains. "We are working to improve every day and are chasing big, defining moments for the season. We look to improve on last year's 10-8 CMAC finish."

There are plenty of reasons for optimism; most notably a 5-player returning group that includes sophomore sharpshooter Brooklyn Holm, junior Lilli Morrill, senior Mallory Woodbury, senior Harper Strouse and junior point guard Payge Woodworth. A promising incoming player is freshman Leah Mills.

The Wolfpack opened the season December 9 with a convincing 45-29 victory over the non-league Leslie Blackhawks.

Lady Wolfpack Drops First Game of CMAC Season, 57-39 to St. Pats

PORTLAND -- Portland St. Patrick accelerated to a victory with a big second half over Laingsburg's girls basketball team here December 11.

The 57-39 final score left veteran coach Dan Morrill's at 1-1 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC), 1-1 overall. The Shamrocks moved to 1-0 in their 2025-26 season opener.

Gracelyn Rockey and Mattie Honsowitz led all scorers, with 17 each for St. Pats.

For LHS, Mallory Woodbury had 14 and Brooklyn Holm had 12.



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Photo by Keith Kingsbury



Laingsburg Boys JV Basketball

Team includes: Paxton Rodriguez, Eli Morr, Cameron Spedoske, Connor Seymour, Quintin Garcia, Julian Smith, Ethan Smith, Caiden Nidefski, Logan Potter, Ryan Park, Head Coach: Blake Charboneau. Missing: Asst. Coaches: Russ Klont, Brayden Thomas, Luke Blattert.

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Laingsburg Girls JV Basketball

Team includes: Chloe Ticker, Lila Esch, Allie Brasseur, Ally Underhill, Ella Dorman, Leah Mills, Jayla Merrell, Addison Westfall, Aleigha Highfield. Head Coach Nate Hoard, Asst. Coach Craig Luna.

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Laingsburg Boys Freshman Basketball

Front row (l-r): Derek Porubsky, Michael Neff, Carlos Perez, Dezmond Herold, Nolen Russell. Back row (l-r): Lamari Stuckey, Ashton Unruh, Kolt Mitchell, Camden McGee, Carter Conklin, Jayce Miller. Missing: Coach Brian Borgman.

Photo by Keith Kingsbury

Lady Wolfpack Rolls Past eagles for Early-Season CMAC win, 39-26

LAINGSBURG - The Lady Wolfpack was strong on their home floor December 16, taking a CMAC matchup from Fowler, 39-26.

The Tuesday night win moved Dan Morrill's cagers to 2-1 overall (1-1 CMAC). The Eagles slumped to 0-2 overall, 0-1 in the league in their CMAC opener.

For LHS, Brooklyn Holm led all scorers with 16 points, followed by Mallory Woodbury with 10 and Lilli Morrill with 9.

For Fowler, Isabella Halfmann scored 11.

Brooklyn Holm going up for a lay up. She scored 16 points against Fowler on December 16th.

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Ovid-Elsie Boys Varsity Basketball

Front row (l-r): Brooks Lohr, Joie Fabus, Chase Fabus, Travis Milner Jr, Braylen Ehle, Brody Howard, Nolan Rasch Back row (l-r): Coach Canyon Walker, Jackson Custer, David Johnson, Carpenter Darling, Braxton O'Bryant, Dalton Jordan, Julian Medina, Coach Jason Walker, Manager Jason Harrel.
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Ovid-Elsie Girls Varsity Basketball

Front row (l-r): Dannika Campbell, McKenzie Keck, Isabella Phillips, Alyson Moore, Kendal Tokar. Back row (l-r): Asst. Coach Jason Tokar, Asst. Coach Brian Topping, Ava Sweet, Carly Williams, Kortlynn Loynes, Allison Veith, Danica Levey, Head Coach Shaun McKinney, Asst. Coach Justin Moore.
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Hot Shooting Ovid-Elsie Cage Team Looks To Compete, Despite Youth

OVID-ELSIE -- When last we checked in with the Marauder boys basketball team, they were crafting a 20-6 mark and a trip to the MHSAA Quarterfinals.

