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Fundraising Efforts Hit New Heights: LHS Stadium Renovation Well Underway

LAINGSBURG -- Coming out of the mid-summer All-Star break, the Laingsburg Sports Boosters are swinging for the fences.

OK. Forgive the (bad) baseball reference. But the Boosters have gained huge momentum with the LHS Stadium Project, heading into the fall sports season.

The optimism comes off one of the biggest fundraising weeks in the near-50 year history of the organization. Phase One of the project -- renovation of the air filtration system, new windows, interior renovations and painting -- got started on July 18 and the Press Box upgrades were completed over the next weekend.

New grass and refurbishment of the sprinkler system at the field level had already been started in the spring. And the difference in the quality of the turf is noticeable.

Phase Two seemed more of a ways off. Requiring upwards of $30,000, the second phase of the ambitious project is a complete new sound system, replacing outdating equipment that wasn't up to quality for the numerous fall and spring sports, youth sports and band programs that frequent the facility.

Following a whirlwind of fundraising activity last week -- with several local businesses and community members stepping up -- the Boosters voted to initiate Phase Two immediately with the expectation of having the sound renovations ready for the upcoming football season; if not in time for the first home game, shortly thereafter.

Phase 3, yet to be initated, is a complete field renovation, including repair of crushed field drainage and re-crowning the field for improved runoff; an upgrade and automation of the sprinkler/irrigation system, re-grading of dirt and planting competition grass for the football field.

"Completion of Phase 3 ensures a safe, long-lasting, and high-quality playing surface for all sports and activities," said project originator Justin Conklin. There is a family history here: Justin's father, Jim, along with fellow volunteer Ray Bates, headed up the construction crew that built the original stadium after the new high school building was completed in 1992. The elder Conklin and Bates were inducted onto the Wolfpack Wall of Fame this past spring.

Talk about momentum.



Fundraising efforts hit new heights; LHS stadium renovation well underway

The ambitious project, being overseen by Justin Conklin in conjunction with the Sports Boosters, is spearheading a total fundraising effort in excess of $350,000. Individual or business sponsors are urged to contribute at one of the following levels: Bronze ($100 to $999), Silver ($1,000 to $2,499), Gold ($2,500 to $4,999) and Platinum ($5,000-plus). Incentives to donate include game program and athletics website recognition, annual athletic passes, athletics, banners at athleticevents, and for the highest level, recognition on a press box plaque.

"You can help build the future of Laingsburg athletics," explains Conklin. "Every donation — large or small — moves us closer to creating a safer, stronger, and more inspiring facility for our student-athletes, expanding Wolfpack pride throughout the community."

Donations can be made to the Laingsburg Sports Boosters, C/O Lynne Hawes, 9874 Braden Rd., Haslett, MI 48840 or dropped off at the high school office. For more information, contact laingsburgsportsboosters@gmail.com or phone Boosters President Beth DeShone at 517-375-2769.

As for the improvements to date, "Huge progress has been made," says DeShone. "Many thanks to Matt Rann, Justin Conklin, Adam Goetschy, Blake Goetschy and Adam Merrell for all their incredible work already."

Big thanks also went out to the LHS grounds crew for the field improvements already made, and to the dozens of donors who have helped get the project off the ground so quickly.

"On The Lash" is Bringing a Slice of Ireland Back to St. Johns Again

submitted by Bill. Tennant



This band is talented! This band is incredible. On The Lash is a thrilling blend of Irish heart and classical precision that will put a spark in your soul and a jig in your step. Wrap yourself in the wistful tunes and timeless ramblings that have bounced through the hills of the emerald isle for centuries. This musical journey will take place on Wednesday evening, August 5th starting at 7:00 in the William E. Tennant Performance Shell in the beautiful St Johns City Park. It will be a night to remember!

"On The Lash is the real deal... Irish music at its best," says concert coordinator Bill Tennant. "Having known each other since 2015 as students at Western Michigan University, they are the dearest of friends, which shows in their performances. And then there's their incredible musicianship. We're thrilled to have them back with us again this summer."

On The Lash Band members include Elizabeth June LaPeer - Lead Vocals / Flute; Joel Tyrone Myers - Octave Mandolin / Vocals; John Robey - Violin / Vocals and Patrick Hartson - Guitar /Bass/Vocals. They released their first album last year – Fireside. Most of the music on the album is derived from the traditional Irish heritage, however, much like the diversity in their backgrounds, On The Lash isn't afraid to branch out into a variety of world styles.

The Concert in the Park series is co-sponsored by the Clinton County Arts Council and the City of St. Johns. We have a third sponsor for each concert again this year - the sponsor of this fantastic concert is Pratl Law, PC. We are grateful for the firm's support again this year.

Bring a chair or blanket – visit the Lion's Club Food Trailer - the concert takes place rain or shine. The concert is free, but donations are greatly appreciated and needed to support the series each year.

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Laingsburg Music in the Park Series Features Pawluk, Johnson

LAINGSBURG -- Join the fun with the Laingsburg Business and Community Association (LBCA) as they present "Music In The Park" at the McClintock Park Pavilion / Amphitheater on summer Thursdays from 6 to 9 p.m.

The Music in the Park committee has introduced an amazing line up this year. The 2026 Summer Series will be on Thursday nights ending on August 13th. The LBCA will host a community market and food vendors will be on hand. If event has to be moved due to weather they will let you know on the LBCA Facebook page.

This week's lineup includes:

-- August 6: Carl Pawluk from 6 to 7 p.m., and Cooper Johnson from 7 to 9 p.m. sponsored by the Laingsburg DDA and Lake Trust Credit Union.



