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Ovid Carriage Days Parade Marshals

When it comes to community and service, these two ladies know all about it. Suzanne Grubaugh has been serving up good ole fashioned home cooked food at Country Kitchen in Ovid since taking over for her Mom, Mary Gallagher in 1990. Deb Price has served up the local news thru the Meridian Weekly since 1991. Both ladies are committed to community and willing to volunteer when needed.



Deb Price and Suzanne Grubaugh

Suzanne, a lifelong Ovid resident graduated from Fulkton High School in 1980. When it comes to cooking, she learned from the best, her Mom. Suzanne knows her way around a kitchen. She heads up the annual Community Thanksgiving dinner held at the Lions/VFW Hall every year. She and her daughter Chara, who joined the Country Kitchen staff in 2010 along with Randy Elwood, Suzanne's life partner prepare the meal and community members provide a variety of desserts. From catering to donating delicious food, if there is a need, Suzanne is always there to help, she is a quiet doer.

Deb, a 1970 graduate of Ovid-Elsie and Publisher of the Meridian Weekly got her first taste of Journalism in Mrs. Boone's class. She started working in the newspaper business for Bill Sloat at the Maple River News in 1980. Her next step was with the Owosso Argus Press until starting up The Weekly with partner, Tom Turek in 1991.

Both ladies are active members in the Ovid community. Deb has served on the Carriage Days Committee for decades." I have worked with so many great community members over the years, Harold Goodrich, Charlie Moore and Ray Medina family, just to name a few. When you say yes to volunteering it can be so rewarding. The people you get to interact with is good for the soul."

When the two aren't volunteering, Suzanne, enjoys a trip to the casino, loves to fish and enjoys spending time with her two year old grandson, Cayden. For Deb, she enjoys time in the kitchen, cooking for her family on Sundays, an occasional trip to the casino and golfing with her grandson Beau on the golf course every Monday night.

Both ladies were appreciative of being named parade marshals but are most comfortable behind the scenes. They will be riding in the parade on Saturday, July 11th at 11am in a beautiful carriage pulled by their team of draft horses from PJ's Percherons owned by Paul & Jato Davis. *See pages 8-12 & 16 for Festival Information.*



Rusti and Mark Barette, owners of Ovid Auto Parts

Ovid Auto Parts Celebrates 50 Years

by Deb Price

In 1976, Harold Barette opened Ovid Auto Parts in the former Judy's Diner location on M-21 in Ovid. The store was stocked with auto parts from distributors in Lansing, Flint and Grand Rapids. In 1979, Harold added gas pumps and began selling gasoline until the end of 1987. In 1984, he sold the business to his two sons, Mark and Paul.



Ovid Auto Parts float in the 1976 Carriage Days Parade

Today, the business is run by Ovid resident, Mark Barrette. "A lot has changed over the years in the automotive business, especially with all the new cars and trucks. I can get parts for nearly all the older vehicles, although not as many people work on their own vehicles anymore," explained Barette. Ovid Auto Parts also sells tires, bait and tackle.

Mark and his wife, Rusti, who retired from O-E Schools, at Leonard Elementary School in 2023 have two children, a son, Aaron and a daughter, Kasi who both live in Owosso.

The Barette's would like to thank all who have supported them over the years in the Ovid and surrounding communities. Mark your calendar as Ovid Auto Parts will be hosting an Anniversary, Customer Appreciation event on Tuesday, July 14th from 11am-2pm at 9701 W. M-21 in Ovid. Stop in and say hello and enjoy some free refreshments. Congratulations on 50 years and thank you for your businesses contribution to the community.

The Clarkson's Playing Music For 46 Years

by Deb Price

Jack Clarkson sat down with me and reflected on his 46 years playing music in Ovid and Ovid's role in his career. "When I was an emergency doc in St Johns in 1980, the Ovid ambulance crew was a joy to work with. We did fire and ambulance street dances in front of the VFW hall," he explained. Local businessman, Pete Boyer hired the band regularly to play at the Main Bar, it was "pre" vcr and cable tv, the place was packed on Fridays and Saturdays.

The building next to the Main Bar housed a doctors office in the front and in the rear of the building, a dance hall. In 1988, Pete called Tess, a family physician and said the docs were vacating the building and did she know any doctors that want to move in. 24 hours later, Jack & Tess said "YES" and with the help of Hugh Withum, Memorial Hos-

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submitted by Lori Johnson

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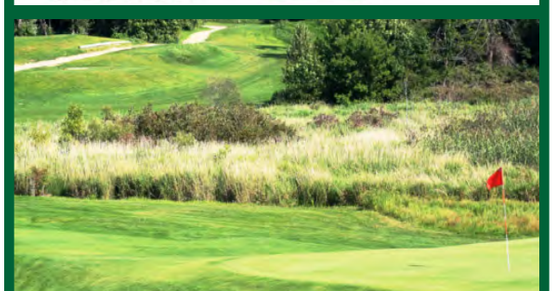
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Elsie Library Adventures

submitted by Ann Trierweiler

Welcome back to the Elsie Public Library! Have you come in and checked out YOUR local library? We are still here, and since the library cards are good for five years, I imagine you may need to renew your card or fill out a new card. There is so much we have to offer: thousands of books and videos, audio and e-books, different age group activities, book club, reading challenges and programs, magazines, board games, card games, computers, a desktop magnifier, blood pressure cuffs, cakepans and many puzzles. Best of all, we have amazing patrons! Come on in and check it out!