A Regional win over MMAC foe Chesaning earned Canyon Walker's O-E club a trip to Jackson Lumen Christi.

Lumen Christi advanced, but not before the Marauders had made some memories behind key players like Tryce Tokar, Tucker Loynes and Javen Belill.

Much of that team is gone to graduation -- but at Ovid-Elsie, coach Walker has moved the program to the point that it doesn't rebuild. It reloads.

Heading into 2025-26, "We have a ton of good guards and some really good shooters," says Walker, himself an alumnus of the program. "We lack size (O-E's tallest player is 6'2"), but we are a young team filled with a good shooting touch."

Junior guard Travis Milner, a three-year varsity starter, and Joseph Fabus, just a sophomore but already a two-year varsity swing player, lead the returning lettermen. Sophomore sharpshooter Braylon Ehle leads the group of new varsity players.

Durand, Chesaning and O-E are the pre-season favorites in the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC), followed by Mount Morris, New Lothrop, Birch Run, Montrose, Lakeville and Bryon -- not necessarily in that order.

Prepping the Marauders for a deep MHSAA run is "... an incredibly tough non-conference schedule," explains Walker.

The Marauders open at non-league Elk Rapids on December 5, and also have Lenawee Christian, Hanover-Horton and Schoolcraft on the non-conference slate.

Strong Returning Nucleus, Athleticism Will Carry Lady Marauders into 2025-26

OVID-ELSIE -- Second-year coach Shaun McKinney will be joined by Justin Moore, Brian Topping and Jason Tokar in guiding the Marauder girls basketball program into the 2025-26 season.

"Our strengths are our strong core, athleticism and our length," says McKinney, trying to defend four-straight MMAC championships and improve on last year's 18-4 record.

Even with all that success, O-E still finished short of its goals in 2024-25. The Marauders fell in the District semifinals in a major upset, 48-34 at Laingsburg.

That loss put a fine point on where McKinney wants to take the O-E program. Not one to life off past laurels, the coach simply says, "We're looking forward to taking it game-by-game."

The Marauders' strength will come from its core six: seniors Alyson Moore, Dannika Campbell, Isabella Phillips and McKenzie Keck, and sophomores Kendal Tokar and Kortlynn Loynes.

A young bench includes freshman Allison Veith and sophomores Ava Sweet, Carly Williams and Danica Levey.



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Ovid-Elsie Co-Ed Varsity Wrestling

Front row (l-r): Kaden Levey, Braelyn Lydens, Haley McClung, Averie Powell, Aliana Rodriguez, Ava Juhas, Katelyn Wright, Will Baese, Dana Juhas. Back row (l-r): Brena Vincent, Levi Stewart, Landen VanConant, Caleb Long, Connor McClung, Jeremiah Stewart, Ethan Orta, Jaydan Ford, Chandler Hart-Butcher, Brent Spitzley, Travis Wright. Coaches (l-r): Cj Krum, Frank Goodrich, Zach Morris, Spencer Sillman. Photo by Ortman Production, Inc.



Ovid-Elsie Varsity Competitive Cheer

Front row (l-r): Laiken Watkins, Clarissa Baese, Mercedes Grieder, Peyton Milz, Lianna Shearer, Naomi Schneider. Back row (l-r): Coach Sarah Stewart, Skylar Jury, Katlyn Blomfield, Macy VanEtten, Dylan Masarik, AllieLynn Barnhill, Jaedyn Palus, Kyra Witt, Claire Fruchey, Elizabeth Throop, Adelaide Faziani, Coach Roni Behrens. Photo by Ortman Production Inc

Good Group of Leaders Will Carry O-E Competitive Cheer into 2025-26

OVID-ELSIE -- Coaches Sarah Stewart and Roni Behrens are counting on strong team leadership to carry the Lady Marauder Competitive Cheer Team into the 2025-26 season.

