



## Return on Investment - Red Thunder Robotics Pays Dividends at State Competition and Advances to World Competition

submitted by Leigh Seger

SAGINAW — Red Thunder Robotics, Laingsburg's award-winning high school robotics team, is celebrating and recovering from a major week at the FIRST Robotics State Championship, held April 16–18 at the Ryder Center at Saginaw Valley State University.

Three intense days of competition against the best robotics teams in Michigan yielded Red Thunder Robotics some major highlights, when Red Thunder Robotics became Division Champions on their home field, the Hemlock Semiconductor Field.

That victory advanced them to the next round of competition, where they faced off against the Division Champions from the event's three other sponsored competition fields — DTE Field, Consumers Energy Field, and Aptiv Field.

Teaming up with Team 2337, the EngiNERDS, and K9.0 Robotics (Team 8280), Red Thunder Robotics formed a strong alliance that continued competing at the highest level, taking on the very best teams in the state and earning a spot to advance to the FIRST Robotics World Championship, held in Houston, TX, April 29-May 4.

More than 50,000 people are expected to attend the FIRST Robotics World Championship, which includes over 600 of the top robotics teams from around the globe. The event will be held at Houston's George R. Brown Convention Center, a massive venue whose footprint is roughly equivalent to 33 football fields.

In addition to Red Thunder Robotics' winning on the competition field, the team was honored at the event with the Industrial Design award, which is a sought-after award given to the team whose machine distinguishes itself from the rest by its aesthetic, design and performance.

Behind the scenes, Red Thunder Robotics' success reflects months of hard work and the support of dedicated mentors, families, school administrators, and community sponsors who believe in hands on STEM education.

That community support was especially visible in the week leading up to the State Championship, when the team was surprised and encouraged to see their name up in lights on a digital billboard along US 127, just north of the Lake Lansing Road exit. The team extends a heartfelt thank you to Meiers Lombardini Lemanski Insurance in East Lansing for their continued support and for the uplifting good luck message that meant so much to the team as they prepared to compete.

As Red Thunder Robotics prepares to head to Houston, the team does so with momentum, pride, and the appreciates support of the community cheering them on.



## Ovid-Elsie Area Schools

by Dawn D. Levey

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education was held Monday, April 20, 2026. Officials took action to approve the district calendar for 2026-27 and the Strategic Plan.

Officials took action to approve the 2026-2027 Ovid-Elsie District calendar and the Ovid Elsie Alternative High School calendar as presented.

The Ovid-Elsie strategic plan review was given by Penny Kentish McWilliams, MASB facilitator. Officials were given a recap of the process and notes from the retreat. The seven-month process included input from staff, administration, students, board members and community stakeholders. There are targets that involve the work of the school board, administration, staff and community.

Board members took formal action to adopt the strategic plan. The mission: We provide the resources and opportunities to empower our students, staff and community to grow without limits. The targeted areas. In addition:

- Our Vision: Every student is knowledgeable and prepared to navigate the challenges of tomorrow.
- Our Beliefs: We believe
  - o All students can learn and succeed
  - o Strong relationships between students, staff, families, and community are the foundations to student success.
  - o All students deserve access to the tools and resources to help them learn and succeed.
  - o Success is earned through hard work.
  - o Through collaboration and engagement among students, staff, families and the community we impact and drive meaningful growth.

The upcoming graduation dates were presented and board members invited to attend. The Ovid-Elsie High School graduation will be held Sunday, May 17, 2026, 2pm and the Ovid-Elsie Alternative High School graduation is slated for Thursday, May 21, 2026, 7pm. Jason Tokar, high school principal, announced and introduced the top honor scholars: Salina Arbogast, Jackson Custer, Gavin Chadwick, Holden Radkin, Lillian Kennedy, Lance Jorae, Lillian Bates, Daniel Topping, Sarah Newman, and Allison Moore. Officials recognized the students.

Mr. Mark Horak, superintendent, reported that April 21, 2026 would be an early release day to allow staff and students to attend Doug Long, long time teacher, coach and community member, funeral services. Also, there are two board seats open during the 2026 election cycle, the deadline to submit candidate applications is July 21, 2026, 4 pm at the Clinton County Clerk's office in St. Johns. Forms are available at the OE Administration office or the Clinton County Clerk's office.

In other actions officials took formal action to approve the business office procedures and federal awards administration manual. The manual was developed as recommended by the auditor and is a working, living document. Becky Williams voiced concern about the manual because it appears that it does not follow board policy Internal Controls 611. Brooke Wooley, board president, supports the manual as recommended by audit and with the support of CCRESA and Mr. Horak superintendent. In addition, concerns were noted. Further discussion took place, once approved and in place review and changes can take place. Horak noted that because the procedures involve finances board approval is recommended. Voting in favor Brooke Wooley, Josh Miller, Dr. David Huff, Kevin Nash. Those opposing Susan Greer, Becky Williams and Mary Thompson. Approved by a narrow margin.

Meetings were held with all six bargaining units, and a letter of agreement approved by all regarding compensation. Bargaining units included the Educations Association, Bus Drivers Association, Food Service Bargaining Unit, Paraprofessional Association, Administrative Assistant staff and Maintenance Custodial Association. Everyone is considered an educator and everyone plays an important role in the development of our children. After specific funds are distributed the remainder is divided equally with the staff. All the letters were identical. The OE Board approved the agreements. Abstentions – Mary Thompson, Josh Miller, and Brooke Wooley due to family staff members.

Charlie Green announced that a public Dale Carnegie Class will be held in September, scholarships are available for staff and students.

Sue Greer commented on the senior interview process; it was a rewarding experience. The seniors did a wonderful job.



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## Elsie Library Adventures

*submitted by Ann Trierweiler*

Only one more event in April at the Elsie Public Library. On Monday, April 27, we will have the children's Story Time and Craft at noon. It is hard to imagine after only one more month of our regular activities, the Summer Reading Program will begin! There has already been a ton of planning for each of the six weeks! I don't want to spoil the surprise, but I wish I could be a child again... just for these six weeks!

On Saturday, May 2nd, from 12:30 pm to 1:30pm, Claire DeVries will be teaching another class. This time the subject is amino acids. Yes, I thought the same thing..." amino acids?" "Those must be acids that are aminos?" "Aminos that are acids?" So, I googled it. That opened a Pandora box of information. A very BIG box. Did you know there are right-handed and left-handed amino acid forms? I stopped there. My brain began to blur. Claire is good at absorbing the information and passing it on to us in a way that makes sense. I will wait for Claire! So there, Google!

Bookmarks are turned in, and soon the voting will begin. We would love to have you come into the library and vote for the bookmarks you find most artistic, entertaining, or just plain fun! Voting ends on May 18, and then we will announce the winners in the paper and display/hand out copies of the winning bookmarks all through the summer.

Remember to check our Facebook page for all program updates, or closings. Have a great week!



## 26th Annual Blessing of the Bikers

On May 3, 2026 the Church of the Living Word's will be holding their 26th Annual Blessing of the Bikers at 1100 N Ovid Rd., Ovid.

Arrival time 9:30-10:30am - Free Refreshments (coffee, baked goods)

Biker Service: 10:30-11:30am (Live music, encouraging words)

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## Laingsburg Public Library Meeting

*submitted by Lori Johnson*

Did you know that Friends plays a vital role in supporting the Laingsburg Public Library through fundraising, advocacy, special events, and volunteer efforts—helping strengthen the library's impact in our community.

Be a part of this movement by joining us at our next meeting on Thursday, May 7 at 3:30 p.m. at the library.

## Upcoming Events at the Ovid Public Library

Friday, May 1 will be the next Classic Movie. This week's movie will be 'Notorious' starring Cary Grant and Ingrid Bergman. Come enjoy this Hitchcock Thriller with us. There will be snacks to share and friends to watch with. Movie time will be 1:00.

Monday, May 4 will be our next Adult Booktasting. We will be meeting at 1:00. We want to hear what books you have been reading and enjoying. You just never know, you may find your next favorite book or author if you join us. There will be light snacks and coffee. We hope you can make it!

## Wall of Fame Induction Announcement

*submitted by Krissy Pratt*

The Laingsburg Community School Board of Education is proud to announce three 2026 inductees to the Wall of Fame. Raymond "Ray" Bates, Jim Conklin Sr., and Clint Hawks.

Nominations for the Wall of Fame are reviewed by a community committee. The committee reviews a packet of information that includes letters of recommendation, news articles, awards, and other community involvement. Criteria includes, but is not limited to:

- Integrity of Purpose
- Length of Time
- Courage in commitment
- Innovation
- Unselfishness of time or personal gain
- Lasting influence to LCS, its students, and community
- Leadership

Mr. Bates, Mr. Conklin, and Mr. Hawk have given many years of service to the district and community. The committee revealed additional information while reviewing and sharing memories of the great dedication from each. The board voted to induct all three with a unanimous decision at the March 18th meeting.

The Board is planning an induction ceremony on May 20, 2026, at 7:30 pm. A community invitation will be sent to invite all to share in remembering what these three outstanding gentlemen brought to the district and community.