Summer is here, and everything is so very green. I am always intrigued with the colors of summer. Maybe I should borrow an art book and give it a go. Michigan has so much beauty!

Our summer reading program and reading challenge are coming close to ending. The reading challenge goes through the 18th of July. Our reading program ends on the 15th of July with a carnival!

Don't quit bringing the children on Wednesdays, because the Clinton County Farm Bureau will be bringing a new program at the same time on Wednesdays, through August 12th. They did a great job last year! The bureau sends the readers, books, snacks and crafts. All you do is bring your children for very well taught, practical learning. The theme is also "Unearth a Story."

Ice Cream for Books begins on the 27th of July. Thank you to Ovid's "The Blue Moon Ice Cream Shop," for contributing to our library to help encourage our patrons to read, read, read! There are eighty coupons for a free cone. Read a book, pick a winning number, get a cone coupon… ongoing until the coupons are gone.

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

All Class Ashleyite Reunion

submitted by Karen Follett

Ashley Grads.....The all-class Ashleyite reunion is coming up on Sunday, July 12, 12 noon - 3 pm. The gathering includes a potluck meal at 12:45, a short meeting & lots of visiting. Drinks will be included but please bring your own table service. The event will again be held at the community center on Sterling St. In Ashley. Questions? Contact Karen at 989-331-1492.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Michigan Self-Service Storage Facility Act (MCL 570.525), Jim's Lockers, located at 7061 N US 27, St. Johns, MI, 48879 will sell at public auction the personal property stored in the following units to satisfy an owner's lien.
The sale will take close on 7/11/2026 at 11:00 AM online at StorageTreasures.com.

Units to be sold:

Unit #44: Zoe Mikel Foster – TV, Speakers, Gun case, sports clothes, camo case
Unit #54: Daniel Shane Young – General inventory, e.g., Household goods, boxes, TV
Unit #50: Ashley Grinnell – Air compressor, fishing poles, guns, misc. items
Unit #60: Ashley Grinnell – Bogs boots, dresser, furniture, misc. Items, dog crate

Terms of Sale: All sales are final and sold "as-is" to the highest bidder. Payment terms are subject to the online auction platform rules (Cash/Credit). Purchased goods must be completely removed within 48 hours of the auction's close. Jim's Lockers reserves the right to withdraw any unit from the sale or cancel the auction at any time prior to the close of bidding.

Save The Date - Laingsburg Library Summerfest

by Lori Johnson

The Friends of the Laingsburg Public Library invite you to a FREE, fun-filled Open House at the Laingsburg Library on July 25 at 11:00 a.m.

Bring the whole family for an exciting performance and interactive activities with BubblesRFun, face painting, children's gift bags, and hot dogs.

There's something for everyone to enjoy!

We hope you'll join us for this special community event!

Memorial Healthcare to Host Free Lunch and Learn on "Seasonal Allergies"

submitted by Dianna Vsetula

Owosso – Memorial Healthcare will be hosting a FREE community Lunch and Learn presentation on Friday, July 24th from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm in Owosso.

The topic of this educational presentation will be on "Seasonal Allergies" and will be presented by Dr. Jeffrey Kepes from Memorial Healthcare Allergy & Immunology.

This presentation will be held at Memorial Healthcare's Auditorium, 826 W. King Street, Owosso. Please RSVP to Dianna Vsetula, Social Media & Marketing Coordinator at (989) 729-4619 or by email at DVsetula@memorialhealthcare.org. RSVPs are due by Friday, July 17, 2026.

For more information please visit, www.MemorialHealthcare.org

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Djangophonique to Perform in Upcoming St. Johns Concert

submitted by Bill Tennant



Who is Djangophonique? What is this Monouche Jazz they play? Djangophonique is an award-winning musical group out of Ann Arbor that delivers the infectious joy, and expressive freedom that is the heart of the monouche movement. The group has built a great reputation throughout the Midwest playing monouche style jazz, sometimes referred to as Gypsy Jazz. A lot of people in St Johns and mid-Michigan love the group having heard them play in the area several times before.

Manouche Jazz is a vibrant, acoustic style of jazz pioneered in the 1930s Paris by the legendary Romani guitarist Django Reinhardt and French violinist Stephan Grappelli. Characterized by driving, percussive rhythms, rapid arpeggios, and virtuosic improvisation, it uniquely blends American swing with European folk and Romani musical traditions. The result is a sound that's unmistakable to fans of the music, and alluring to the uninitiated - a sound that can bring lively energy to a buzzing festival audience with the aching nostalgia of a shimmering ballad.

"This is one of the most unique fun groups we've ever presented on our summer series," says Bill Tennant, concert series coordinator. "You'll be hearing a lot of jazz standards from the 1920a and 1930s, including some wonderful ballads sung exquisitely by Katie Lynne as well as some newer tunes in the Manouche style. This is an amazing group of professional musicians that are much in demand."