"We have a really good group of leaders on the team that are always looking for ways to improve and still enjoy it," explains coach Stewart. "We laugh a lot and have the determination needed to improve. Each year they buckle down a little harder. I can see this program growing ... we are headed in the right direction."

That group of leaders includes seniors Clarissa Baese, Peyton Milz, Laiken Watkins, Lianna Shearer, juniors Alison Kozlowski, Naomi Schneider and sophomores: Katlyn Blomfield, Adelaide Faziani, Claire Fruchey, Dylan Masarik, Jaedyn Palus and Lizzie Throop.

New to the Marauders are senior Mercedes Grieder, junior AllieLynn Barnhill, sophomores Kyra Witt and Macy VanEtten and freshman Skylar Jury.

A team strength is tumbling, thanks to some new tumbling equipment purchased with money raised from fundraisers, that has led to noticeable team improvement. "We have some strong tumblers this year. We are hoping to use that skill to our advantage. We also have some strong, determined bases to help improve our stunting," explains coach Stewart.

"As we are still trying to build our program back up, we have some newcomers that are trying cheer for the first time ever. That's always a difficult task. But we are hopeful that we can catch them up and even if they don't get to compete in any competitions this season, they will in the future."

This year's conference will include some MHSAA Division 3 teams. Says the coach, "For cheer, we are division 4. It's hard to compete with much bigger schools, but we are looking pretty good and hoping for at least a top 3 finish this season."

Solid Core Returns to Lead O-E Into 2025-26 Swim Season

OVID-ELSIE -- Eugene Howe, Gabrielle Wildes, Jowa Wildes, Wyatt Dahlkecell and veteran head coach Karl Dahlke return to lead the Ovid-Elsie swim team into the 2025-26 tank season.

That robust coaching staff welcomes back a solid nucleus of veteran talent; Marshall Leavitt, Audrey Bensinger, Jolene Hebler, Lilliana Kennedy, Evaley Swender and Dylan Hennings make up one of the strongest groups of leadership the Marauders have sported in some time.

"We got a group with great leadership that takes responsibility," says coach Dahlke. "We've got a good balance of experience and new blood."

New to the pool are Adalynn Roberts, Robert Kebeler, Sarah Harden, Emberlyn Kvalevog, Addilynn Vincent, Lydia Lawrence, Metta Newell and Adriana Arbogast.

That's good news. It takes a lot of team depth to fill all the competitive weight classes in a sport as demanding as swimming.

"Half the team is new enough to have never swam competitively before," says Dahlke. The Marauders will look for them to develop and contribute more and more as the 2025-26 campaign wears on. (No photo available - will be published when taken)

Experience, Ability to Focus are Strengths of O-E Bowling Teams

OVID-ELSIE -- A lineup featuring eight returning bowlers, plus " ... our ability to adapt to the challenges that come during bowling season," says coach Matt Fabus, spell well for the Marauders entering the 2025-26 prep kegling season.

Three top returnees for the male Marauders -- Devyn Pugsley, Teagen Ignash and Collin Jullie -- and four standouts for the Lady Marauders, Brooke Pugsley, Victoria Dennis, Abby Orweller and Haylee Arnett, look to lead O-E to a Top 3 finish, Fabus explains.

"One of our strengths is our athletes being focused when bowling in competition," Fabus explains.

New to the girls team are Dona Heintzman and Harper Greathouse. Newcomers for the boys are Micah Ladiski, Ryan Odenbaugh and Brady Lutz.

(No photos available - will be published when taken)

Ovid-Elsie Bowling

submitted by Matt Fabus

The OE Keglers were at Grand Blanc on December 13th bowling against Bryon.

The boys would find their backs against the wall after two Bakers, down 10-0. They would fight back to win the battle 17-13. Great focus, fight, determination.