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Ovid Historical Society Meeting

submitted by Karen Anderson

Ovid Historical Society monthly membership meeting is scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Mary Myers Museum located at 131 East Williams in Ovid. Join us on Tuesday, August 4, 2026. All are welcome. The grounds are full of summer flowers. Come for a walk in the backyard and have iced tea in the beautiful gazebo. Tours are available after the short business meeting or before by appointment. Refreshments will be served.

'Guardians of the Galaxy' at Laingsburg Movies in the Park

LAINGSBURG -- Family fun is the focal point as the Laingsburg Downtown Development Authority (DDA) returns its popular "Movies in the Park" series this summer.

Family-friendly showings under the stars will feature a new movie each week. Bring your blanket, bug spray and a few dollars to purchase concessions. The movies begin at dusk at the McClintock Park Amphitheater. Concessions will be available at the pavilion.

The movies run each Wednesday starting at dusk, as the 2026 season is winding down. This week's lineup includes:

-- August 5th "Guardians of the Galaxy": Brash space adventurer Peter Quill finds himself the quarry of relentless bounty hunters after he steals an orb coveted by Ronan, a powerful villain. To evade Ronan, Quill is forced into an uneasy truce with four disparate misfits: gun-toting Rocket Raccoon, treelike-humanoid Groot, enigmatic Gamora, and vengeance-driven Drax the Destroyer.

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Fiddler Rodney Page to Perform at Clarkson Barn Dance



On Saturday, August 8th, Rodney Page will perform with Jack & Tess Clarkson at their barn dance from 6:30pm-9:30pm. This talented musician has entertained crowds from Japan to Miami Florida and from El Paso to Chicago. Joining on the keyboard will be Jim Gerri's front U Valde, Texas who's played with the Clarksons for 20 years. "Jim will be playing 8 gigs with us in August," explained Tess. Rounding out the musicians is Bill Fuller, Michigan Country Hall of Fame guitarist who will be inducted on August 15th. Besides the great music, Marie VanDeusen will be providing some delicious food, by donation. The event is located at 10901 S. Hollister Road, Laingbsurg, admission is $10, BYOB is welcome. Come enjoy some great music and fellowship.

Concealed Pistol License Class

submitted by Norm Martin

A Concealed pistol license class on Saturday, August 15, 2026 at 110 S. Main St., Ovid.

Class hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All firearms, ammunition and classroom materials furnished.

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Class fee is $120.00.

Register by calling Norman Martin at 989-277-1002.

Lunch will be furnished.

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Clinton & Shiawassee County Proposals

CLINTON COUNTY PROPOSAL

Separate Tax Limitation Proposal

Shall separate tax limitations be established for a period of four (4) years, or until altered by the voters of the county, for the County of Clinton and the Townships and Intermediate School District within the County, the aggregate of which shall not exceed 7.0000 mills as follows:

Mills
County of Clinton 5.8000
Townships 1.0000
Intermediate School District .2000
Total: 7.0000

CITY OF OVID PROPOSAL

Millage Rate for Emergency Services

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in the City of Ovid, Clinton County, Michigan, be increased by and the city council be authorized to levy not to exceed 2.50 mills ($2.50 on each $1,000 of taxable value) for a period of 4 years, 2027 to 2030, inclusive, to provide funds for all purposes authorized by law for emergency services; the estimate of the revenue the city will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2027 is approximately $92,612.

DUPLAIN TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

Millage Renewal Proposal Emergency Services

Shall the previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Duplain Township of 1.75 mills ($1.75 per $1,000 of taxable value) which expires in 2027, be increased from 1.75 mills to up to 2.5 mills ($2.50 per $1,000 of taxable value) and levied for four (4) years, 2026 through 2029 inclusive, for the purpose of providing emerency services in the Township, raising an estimated $230,168.08 in 2026.

VICTOR TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

Proposal for Renewal of Millage to Equip, Operate, and Maintain Emergency Services

Shall the previous expired voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec.6 of the Michigan Constitution in Victor Township of 1.5 mills ($1.50 per each $1,000 of taxable value), reduced to 1.4744 mills by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted 1.5 mills ($1.50 per each $1,000 of taxable value) and levied for 5 years, 2026 through 2030 inclusive, for the purpose of equipping, operating, and maintaining emergency services (which may include fire protection and emergency medical services such as basic life support and advance life support), raising an estimated $340,461.00 in the first year of such levy.

BRIGGS DISTRICT LIBRARY PROPOSAL

Library Millage Proposal

Shall the Briggs District Library, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, be authorized to levy a millage annually in an amount not to exceed .75 mill ($0.75 per each $1,000 of taxable value), of which .7348 mill is a renewal of the previously authorized millage rate that expired in 2025 and .0152 mill is new additional millage to restore the millage rate lost as a result of the Headlee Amendment millage reductions, against all taxable property within the Briggs District Library district for a period of ten (10) years, 2026 through 2035 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for all district library purposes authorized by law? The estimate of the revenue the Briggs District Library will collect in the first year of levy (2026) if the millage is approved and levied by the Library is approximately $716,000.

SHIAWASSEE COUNTY PROPOSAL

Shiawassee County Central Dispatch
Proposition to Increase 911 Emergency Telephone and Dispatch Services Funding.

Shall the County of Shiawassee, Michigan, be authorized to increase the assessed charge for 911 emergency telephone and dispatch services on all landline, wireless, and voice over internet protocol service users located within the geographic boundaries of Shiawassee County, Michigan from the current rate of no more than $2.65 each month to a rate not to exceed $3.00 each month to be used exclusively to fund the operation and maintenance of 911 emergency telephone and dispatch services in the County of Shiawassee, Michigan.

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

Road Millage Renewal

• Shall the Township of Fairfield, Shiawassee County, Michigan levy 2.0 mills ($2.00 for each $1,000.00 of taxable valuation) on all Real and Personal Property in the Township of-Fairfield for a period of four (4) years, 2026 through 2029 inclusive, as provided by tax limitation Article IX Section Six of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, to provide funds for all roads within Fairfield Township (This being a renewal of 2 mills for the same purpose which expires with the 2026 tax levy.) The Township estimates that it will collect $76,459.07 in the first year if the renewal is approved.