One of the criteria of the Concerts in the Park committee is to create a diversified schedule, bringing in a variety of different performers each summer to give the listeners a chance to occasionally experience some new and different sounds. Audiences will hear everything from tribute bands, to country, to jazz, to blues, to rock, to bluegrass, to pops, to a traditional concert band each year.

Djangophonique is led by guitar player Andrew Brown, a true disciple of the style. Other members of the group include the amazing artistry of Grant Flick on violin, David Bendena on rhythm guitar, Dave Stearns on upright bass, and singer Katie Lynne, who's soulful approach channels the mystery and appeal of an unplaceable era.

The Concert in the Park series is co-sponsored by the Clinton County Arts Council and the City of St. Johns. There are 11 other businesses and organizations who are special season sponsors this year. "We are highlighting the 'Friends of Djangophonique' for their sponsorship at this concert," says Tennant. "Djangophonique has a big following here in Mid-Michigan and we are grateful to this group of friends for their support of this year's concert series."

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. We do pass the buckets at intermission.

So, set your GPS to 801 W Park St, and enjoy an evening of music as we celebrate our country's 250th birthday! The CCAC receives funding from the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Vacation Bible School

submitted by Sue Casler

At Rainforest Falls, kids explore the nature of God—discovering who God is and how much he loves them! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible Adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies, and test out sciency-fun experiments they'll never forget. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with a Canopy Closing that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned.

Plan to Join Us!! United Church of Ovid, 131 W. Front St. Week of July 13 – July 17. 9am-12noon (registration 8:45 am). Ages 3 (toilet trained) – entering 6th grade

If you would like to pre-register or for more information contact The United Church of Ovid, at 989-834-5958, office hours are Monday. thru Thursday. from 9am – 12noon.

Middlebury Township
Notice of Public Accuracy Test of Voting Equipment

To the qualified electors of the Middlebury Township, Shiawassee County, State of Michigan: Notice is hereby given that a Public Accuracy Test for the electronic equipment that will be used in Precinct 1 for the August 4, 2026 Election.

Testing is scheduled for Monday, July 27, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. at the Township Hall at 7627 E. M-21.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Michigan electronic law.

Notice of Election - August 4, 2026 from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Notice of Clerks Hours for Voter Registration
Middlebury Township, 7627 W. M-21, Ovid
Saturday, August 1st - 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Regular Hours: By Appointment

Jamie Aldrich, Clerk Middlebury Township

PUBLIC NOTICE
VICTOR TOWNSHIP

PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST OF OPTICAL SCAN VOTING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that Victor Township will hold a Public Accuracy Test of the optical scan voting systems to be used on August 4, 2026, Primary Election

On July 15, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.
Victor Township Hall Board Room
6843 E. Alward Road
Laingsburg, MI 48848

This test is being conducted as required by Michigan law (MCL168.798) to demonstrate to the public that votes cast will be accurately counted for all offices and on all proposals.

Lianne Prange
Victor Township Clerk
(517)651-1760

Duplain Township

Notice is hereby given that the Public Accuracy Test of the Electronic Tabulating Equipment will be held Monday, July 20, 2026, 1 pm, Duplain Township Hall, 145 W Main Street, Elsie, MI. The purpose is to demonstrate to the public that the votes cast will be accurately counted in accordance with MCL168.798.

Dawn D Levey
Duplain Township Clerk
517-927-6258
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CITY OF OVID
NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINE
NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that candidate filing packets are available from the Office of the City Clerk, City of Ovid, 114 E. Front Street, Ovid, Michigan, for individuals seeking election at the November 3, 2026 General Election for the following offices:

- Three (3) City Council Members – Four-Year Terms
- Nine (9) Charter Commission Members – Three-Year Terms

Nominating petitions, affidavits of identity, and all other required filing documents must be filed with the City Clerk no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21, 2026. Late filings cannot be accepted.

Candidate packets may be obtained during regular business hours at the City Clerk's Office, 114 E. Front Street, Ovid, Michigan 48866.
Questions regarding candidate filing requirements may be directed to the City Clerk's Office at (989) 834-5550.

Dated: June 30, 2026

Susan Tomasek Swan
City Clerk
City of Ovid

SCIOTA TOWNSHIP
ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING and
OPTICAL SCAN SYSTEM & AUTO-MARK MACHINE
PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Sciota Township will hold a public Election Commission Meeting and test of the Optical Scan Voting system and Auto-Mark Machine to be used in the August 4, 2026, election on:

MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026
Election Commission Meeting begins at 6:45 p.m.
THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026
Optical Scan Testing & Auto-Mark begins at 4:00 p.m.

HELD AT: SCIOTA TOWNSHIP HALL
3990 Leland Road
Laingsburg, MI 48848

This test is being conducted as required by Michigan law (MCL168.798) to demonstrate to the public that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of law. Contact the clerk for accessible accommodations 5 days prior to the meeting.

Jamie Parker-Wing
Sciota Township Clerk
(517) 651-5286

Softball Postseason Awards Roll in for Lady Wolfpack

LAINGSBURG -- The postseason awards have rolled in for the Wolfpack's outstanding softball team.

Jeff Cheadle's Wolves, which were in the top 10 all year, boasted two honorable mention All-State selections in MHSAA Division 3 — shortstop Bella Latuszek and catcher Harper Strouse, both seniors.