Scores were: Bryon Odenbaugh 122, 125; Collin Jullie 121; Brady Latz 1187, 127; Teagan Ignash 180, 184; Devyn Pugsley 204, 188. Awesome day for the boys!

The Girls side OE 9 - Bryon 21. The girls put up a fight but with only 4 bowlers it's rough.

Scores were: Abby Orweller 120; Victoria Dennis 146; Haylee Arnett 169, 150; Brooke Pugsley 197, 174.

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Ovid-Elsie Girls JV Basketball

Front row (l-r): Callie Risinger, Allison Brooke, Audrianna Henning, Claudia Kremer, Adalyn Polash, Head Coach Brian Topping, Marlee O'Bryant, Laura Newman, Makayla Milledge, Lillian Relyea. Missing: Abigail Bowen. Photo by Ortman Production, Inc.



Ovid-Elsie Boys JV Basketball

Front row (l-r): Urijah Sexton, Leyton Belill, Kellen Garcia, Evan Anderson, Toby Brown, Eyan Fabus, Jaxon Chrenka. Back row (l-r): Asst. Coach Dominic Kline, Jacob Fabus, Todd Fox, Maverick Horak, Cooper Ritenburg, Ethan Kimmel, Peyton Harris, Head Coach Travis Brown. Missing: Maxon Fabus. Photo by Ortman Productions, Inc.

Lady Marauders Out-Point Durand in MMAC Opener

DURAND -- Kendal Tokar came through with 19 points and Ovid-Elsie's girls varsity basketball Marauders came home with a 10-point victory over Durand here December 16.

Shaun McKinney's Marauders moved to 2-1 overall with a 51-41 win in the MMAC opener for both teams. The Railroaders fell to 1-1, 0-1 in conference play.

Tokar added 4 rebounds and 3 steals to her impressive night. Alyson Moore recorded a double-double for O-E with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Kortlynn Loynes added 9 points, 12 rebounds and a trio of blocks; Dannika Campbell contributed 8 points, 6 rebounds and 5 steals in a solid all-around effort.

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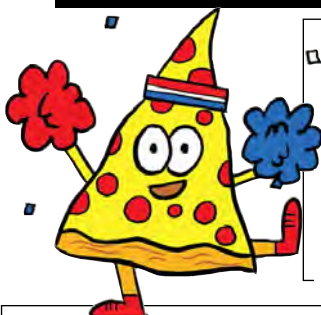
Front row (l-r): Cade Fabus, Logan Strachota, Brady Latz, Thayden Raish, Jeffery Digler. Back row (l-r): River Minarik, Phillip Kidd, Trey Palatka, Joey Kozlowski, Samuel Kennedy, Gabe Lohr. Missing: Kane Pupava, Brady Fabus, Coach Shane Mills. Photo by Ortman Productions, Inc.

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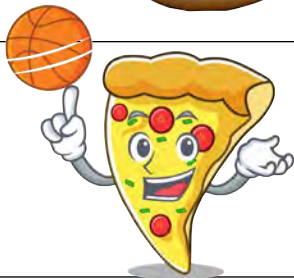
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St. Johns and Bingham Township Water Sharing Partnership Builds Greater Economic Opportunity

submitted by Genesis Lodise

LANSING—The City of St. Johns and Bingham Township have announced a unique partnership to extend water infrastructure, unlocking new economic development potential along the M-21 corridor. The wholesale water agreement is the result of both communities working together to break down barriers to growth for businesses across the region.

"I'm pleased to see our communities come together in a way that will benefit all of our residents," said Mayor Scott Dzurka, city of St. Johns. "This idea has been discussed for decades and I'm glad to see we reached consensus. It wasn't just about the city or township, but what is best for the greater St. Johns community and neighbors."

The Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP) helped facilitate early meetings and provided data on the economic development impact a Wastewater Authority would have for the City of St. Johns and Bingham Township.