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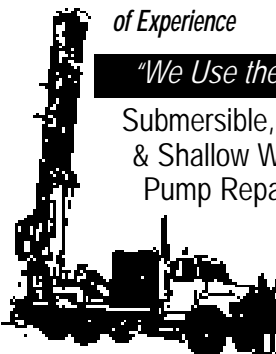
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Tonight I am extremely tired, not so functional. I opened the shop this morning with Peppy's help and the day went well. I sliced up five loaves of bread for the freezer and ran the grill systematically. I enjoyed schmoozing with folks and laughed a lot. I visited with my Ovid ladies and they helped me laugh. I went home, let Prudence outside for walk and powder run, per usual the cats (all seven of them) escorted me from the car to the front steps without tripping me. I took a short nap that lasted about thirty minutes when someone stopped by. That was Joe who got me up to speed on the mower deck that needed to be welded. I then did a few dishes and zipped back up to the shop to file some paper work. Finally I went out to my raised garden beds and prepped them for planting. Again the cats tried to help by fertilizing the weeded beds. I did plant some flat Dutch cabbage seeds, some bokchoy, and a couple rows of carrots. I would have planted some radishes but I couldn't get the seed packet open, it was a very tough plastic. Frustrating!! What I didn't get done was weed whacking the asparagus patch. My neighbor, Larry, came down and mowed the lawn for me yesterday, so I no longer have an overgrown hay field.

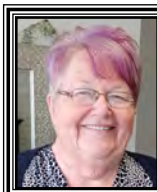
I wish that my garden was dry enough to be tilled. It isn't, if I tried I would end up with cement instead of tillable ground. Yes, I have clay, but it is very fertile, the weeds thrive well, but so do the vegetables that I plant. Pulling weeds is a good form of exercise and if you avoid pulling them right away you end up with small well rooted trees which are very hard to extract. I don't believe that I'm exaggerating horribly. I usually give up pulling weeds when the tomatoes ripen and if I want to get them canned I need to ignore the beastly weeds. If I was willing to use chemicals to slow down the growth of the weeds my garden would look better, but I believe that the weeds won't taint the taste or safety of the vegetables. When everything is picked I can always just mow off the weeds in October. I'm curious, if I was truly retired would I have a picture perfect garden...probably not.

Last Saturday Diane and I canned a forty pound case of chicken thighs. Don't ever want to do them again. I prefer canning the chicken breast, the end product looks more delectable and works well for both soups and salads. Pressure canning takes time but I think that the results are worth the effort. I have been kicking around the idea of canning a whole hog sans the bacon. When I was growing up on the farm, our Sunday night suppers had the canned pork, it was very good. The taste is rather rich. Yup, I've been wandering down memory lane. I'm fortunate because it has been very enjoyable, I've had a long childhood and a decent life filled with good memories.

I'm still cleaning up the dried weeds and branches from my yard. The rhubarb is growing quickly, probably due to the copious moisture that we have been getting. The yellow daffodils and red tulips are beautiful splashes of color. The Hawthorne tree is filled with blossoms and of course the lilacs are filling with leaves and hinting at their lavender blossoms. The peachy pink blooms on the flowering quince bush are pleasing. The sunrises have been beautiful and the sunsets have been enchanting. The narcissus are proudly showing off their blooms. The frogs are thrumming and spring is here. Even the red winged blackbirds have arrived. Of course the Tundra swans are gone, some Canadian geese are still here and the sand cranes have made a good show.

On Monday, Peppy and I made the trip up to Clare. I went in search of old fashioned clothes pins, the plain wooden ones, not the clip ones. I was flabbergasted when I couldn't find any up there in the Amish stores. I asked at the Collinsville store and was told that their supplier no longer carried them. I have found them online but still have a couple of stores in the area to visit. Yup, I'm on the hunt. My friend Therese is in need of them for her angel project. And I would like to have some to use on my clothes line. May you be blessed with good memories and make them with others. God bless.

Crystal Mitchell©2026



### A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

## Obituaries

### David Frank Mills

David Frank Mills, age 82, of Chelsea, Michigan, passed away on April 16, 2026.

Born on June 20, 1943, in Chicago, Illinois, David was the second son of Pastor C. Frank and Naomi (Petersen) Mills. He earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Eastern Michigan University and completed additional postgraduate studies at several institutions. David devoted more than 40 years to education, serving as a secondary school administrator with the Washtenaw Intermediate School District, Dexter Community Schools, and later as an educational consultant for the State of Michigan.

Throughout his career, David was known for his unwavering commitment to students and colleagues. He made it a priority to know every student by name and fostered an environment where all felt seen and valued. His presence in the hallways, his steady encouragement, and his signature "Mills smile" left a lasting impression on students and staff alike. David had a remarkable ability to connect with people, whether at school, church, or in the community, and he carried a sense of optimism that made every day feel brighter.

David married Nancy Garon in 1964, and together they raised five children—Gregory Mills, Aaron (Jennifer) Mills, Amy (Martin) Boos, David (Amber) Mills, and Nancy (Nathaniel) Lussier. He cherished time with his family, enjoying the outdoors, traveling throughout the United States and Canada, and taking weekend trips to places like Greenfield Village. He is also survived by his grandchildren—Alexander, Isaac, Ethan, Clare, Natalie, Dominic, Matthew, Mason, and Robert—his brother, Lawrence "Larry" (Brenda) Mills, and his nephew, Nathan (Kelly) Mills.

In 1995, David married Barbara Martin, and together they built a life filled with love and shared purpose. David embraced Barbara's adult children—Jon (Lori) Martin, Jami Foreback, and Lila Bergröth—and their grandchildren: Mackenzie, Tyler, Mattheson, Max, Jack, Niklas, and Lukas. David and Barbara shared a passion for travel, especially to the American Southwest, and took great pride in gardening, tending their koi pond, and supporting the many activities of their grandchildren.

David was preceded in death by his parents. He will be deeply missed by his wife, Barbara; his children and stepchildren; his grandchildren; and the many family members, friends, colleagues, and former students whose lives he touched.

John 14: 1-3

A Celebration of Life will be held in June. More information will be provided at a later date.



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## INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT TO INCORPORATE THE ELSIE AREA FIRE AUTHORITY AND ADOPT ITS ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

**THIS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT** to incorporate the Elsie Area Fire Authority, located at 300 W Main St., Elsie, MI 48831, (the "Authority") is entered into among the Duplain Township, a Michigan general law township, whose address is 145 W Main St., Elsie, Michigan 48831; and Fairfield Township, a Michigan general law township, whose address is 7988 W. Henderson Rd., Elsie, Michigan 48831 (the "Townships"). Collectively these parties shall be referred to as the "Incorporating Municipalities."

### RECITALS

- A. The Townships recognize that stable and reliable fire protection and emergency medical services are essential to the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents and visitors within their respective municipalities.
- B. The maintenance of a fire authority is authorized by Act 57 of the Public Acts of 1988, as amended (Municipal Emergency Services Act), being MCL 124.60 I et seq (the "Act").
- C. The Incorporating Municipalities desire to enter into this Agreement to incorporate the Authority, to provide fire protection and may provide emergency medical services within the Incorporating Municipalities and any Contracting Municipalities, and as provided in these Articles of Incorporation.

### AGREEMENT

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the Incorporating Municipalities hereby agree to adopt the following Articles of Incorporation in order to incorporate the Authority pursuant to the Act:

### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

#### I. NAME OF AUTHORITY.

The name of the Authority shall be the "Elsie Area Fire Authority"

#### II. INCORPORATING MUNICIPALITIES.

The names of the Incorporating Municipalities are:

- A. Duplain Township, a Michigan general law township, 145 W Main St., Elsie, Michigan 48831
- B. Fairfield Township, a Michigan general law township, 7988 W Henderson Rd., Elsie, Michigan 48831

#### III. CONTRACTING MUNICIPALITIES

Contracting Municipalities must be unanimously approved by the entire member elect Authority Board (all board members shall be present). Each Contracting Municipalities will have their own contract with the Elsie Area Fire Authority for service.

#### IV. PURPOSES AND GEOGRAPHIC AREA COVERED

A. The Authority shall operate a fire department to provide fire protection and may provide emergency medical services within the entire territory of the Incorporating Municipalities and within those portions of the Contracting Municipalities as specified in their written contracts with the Authority. In addition, the Authority shall provide fire protection and emergency medical services as specified in any other written agreement for fire protection and emergency medical services with the Authority Board, including but not limited to mutual aid agreements with other entities providing fire protection and emergency medical services.

B. As used in these Articles of Incorporation, the term "fire protection services" includes providing all types of fire services, including but not limited to, fire code inspections, fire suppression, and all statutory duties customarily provided by municipal fire departments, and providing all personnel, vehicles and equipment required to carry out the above purposes. The term "emergency medical services" may include basic life support, limited advanced life support and advanced life support, non-transport pre-hospital life support vehicles; and all personnel, vehicles and equipment required to carry out all above purposes.

#### V. LEGAL ENTITY

As provided in Section 6 of Act 57, the Authority shall be a body corporate, with power to sue or be sued in any court within Clinton County. The Authority shall possess all the powers necessary to carry out the purposes of its incorporation, and those incident to those purposes. The enumeration of the powers in these Articles of Incorporation shall not be construed as a limitation upon the Authority's general powers.