In team voting, Team Awards, Strouse was selected as Most Valuable Player, MaKenna Johnston as Most Improved, and Latuszek took home the Wolfpack Award.

Latuszek, who is signed to play at Lansing Community College, was second in the area with 61 RBIs to go along with a .467 batting average and three home runs.

Strouse, who will play for Madonna University, hit .486 with eight homers and 44 RBIs. The senior catcher struck out just 23 times with an OBP of .536, including five triples.

Johnston, a multi-year mainstay in the outfield, drilled a .353 average as one of the team's top run producers with 25 RBI. Her 24 hits included 7 doubles.

Savvy Stirm, rock solid for multiple seasons at first base, led the club with 44 runs scored. She batted .297 with 11 walks and a paltry 7 whiffs on the entire season.

Alayna Merrell, a two-year starter at 2nd base as an underclassman, compiled a .379 BA with 14 stolen bases, 17 runs batted in and as many walks as strikeouts -- 11.

JuJu Latuszek, a sophomore in her second year on the varsity, led the Wolfpack with 19 walks to just 14 strikeouts. She hit .359 with 25 RBI and 6 base swipes.

The pitching staff was led by the 1-2 punch of Peyton Stahr and Skylar Stiff. Stahr fired 106 2/3 innings, compiling a record of 14-3 with 95 strikeouts, 19 walks and a ERA of 2.55. Stiff went 11-6 with a 4.29 ERA, incluidng a team-high 102 Ks with 51 walks.

Stiff hit .427 with 28 RBI along with her 44 hits. She was second on the team with 13 doubles.

Stahr slugged a .327 average with 24 RBI in support of her pitching duties.

Addison Westfall, just a sophomore, broke into the varsity ranks impressively, drilling 44 hits for a .500 average and leading the Wolfpack with 18 stolen bases. She was also a standout in centerfield, keeping the Wolves in several games down the stretch with impressive catches, using her speed to cover a lot of ground.

The complete list of postseason plaudits for the 2026 Wolves:

ALL-CENTRAL MICHIGAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

Harper Strouse - 1st Team, HM All-State, All District, All Region, Academic All-State.

Bella Latuszek. - 1st Team, HM All-State, All District, All Region, Academic All-State.

Peyton Stahr. - 1st Team, Academic All-State.

Skylar Stiff - 2nd Team, Academic All-State.

Savvy Stirm - 2nd Team, Academic All-State.

Ju Ju Latuszek - 2nd Team, All District, All Region.

Alayna Merrell - HM, All District, All Region.

Addison Westfall - HM, All District, All Region.

Makenna Johnston - Acaemic All-State.

"Our seniors had a great career in softball; won two District titles, two Regional titles and made it to the Final Four," explained Cheadle, who concluded an 18-8 season in a 8-1 victory over Pewamo-Westphalia in the District semifinals. "I can't say enough about the dedication and willingness to get better every day. They were 119-33 over the past 4 years.

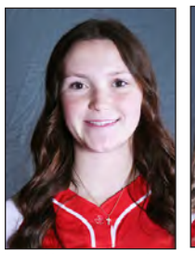
"They definitely made a lasting impression on me and the Laingsburg community. I will miss this group of young ladies. I'm s ad to see it come to an end but they are moving on to bigger and greater things."

Cheadle, whose career began in 1987 at Lansing Eastern, now stands 970-460 (.679) for his career as he closes in on his 1,000th coaching victory.

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Harper Strouse



Bella Latuszek



Peyton Stahr



Skylar Stiff



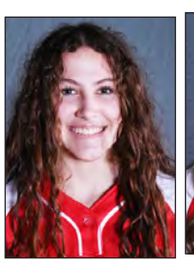
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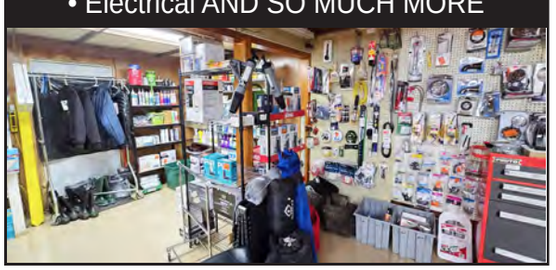
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Michigan State Senate District 28 Primary Candidate Ted J. Kilvington Announces Campaign Leadership Team

submitted by Brandon Loy

Williamston - Candidate Ted J. Kilvington is excited to announce his new campaign leadership team! An Air Force veteran and former state employee with two decades of service with the Michigan State Police, Ted Kilvington is running in an open primary for the Michigan State Senate District 28. The district covers most of Clinton County, most of Shiawassee County, and the East Lansing, Okemos, Haslett, and Williamston areas in Ingham County. His campaign officially announces the hiring of Brandon Loy as Campaign Manager and Daffne Ruby as Campaign Director on Monday, June 1st. Brandon and Daffne will steer the campaign through the upcoming August 4th primary election.