"LEAP was pleased to play a mediation role between Bingham Township and city of St. Johns to develop a wholesale water agreement for a Wastewater Authority with the idea of developing appropriate parts of the M-21 corridor to benefit tax base and jobs for the residents of both communities," said Bob Trezise, president and CEO of LEAP. "On behalf of their residents, Bingham and St. Johns have created a system of cooperation that eliminates expensive duplication of services and will keep taxes and water rates lower while allowing for smart growth. We congratulate this kind of outstanding leadership of both city and township. They are setting the bar for us all across our three-county region with this kind of agreement."

The water agreement is a milestone for the M-21 corridor, demonstrating how state support, local leadership, and regional partnership are converging to bring new possibilities to the region. The agreement creates the foundational capacity needed for future business investment, housing, agricultural innovation, and utility resilience along the corridor.

"We're excited to partner with the City of St. Johns on collaborative public infrastructure in our community," said John Weber, Bingham Township Supervisor. "After years of work toward this goal on behalf of the people of Bingham Township, the Board is proud to put this important structure in place to help create new economic opportunities along the M-21 corridor that benefit our constituents."

Clinton County has made strides toward positioning itself as a leader in AgTech and rural economic development. LEAP-supported companies such as Glanbia, MMPA (Michigan Milk Producers Association), Hanovers Chocolates, Oh Mi Organics, and Phillips Cider Bar & Pizzeria make up a robust cluster who have chosen the M-21 Corridor for their operations. Extending the water infrastructure was made possible through state grant funding and championed by Senator Sam Singh.

"Strong infrastructure is the backbone of economic progress, particularly in rural and agricultural areas like those along the M-21 corridor," Senator Singh said. "This wholesale water agreement shows how communities can come together to plan for growth, improve essential services, and expand opportunities for families and businesses. I'm proud of the partnership of St. Johns, Bingham Township, and LEAP, and I look forward to the continued momentum this investment will create."

The M-21 corridor strives to support investment by leveraging the rich agriculture and proximity to world-class amenities that support innovation in Michigan. The corridor includes Clinton, Ionia and Shiawassee counties, located north of Lansing and between Grand Rapids and Flint. Learn more here: <https://www.purelansing.com/find-a-site/key-industries/agtech-and-food-innovation/>

The Lansing region's central location and existing agriculture industry is ripe with strategic growth opportunities for companies in the food processing industries and realms of agricultural technology (AgTech) & FoodTech.

City of Ovid Draft Public Hearing & Regular Meeting December 8, 2025

Open Public Hearing:

Mayor M. Perrien called the Public Hearing to order at 7:01 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. Starn.

Absent: E. Brown and M. Jones

Guests:

There were 12 people in attendance.

Presentation of the Budget: Mayor Perrien presented the budget.

Public Comment: Time Opened 7:05pm Time Closed 7:05 pm None

Regular Meeting Open 7:05 pm

Agenda:

Motioned by Council Member L. Perrien and supported by Council Member M. Olger to approve the agenda with the addition of new business, item t, Pending litigation. Carried on a voice vote.

Minutes:

Motioned by Council Member E. Starn and supported by Council Member M. Soliz to approve the minutes from November 10th, 2025 regular meeting and December 3rd Public Hearing as presented. Carried on a voice vote.

Invoice/Check Register:

Motioned by Council Member L. Perrien and supported by Council Member M. Olger to approve the invoice/check register from November 12, 2025 through December 9, 2025 for a total of \$30,215.29. Carried on a voice vote.

County Commissioner: 7:08 pm to 7:11 pm Nicole Fickes updated the board on county activities and recapped this past year achievements.

Open Public Comment: Opened 7:11 pm Closed: 7:15 pm

Treasurer's Report: Motioned by Council Member M. Soliz and supported by Council Member M. Olger to amend the budgets for General Fund (101), Water Fund (591), and Capital Improvement Fund (401) as presented by the Treasurer to authorize the Mayor to approve any year end 2025 budget amendments. Carried on voice votes.