#### VI. POWERS

The Authority shall have the following powers, which shall be liberally construed in its favor:

- A. All powers provided in the Act, now or in the future, in connection with the operation or maintenance of fire protection and emergency medical services.
- B. To acquire real and personal property by purchase, lease, gift, devise, or condemnation, either within or without its corporate limits. All motor vehicles, apparatus, and personal property purchased by the Authority shall be the property of the Authority. Any real estate purchased by the Authority for use as a fire station, training facility, or office, and any buildings purchased or erected thereon, shall be the property of the Authority. Where the Authority leases real estate for use as a fire station, training facility, or office, the Authority shall be the lessee, and shall be the party liable for the obligations of the lease.
- C. To hold, manage, control, sell, exchange, or lease the real and personal property it has acquired; and to dispose of, divide, or distribute any real or personal property it has acquired.
- D. To condemn private property under Act No. 149 of the Public Acts of 1911, being MCL 213.1 to 213.25, as amended, and the Uniform Condemnation Procedures Act, Act No. 87 of the Public Acts of 1980, being MCL 213.1 to 213.77, as amended.
- E. To enter into a contract with any Incorporating Municipality for the provision of fire protection and may provide emergency medical services in the Incorporating Municipality for a period not exceeding 30 years. The charges specified in a contract shall be subject to increase by the Authority, if necessary, in order to provide funds to meet its obligations.
- F. To enter into contracts with a city, village, township, or fire authority that is not an Incorporating Municipality, for a period not exceeding 30 years except that the charges for services under a contract with a non-incorporating municipality may be greater than the charges to an Incorporating Municipality and shall be

subject to change from time to time with 60-day notice.

G. Subject to Section 10 of Act 57 (including collective bargaining rights and obligations and the transfer of employees from the Incorporating Municipalities to the Authority), to hire, discharge and lay off employees, including full-time and part-paid employees, attorneys, accountants, clerical staff, and consultants as the Authority considers necessary to carry out the purposes of the Authority.

H. To adopt bylaws and rules of administration to accomplish the purposes of Act 57, including but not limited to establishing rules and regulations for the governance of the Authority's employees and/or volunteers and for the care and management of the Authority's equipment and property.

I. To adopt ordinances that allow the Authority to assess fees on owners or occupants of property who receive fire protection and emergency medical services to cover the costs of providing fire protection and emergency medical services. An ordinance adopted under this subdivision shall be rescinded if, within 60 days from the date the ordinance is adopted, 1/3 or more of the municipalities affected by the ordinance vote to rescind the ordinance.

J. To apply for and accept grants, loans, or contributions from the federal government or any of its agencies, the state, or other public or private agencies to be used for any of the purposes of the Act and to do any and all things within its express or implied powers necessary or desirable to secure that financial or other aid or cooperation in the carrying out of any of the purposes of the Act.

K. To seek reimbursement of Authority expenses from those public agencies having jurisdiction for the incident which requires the Authority's response.

L. To enter into any contracts with other entities not prohibited by law.

M. To investigate emergency services requirements, needs, and programs and engage, by contract, consultants as may be necessary and cooperate with the federal government, state, political subdivisions, and other authorities in those investigations.

N. To carry over fund balances from year to year consistent with sound financial management for capital improvements, vehicle and equipment purchases, contingencies and other similar purposes for which contingency fund balances are customary.

O. To obtain insurance coverage for the Authority, its officers, employees, and the Incorporating Municipalities and Contracting Municipalities.

P. To initiate, conduct, prosecute or terminate litigation or other legal action to protect, preserve, defend or further the Authority's interests.

Q. To take any additional action or make any policy necessary to implement these powers or carry out the purposes of the Authority.

R. The Authority Board shall review and approve all rules and standard operating procedures of the department. Fund raising on behalf of the fire department by members shall be subject to the prior approval of the Board.

S. The term "member elect," when used in connection with a voting requirement, shall be interpreted to require the physical presence and participation of every member of the Authority Board.

#### VII. LIMITATIONS

The Authority may not obligate any of the Incorporating Municipalities or any Contracting Municipalities to pay any debt of the Authority, except as provided in these Articles of Incorporation.

#### VIII. AUTHORITY BOARD

A. The board shall have no authority to levy any tax within the boundaries of any Township. The Townships shall provide the necessary monies by April 30th of each year to fund the Elsie Area Fire Authority.

B. The Authority shall be governed by a Board (the "Authority Board") that shall exercise the powers of the Authority. The Authority Board may delegate to its staff, volunteers and committees such powers as it deems appropriate, as long as such delegation does not create a conflict of interest or is otherwise unlawful, nor shall any delegated power include the discretion to purchase, spend or incur a debt of more than \$1,000.00.

C. The initial Authority Board shall be comprised of five (5) members, two from each Incorporating Municipality, as an elected official, and one member at large. For the first appointments, the Duplain Township, and the Fairfield Township shall each initially appoint two

(2) members of the Authority Board for a term of three (3) years. The member at large is one (1) additional member that is chosen by the Authority Board and shall be appointed for a term of two

(2) years by an Incorporating Municipality on a rotating basis, beginning with the Duplain Township then Fairfield Township, that is a resident of the Authority's servicing area. After the initial appointments, regular appointments to the Authority Board shall be made by the Incorporating Municipalities no later than November 30th of each year and newly appointed members shall begin their terms on December 1st of the appointed year.

D. Any Authority Board member appointed by a legislative body may be removed from the Authority Board by the legislative body that made the appointment upon a four out of five member elect affirmative majority vote following written reasons and a public hearing. Any vacancy that occurs on the Authority Board shall be filled by the legislative body that made the original appointment for the balance of the term being filled.

E. A quorum of the Authority Board necessary to conduct business shall be a majority of the entire Authority Board (i.e., three (3) board members for the initial Authority Board). Except as otherwise provided, all decisions of the Authority Board shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the entire Authority Board (i.e., a vote of three (3) board members for the initial Authority Board). If additional Authority Board members are appointed as provided herein, then the quorum and voting requirements specified above shall be deemed revised to continue the requirement that a quorum and the required vote for all decisions shall remain a majority of the entire Authority Board.

F. The Authority Board may create such committees as it deems appropriate. All determinations and recommendations of committees shall be presented to the

Authority Board, which shall retain sole fiscal and policy making authority, with such authority not being delegated to any committee.

G. The Authority Board shall schedule its meetings, but at a minimum meet at least once per month. An organizational meeting shall be held at the Authority Board's March meeting each year.

H. The Authority Board shall oversee and monitor the operation and maintenance of the Authority's activities; the collection of funds and the distribution of expenditures for the operation and maintenance programs; and the acquisition of vehicles and other equipment. For any expenses of which debt is accrued, a unanimous vote of member elect Authority Board is required.

I. The Authority Board shall appoint a Fire Chief who shall manage the day-to-day responsibilities of the Authority's operational and administrative aspects. The Fire Chief shall be responsible to the Authority Board and shall serve at its will. The Authority Board may authorize other officer positions to assist the Fire Chief and may establish procedures for the filling of such positions, which, in its discretion, may or may not include the Authority Board's active participation. Any individual occupying a position so created shall serve at the will of the Authority Board. The Authority Board shall prescribe the powers and duties of the Fire Chief.

J. The Authority Board may reimburse its members, Fire Chief, officers, volunteers, and employees for authorized expenses which have been incurred on behalf of the Authority.

K. The Authority Board shall adopt its own rules of procedure.

L. The Authority Board shall comply with the Michigan Open Meetings Act, as amended, and with the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, as amended.

#### IX. OFFICERS

The Authority Board shall annually select from its members a President, Vice President, and shall annually select a Secretary/Treasurer who need not be a member of the Authority Board. Each such officer of the Authority shall serve for a term of one (1) year, or until his or her successor is appointed and assumes office. The President shall be the presiding officer of the Authority Board. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President. The Secretary shall be the recording officer of the Authority. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the Authority's funds. At the request of the Authority Board, the Treasurer shall give the Authority a bond in an amount determined by the Authority Board for the faithful performance of his or her duties. No Authority funds shall be expended, except by a check or other bank draft signed by both the Treasurer and one other Authority officer designated by the Authority Board.

#### X. DURATION

The Authority shall continue indefinitely unless it is dissolved as provided by these Articles of Incorporation.

#### XI. FINANCES

A. The Authority Board shall have budgetary and financial control over the Authority, subject to the following provisions. The Authority Board shall annually propose a line-item budget in accordance with Michigan's Uniform Budget and Accounting Act, a copy of which must be given to each Incorporating Municipality and each Contracting Municipality on or before April 1st or the succeeding fiscal year. The annual budget shall become effective each year upon the approval by a majority of the entire Authority Board then serving.

B. The Authority Board may contract for services with a qualified individual or agency for service for all or part of the collecting and disbursing duties and responsibilities of the Board. The designated disbursing agent will be responsible for the accounting of the funds of the Authority. The designated agent shall make monthly financial reports to the Authority Board, which shall promptly transmit a copy to the Incorporating Municipalities and the Contracting Municipalities.

C. The Authority shall be financed primarily by millage. Each Incorporating Municipality shall pay for fire and rescue protection 1.5 millage rate of each municipality's prior year taxable value (i.e., 2026 budget based on 2025 taxable values).

D. In the event that a Contracting Municipality is subject to a millage levied by another fire authority under the Act, then that other fire authority shall be responsible for paying the required amount to the Authority in respect to the portion of the Contracting Municipality that is serviced by the Authority.