Ted J. Kilvington

Brandon Loy brings years of experience in political organizing and community outreach on initiatives such as Michiganders for Money Out of Politics. He will oversee the high-level strategic operations of the campaign, communications with community leaders, and other campaign needs. Daffne Ruby offers years of real-world efforts in volunteer recruitment and fundraising for groups such as Farmworker Student Services. She will focus on grassroots voter mobilization, fundraising, and social media development.

Together, Brandon and Daffne will ensure that Ted Kilvington's message of public service and community-focused policy reaches every corner of District 28. The campaign is currently entering a high-engagement phase, with several key community events scheduled, including the East Lansing PRIDE event, the Elsie Dairy Festival, the Senate District 28 candidates forum held in Owosso as part of the Shiawassee County Democratic Party's June meeting, and a major candidate affordability forum hosted by SEIU 517M and the NAACP on June 29th.

"I am thrilled to have Daffne and Brandon join my effort to serve the people of Mid-Michigan by bringing years of public service experience to the campaign trail as we fight for affordability for residents over corporate interests!" Voters can learn more about Ted and his priorities at ted.kilvington@tjk4michigan.com. Ted asks for your vote in the Democratic primary election on or before August 4th.

United Church of Ovid Free Food Items

submitted by Sue Casler

UCO Bus Stop food distribution is a new mission. There is a need for children who receive free breakfast and lunch during the school year, but when school is not in session, kids may be missing these meals. On Wednesdays during the Summer Break from school, families may come to the United Church of Ovid parking lot (corner of Gratiot and Clinton streets) at 3:00 pm and we will provide 5 days' worth of packaged breakfast/lunch food items to each child while supplies last.



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Elsie Lions Club American Red Cross Blood Drive

submitted by Doug Sturgis

Donate blood with the American Red Cross and receive a ticket to a Cedar Fair theme park of your choice. Between June 29 - July 12, you may also receive a Red Cross Looney Tunes T-shirt!

The Elsie Lions Club is joining with American Red Cross, hosting a community blood drive on July 6, 2026 from 12:00 to 4:45 at the Elsie United Methodist Church in Elsie.

For more information on how to make an appointment to donate, sign up online at redcrossblood.org with sponsor code "Elsie" or call 517-256-4585

The Elsie Lions Club is committed to strengthening our community and helping meet hospital and patient needs through blood donations, said Lion Douglas Sturgis. "This blood drive is our way of giving staff, colleagues and neighbors an opportunity to help save lives."

Blood is a perishable product that can only come from volunteer blood donors. With someone in the U.S. needing blood every two seconds, blood products must be constantly replenished, according to the Red Cross.

"We urge community members to donate blood and help ensure that patients in local hospitals have a supply of blood ready and waiting before an emergency occurs. There's no better feeling than knowing that your blood donation may give someone a second chance at life."

The Elsie event continues to be a popular choice for donors in the area. Schedule today, don't miss this opportunity to make a difference. Throughout the (2026) year, several other events are already planned to provide you with the opportunity to donate regularly to the American Red Cross.

According to the Red Cross, donors with all blood types are needed, especially those with types O negative, A negative and B negative.



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Sinnaeve Aces Hole #10 at Laingsburg's Pine Hills GC



LAINGSBURG -- Congratulations are going out from Pine Hills Golf Course to Isaiah Sinnaeve on a hole-in-one.

The ace came on on hole #10, from 145 yards out with a Nike 7 iron and a TaylorMade golf ball. The Dansville golfer's shot was witnessed by Grant, Mason, and his playing partner.

"A hole-in-one is one of golf's greatest achievements, and this shot is one Isaiah will never forget," Pine Hills management explained. "Please join us in congratulating him on this amazing accomplishment."



Obituaries

Donald Dean Bendt



Donald Dean Bendt of Elsie, MI, formerly of Ovid, passed away June 29, 2026 surrounded by his family.

Don was born on November 2, 1940 in St. Johns, Michigan to Henry and Agnes (Schmidt) Bendt. He married Ann Horsley on December 23, 1960 at the Galilee Baptist Church in Saranac, Michigan. They moved to Ovid from St. Johns in 1965 where they raised their family. In 2000 they moved to a farm in Elsie.

Don enjoyed his bowling league of many years at the former Tri Ami Bowl in Ovid. He retired from MMPA in 2006. He also enjoyed helping his wife with raising calves for his son-in-law and daughter and spending time with his family.

Don is survived by his daughter, Donna (Cayle) Reha of Elsie and son Dean and Nicole Bendt of Ovid. 2 grandsons, CJ and Mikki Reha of Elsie and Kirtis and Nicole Reha of Elsie. 2 granddaughters, Rebecca (Jelko) Bendt of Copenhagen, Denmark and Isabel Bendt of Hannover, Germany. 3 great grandsons, Lincoln Reha, Harvey Reha and Viljar Mensch. He is also survived by his sisters-in-law June and Dwight Seiler, Susan McRobers, Lynn Osborn, Jane and Ken Jack and Robin and Jay Barnhardt. Brothers-in-law, Keith and Marian Horsely, Kevin and Sue Horsley and Terry Horsley. He's also survived by many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Ann in 2008, brothers Henry "Bud" Bendt, Eldon "Mike" and his wife Judy Bendt, sister Dorothy and husband Rex Smock, brother in laws Michael Horsley, Jerry Osborne and Charlie McRoberts, niece Bonnie (Bendt) Zeigler and nephew Mike (Mickie) Bendt.