Report Motion:

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

New Business:

a. Resolution 2025-05 2026 FY Budget Adoption: Motioned by Council Member L. Perrien and supported by Council Member M. Soliz to adopt Resolution 2025-05 2026 FY Budget for the City of Ovid with correction of the sewer fund (590).

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: M. Soliz, L. Perrien, M. Olger, M. Perrien, E. Starn

No: None

Absent: E. Brown and M. Jones

b. CIP (Capital Improvement Plan): Motioned by Council Member E. Starn and supported by Council Member L. Perrien to adopt the 2026-2031 CIP as presented. Carried on a voice vote.

c. 2026 Salary Schedule: Motioned by Council Member E. Starn and supported by Council Member M. Olger to approve the 2026 Salary Schedule. Carried on voice vote.

d. Resolution 2025-06 Health Insurance Act 51: Motioned by Council Member E. Starn and supported by Council Member L. Perrien to adopt Resolution 2025-06 Health Insurance for Act 51.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: E. Starn, M. Perrien, M. Olger, L. Perrien, M. Soliz

No: None

Absent: E. Brown and M. Jones

e. Resolution 2025-07 Poverty Level: Motioned by Council Member L. Perrien and supported by Council Member M. Soliz to adopt Resolution 2025-07 Poverty Level adoption.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: E. Starn, M. Perrien, M. Olger, L. Perrien, M. Soliz

No: None

Absent: E. Brown and M. Jones

f. Resolution 2025-08 2026 Meeting Calendar: Motioned by Council Member M. Soliz and supported by Council Member L. Perrien to adopt Resolution 2025-08, 2026 Meeting Calendar.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: M. Soliz, L. Perrien, M. Olger, M. Perrien, E. Starn

No: None

Absent: E. Brown and M. Jones

g. Resolution 2025-09: Motioned by Council Member E. Starn and supported by Council Member M. Olger to adopt Resolution 2025-09 Establish an Industrial Development District at 430 W. Williams St.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: M. Soliz, L. Perrien, M. Olger, M. Perrien, E. Starn

No: None

Absent: E. Brown and M. Jones

h. Appointment of Sherry Byrnes: Motioned by Council Member M. Soliz and supported by Council Member L. Perrien to approve Sherry Byrnes to the library board for another 4-year term. Carried on voice vote.

i. Resolution 2025-10 Sewer Rates:

Motioned by Council Member M. Soliz and supported by Council Member L. Perrien to adopt Resolution 2025-10 Sewer Rates with the corrected rates of 3% increase effective January 1, 2026.

Roll Call:

Yes: E. Starn, M. Perrien, M. Olger, L. Perrien, M. Soliz

No: None

Absent: E. Brown and M. Jones

j. Lagoon Proposal: Motioned by Council Member E. Starn and supported by Council Member M. Olger to award the bid from LA Construction in an amount of \$575,000.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign any documents necessary. Carried on voice vote.

k. Insurance Policy Renewal: Motioned by Council Member M. Soliz supported by Council Member L. Perrien to approve the renewal of the Michigan Municipal League insurance at a cost of \$41,200.00. Carried on voice vote.

l. 2025 Merit Pay: Motioned by Council Member E. Starn and supported by Council Member M. Olger to approve the 2025 Merit pay of \$1560.00 for all current, non-union, full-time employees as of November 30, 2025.

m. Assessors/Appraisal Contract: Motioned by Council Member L. Perrien and supported by Council Member M. Soliz to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with The Showalter Group LLC. for an amount of \$3,750.00 to complete an appraisal assignment for Village Food Price with additional tax year of \$1,500.00 for a total of \$5,250.00.

n. Seasonal Banners: Motioned by Council Member L. Perrien and supported by Council Member M. Olger to purchase 14 holiday banners at a cost of \$1,120.00. Carried on voice vote.