Emergency Services Millage Proposal

Shall the Township of Fairfield, Shiawassee County, State of Michigan previously voted increase of 1.5 mills ($1.50 per $1,000 of taxable value) which expires in 2026, be increased from 1.5 to up to 2.5 mills ($2.50 per $1,000 of taxable value) as provided by tax limitation imposed under Article IX Section Six of the Michigan Constitution and levied for four (4) years, 2026 through 2029 inclusive, for the purpose of providing emergency services. The Township estimates $95,573.84 will be collected in the first year the millage is levied.



OVID TOWNSHIP
PROPOSED BOARD MEETING MINUTES -
Thursday, July 9, 2026

Supervisor J. West called the regular meeting to order at 7 p.m., with the Pledge to the Flag. Roll Call: Supervisor Jennings West, Clerk Claudia Barrett Pluger, Treasurer Nancy Hughson, Trustee Bobby Byles, Trustee Kurt Wolf

Absent: None.

Visitors: Keith Jones, Woody Woodworth, Peggy Lidgard-Assessor, Connie and Gary Kioski, Lionel Olson, Bob Sauer, Gary Criner

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items: William Keith Jones

Approval of Agenda:

Moved by K. Wolf to amend the Agenda, as presented. Under "Unfinished Business, Proposed Resolution Number 2026-04," that was taken care of last month, and should be removed, Seconded by B. Byles. Board discussion. Public Commenting.

B. Byles commented that Kurt made a motion to take it off under "Unfinished Business," and he supported it, and that the clerk will send the previous one out tomorrow to LARA immediately, K. Wolf commented you're making the motion, and I'll support that motion. Roll Call Vote: B. Byles-Yes, J. West-Yes, N. Hughson-Yes, K. Wolf-Yes. C. Pluger-No. Carried. Approval of Minutes of June 11, 2026:

Moved by B. Byles to accept the minutes of June 11, and place them on file, Seconded by
K. Wolf. Carried.

Treasurer's Financial Report Given:

Moved by B. Byles that we approve the Treasurer's report, as submitted, Seconded by
K. Wolf.
Roll Call Vote: B. Byles-Yes, J. West-Yes, N. Hughson-Yes, K. Wolf-Yes. C. Pluger-Yes. Carried.

Amend and Approve Budget:

GL # 101-262-900, Postage (Elections) - ($267.14 over) - $467.14 GL # 101-262-900, Postage (Elections) - ($24.95 over) - $1,300 GL # 101-266-822, Insurance - $356 over) - $1,200
TOTAL from unallocated funds - $2,967.14
Moved by K. Wolf to amend and approve the budget, Seconded by B. Byles.
Roll Call Vote: C. Pluger-Yes, B. Byles-Yes, J. West-Yes, N. Hughson-Yes, K. Wolf-Yes. Carried.

Clerk's Report & Check Register-$51,342.15 (June 12, 2026-July 9, 2026):

Moved by N. Hughson to approve the Clerk's report, Board discussion. Seconded by K. Wolf. Roll Call Vote: K. Wolf-Yes, N. Hughson-Yes, J. West-Yes, B. Byles-Yes, C. Pluger-Yes. Carried. Report Given By: Assessor- Peggy Lidgard

New Business -

Ovid Township L-4029

Moved by C. Pluger to approve Ovid Township's L-4029, Seconded by N. Hughson.
Roll Call Vote: K. Wolf-Yes, N. Hughson-Yes, J. West-Yes, B. Byles-Yes, C. Pluger-Yes. Carried.

High Street - MMPA and Ovid Iron & Metal

Supervisor discussed the condition of High Street, and possibly rebuilding the road.

Unfinished Business -

Light at M-21 & Baese Court

Doug at the Clinton County Road Commission is getting in contact with the person from MDOT who would facilitate this.

Reports - (continued):

Library - Trustee Bobby Byles OMESA - Treasurer Nancy Hughson
CAASA - Supervisor Jennings West
Public Comments: William Keith Jones, Connie Kioski, Lionel Olson (Public Comments-Back &: Forth)
Board Comments: B. Byles, C. Pluger, N. Hughson, J. West, K. Wolf
Adjournment: Motion by B. Byles to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by K. Wolf. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Claudia Barrett Pluger, Clerk

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4th Annual National Night Out Set for August 4 in Elsie

submitted by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE — Everything is in place for the 4th Annual National Night Out, a community celebration of fellowship, fun, and public safety, on Tuesday, August 4, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Elsie United Methodist Church Park, located on Church Street in Elsie.

The evening will feature live music by local favorites Jack and Tess Clarkson, along with opportunities to meet local first responders and explore emergency vehicles during a "Touch-a-Truck" experience. Participating agencies include the Elsie Area Fire Department, Elsie Police Department, and Clinton Area Ambulance Service.

Families can also enjoy face painting and visit with a variety of local organizations and community service groups. Thank-you Marie Ade, the Elsie Baby Pantry, the Elsie Area Food Pantry, and many others.

Free hot dogs, snacks, beverages, and popcorn will be available throughout the evening.

Community members are encouraged to bring a lawn chair, gather with friends and neighbors, and enjoy an evening celebrating the spirit of the Elsie community. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Obituaries

Kathleen G. Harkness (Titus)



Kathleen G. Harkness (Titus), 76, of Laingsburg, Michigan, passed away peacefully on July 21, 2026, surrounded by those who loved her.

Our family lost its matriarch—the nurturer of gardens, the unabashed lover of animals, the creator of unforgettable holiday feasts, and the quiet teacher of resilience, generosity, and showing up for the people who matter.

This was our Mom.