A Funeral Service was held at McGeehan Funeral Home, Keck-Coleman Chapel, 1500 Waterford Pkwy, St. Johns, on Wednesday, July 1, 2026. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to a charity of your choice.

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Editorial



Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn
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"Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things- and the things that are not- to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him."

1 Corinthians 1:26-29

Have you ever heard of Donald Gray Barnhouse? How about Fulton Oursler?

The former was one who preached the Gospel on the radio, the other wrote a book about Jesus.

One day, an excellent dancer and teacher for the Arthur Murray dance school listened to Barnhouse on the radio, then some time after that read a book by Oursler and came to faith in Christ.

This person was D. James Kennedy, who founded the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. A church that in the 1980's had a membership of around 10,000 people. He also founded Evangelism Explosion and Truths that Transform among other works.

Here's another one- you've heard of Billy Graham, but have you heard of Mordecai Ham? He was an evangelist whose preaching of the Gospel led to the conversion of Billy Graham.

Barnhouse, Ourlser, Ham. Not exactly household names, but God used them greatly.

God doesn't need big names to get His work done. He can and will use "ordinary" people like you and me to do His work. You may not become a household name, but God knows of your work for Him.

Editorial



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
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Michigan by the Numbers

The Weekly Sportsman thought readers might be interested in where Michigan ranks among other states when it comes to hunting, fishing, and firearms ownership. Michigan is a prime whitetail deer hunting state and consistently ranks third for number harvested each year which has been hovering around 300,000 deer annually. While that is great for hunting, the flipside with having such a large deer population is the increased chances of deer/car collisions which is why Michigan ranks fourth in the nation for deer/car collisions. This means drivers have a 1 in 61 chance of hitting a deer which is quite higher than the national average of 1 in 139. The number one state is West Virginia with a 1 in 40 chance, however, the Weekly Sportsman has never witnessed any road kill along the shoulder of the road when visiting that state. As far as hunters, Michigan's is ranked sixth in the nation with 6.4% or roughly 640,000 of the state's population. While probably all hunters own guns not all gun owners hunt and roughly forty percent of Michigan's population owns guns giving Michigan a thirty eighth ranking among all states. Michigan is in the middle of the pack when it comes to (Concealed Pistol License) holders as about 10% of all eligible Michigan residents currently hold a valid CPL.

In terms of small game, Michigan is in the top five for both woodchucks and squirrels but not rabbits and snowshoe hares. Is Michigan number one in anything? Yes, black squirrels and a woodcock harvest of over 50,000 birds.

-WS



Have a Question for Andy?

Submit them to:
ask_andy@aol.com

You can also mail or drop questions off to: Meridian Weekly P.O. Box 11, Ovid, MI 48866

Dear Andy,

I have been retired for 5 years. I often wonder how I ever had time to work. My schedule is always full. I volunteer in my community; I feel fulfilled and happy about my activities. People are always asking me to do something, and I do not know how to say 'NO.' I always say, "NO PROBLEM" or "SURE." And, sometimes I still get complaints. I feel like saying, 'Do it yourself, then!' But that is not in my nature. My husband says, "Just say NO." How do I say no? Sometimes, I would just rather not and I am not getting any younger. Overwhelmed

Dear Overwhelmed,

You're not alone. It happens more often than you think to many of us. I recommend you make a list. A TO-DO list of your own interests and obligations. A TO-LIST of other's requests (weed those requests one at a time) and skip the bucket list…for now, make your own JOY list. Only put down what makes you happy to do. It might want to do nothing, or read or go fishing or a movie.

As for critics, take it as a suggestion. Remember, "You can't make everyone happy, you're not a taco." Tell them that quote. People who are good at delegating often do not know when or how to stop asking. To say NO, you must give only one reason. For example, I cannot right now, 'my red cape is in the laundry' and that will give you time to do your own laundry.

There are so many ways to be generous to others without a lot of your time. Always compliment others… 'your hair looks great today', 'what a great looking shirt', 'that's a great color for you'. or try small acts of kindness, pull a chair out, give someone a glass of water at church, or pick up a piece of trash someone dropped, walking in front of you. Wave to your neighbors.

You're a wonderful person; but be wonderful to yourself first. YOU deserve it. Then you can be there for others when have time and your life is not overwhelmed.

I could and will give more great suggestions in another column or in answering your questions and Delima's. Write to me today and see your answers in print. What I do not know, I will find out! Askandyforadvice@gmail.com or ask_andy@aol.com

Letter to the Editor

It has been a few months since the Elsie Area Fire Department moved into our new home, and what a journey it has been. During this time, we have appointed a new Fire Chief, added two new Lieutenants, welcomed several new firefighters and rescue personnel to our ranks, and celebrated the careers of a few long-serving members as they entered retirement.

Through all of these changes, our mission remains the same: providing the highest level of fire, rescue, and emergency services to the communities we proudly serve. None of this would be possible without the incredible support we receive from our residents, businesses, neighboring departments, and families.