E. Any funds collected by a Township millage may be supplemented by charges, services or any other revenues authorized by law, including supplemental payments by the Incorporating Municipalities and Contracting Municipalities, which they may agree to pay by contract with the Authority.

F. At its own expense, the Authority shall have its financial records audited annually by a certified public accountant selected by the Authority Board as required by law. A copy of any draft and any final annual audit shall be forwarded to the Incorporating Municipalities upon receipt by the Authority Board or any agent of the Authority Board.

#### XII. FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Authority shall begin on April 1st of each year.

#### XIII. WITHDRAWAL FROM AUTHORITY

A. An Incorporating Municipality may not elect to withdraw as an Incorporating Municipality from the Authority prior to the expiration of its contract with the Authority unless and until all of the following conditions are satisfied:

1. Any bonded indebtedness of the Authority, including indebtedness to the United States as the result of bonds purchased through the authority of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, is discharged; and
2. Any outstanding obligations owed by the withdrawing Incorporating Municipality to the Authority, as well as any obligations owed by the Authority to the municipality, is discharged in full.

B. After the conditions of paragraph XIII A above have been satisfied, an Incorporating Municipality or Contracting Municipality may withdraw from the Authority or cease to be a Contracting Municipality following the procedures of this paragraph.

1. Prior to adopting a resolution to withdraw from the Authority or to cease

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## “Don’t Ever Forget to Remember”

“They forgot His deeds and His miracles that He had shown them (Psalm 78:11).”

Where were you on December 19, 2010? The odds of you remembering that particular day would be a miracle. You have a much better chance of guessing what day of the week it was, about 14 percent, than recalling that exact date and what happened on it. For over 8.2 billion of us it’s impossible. No one can know that kind of specificity.

Remember Marilu Henner (who played Elaine Nardo on the hit TV show “Taxi”)? She appeared on “60 Minutes” on December 19, 2010, and it was an unforgettable show! She revealed that she can tell you any day and date, random or important, and what happened on it. Every detail, her dress color, an earthquake, or your team’s score.

She has HSAM (Highly Superior Autobiographical Memory), as did the other four guests that Lesley Stahl interviewed that day. All five of them can recall any day and date you throw at them. It’s a God-given trait that stumps every neuroscientist who studies them. Could it be a tiny glimpse of God’s power and His supernatural total recall of all history?

Remembering (and forgetting) are big parts of the Bible. Psalm 78 highlights the Book of Exodus, the Passover story, and how Israel forgot His wonders – the destruction of the Egyptian Super Power, their salvation from slavery, parting the Red Sea, drowning their enemies, and feeding them in the desert for 40 years while en route to the Promised Land.

Not that they forgot, per se. They forgot His being the only God by surrendering their will to His authority. They ignored Him (like most of us). But God never forgets. He knows every detail of every life, and has recorded them all. He will also hold all of us accountable for everything we’ve done too (2 Corinthians 5:10). He is the HS in HSAM.

Revelation 20:12 says, “And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.” He remembers everything, and if we’re honest that’s not great news.

Thankfully, He loves us and wants to forgive sin, but only on His terms, which is based on His blood. He showed mercy with the Passover Lamb’s sacrifice, smeared on the Egyptian doorposts, and death moved on. This was a glimpse of a new and better future covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34). Jesus is that perfect Passover Lamb who obliterates sin.

But God makes a startling claim about His “never forgets” memory. If He said that He would only forget our sins, there’s a chance He could remember them someday, but He purposely decides NOT to remember them. “I, I alone, am the One who wipes out your wrongdoings for My own sake, and I will not remember your sins (Isaiah 43:25).”

God chooses not to remember! To Him, looking through the Lamb’s blood smeared on us, it’s as if we’ve never sinned. “As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us (Psalm 103:12).” And in Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, and let us reason together,” says the Lord, “Though your sins are as scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they will be like wool.”

If you bend your knee to Jesus today and take His blood sacrifice for your sin, it could be the most significant date of your life, one that I guarantee you “don’t ever forget to remember.”



## Faith Focus

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## Update to the South Hollister Road Gravel Pit Potential

### Letter to the Editor:

The Residents of the City of Ovid and Ovid Township  
Late Friday 4/17, I was informed that ownership of the South Hollister Road vacant property has transferred from the Barks Family to Olger Brothers Sand and Gravel.

According to the County Planning and Zoning office, the next step is if/when a permit is requested, a public hearing will be generated, Ovid Township and neighboring property owners will be notified and a notice will be published in the Lansing State Journal for the community as well.

Remembering that a gravel pit in that area will affect our property values, taxes, will affect the traffic on Hollister and M-21, and could cause environmental issues, it is hoped that you will attend the public hearing(s) if/when they occur. We will need your support.

Thank You,  
William Keith Jones,  
Township Resident.

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#### INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT TO INCORPORATE THE ELSIE AREA FIRE AUTHORITY AND ADOPT ITS ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

1. Prior to adopting a resolution to withdraw from the Authority or to cease being a Contracting Municipality, the municipality must deliver a written notice of intent to the Authority at least one year in advance, no later than March 31st of the preceding year.
2. A certified copy of the resolution to withdraw as an Incorporating Municipality or to cease to be a Contracting Municipality shall be sent by certified mail to the President of the Authority Board and the clerks of the remaining Incorporating Municipalities. The resolution must be mailed at least two (2) months before the effective date of the resolution.
3. An Incorporating Municipality that withdraws from the Authority shall remain liable for a proportion of the debts and liabilities of the Authority existing on the date its resolution to withdraw was adopted. The proportion of the Authority’s debts and liabilities for which a withdrawing Incorporating Municipality remains liable; shall be determined by dividing the taxable value of the real and personal property in the Incorporating Municipality receiving services from the Authority by the taxable value of all real and personal property in the Authority, at the time its resolution to withdraw was adopted.
4. Upon withdrawal from the Authority, an Incorporating Municipality or Contracting Municipality shall not be entitled to receive any portion or share of the assets of the Authority, which assets shall be retained by the Authority for the benefit of the remaining Incorporating Municipalities and Contracting Municipality. Any equipment in the possession of a withdrawing Incorporating Municipality or fire fighters who shall no longer remain with the Authority due to a particular Municipality’s withdrawal shall be returned to the Authority prior to the end of the year during which the withdrawal becomes effective.
5. Withdrawal of any particular Incorporating Municipality or Contracting Municipality does not require dissolution of the Authority.

#### XIV. DISSOLUTION

The Authority may be dissolved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the member elect Authority Board after all of the conditions and procedures for withdrawal specified in Article XIII above have been met. Upon dissolution, the debts and liabilities of the Authority shall be paid and the net assets remaining shall be divided among the Incorporating Municipalities in existence at the time of the dissolution. Each municipality’s share of the assets shall be determined by dividing the taxable value of the real and personal property in that Incorporating Municipality served by the Authority at the time of dissolution by the taxable value of all real and personal property in the areas of the combined Incorporating Municipality served by the Authority at the time of the dissolution. Each Incorporating Municipality shall also be subject to the obligations imposed by the Act, and hereby voluntarily agrees to be subject to the obligations of an Incorporating Municipality imposed by the Act. If the Authority’s assets are insufficient to pay all of the Authority’s debts and liabilities, then each Incorporating Municipality in existence at the time of the dissolution shall remain liable for its share those debts and liabilities as provided herein. The proportion of the Authority’s debts and liabilities for which an Incorporating Municipality remains liable shall be determined by dividing the taxable value of the real and personal property in that municipality served by the Authority by the taxable value of all real and personal property in the Incorporating Municipalities at the time of the dissolution.

#### XV. PUBLICATION/FILING

The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for publishing these Articles of Incorporation in The Weekly newspaper and for filing a certified copy of these Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State as required by the Act.

#### XVI. EFFECTIVE DATE

The incorporation and legal existence of the Authority shall become effective April 1, 2026, provided that all Incorporating Municipalities have approved these Articles of Incorporation prior to that date. Otherwise, the Authority shall become effective 30 days after final approval by all of the Incorporating Municipalities.

The foregoing Interlocal Agreement and Articles of Incorporation were adopted by the Township

Board of the Township of Duplain, Clinton County, Michigan at a meeting duly held on the day of 11th day of March 2026

DUPLAIN TOWNSHIP

Bruce Levey, Supervisor

Dawn Levey, Clerk

The foregoing Interlocal Agreement and Articles of Incorporation were adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Fairfield, Shiawassee County, Michigan at a meeting duly held on the

5th day of March, 2026.

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP

Richard Zemla, Supervisor

Sonya Latz, Clerk

## CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT’S ESTATE

CASE NO: 26-32843-DE

Estate of:

JOAN CAROL MATTHEWS-SAMPSON

Date of Birth: July 18, 1942

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent,

JOAN CAROL MATTHEWS-SAMPSON

Died June 25, 2025

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Alicia Matthews-Johnson, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 100 East State Street, Suite 4300, St. Johns, MI 48879 and the personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

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### OID TOWNSHIP PROPOSED SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES - Thursday, April 9, 2026

Supervisor J. West called the Special meeting to order at 1:36 p.m., with the Pledge to the Flag. (Supervisor arrived at 1:36 p.m.)

Roll Call: Supervisor Jennings West, Clerk Claudia Barrett Pluger, Treasurer Nancy Hughson, Trustee Bobby Byles

Absent: Trustee Kurt Wolf Guests: Keith Jones

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items: None.