She never sought the spotlight and objected to being the center of attention—even in death. Yet she quietly built a life of remarkable determination and achievement. Against the advice of her parents, Kathy became the first-generation college graduate in her family, forging a path that reflected both her independence and her quiet resolve.

She remained deeply rooted in her family's legacy. Her parents (Robert and Vita Titus) founded Hi-Ball Crane Co.from humble beginnings, creating a thriving crane company through grit, sacrifice, and years of hard work that ultimately provided livelihoods for countless families throughout the community. Kathleen grew alongside it, beginning as her mother's trusted right hand before eventually becoming president herself. She managed the intricate details of the business with steady competence, but it was her care for people that defined her leadership. She knew the names, the families, and the burdens of the men and women she worked beside. She coordinated impossible schedules, solved problems before they became crises, and led with the same quiet devotion she brought to every part of her life, earning not only the respect of those she worked with, but their enduring affection.

She accomplished all of this while raising her children, providing for her family, and quietly carrying out responsibilities that often went unseen. Whether at work, at home, or walking beside loved ones through life's most difficult seasons, she showed up with quiet strength, steadfast love, and an unwavering sense of responsibility.

She leaves behind far more than memories. She leaves children who watched perseverance lived out every day, grandchildren who will carry her love forward in ways both big and small, and a family forever shaped by her quiet example. Her kindness, strength, and steadfast devotion will continue to live on in the choices we make, the traditions we keep, and the way we care for one another.

In accordance with Kathy's wishes, no formal services will be held. Her family will honor her life privately.

Though Kathy asked for no formal recognition, those who knew and loved her understand that a life lived with humility often leaves the deepest mark. We will honor her not with ceremony, but by living the lessons she taught us: showing up for one another, working hard, tending what we've been given, and never losing our ability to giggle at a naughty joke.

This was our Mom.

The family is being served by Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes, Laingsburg Chapel where online condolences, memories, and photos may be shared at www.watkinsfuneralhomes.com.

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The Weekly Sportsman
by Dan McMaster
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Clinton County Violator Caught

If you haven't heard, a St. John's man, formerly of Elsie, was recently arraigned in the 65A District Court of Clinton County on 50 counts of firearm and wildlife violations. The violations occurred in the Elsie area in both northern Clinton County and southern Gratiot County between April 25, 2025 and November 25, 2025. Allegedly, deer were targeted from the road on numerous evenings with a semi-automatic rifle fitted with a suppressor. All of the deer were apparently left to rot in the field. The Weekly Sportsman will continue to cover this case and is hesitant to list the defendants name because you are always considered innocent until proven guilty. The Weekly Sportsman dislikes how the media always covers the initial incident and court experience with a big splash and then nothing ever mentioned again. Expect full coverage all the way until charges are dropped or the defendant receives a guilty conviction. The Weekly Sportsman has many many thoughts and numerous comments about this whole situation but will wait until it is all litigated and resolved. -WS

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Pastor: JD Paik

Fairfield Township Millage

Letter to the Editor:

On 8/4, Fairfield Township will have an election involving the increase in millage for emergency services as well as a renewal of our road millage. The road millage will remain the same as in previous years. However, the millage request for emergency services operational costs will increase from 1.5 mils to 2.5 mils.

Why?

One reason is the increase in costs of mandated equipment and training required for both ambulance and fire personnel. Overall, these things save lives, but at the same time, place a continuing financial drain on the departments that serve us. Fairfield Township has managed to hold to our current funding level for over 15 years but we can no longer sustain this level of service. In this time frame, we lost our local ambulance service (EAAS) and our current provider has advised prices will be rising with the new year. Our local fire department has lost a significant source of revenue and relocated to a rented building.

In 2000, a new pumper truck cost $300,000. This year, it cost up to $1,000,000. For a new ambulance, the cost went from $100,000 to $350,000.

The fire department just received news of a grant to build a new fire station. It can be used for nothing else. If there are no unforeseen problems, it will take 2-3 years and will not even cover the building costs, let alone operation expenses.

If these vital services for our safety are not funded, insurances rates climb, response times increase, and our chance of living out our lives happily decrease.

Please vote for the millage increase on August 4th in both Fairfield and Duplain townships.

Tim Riegle, Fairfield Township



Planet Perspectives

by Alison Kozlowski

Seven Natural Wonders

The Seven Natural Wonders of the World is a collection of the most extraordinary natural sites on Earth. It originated from a study done by CNN in collaboration with experts in geography and environmental sciences. The goal was to identify the most remarkable wonders of nature based on their cultural significance, aesthetic appeal, and environmental importance. The initiative then had a public vote that largely aligned with the expert evaluations. The Seven Natural Wonders of the World are Mount Everest, The Great Barrier Reef, The Northern Lights, The Harbour of Rio de Janeiro, The Grand Canyon, Paricutin Volcano, and Victoria Falls.

Mount Everest is the highest point on Earth at 8,848 meters above sea level. Located in the Himalayan mountain range, it is one of the most challenging climbs and has become a symbol of human ambition. The Great Barrier Reef is the largest coral reef system in the world. Stretching over 2,300 kilometers along the coast of Australia, it is home to a large variety of marine life and plays a vital role in maintaining the health of the world's oceans. The Northern Lights (also known as Aurora Borealis) are natural light displays in the sky. They occur in the upper atmosphere when charged particles from the sun collide with the Earth's atmospheric gases, creating colorful waves across the night sky. While these are just a few of nature's wonders, they represent the most extraordinary phenomena on the planet.

Editorial

Ovid Township Residents

Letter to Editor:

At the July Township Board Meeting, lower standards of performance and respect were demonstrated by our Township Clerk:

1. Back in March, when pay raises for the Clerk and Treasurer were voted down, individuals report that the Clerk called our Township Supervisor – Jennings West - a traitor for voting against the pay raises.