We would like to extend a special thank you to the following individuals and organizations who have gone above and beyond to support us during the past six months:

Douglas Sturgis, Rodney Palatka and Palatka Electric, Pete Stewart and Stewart Carpet Cleaning, Travis Milner and Done Right Painting, Ovid-Middlebury Fire and Rescue, Ashley Area Fire and Rescue, Tim, Karen, and Deb from Clinton County Catalyst, and an anonymous donor who recently paid the Village of Elsie water and sewer bill for our department.

To our Board of Directors for the countless hours of dedication, leadership, and support.

To our families for their patience, understanding, and sacrifice when we leave the dinner table, family gatherings, or a good night's sleep to respond to structure fires, accidents, rescue calls, and severe weather emergencies

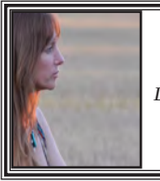
And so many other anonymous donors and supporters!

We would also like to recognize the dedicated men and women of the Elsie Area Fire Department. Your commitment to serving others while balancing family, work, and personal responsibilities does not go unnoticed. You answer the call when your community needs you most, and we are grateful for your dedication and professionalism.

The strength of our department comes from the strength of our community. We are truly fortunate to serve an area filled with people who care, support one another, and stand behind their emergency responders.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and generosity. We could not do this without all of you.

Sincerely,
Chief Jason Bowen
Assistant Chief Rob Saul
Elsie Area Fire Department



Building Layers!

by LeeAnna Jacus
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No matter if its chemical, physical, or emotional stressors, over time these blockages will become layered within your nervous system, creating health issues. Symptoms can begin showing up as anxiety, depression,

tension, headaches, migraines, soreness, and escalate into more severe conditions. A neurologist once told me that 95% of their patience's problems are created by stressors being stuck in their nervous system.

Chemical stressors can come from the obvious things such as drugs, alcohol, prescriptions, medications, but things not thought of are cleaning supplies, air pollution, chemicals, and other similar things. Inflammation from this type of stress will affect the health of joints causing pain along with possible pulmonary system illnesses.

Physical stressors can be created from harsh workouts, strenuous lifting or carrying, hard work, or anything that can be difficult for the body to work through. These can be from a light load to extremely heaviness.

Issues from these types of blockages can result in muscle or tissue traumas to joint problems, possibly leading to needing surgery.

Emotional stress is caused by traumas, grief, shock, low self-worth, hurt, fear, pain, and things which weigh heavily on the person. These are the blockages that typically are the deepest levels stuck inside the nervous system. This type of stress alone is one of the largest factors for illness and bad health. Anxiety, depression, to a wide spread of illnesses, can stem from these blockages alone.

In life there are many reasons for stress to grow which creates blocks in the healthy flow of the nervous system. It's important to keep a good, strong flowing nervous system, as it touches and feeds throughout the entire body, from muscles to tissue, to organs, and so on. When the system can't operate properly then it can starve different parts of the body making it become unhealthy.

When this happens, it can sometimes cause trouble in the person's life and relationships. So, on top of the body's health failing, the person's life begins to fill up with more problems. Negativity grows surrounding them as their health declines.

The good news is, there's a new modality that was designed by a doctor in Australia, which can help remove the layers of blockages that have grown through the years. Although there are not many certified practitioners in the state, they are growing. Luckily, here at Healing Feather Wellness, we traveled to receive the lengthy training for this new modality. This was done because we put our client's health first and want to continue to improve their health… your health! Feel free to learn more about this modality on our website at www.HealingFeatherWellness.com under services called Spinal Flow.

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Opening Ceremonies

Members of the Ovid VFW Post 8964 will present our nations colors during opening ceremonies of the 2026 Carriage Days Festival at 11:30am on Friday, July 10th.

As part of the opening ceremonies, Parade Marshals, Deb Price and Suzanne Grubaugh will be introduced.

Treasure Sale



The United Church of Ovid will be holding a Treasure Sale during Carriage Days, Thursday, July 9th 9am-3pm and Friday, July 10th from 9am-3; Saturday July 11th 9-?. The sale will be held inside the church hall. Community donations for the sale will be accepted at the church on Tuesday, July 7th from 9am-noon. All proceeds from the Treasure Sale will go towards mission projects.



Community Potluck

The public is invited to a Community Potluck to kick off the Carriage Days festival on **Thursday, July 9th at 6pm** at the United Church in Ovid. Attendees are asked to bring a passing dish. Table service, beverage and meat will be supplied.

Special guests will be the employees of Native American Amusements.

Co-Ed Softball Tournament

There will also be a co-ed softball tournament held Saturday, July 11th, beginning at 8:00am. Eight team bracket, double elimination, hosted by Chloe Taylor.

Proceeds from tournament will be donated towards the Christmas in Ovid event held in December. For more information or to sign up a team call Chloe at 989-413-6722.