Approval of Agenda:

Moved by N. Hughson to approve the Agenda, Seconded by B. Byles.

Carried.

Special Meeting Business -

Clinton County Road Commission Contracts:

Board discussion. Discussed Ovid Township emails we’ve received from Doug Steffen, Clinton County Road Commission, and the email received this morning from Doug Steffen to Trustee K. Wolf. Discussed the road PASER ratings, and keeping them at a higher level. Moved by C. Pluger to make the same motion she made in the February Board Meeting, based on our Budget meeting discussions, and, at this point, what I think is best for the Township, after all these explanations, I would move that we approve Faragher Road-Watson to Shepardsville; Wildcat Road-Shepardsville to Hollister; Parks Road-Shepardsville to Meridian; Spot gravel-on various roads; Overband crack fill; Foliar Brush Spray; Chloride, the original contracts we have from February,

This supercedes previous motion by K. Wolf at March meeting. Seconded by N. Hughson. Board discussion.

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

Carried.

Public Comments: Keith Jones

Board Comments: None.

Adjournment: Motion by B. Byles to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by C. Pluger. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Claudia Barrett Pluger, Clerk

## Editorial



Editorials are welcome.

250 words or less.

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## Village of Elsie - Public Hearing Correction

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – A public hearing will be held on two property issues prior to the June 9, 2026 regular meeting of the Elsie Village Council, not the May meeting. Ed White is requesting a fence relocation on Church Street and Dan Fabus has a request, as well. Please note the change of date.

## Sports

### Marauder Stay Undeafed in Early MMAC Baseball Race, Sweeping Panthers

BIRCH RUN — Ovid-Elsie's varsity baseball team rolled to 12-4 and game 7-1 victories here, keeping their league record perfect at 4-0, and moving to 4-3 overall.

"We're really pleased with the contributions up and down the order tonight at the plate," said the O-E coaching staff. "Even when they weren't getting hits, they were tough outs, causing their starting pitchers to throw a lot of pitches early.

"Conversely, our two starters Brody Howard and Lance Wiktorowski really pitched well tonight. Most of all, we were pleased with our defense tonight. Errors have been an issue early this season and we didn't have a single one tonight."

Lance Wiktorowski Monday drove eight RBIs over both games to power the Marauder offense. In game one, Wiktorowski was 3-for-5 with a double and five RBIs and Max Fabus went 3-for-3 with a pair of doubles and two RBI.

Wiktorowski also earned the pitching win, firing the first five innings, allowing two earned runs on six hits with three strikeouts for coach Mike Loynes' Marauders.

Brody Howard threw five no-hit innings with seven punchouts in the nightcap, which was called due to darkness after five frames. Wiktorowski went 2-for-4 with three RBIs and Eyan Fabus tallied three hits with an RBI.

The host Panthers fell to 1-1 in league play, 2-5 overall with the losses.

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### Feeling the vibe for Morels

Several weeks ago the Weekly Sportsman, along with about fifty other morel mushroom hunting novices, showed up at the Bancroft branch of the Community District Library to attend a



### The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster  
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morel mushroom hunting seminar given by Anthony Williams. If you haven't heard of Williams, he is the five time champion of the Annual National Competitive Morel Mushroom Hunt. After his fifth consecutive victory in 1983 he was asked to retire and was proclaimed the "expert in residence" for the National Morel Mushroom Festival held annually in Boyne City.

Williams started the presentation with almost an apology to those in the crowd that there would be no power point slides and instead held up some large old cardboard posters. He then went on to warn those in the audience he was about to squeeze eight hours of material into about a 90 minute presentation. Williams said he needed to start with some family history to explain how his whole life has been shaped by morel mushrooms and how he can walk into the northern woods and feel the vibe for morels. It all started in the 1890's when his grandfather Homer Williams married a young French Indian lady by the name of Minnie Wild. She was the daughter of a French fur trapper who knew the value of morels long before the locals of northwest Michigan because of his boyhood spent in France. Williams went on to tell about a life growing up with older generations and his siblings spending every spring in the woods. His father offered a quarter to the first sibling to find a morel, a quarter for the largest and a quarter for the most collected. If a sibling had the trifecta on that day then his father would award a whole dollar. Being the youngest and most inexperienced morel hunter Williams said he would rarely benefit from this reward program. Sometimes family expeditions were picking at known hotspots and sometimes to hunt and explore new ground. His mother preferred the hunt option to share the beauty of the woods with her family.

Williams will tell you that there is no silver bullet to finding morels in the woods but stated that if you adhere to his tips, from a lifetime spent finding morels, you will probably have a 90% success rate. According to Williams, morels can be found in the least expected locations but finding the ideal spot starts with locating two parallel ridges of substantial height and length that run east and west. In a perfect world, the valley between the ridges has some sporadic wet low spots and possibly be the home to an old orchard. The north ridge should have poplar trees and the southern ridge elm and ash. In theory, morel season will last for about five weeks from May through June with early season picking beginning on the southern slope of the northern ridge with black morels and then moves to the valley for midseason black and white morels and finishes with a late season of only whites on the northern slope of the southern ridge. Morels like moist wet ground so spend extra time on the edge of the ridges where water runoff accumulates. Walk at a decent cruising speed with line of sights at about a 38 degree angle.

Perfect ground temp is 55-56 degrees or higher and recheck spots every 3-4 days. Harvest with fingers and use nails, not knives or scissors, to harvest mushrooms. Place harvested in brown paper bags and avoid onion mesh bags despite what people say about self seeding spores. Whether on private or public land, have permission or not, you always want to remain undetected from others. His advice is go alone; be quiet; wear only earth tone clothing; keep your mouth shut about success; travel by vehicle and then bike to areas you will be picking or hunting. For greatest efficiency remember to look for a patch and not a single mushroom. Walk over areas at different angles and mark the boundaries.

Now for his best advice... fresh morels belong in your stomach! Don't soak in salt water or dehydrate. Cook them immediately with a lot of butter and eat them. If you want to store them in the refrigerator for up to a week then brush off dirt and place in a new fresh dry paper bag everyday. Freezing works when sliced vertically and placed on a cookie sheet to freeze and then put in a freezer bag just like freezing blueberries.

So there you have it...morel advice from the Champ. That is what his older siblings call him when they come back home to northern Michigan to visit. They may have won their father's daily trifecta contests but none of them are the five time champion of the Annual National Competitive Morel Mushroom Hunt. If you ever have a chance to attend a seminar put on by Williams please don't pass up the opportunity. For those avid deer hunters reading this column, you will note many similarities in fieldcraft and the necessity to maintain great discipline.

-WS



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# Sports

## CMAC Favorite Portland St. Patrick Hands Wolfpack Sackers First Loss of 2026

PORTLAND -- After starting the 2026 campaign red-hot, with a perfect record in three games, the Wolfpack baseball team ran into a buzzsaw here April 13.

Things didn't go well from the start. Laingsburg was supposed to host a Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) showdown with Portland St. Patrick. Instead, the game was moved to Portland because of a soggy field at LHS.

The Shamrocks showed why they're the pre-season favorite (again) to win the CMAC, with 11-0 and 5-0 whitewashings of the Wolves in the league opener for both teams.

St. Patrick moved to 2-0 overall, 2-0 in the league, while Todd Randall's Wolves dipped to 3-2, 0-2.

St. Pats got on the board in the top of the first inning, then scored five runs on five hits in the top of the fifth inning. Paxton Rodriguez started the game on the bump for LHS. The right-hander surrendered three hits and three runs (two earned) over three and one-third innings, striking out four and walking one.

Harrison Dorman, Rodriguez, and Dez Herold each collected one hit for Laingsburg.

Todd Randall's club lost to St. Patrick 5-0 in the second contest. Colton Heaton opened the game on the hill, giving up two hits and three runs (two earned) over two and one-third innings, striking out one and walking none. Cooper Morr led the Wolves with one hit in two at bats.

### Saranac is winless in the CMAC after Wolfpack rolls, 11-4 and 10-2

LAINGSBURG -- The Wolfpack varsity baseball team kept Saranac winless with a CMAC twinbill sweep at the LHS Athletic Complex.

Paxton Rodriguez collected three hits in four at bats, as Laingsburg rolled, 11-4, in the opening game. LHS got on the board in the bottom of the first inning after Liam Esch singled to left field, the eventually stole home, for a quick 1-0 lead.

The Wolfpack captured the lead, 4-3, in the bottom of the second after Rodriguez singled to center field, and Saranac committed an error, each scoring one run. The Wolves then flipped the game on its head in the bottom of the third, scoring five runs on five hits to take the lead, 9-4. The biggest blow in the inning was a single by Everett Rodriguez that drove in three.

Logan Potter pitched four innings in relief of Colton Heaton to get the win, giving up two hits and zero runs while, striking out three and walking one.

The Wolf bat attack amassed 14 hits in the game. Harrison Dorman, Jake Rivet, Esch, and Eli Morr each collected multiple hits; Esch stole two bases.

Paxton was at it again in the second game of the twinbill sweep, tabbing five hits in five at bats, as Laingsburg defeated the RedHawks, 10-2.

Saranac got on the board in the bottom of the first inning on a Wolfpack and a wild pitch.