2. When the board voted and approved Shepardsville Corner Store to be able to sell liquor during their open hours on Sunday, reports are that the Clerk told the Supervisor that he was not a Christian, because he voted against what the Clerk wanted.

Both of these incidences show the level of bullying that the Clerk uses to influence a Board member.

3. Trustee Kurt Wolf volunteered, to research the initial request from Shepardsville Corner Store to get approval to sell liquor during all open hours on Sunday. The Shepardsville store is the only location in the township that was restricted and wanted the restriction removed, so they would have the same economic opportunities as the other businesses. Kurt coordinated with the county offices and determined that a resolution from the Township Board removing restrictions was all that was needed. The board approved it in June and Kurt asked the Clerk to notify the respective authorities so the store could expand their business. At the July board meeting, Kurt asked why the Clerk did not complete her responsibilities. The Clerk – Claudia Barrett Pluger – stated that she did not agree with the decision. She further explained that she took the issue to an attorney (NOT the Township Attorney) and to an outside group of people (NOT associated with the Ovid Township Board) for advice. This is a violation of the Open Meetings Act, which is law to be adhered to. Kurt has spent many hours researching, coordinating with proper authorities, and getting the board approval from 3 board members, only to have his efforts undermined by Claudia.

4. There have been numerous other occasions that involved Claudia, that she should have been able to handle as part of her job responsibilities, for example – Freedom of Information Act requests, township resolutions. Claudia will then go to the Township Attorney for advice. The end result is that the Attorney charges the township their fees for time spent helping Claudia do her job. Fees that the Township residents have to pay. When Claudia was asked about this, her reply was “I am doing the best I can”.

The bottom line is Claudia cannot perform her job responsibilities because she does not agree with what is asked of her, is not capable of showing respect to other board members, is not interested in assisting township businesses to prosper and grow. She is an embarrassment to the Township Board as a whole, to the individual board members, and to the township residents. She should be removed from office.

Respectfully, William Keith Jones



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Must include name.

Free Skin Cancer Screening at Owosso Speedway

submitted by Dianna Vsetula

Owosso — Memorial Healthcare is partnering with Owosso Speedway to offer free skin cancer screenings to the public on Wednesday, August 26, from 9 AM to 3 PM. The screenings will take place at Owosso Speedway prior to the Michigan 300 ASA STARS National Series race at 6 PM.

As part of Memorial Healthcare's commitment to accessible, community-based care, the organization's expert dermatology team will provide free skin cancer screenings aboard its mobile health unit. The event is designed to encourage early detection and increase awareness of the importance of routine skin cancer screenings.

Spots are limited, and advance registration is required. Register online at https://bit.ly/2026SkinScreeningSignUp or call (989) 720-CARE (2273).

CITY OF OVID

Regular Council Meeting 114 E Front St, Ovid MI - Council Chambers July 13th, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Open meeting: Meeting opened at 7:00 PM

Roll Call: The following Council members were present: M. Soliz, L. Perrien, M. Olger, M. Perrien, E. Starn. Absent: E. Brown and M. Jones

Approval of Agenda: Motioned by Council Member E. Starn and seconded by Council Member L. Perrien to approve the agenda as presented. Carried on voice vote.

Approval of Minutes: Motioned by Council Member E. Starn and seconded by Council Member M. Soliz to approve the June 9, 2026 minutes as presented. Carried on voice vote.

Approval of Invoice/check register: Motioned by Council Member E. Starn and seconded by Council Member M. Olger to approve the invoice register from June 10, 2026 to July 14, 2026. Carried on voice vote.

County Commissioner: Commissioner N. Fickies reviewed the county activities. 7:05 PM to 7:11 PM

Public Comment: Public Comments opened at 7:11 PM
Closed at 7:12 PM

Reports

a) Mayor's report Code Enforcer/ Zoning Administrator Position: Mayor discussed the code enforcer/zoning administrator open position. Discussed dividing the position into two separate positions. Discussion of contracting the roles from another municipality or a company.
Motioned by Council Member E. Starn and seconded by Council Member M. Olger to authorize the Mayor to contract or hire to fill the position for the code enforcer and or the zoning administrator for an amount up to $7,393.00. Carried on voice vote.

b) DPW report: Motioned by Council Member E. Starn and seconded by Council Member M. Olger to purchase 31 concrete blocks for a total of $1,186.68. Carried on voice vote. Council Member E. Starn complimented and thanked DPW for all the work they did for Carriage Days.
Acceptance of Reports: Motioned by Council Member E. Starn and seconded by Council Member M. Olger to accept the reports from the Mayor, Treasurer, Attorney, Police and DPW.

New Business

a) Carriage Days port-a-johns: Council Member E. Starn asked the board about the city sharing the cost of the port-a-johns for the Carriage Days. The total cost was $3,000.00.
Motioned by Council Member L. Perrien and seconded by Council Member M. Olger to amend the budget by increasing miscellaneous income, 101-000-642.000 by $1,500.00 and increase expenditure line, 101-733-881.00, Community Pride by $1,500.00. Carried on voice vote.
Motioned by Council Member M. Olger and seconded by Council Member M. Soliz to pay half the cost of the port-a-johns for Carriage Days. Carried on voice vote.

Adjournment: Motioned by Council Member E. Starn and seconded by Council Member L. Perrien to adjourned the meeting at 8:23 PM. Carried on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Tomasek Swan, Clerk

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The Meridian Weekly reached out to the LCBA for information on the event. As of press time no info was given.



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Father Vincent Oguejiofor Joins St. Cyril and St. Peter Parishes



As of July 1, 2026, Father Vincent Oguejiofor has been appointed Parochial Administrator at St. Cyril Parish in Bannister and St. Peter Parish in Chesaning.

He has been a priest for nine years and is looking forward to getting to know the parishioners and the communities of Bannister and Chesaning .