o. Lawn Mower for Cemetery: Motioned by Council Member L. Perrien and supported by Council Member M. Soliz to purchase a mower from Trek Power Equipment, the Bad Boy brand lawn mower in an amount of \$7,992.00. Carried on voice vote.

p. Water tank Inspection Approval: Motioned by Council Member L. Perrien and supported by Council Member E. Starn to approve the two water tanks inspection with a cost of \$2,040.00 from Pittsburg Tank & Tower Group.

q. PREP Accessibility Software: Motioned by Council Member E. Starn and supported by Council Member L. Perrien to approve the purchase of PREP Accessibility software and authorize the Mayor to sign said contract for a fee of \$700.00 per year per license. Carried on voice vote.

r. Garage Door at DPW building: Motioned by Council Member E. Starn and supported by Council Member M. Olger to purchase garage door openers from North American for a total amount \$3,463.98. Carried on voice vote.

s. EGLE Disbursement #16 and USDA Pay App 7: Motioned by Council Member L. Perrien and supported by Council Member M. Soliz to approve EGLE pay application #16 for a total of \$141,193.35 and USDA Estimate #7 for a total of \$243,151.26 and to authorize the Mayor to sign all documents necessary to submit the application and estimate. Carried on voice vote.

t. Pending Litigation:

Motioned by Council Member M. Perrien and supported by Council Member M. Soliz to go into closed session at 8:49 pm due to pending litigation, MCL 15.268(e).

Roll Call:

Yes: M. Soliz, L. Perrien, M. Olger, M. Perrien, E. Starn

No: None

Absent: E. Brown and M. Jones

Motioned by Council Member M. Soliz and supported by Council Member L. Perrien to exit out of closed session at 9:18 pm.

Roll Call:

Yes: M. Soliz, L. Perrien, M. Olger, M. Perrien, E. Starn

No: None

Absent: E. Brown and M. Jones

Motioned by Council Member E. Starn and supported by Council Member M. Soliz to endorse the contract with the retention of Attorney Michael Nichols for pending litigation.

Roll Call:

YES: E. Starn, M. Perrien, M. Olger, L. Perrien, M. Soliz

No: None

ABSENT: E. Brown and M. Jones

Motioned by Council Member L. Perrien and supported by Council Member M. Soliz to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 pm. Carried on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by
Susan Tomasek Swan

Clerk

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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 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. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Thomas Weise, Single Man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans, its successors and assigns Foreclosing Assignee: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC Date of Mortgage: November 8, 2021 Date of Mortgage Recording: November 18, 2021 Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$271,084.48 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Township of Watertown, Clinton County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Section 13, Town 5 North, Range 3 West, Watertown Township, Clinton County, Michigan, thence West along the North line of said Section 13, 414 feet, thence South 200 feet, thence West 132 feet, thence North 200 feet, thence East 132 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly Known as: 4083 W. Herbison Rd., Dewitt, MI 48820 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act 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 Purchaser: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. 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 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: 12/07/2025 Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 251 Diversion Street, Rochester, MI 48307 248-853-4400 315911

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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 January 14, 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 Sherrie L. Preston-Foess, a single woman, whose address is 603 E. Sheridan Road, Lansing, Michigan 48906, as original Mortgagors, to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, being a mortgage dated February 7, 2007, and recorded on February 27, 2007 with Document Number 5113264, Clinton County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated August 21, 2025 and recorded on August 21, 2025 and given document number 5356893 in Clinton County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY AND 46/100 DOLLARS (\$25,990.46). Said premises are situated in the Township of DeWitt, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, and are described as: LOT (s) 15 AND 16, AUTO PARK, A SUB-DIVISION OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 33, TOWN 5 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 33. Street Address: 603 E. Sheridan Road, Lansing, Michigan 48906 The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 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 MCLA § 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: December 14, 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 6607