The Wolves rebounded to capture the lead, 5-2, in the top of the fifth when Esch hit a sacrifice fly, Heaton singled, scoring two runs, and Jake Rivet singled, scoring one run.

Everett Rodriguez earned the win on the hill, giving up two hits and two runs (zero earned) over four and one-third innings, striking out four and walking two. Quinton Garcia tossed two and one-third innings of no-run ball in relief. The right-handed pitcher surrendered zero hits, striking out four and walking none.

Todd Randall's club tallied 18 hits in the game. Heaton and Esch each drove in three runs, while Garcia, Rivet, and Rodriguez each collected multiple hits. Rodriguez stole two bases, with the Wolfpack swiping five bases in the game.

The Ovid-Elsie Marauder Spring Sports photos and information will be published when photos are available.

## Ovid-Elsie Softball Team Twin Wins Over Corunna Cavs

OVID-ELSIE -- Allie Barnhill drove in six runs on two hits to lead Ovid-Elsie past Corunna, 23-2, and the Marauders completed a two-game sweep with a 14-1 victory.

The visiting Cavaliers stayed winless at 0-4, while Sadie Casaday's Marauders moved to 4-2 overall. In league play, O-E was 3-0 entering week three of the 2026 season.

Barnhill doubled in the first inning, scoring three runs, and singled in the second inning, scoring two, to lead the first game romp. The Marauders scored 17 times in the opening frame. Audrie VanDeusen, Ava Juhas, Danica Levey, Barnhill, Laiken Watkins and Haley McClung all contributed to the uprising, as O-E batted around the order.

VanDeusen earned the win, allowing two hits and two runs (one earned) over three innings, striking out three and walking three.

In the game two victory, Levey struck out 11 batters as Ovid-Elsie Varsity Marauders rolled past Corunna, 14-1. Levey gave up one hit and one run over five innings while walking none.

Levey also collected three hits in four at bats in the win. O-E got on the board in the bottom of the second inning after Raegan Fields was struck by a pitch, driving in a run, Brooklyn Thornton hit into a fielder's choice, scoring a run, McClung singled, scoring two runs, Brooke Pugsley singled, scoring two runs, and Levey doubled, scoring one run.

Juhas and McClung each stole multiple bases for the winners.

### Lady Marauders suffer first league loss in split with Birch Run Panthers

BIRCH RUN -- Ovid-Elsie's varsity softball ran to a 13-0 romp in the opening game, but the Panthers turned the tables in the second game, 11-8, handing the Marauders their first MMAC loss of the young season.

The league action left Sadie Casaday's O-E sackers 5-1 in league play, 5-3 overall, while Birch Run won for the first time in a 1-2, 1-1 start to the 2026 campaign.

Haley McClung collected three hits in five at bats in the game one win, with Danica Levey and Isabella Phillips also delivering big hits.

Ovid-Elsie scored six runs on five hits in the top of the seventh inning to bust the game wide open. Brooklyn Thornton singled, scoring one run, McClung singled, scoring one run, Danica Bancroft was struck by a pitch, driving in a run, Mercedes Grieder singled, scoring two runs, and an error scored one run.

Dakota Lott also collected three hits for the Marauders.

The O-E defense was outstanding, turning two double plays.

In game two, the Marauders could not hold onto the lead and fell 11-8 -- despite leading by six at one point.

The host Panthers flipped the game on its head in the bottom of the fifth, scoring six runs on four hits to take the lead, 11-8. Levey took the loss for Ovid-Elsie, firing four innings, surrendering nine runs (seven earned) on six hits, striking out four and walking three.

Lott went 2-for-4 at the plate to lead O-E. McClung showed a good eye with two walks, as the Marauders collected eight walks for the game.



On Monday, April 20th, Chloe Taylor was hunting with her fiancé, Ian Hehrer. While sitting in a tent blind and observing six turkeys she shot one from 25 yards, her first one, using her Papa Taylor's 410.

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# Sports

## Custer, Spitzley Top Field for Ovid-Elsie at Breckenridge's Trent Carter Windmill Invitational

BRECKENRIDGE -- Jackson Custer and Brock Spitzley were in top form for Ovid-Elsie's track team here April 18, at the annual Trent Carter Windmill Invitational.

Team scores for the boys were Chippewa Hills 141, Michigan Lutheran Seminary 124, Ovid-Elsie 74, New Lothrop 70, Breckenridge 60, Frankenmuth 46, Lakeville 43, Durand 32, Morrice 27, Hemlock 19, Coleman 15, Ashley 5, Saginaw Arts & Sciences 2 and St. Louis one.

Custer hurdled to 1st place in the 110, and 2nd in the 300 m, while Spitzley topped the discus competition with a heave of 161'.05." Event-by-event results for O-E's top finishers looked like this:

- 100 m dash, Wyatt Lover 4th :11.74.
- 200 m dash, Wyatt Lover, 3rd :23.53.
- 400 m dash, Marshall Leavitt, 3rd :54.94.
- 800 m dash, Josh Miller, 10th 2:23.32.
- 1600 m run, Will Baese, 8th, 5:13.40.
- 400 m relay, Lover, Custer, Leavitt, Robert Kebler, 4th, :47.69.
- 800 m relay, Lover, Custer, Leavitt, Leyton Belill, 5th, 1:38.92.
- 1600 m relay, Jeremiah Stewart, Belill, Mitchell Blaha, Leavitt, 5th, 3:59.34.
- 3200 m relay, Stewart, Blaha, Baese, Miller, 3rd, 9:42.22.
- Shot put, Brock Spitzley, 6th 44'.75".
- High Jump, Stewart 6th 5'4."
- Pole Vault, Baese 7th (tie), 8'0."
- Long Jump, Kebler, 11th 16'6.5."

In the girls events, team scores were Chippewa Hills 177, MLS 100, New Lothrop 76, Hemlock 59, Breckenridge 55, St. Louis 45.5, Morrice 44.5, Durand 40, Ovid-Elsie 36, SA&S 10, Coleman 9 and Ashley 3.

For the girls, Danica Levey (:13.82) and Emmylou Blaha (:13.97) placed 4-5 in the 100 m dash, while Levey grabbed the 4th spot in the 200 m (:28.82). Kyla Washburn was the Lady Marauders' top finisher in the 400 m (1:09.58) and Clarissa Baese clocked 5th in the 800 m (2:50.95).

In the distance events, Baese took 5th in the 1600 m (6:21.50) and Shaelyn Kinney was 8th in the 3200 m (16:37.35).

In the relay events, Kenlee White, Blaha, Audrey Bensinger and Kyla Washburn took 7th in the 4x200 (2:07.50); and Baese, White, Washburn and Bensinger recorded 5th in the 4x400 (4:57.06).

In the field events, Lady Marauder scoring went like this:

- Shot put, Abigail Lehman 6th, 27'3.75."
- Discus, Lehman, 6th, 76'11."
- Long jump, Faith Bannister 21st, 10'10.5."

## Hard-Fought Win for Wolfpack Soccer Girls over Lansing Christian

LAINGSBURG — Any time you play Lansing Christian on the soccer pitch, you know you're in for a tussle.

Laingsburg's girls soccer team was up to the challenge, shutting out the Lady Pilgrims 3-0 for a Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) victory. The win moved John Hill's Wolves to 5-2-1 overall -- but more importantly, they stayed perfect in the CMAC at 3-0.

Christian fell to 3-3 overall, 2-2 in league play.

Allie Brasseur opened the scoring at 22:52 mark in the first half with a shot from the box. Still in the first half, Madison Phillips tipped one in off a feed from Payge Woodworth to make it a 2-0 game at halftime.

Laingsburg closed the scoring on a goal from Raegan Cousineau with 24:21 left.

The Wolfpack defense was stellar, allowing the Pilgrims just one shot on goal -- and that was on a penalty kick.

Coach Hill credited his team's hustle and toughness following the key victory.



## Fowler Prevails in Opening CMAC Double-Dual of 2026 Track Season

LAINGSBURG -- The host Wolfpack dominated the sprint events, but didn't quite have enough to get past the Fowler Eagles in the opening CMAC double-dual of the 2026 track and field season.

Domination? LHS sprinters claimed 8 of the top 10 spots in the 100 m, was Leandro Dolega-Caceres racing to 1st, Grey Sequin 2nd, Carson Helmer 3rd, Charleston Crisp 6th, Carter Conklin 7th, Evan Porubsky 8th, Josh Marble 9th and Hunter Stahl 10th, the finish line checkered with red-and-white. They did almost as well in the boys shot put event, grabbing the 1-2-3-4 spots. Charles Dehnert threw to 1st places in both the shot and the discus.

Fowler won the boys competition, 75-62 over Laingsburg and 81-54 over Bath. The host Wolfpack nipped Bath 70-65 to go 1-1 for the day.