Welcome, Father Vincent

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History in the Making: Laingsburg All-School Reunion Set for Oct. 4







LAINGSBURG -- Look at the photos above. The different incarnations of Laingsburg High Schooll through the decades. Take a walk back through time.

The memories are priceless. Iconic.

Relive those memories, as the Laingsburg All-School Reunion, presented by the Laingsburg Alumni Legacy Association, is scheduled to return during this year's Homecoming weekend. Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 4, at the ZCBJ Hall in Owosso.

Sunday, October 4, 2026 is significant for a couple of reasons:

• That day is the final day of Homecoming Weekend, which has became a giant draw for alumni visiting the community. The annual Homecoming Golf Outing is the largest day of the calendar year at Pine Hills GC, generating upwards of 40 four-player teams.

• Sunday, October 4, 2026 gives the organizing committee, the Laingsburg Alumni Legacy Association, plenty of time to get plans finalized. The 'Z' Hall in Owosso is booked, known for it's catering services and outstanding hospitality.

The 5-year date, which has always revolved around a "decade year" (1970-1975-1980-1985-1990, etc.) was interrupted by Covid-19 in 2020. The pandemic forced the date back a year to 2021. The last All-School Reunion was held in August, 2021 in the cafetorium at LHS, with a relatively sparse turnout.

With everything back to normal, organizers are hoping to turn things around this October.

Interested in attending the 2026 All-School Reunion? Please send your email address to tomturek20032003@yahoo.com, or visit the Laingsburg HS alumni webpage at https://laingsburgalumnilegacy.squarespace.com.

Watch your email and social media outlets for more information. Have questions? Want to volunteer? Contact any Laingsburg Alumni Legacy Association member:

• Deb (Wrobel) Powell (Class of 1979): powelld1@msu.edu.

• Jen (Marsh) West (Class of 1992): jen@spiritexpressions.biz.

• Ken Walters (Class of 1964): kgwalters45@gmail.com.

• Tom Turek (Class of 1975): 517-282-1528, tomturek20032003@yahoo.com.

• Dane Nickols (Class of 1979): dcnickols@frontier.com.

• Christian Ragsdale (Class of 2013): 403 Haley Court, Laingsburg, MI 48848.

Summertime and the Livin' is...Recyclable

submitted by Ellen Link



Though we usually think of summer as a time for recreation and just plain taking it easy, we often find that we're busier than ever. Just don't forget to make time for recycling. As usual, the GLR facility will be open on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays (August 4 and 18), 4-6 p.m., and 2nd and 4th Saturdays (August 8 and 22), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Heads-up: Tuesdays tend to be especially busy.

Once again, the GLR helped make the Laingsburg Business Community Association's annual Pancake Breakfast a "zero-waste" affair and, given the vast number of pancake eaters, we'd say it was an unqualified success! As for the ongoing food scraps program at our center, our participants have kept two tons of food waste out of the landfill thus far this year! Don't chuck that food waste in the garbage—talk to us about the eco-friendly solution.

After all these years (we've been at this since 1989!) we still get new folks, some who are just discovering our existence, others—like those from Ovid—who have recently lost their old recycling site. We're here for everybody, regardless of where you live. And we've begun to get more young people volunteering, many but not all from Laingsburg's exceptional Red Thunder robotics team, which we think is fantastic! Not only do these enterprising students give us their all at recycling drives, they also collect donations for the Food Bank at every last recycling drive of the month. How's that for good news?

Another bit of good news is that the GLR has acquired two of the balers that were previously owned and used by the St. Johns Lions at their recycling site, bringing our total to four. We're hoping this will allow us to utilize our space better and maybe even make us more efficient.

For details on or questions about the long list of materials we accept, ranging from glass and plastics to electronics, books and even dental products, please visit our website (https://recyclelaingsburg.wixsite.com/mysite) or Facebook page. You can also call Terry or Ellen Link at (517) 651-2005 or Beth Lange at (517) 651-6437. We welcome your input. It will take all of us to create a sustainable future in our own backyard.













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Thank you From Elsie Public Library

Letter to the Editor:

The 2026 theme for the Elsie Public Library Reading Challenge Slogan was "Unearth a Story"

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Summer Reading Program Stars!

What a fantastic summer of reading adventures, and we want to take a moment to extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who made our Summer Reading Program a resounding success!

To Our Participants: You truly brought the magic of books to life this summer! Your enthusiasm, curiosity, and dedication turned each reading challenge into a memorable experience. We hope you enjoyed the stories and discoveries as much as we enjoyed sharing them with you.

To Our Incredible Volunteers: Your hard work and passion were the backbone of this program. From organizing events to cheering on our readers, you gave countless hours and boundless energy to ensure everything ran smoothly. Your commitment did not go unnoticed, and we are incredibly grateful for your support and dedication. We would like to show our deep appreciation with an extra special thank-you to Paula Breining, Olivia Darling, Sharon Shutes (Face Painting) and Brooke Wooley for their part in making the 2026 Summer's Reading Program a marvelous success. We would also like to thank anyone else who helped on the program this year… Lisa Stechschulte, Ellie Steinhorst, the library crew, all the parents/caregivers and siblings who pitched in to help, Pathway Home Adult Foster Care, and to all those we may have missed.

On July 15th, during the Dino-Mite Carnival we had so much fun! Together we colored dinosaur masks, bowled with Brachiosaurus, adopted dinosaurs, had a dino-egg toss, had a stegosaurus scavenger hunt, dotted a dinosaur's step, fed the dinos bean bags, dug up dinosaurs in the sensory pool, had a triceratops toss, and created a colorful community with face paint by Sharon. And the best parts were getting ice cream after the water balloon toss, and winning the T-Rex during the raffle. So many readers and learners, and we couldn't have done it without each and every one of you. Thank you for making this summer unforgettable!