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Editorial

The Weekly Sportsman

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Update on UP Cougar Kittens

This week's column is an update on the cougar cubs that were discovered late last spring in Ontonagon County in the western Upper Peninsula. About two weeks ago an adult cougar followed by two kittens were captured on a trail cam walking down a snowy trail. The last time the kittens were seen they were about two months old and not accompanied by their mother. There was concern that maybe they hadn't survived and been abandoned by their mother due to possible human pressure. Experts believe that their potential rate of survival is very high and will probably continue to be with their mother for another year. These are the first documented cougar kittens born east of the Mississippi River and possibly even the Missouri River in over 100 years.

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Lois Bracey Bags 8 Point

Lois Bracey shot her 8pt buck on her farm at the young age of 89, just 2 months shy of her 90th birthday. She replied, I shot my last one when I was 80, we'll see what the next 10 years bring.

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Sports

Marauder Standout Lineman O'Bryant Honored on All-State Gridiron Contingent

OVID-ELSIE -- Ovid-Elsie's Braxton O'Bryant has been honored as a 2nd-team All-State offensive lineman.

O'Bryant, a senior, was a three-year starter at left tackle for the Marauders, who went 7-2 in the regular season before falling to Belding in the first round of the playoffs.

Coach Travis Long's Marauders competed in Division 6 of this year's Michigan High School Athletic Association's (MHSAA) statewide field.



Tough Five-Point Loss for Marauders in MMAC Boys Basketball Opener

OVID-ELSIE -- The host Marauders' 45-40 loss in MMAC-opening boys basketball action was a learning experience for coach Canyon Walker's young team.

"We battled extremely hard and had multiple moments where we could have won," said coach Walker, after watching his 2025-26 edition fall to 0-3. "But our inexperience proved to be our downfall."

The visiting Panthers evened their record at 1-1, 1-0 in the Mid-Michigan Activities Association (MMAC). Their narrow victory pointed to a slight edge in field goal shooting, 45% to 41% for O-E.

Joie Fabus led the Marauders with 12 points. Brody Howard added 8, Travis Milner 7, Julian Medina 6, Chase Fabus 3, Dalton Jordan 2 and Braxton O'Bryant 2 in the tough loss.



Wreaths Across America

Earlier this month, the Wreath Across America event took place at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan. Each year, WWA, a national non-profit initiative is dedicated to remembering the fallen, honoring those who have served and teaching future generations the value of freedom.

Families, veteran's groups, schools, churches and civic organizations came together to place wreaths at the graves of those whose gave their lives in service to our nation. This tradition is celebrated at various locations across our nation.

Local resident and businessman, Ed Arthur of Modern Woodmen, and his team of volunteers, took part in the wreath distribution at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan.



Elsie Lodge #238 Held 157th Installation of Officers

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – Family and friends gathers with the members of Elsie Masonic Lodge #238 to celebrate the 157th installation of officers Saturday, December 13, 2025. Rodney Ridgeway was once again installed as Worshipful Master. Additional officers included: Colby Putnam, Senior Warden; Bing Crosby, Junior Warden; Jeff Zampaloni; Bruce Levey, Treasurer; Robert Nemith, Senior Deacon; Eric Levey, Junior Deacon; Dennis Schmeige, Tiler; Walker Levey, Chaplin; and Benjamin DeVries, Marshall. Guest installing officers for the evening events: Robert G. Nelmic, Past Grand Master; Dennis Keel – Past Master; Nicholas Hunt – Past Master; and Ronald Woodruff. Prior to the installation a dinner was held and immediately following dessert and coffee.

The Elsie Masonic Lodge hosts a pancake breakfast the last Saturday of each month with all donations going to the Elsie Baby Pantry. The next breakfast is slated for Saturday, December 27, 2025, Elsie Masonic Community Center 100 E Main Street, Elsie, the cost for breakfast is donations with all funds to support the Elsie Baby Pantry.