Following are results for the Wolfpack boys:

- 100 m sprint: Leandro Dolega-Caceres 1st, :11.53. Grey Sequin 2nd, :11.56. Carson Helmer 3rd, :11.81.
  - 200 m sprint: Sequin nd, :23.63. Helmer 3rd, :23.89.
  - 400 m run: Logan Robinson 1st, :54.02. Jace Copeland 8th, 1:01.76.
  - 800 m run: James Foltz 2nd, 2:12.91. Copeland 7th, 2:37.82.
  - 1600 m run: Joel Rathka 7th, 6:02.12.
  - 110 m hurdles: Keaton Dietz 3rd, :17.71. Caiden Nidefski 5th, :19.71.
  - 300 m hurdles: Deitz 2nd, :42.76. Nidefski 6th, :50.44. Derek Porubsky 7th, :50.50.
  - 400 m relay: Charles Dehnert, Gus Larson, Shaun Mills, Ethan Platte 3rd, :55.23. Josh Marble, Carter Klont, Hunter Stahl, Evan Porubsky 4th, :55.47.
  - 800 m relay: Conklin, Crisp, Nidefski, Dietz 3rd, 1:43.31.
  - 3200 m relay: Copeland, Jayden Jackson, Andrew Stevens, Rathka, 4th, 10:20.27.
  - Shot put: Charles Dehnert, 1st 43'10." Shaun Mills 2nd, 40'10." Gus Larson 3rd, 38'7." Ryan Park 4th, 35'7.5."
  - Discus: Dehnert 1st, 134'11." Mills 3rd, 107'9." Helmer 5th, 102'3."
  - High jump: Dolega-Caceres 1st, 6' Porubsky 4th, 5'4."
  - Pole vault: Crisp 3rd, 11'0." Porubsky 4th, 8'6."
  - Long jump: Dolega-Caceres 1st, 19'3." Stahl 5th, 15'1.25." Klont 7th, 12'6."
- Fowler also won the girls tussle, 93-30 over Laingsburg and 72-65 over Bath. The Bath girls down LHS 84-52. For LHS, top female finishers were:
- 100 m sprint: Lilli Morrill 3rd, :13.93. Eve Guenther 8th, :14.57. Ava Rann 9th, :14.72. Hailey Jury 10th, :14.81.
  - 200 m sprint: Keira Justice 5th, :30.81. Samantha Magyar 6th, :30.87. Sara Hart 7th, :31.36.
  - 400 m run: Louise Davis-Campbell 7th, 1:33.93.
  - 800 m run: Meriel Burley, 5th, 3:53.30.
  - 100 m hurdles: Edie Zacharda 3rd, :17.87. Samantha Lapinski, 4th, :19.37. Chloe Tickner 5th, :19.74.
  - 300 m hurdles: Edie Zacharda, 3rd, :55.53. Chloe Tickner, 4th, 1:01.53. Leah Mills, 7th, 1:01.82.
  - 400 m relay: Eve Guenther, Abby McNeil, Alayna Nanasy, Sara Hart 3rd, :58.14. Jasmine Noffke, Ava Rann, Sara Hart, Keira Justice 4th, :59.12. Samantha Lapinski, Taylor Droste, Ally Underhill, Grace Travis, 6th, 1:10.29.
  - 800 m relay: Taylor Droste, Anna Sedlacek, Grace Travis, Sienna Recker, 3rd, 2:17.77.
  - Shot put: Ella Mohny, 4th 28'8.5."
  - Discus: Leah Mills, 1st 86'5." Ella Mohny 2nd, 78'6.5."
  - High jump: Hailey Magley 4th, 4'6." Chloe Tickner 4th (tie) 4'6." Mallory Woodbury 6th, 4'4."
  - Pole vault: Madison Phillips 2nd (tie) 10'0." Claire Seger 5th, 8'0."
  - Long jump: Lilli Morrill 1st, 15'1.5." Abby McNeil 4th, 13'4.25."

## Dolega-Caceres, Crisp, Morrill shine for Wolfpack at Chesaning Track Classic

CHESANING -- The Chesaning Indians welcomed schools in both large school and small school divisions here April 17 at the annual CHS Track and Field Classic.

In the boys small-school division, Laingsburg was third (97) and Perry fourth (82.5) of eight teams. The Wolfpack's Leandro Dolega-Caceres was second in the high jump (6-0) and Charleston Crisp was runner-up in the pole vault (12-0) for the Wolfpack.

In the girls small-school division, Perry took sixth (59) and Laingsburg was seventh (41) of eight teams. Laingsburg's Lilli Morrill took second in the long jump (15'3") for the Wolfpack.

## Trojan Baseballers Move to 8-1 with Non-League Sweep of Ovid-Elsie

OVID-ELSIE -- Brody Howard picked up two hits and an RBI for O-E in the nightcap of a non-league doubleheader, but couldn't save the host Marauders from a doubleheader sweep at the hands of the Owosso Trojans.

OHS (8-1) won for the 7th and 8th times in nine games, taking both games, winning the first game 5-0, and taking the darkness-shortened nightcap, 9-5 in five innings. The second game is considered official because the teams played five full innings.

Max Fabus took the loss for the Marauders (2-3), allowing all five runs (three earned) in 2 and 1/3 innings. Owosso's Cy Thompson Friday smacked a round tripper as the big blow.

In Game 2, the Trojans set the tone with a six-run first inning. Logan Brown took the loss for the Marauders, allowing six runs (four earned) on three hits with three walks.

Following the action, Mike Loynes' Marauders were 2-3 overall, 2-1 in Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) action.



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# CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

**PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE STATE OF MICHIGAN 29TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - FAMILY DIVISION COUNTY OF CLINTON**

CASE NO: 26-32956-NC  
In the matter of  
**JUAN ANTONIO FUENTES JR.**  
**TAKE NOTICE:**  
**JUAN ANTONIO FUENTES JR.** has filed a petition for name change. A name change hearing will be held on Monday, May 11, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. at 100 E. State Street, 4th Floor Courtroom St. Johns, Michigan 48879, before Judge Lisa Sullivan (P51265) change the name of **JUAN ANTONIO FUENTES JR.** to **JOHN ANTONIO FUENTES JR.**  
  
(04-26)

**STATE OF MICHIGAN 29TH JUDICIAL COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS ORDER REGARDING ALTERNATE SERVICE**

Case No: 26-00338-GC  
Plaintiff's Name: Aspen Flatz  
c/o Plaintiff's attorney  
Plaintiff's Attorney: The Law Office of Aaron D. Cox, PLLC  
Aaron D. Cox (P69346)  
23820 Eureka Rd.  
Taylor, MI 48180  
(743) 287-3664  
Defendants Name: Rachel Cooper  
609 N. Morton St. Lot 17  
St. Johns, MI 48879  
**THE COURT FINDS:**  
1. Service of process upon the defendant, Rachel Cooper, cannot reasonable be made as provided in MCR 2.105 and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.  
**IT IS ORDERED:**  
2. Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order shall be made by the following method(s).  
a. First-class mail to 609 N. Morton St., Lot 17, St. Johns, MI 48879  
d. Other: Publishing for three consecutive weeks in the Meridian Weekly in accordance with MCR 2.106 (D) and via certified mail return receipt requested to the last known address of: 609 N. Morton St., Lot 17, St. Johns, MI 48879  
  
(04-26/05-10)

**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 May 20, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:  
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Jeffrey Taylor and Melissa Littlejohn, husband and wife  
Original Mortgagee: Fifth Third Mortgage-MI, LLC  
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for Freddie Mac SLST 2025-1 Participation Interest Trust  
Date of Mortgage: October 9, 2003  
Date of Mortgage Recording: October 20, 2003  
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$61,783.39

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Riley, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Beginning at the Southeast corner of Section 22, Township 6 North, Range 3 West, Riley Township, Clinton County, Michigan; Thence North 660 feet; thence West 165 feet; thence South 660 feet; thence East 165 feet to the point of beginning.  
Common street address (if any): 8980 S Lowell Rd, Dewitt, MI 48820-9156  
The redemption period shall be 1 year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a.  
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.  
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.  
This notice is from a debt collector.  
Date of notice: April 19, 2026  
Trott Law, P.C.  
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145  
Farmington Hills, MI 48334  
(248) 642-2515

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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 May 6, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:  
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Jerold Makara, single  
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns  
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): MID-FIRST BANK  
Date of Mortgage: June 9, 2023  
Date of Mortgage Recording: June 15, 2023

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$146,896.38  
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Village of Elsie, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Lots 1, 2, 13 and 14, B.D. Hicks Addition to the Village of Elsie, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 48 of Deeds, Page 415.  
Common street address (if any): 315 W Main St, Elsie, MI 48831-9806  
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).  
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.  
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.  
This notice is from a debt collector.  
Date of notice: April 5, 2026  
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Farmington Hills, MI 48334  
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**NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE 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. Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jereme Luce and Teah Luce to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, N.A. dated January 6, 2023 and recorded January 13, 2023 in Instrument Number 5332276 Clinton County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment. In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of Foreclosure entered for Plaintiff, Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC against Defendants, Jereme Luce and Teah Luce in Case No. 25-12561-CH of the Clinton County Circuit Court, the below premises shall be foreclosed and sold by public auction. Said Judgment of Foreclosure was entered on the 9th day of March, 2026, wherein there is claimed to be due on said date the sum of Three Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents (\$322,280.55), plus sums advanced for taxes, insurance and other fees incurred and allowed by said mortgage. Under the Judgment of Foreclosure and related statutes, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgage premises pursuant to the Judgment of Foreclosure and that the sale shall be at public auction to the highest bidder, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Clinton County, on the 10th day of June, 2026 at 10:00 AM, Eastern Standard Time, the following described property, viz: All certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Bath, County of Clinton and State of Michigan, described as follows: Beginning on the East line of Section 15 at a point 1178.00 feet North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East of the Southeast corner of Section 15, Town 5 North, Range 1 West; thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes 38 seconds West 500.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, 311.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 38 seconds East 500.00 feet to the East line of Section 15; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 311.00 feet on the East line of Section 15 to the point of beginning. AND Beginning on the East line of Section 15 at a point 1486.00 feet North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East of the Southeast corner of Section 15, T5N, R1W, thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes 38 seconds West, 500.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 311.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes 38 seconds East, 753.52 feet to the East line of Section 15; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 100.00 feet on the East line of Section 15 to the point of beginning. Commonly Known As: 13734 Upton Rd, Bath, MI, 48808 Tax ID: 010-015-400-010-57 and 010-015-400-010-10  
This property may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the sale. Dated: April 13, 2026 Orlans Law Group PLLC /s/Sogol I. Plagany Attorneys for Plaintiff Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084 Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400 File No. 25-009646