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR WHEN THE PROGRAM IS "Mysteries Await at Your Library."

Just a reminder that we will be continuing themed Summer Programs with the Elsie Library/Clinton County Farm Bureau through August 12th. The last two programs are held on Wednesdays at 2:00 pm during the first two weeks of August. Come and join the fun…play games and have fresh snacks!!

AND A SPECIAL THANKS TO BLUE MOON ICE CREAM SHOP FOR HELPING US CONTINUE THE FUN DURING THE JULY-AUGUST "ICE CREAM FOR BOOKS CONTEST".

With heartfelt thanks, The Elsie Public Library.

Anchor Track Club Sends 11 Athletes to State Games of America

submitted by Clint Hawks

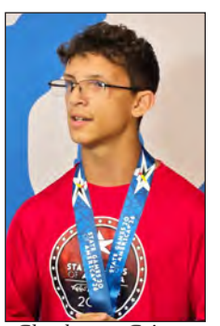
LAINGSBURG, Mich. — Anchor Track Club will be represented by 11 athletes at the 2026 State Games of America, held July 31–August 1 at Penn State University. Each athlete earned qualification by finishing in the top three of their events at the Michigan (Meijer) State Games on June 27 at East Kentwood High School in Grand Rapids.



Back row: Derek Porubsky, Trenton Duchene, Gavin Kludt, Charleston Crisp, Grey Seguin. Front row: Olivia Roseberry, Maisie Zacharda, Edie Zacharda, Eve Guenther, Samantha Magyar (Leah Schneider not pictured).

Qualified Athletes and Events

- Edie Zacharda (Laingsburg) — 100m hurdles, 300m hurdles, 4x100m relay
- Maisie Zacharda (Laingsburg) — 100m hurdles, 200m hurdles, 4x100m relay
- Leah Schneider (Perry) — 300m hurdles
- Samantha Magyar (Laingsburg) — 100m dash, 4x100m relay
- Eve Guenther (Laingsburg) — 4x100m relay
- Olivia Roseberry (Perry) — 800m, 1600m, 3200m
- Charleston Crisp (Laingsburg) — 4x100m relay, pole vault
- Derek Porubsky (Laingsburg) — 400m hurdles, pole vault, high jump, triple jump
- Grey Seguin (Laingsburg) — 100m dash, 200m dash, 4x100m relay
- Trenton Duchene (Perry) — 100m dash, 200m dash, 4x100m relay
- Gavin Kludt (Perry) — 100m dash, 200m dash, 4x100m relay



Charleston Crisp

Additionally, Andy Brown, Anchor Track Club's pole vault coach, qualified in pole vault.

Top-three finishers at the State Games of America will earn national medals. Anchor Track Club already has one champion: Charleston Crisp, who captured gold in the 15–17 black belt forms (poomsae) division in Taekwondo.

Anchor Track Club competes during both summer and winter indoor seasons. The program is led by head coach Clint Hawks of Laingsburg, with Andy Brown coaching the pole vault group. More information is available at facebook.com/AnchorTrackClub.

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Tyler Knickerbocker, an unmarried man
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Center, LLC
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None
Date of Mortgage: September 29, 2022
Date of Mortgage Recording: October 3, 2022
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $131,514.31
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Dewitt, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Beginning at the center of Section 22, T5N, R2W, Dewitt Township, Clinton County, Michigan, thence East on the East-West 1/4 line 193 feet, thence South 132 feet, thence West 193 feet, thence North 132 feet to the point of beginning.
Common street address (if any): 14509 Boichot Rd, Lansing, MI 48906-1095
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).
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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: August 2, 2026
Trott Law, P.C.
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Farmington Hills, MI 48334
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Editorial



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Last Saturday, Diane and Brent gave me a birthday party. It was phenomenal, and I enjoyed myself thoroughly. I got a beautiful crown and an angel food cake with pistachio pudding/whipped cream frosting. I even had a throne with an amazing walking stick which has come in handy already. Mostly I got to spend time with my closest friends and family members. Diane served smoked pork sandwiches, potato salad, Dena brought her taco salad, Connie made her marinated veggie salad, and I believe that there were a couple of pasta salads. And also some meatballs served in salsa. I just had to change the water on my bouquet which is huge and gorgeous. Pictures were taken of the spread and of me holding the crown on my head as I blew out the candles on my cake. There was only space enough for half of the required candles, yup it was a small blaze. I spent the afternoon visiting with friends and laughing at the antics of my great grandchildren. Toddlers are a lot of fun. Three year old Vanessa kept bringing me gifts from the gift table and was disappointed several times because I kept sending them back. She was ecstatic when I finally began unwrapping the gifts. I now need to put together a shadowbox of memorabilia from my party.

I was tired when I left because I had already done the Farmer's Market in St Johns and didn't get home until nearly two. I had Zella and Theresa come from north of the Flint area to spend the morning with me. They brought me coffee and visited while I took care of our customers. The weather was comfortable with a light breeze and I had quickly done my veggie shopping before eight.

One of my good friends spent the night with me, then put her amazing skill set into use on Sunday. My bathroom sink was repaired, and the pump on my mattress was rewired. Sandy walked the perimeter of my property and then offered to remove the limb that had come down in the wind from the willow tree. I have a few ripe tomatoes, some Persian cucumbers and a garden to water. Yup and more weeds to pull.