(04-19)(05-24)

**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 May 27, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:  
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Kelly Smith a/k/a Kelly L. Smith, a married woman and Amie O. Smith, a married woman  
Original Mortgagee: LAFUCU  
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None  
Date of Mortgage: August 7, 2025  
Date of Mortgage Recording: August 12, 2025

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$140,072.72  
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Olive, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at a point on the centerline of Chandler Road, 2013 feet North of the Southeast corner of Section 36, T6N, R2W, Olive Township, Clinton County, Michigan; thence along the centerline of Chandler Road to a point 1130.6 feet North 55 degrees 29 minutes West from said point of commencement; thence North 30 degrees 0 minutes East 405 feet to a new point of beginning; thence North 33 degrees 0 minutes East 135 feet; thence South 55 degrees 29 minutes East 437 feet; thence South 33 degrees 40 minutes West 135 feet; thence North 55 degrees 29 minutes West 430 feet more or less to the new point of beginning. More accurately described as: Beginning in the center of Chandler Road at a point North 2013 feet and North 55 degrees 29 minutes West, 700.6 feet from the Southeast corner of Section 36, T6N, R2W, Olive Township, thence North 33 degrees 40 minutes East, 405 feet for a new point of beginning; thence North 55 degrees 29 minutes West 430 feet to the center of Round Lake Road; thence North 33 degrees 40 minutes East 135 feet; thence South 55 degrees 29 minutes East 430 feet; thence South 33 degrees 40 minutes West 135 feet to the point of beginning.  
Common street address (if any): 3684 E Round Lake Rd, Dewitt, MI 48820-9714

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).  
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.  
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.  
This notice is from a debt collector.  
Date of notice: April 26, 2026  
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Farmington Hills, MI 48334  
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**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**

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 June 3, 2026. The amount due on the Mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Mark Linkeman and Leigh M. Linkeman to Gold Star Mortgage Financial Group dated July 14, 2022 and recorded July 20, 2022 as Instrument No. 5327318, Clinton County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$108,850.19. Said premises are located in Clinton County, Michigan and are described as: Situated in the Township of DeWitt Charter, County of Clinton and State of Michigan: Land in the Township of DeWitt Charter, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, described as: The West 55 feet of Lot 45, Supervisor's Plat of Valley Farms No. 1, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 41, Clinton County Records. Said property is commonly known as 1088 W WIELAND RD, Lansing, MI 48906. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, 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 damage to the property during the redemption period. **TO ALL PURCHASERS:** The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Please be advised that any third party purchaser is responsible for preparing and recording the Sheriff's Deed. If this is a residential Mortgage, the following shall apply: **ATTENTION HOMEOWNER:** If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. **THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE A DEBTOR IN AN ACTIVE BANKRUPTCY CASE; ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF A BANKRUPTCY STAY; OR, HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AND YOU HAVE NOT REAFFIRMED THE DEBT, THIS NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY.** Dated: April 17, 2026 Attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage: Thomas E. McDonald (P39312) Brock & Scott, PLLC 5431 Olander Drive Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (844) 856-6646 File No. 26-09774

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## OFFICE HOURS

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This is to notify residents that Chop will be applying herbicides for woody species control on various power line right-of-ways in Clinton County. The applications are scheduled to begin May 1, 2026 and run through September 30, 2026, pending weather. The applications will use a low volume spray of Garlon 3A (triclopyr) made by Corteva Agriscience and Garlon 4Ultra (triclopyr) made by Corteva Agriscience. Method of spray is: backpack spray unit (though ORV and/or truck-mounted spray units may be used to transport and re-fill herbicide). Re-entry allowed after dry. The specific herbicide used will be determined by the site conditions. Anyone wishing more information can contact Shaun Howard at the offices of Chop, located at 1505 Steele Ave SW Grand Rapids, MI 49507 or call (616) 583-9821 (office) or (616) 729-2458 (Shaun's cell).

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## Coordinator for Downtown Ovid Events

Last December, the Ovid City Council, approved a Strategic Team for Event Public Space Planning (STEPP), Ovid resident, Mary Green is the coordinator of that Team.

Mary is a 2009 Ovid-Elsie graduate. She is very much interested in creating events that will bring people to downtown Ovid. Her next event will be a farmers market, set to start on Thursday, June 4th from 3pm-7pm and will be held on Thursdays weekly thru October. Vendors can sign up for a spot by contacting City Hall at 989-834-5550. The cost to participate is \$10 per day or \$150 for the season.

In July, plans are in the works for an Art Walk. Mary is looking to involve local artists as well as artists from Shiawassee and Clinton Counties. The art walk is scheduled for Saturday, July 25th from 10am-6pm where artists will display their talents either inside or outside in front of local downtown businesses. Also planned for that day will be a "chalk the walk" for kids and others who would like to showcase their drawings on the sidewalks.

Mark your calendars for these two summer events and watch for any updates.



Mary Green

## Laingsburg Alumni Legacy Award Golfers Brave the Weather in Support of Scholarship Fund and 2026 All-School Reunion

LAINGSBURG -- Upwards of 50 golfers braved rainy, cold and windy conditions on April 18 -- all in the name of promoting higher education for Laingsburg students.

The annual Laingsburg Alumni Legacy Award (LALA) golf outing crowned a team of LHS graduates (and current students) as the 2026 champions. The youngest foursome of Gabe Hawes, Zach Hawes, Josiah Hawes and Ashley Hawes topped the field at -11 under par to take home team honors.

A raw, windy day, greeted linksters to the 5th annual Legacy Award golf outing -- a major fundraiser for the effort, that this spring will grant a trio of scholarships to LHS seniors on Honors Night, May 19.

The event raised upwards of \$5,900, with the LALA committee extending a big "thank you" to Pine Hills Golf Course for their gracious hosting of the event.

Also, gratitude went out to the event sponsors who made it all possible: Laingsburg Lions Club, Wolfpack Sports Boosters, Gene McGrath, Frank Mallon, Feighner Boat Lifts & Docks, the Meridian Weekly, an anonymous Detroit Tigers sponsor, Ken Walters, Harry Walters, Bill Rosenquist, Rich Hurst, and Cross, Ragsdale and Associates.

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(L to R) The Hawes Team -- Gabe, Zach, Ashley and Josiah -- fired a red-hot round of 11-under to warm up a windy, chilly day at Pine Hills GC, taking home the trophy and cash prize as 2026 Laingsburg Alumni Legacy Award golf champions.

vidual sponsors, \$15,000 in awards are available to Laingsburg High School seniors. The first grants were awarded in May, 2023 to LHS seniors Chloe Stork and Caleb Boettcher; in 2024, the recipients were LHS seniors Hannah Sebenick and Jaylei Kramer; and in 2025 three awards were granted to Ally Grettenberger, Kacey Kramer and Mitchell George.

An alumni committee of LHS grads created a 501(c)3 scholarship fund in 2019 to help graduates attend schools of higher learning. Alumni are now being asked to help support a future

LHS graduate attend his or her choice of schools to advance their knowledge and carry the Laingsburg Legacy to new heights. Contributions can be of any amount at the donor's discretion; a typical gift is just \$100 per year.

Persons wishing to make a contribution to the Legacy Award, or for more information, can contact Christian Ragsdale, Class of 2013, at 403 Haley Court, Laingsburg, MI 48848, or Tom Turek, Class of 1975, at tomturek20032003@yahoo.com.

Monies from this year's Golf Outing will also help support the 2026 All-School Reunion, presented by the Laingsburg Alumni Legacy Award, which is scheduled for Sunday, October 4 at the ZCJB Hall in Owosso. Please email tomturek20032003@yahoo.com for more information.

## It's Time to "Get in the Swing"

### Pine Hills Golf Course 2026

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## Duplain Township Cemetery Cleanup

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – Duplain Township has scheduled a cemetery cleanup for Saturday, May 2, 2026, 9am. The Duplain Township Cemetery is located on W. Main Street, Elsie, Michigan. Participants are encouraged to bring their own tools, for example: rakes, weed whip, etc. Duplain Township will provide refreshments and supervision. Elsie Masonic Lodge will provide a lunch of hotdog, chips, and drinks. The more volunteers the more that can be accomplished.

## St. Peter Church Fundraiser

submitted by Kris Pullman

The St. Peter Church, 404 S. Wood St., Chesaning, is having a fundraiser featuring Michigan's most sought after Elvis Tribute Artist, Jake Slater on Sunday, May 3rd.

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