To be honest it was delightful to be the center of attention filled with laughter and love. May God bless them all.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 a.m. on September 2, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. DEFAULT having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made on December 2, 2014, by Kareem Everett, a single man, given by him to Michigan State University Federal Credit Union, of 3777 West Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, as Mortgagee, and recorded on December 11, 2014, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Clinton County, in Instrument Number 5222408; on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid, as of the date of this Notice, the sum of Eighty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Five and 76/100 Dollars ($87,575.76); and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by said Mortgage, and the power of sale in said Mortgage having become operative by reason of such default; NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, September 2, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at the South entrance to the Clinton County Courthouse, 100 E. State Street (M21), St. Johns, Michigan, that being one of the places for holding the Circuit Court for Clinton County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or venue for purposes of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Mortgage, together with all allowable costs of sale and includable attorney fees, the lands and premises in said Mortgage mentioned and described as follows: SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BATH, COUNTY OF CLINTON, STATE OF MICHIGAN: Lots 11, 12 and 13, Supervisor's Plat Number 1, of a part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Town 5 North, Range 1 West, Bath Township, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 14, Clinton County Records, ALSO, a part of Outlot C of said Supervisor's Plat Number 1, Bath Township, described as beginning at the/ Southeast Corner of Lot 11, Supervisor's Plat Number 1, running thence West 30.6 feet thence South 300.2 feet, thence East 30.6 feet, thence North 300.2 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Also, Lot 31, Culver's Plat Number 1, a plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 4, Clinton County Records. AND That part of Lot 30, Culver's Plat Number 1, Bath Township, Clinton County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot 30, thence Northwesterly along the Northerly lot line to the Northwest corner of said lot, thence Southwesterly along the Westerly lot line to the point of intersection thereon, thence Southwesterly to a point on the Easterly lot line which is 34 feet Southerly along the Easterly lot line from the Northeast corner of Lot 30, thence Northerly along the Easterly lot line 34 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as: 15793 Culver Drive, East Lansing, Michigan 48823 Tax Parcel Numbers: 010-160-000-030-01; 010-160-000-031-00; 010-380-000-011-00 and 010-380-000-135-00 The period within which the above premises may be redeemed shall expire six (6) months from the date of sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with M.C.L.A. Sec. 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the time of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector. Dated: July 27, 2026 MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION of East Lansing, Michigan, Mortgagee FOSTER, SWIFT, COLLINS & SMITH, P.C. Benjamin J. Price Attorneys for Mortgagee 313 S. Washington Square Lansing, MI 48933 (517) 371-8253

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MDARD and Michigan Youth Livestock Scholarship Fund Announce 2026 Award Winners

submitted by Nate Peeters

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) and the Michigan Youth Livestock Scholarship Fund (MYLSF) today announced the recipients of the 2026 Michigan Youth Livestock Scholarships.

This year, the fund disbursed $60,250 of scholarships to 41 Michigan students:

Local Mid-Michigan

$2,000 scholarship – Dalton Birchmeier of Shiawassee County

$2,000 scholarship – Paityn Chant of Clinton County

$1,000 scholarship – Natalie Bounds of Clinton County

$1,000 scholarship – Olivia Birchmeier of Shiawassee County

$500 scholarship – Barett Yoho of Shiawassee County

To determine scholarship amounts, reviewers evaluate each student applicant's academic achievements, extracurricular activities, performance at livestock exhibitions and potential to impact the agriculture industry.

The MYLSF awards are funded by proceeds from the annual Michigan Livestock Expo "Sale-a-bration." This year's Sale-a-bration was held July 14 at the Michigan State University Pavilion in East Lansing and raised a record $327,250 for the MYLSF.

For more information about scholarship opportunities, visit the MYLSF webpage.

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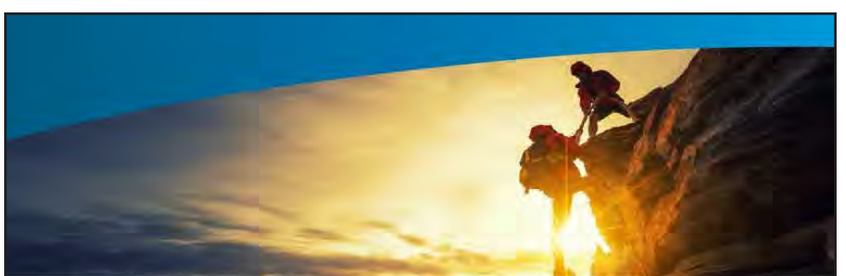
MINT FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

FRIDAY: AUGUST 7
8:30am; Tennis Tourn SJHS
1-3pm: Senior Citzens Activities at the Rotary
EVENTS - PAVILION
2-8pm: Craft Show & Food Trucks
2-8pm: Ice Cream & Souvenir at Train Depot
2-6:30pm: Kids Zone at Briggs Library
2-8pm: Retro Arcade at Train Depot
EVENTS - STAGE AT THE SILOS
2-5pm: School of Rock
6-8pm: Roadside Attraction
8-11pm: DJ Dance Party
Photo Booth available 6-11pm

SATURDAY: AUGUST 8
8am: Basketball Tourn SJHS/SJMS
8:30am: Tennis Tourn SJHS
10am: Parade - Clinton Ave.
10am-8pm: Craft Show & Food Trucks
10am-8pm:Ice Cream & Souvenir at Train Depot
12-4pm: Car Show along Clinton Ave.
12-7pm Kids Zone at Briggs Library
12-8pm: Retro Arcade at Train Depot
7:30-11pm: UAW Hall - Sober Party hosted by Recovery Worx
EVENTS - STAGE AT THE SILOS
Bingo hosted by VFW
1st Game - Registration 12pm, Play: 1-3:30pm
2nd Game - Registration 4pm, Play: 5-7:30pm
8-11pm: Bachelor's Since Breakfast
Photo Booth available 7-11pm

SUNDAY: AUGUST 9
8am: Basketball Tourn SJHS/SJMS
8-10am: Breakfast fundraiser at the American Legion
10am-2pm: Craft Show & Food Trucks
10am-2pm: Ice Cream & Souvenir at Train Depot
10am-2pm Retro Arcade at Train Depot
EVENTS - STAGE AT THE SILOS:
10am- Church Service

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