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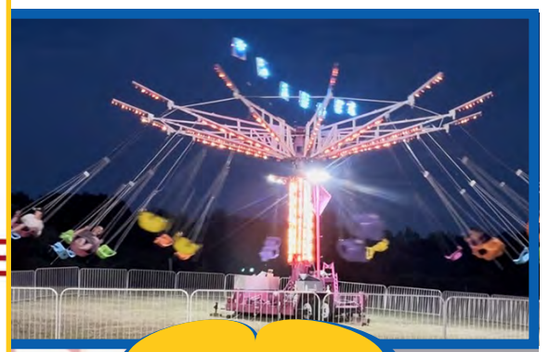
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Creekside Hobbies

Saturday - 11th

8am
CO-ED SOFTBALL TOURNEY

8am-10am
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Ovid Lions - Lions Hall

9am-1pm
USED BOOK SALE
United Church Women's - Family Center

9am-???
TREASURE SALE
United Church Women's - Family Center

11am - Sharp
SUPER PARADE

11am-6pm
ARTS, CRAFTS & VENDORS

Noon - Close
MIDWAY
Native Amusements - Main St.

Noon
WILLIAMSTON WOOD CARVING
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Noon - 4pm
CAR SHOW
Near Post Office

Noon - 6pm
VERTICAL WALL CHALLENGE
Creekside Hobbies

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Noon - Close
MIDWAY

2pm - 4pm
OPEN HOUSE
Historical House Museum

3pm
CASH RAFFLE DRAWING
Main Stage

Pancake Breakfast

The Ovid Lions will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast at the Lions/VFW Hall on Saturday morning, July 11th from 8am-10am. The menu will consist of pancakes, sausage, coffee, juice and water.

Come start your day with Plenty of Pancakes this year!



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Ovid Carriage Days 2026



Arts & Crafts Vendors

The 2026 Carriage Days festival will see the largest number of arts and crafts vendors than organizers have seen in quite some time. They will be set up starting at Oak Street and Main.

11am-6pm Friday July 10th, Saturday July 11th and Sunday July 12th.

Applications are still be taken this week.

Be sure and stop by and see what they have to offer.

For more information check out the events tab on the website ovidcarriagedays.org or email Liz Sneider at elizabethsnidere23@yahoo.com.



Many Garage Sales Around the City from 9am-6pm

MULTI-FAMILY & SMALL ESTATE SALE: July 9th & 10th, 9am-5pm; July 11th 9am-1pm. 522 Treat St., Laingsburg. Some furniture, infant items and clothing, some adult clothing.

YARD SALE: 8069 Krouse Rd., Ovid. July 9th & 10th 9am-6pm; July 11th 9am-3pm. Lots of Misc. Come see us.



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EVENT CONTACTS:

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Arts & Crafts:
Elizabethsneder23@yahoo.com or phone (989) 307-8720
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Portions of East & West Clinton Streets will also be closed.
On the morning of Saturday, July 11th,
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Historical House Open During Festival & Garage Sale



The museum will be open for self guided tours on Saturday and Sunday, July 11th and July 12th. from 2pm-4pm.

A yard sale will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 9th, 10th and 11th from 9am-5pm. Yard sale may close early on Saturday if no customers.

Midway Open All 3 Days

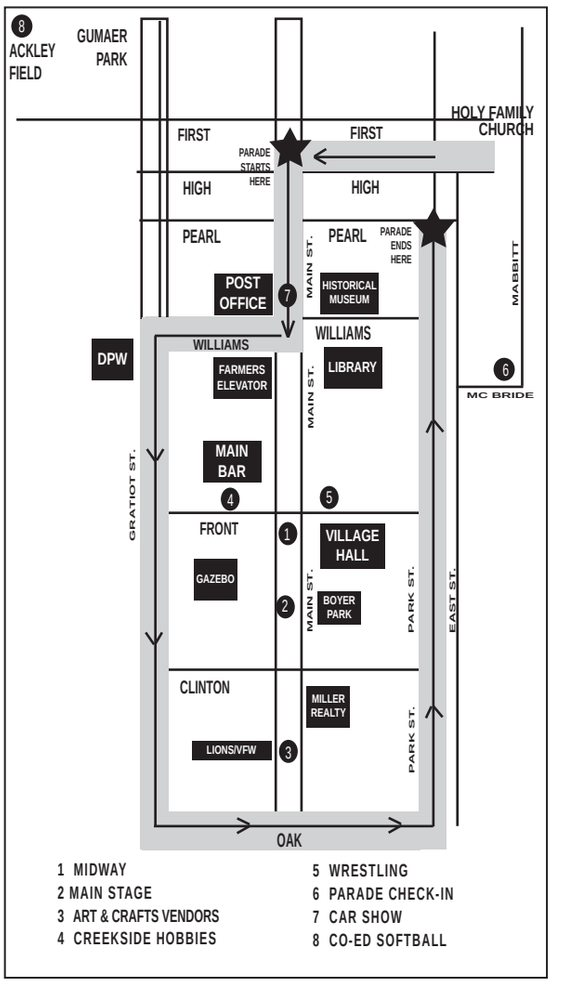


Native Amusements will provide the Midway, games and concessions on Friday, July 10th, Saturday, July11th and Sunday, July 12th.

Tickets are $25 during the festival and $20 if you purchase them ahead of time. Pre-sale tickets are available at The Weekly and City Offices until end of day on Thursday, July 9th.



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Carriage Days Parade

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Clarkson's cont' from front...

pitals CEO, Dr.'s Jack & Tess Clarkson began their practice in Ovid. Years later their 9,000 patient chart was sold to Memorial Hospital thru their dear friend Peg Gulick, the CEO at the time.

Over the years, Jack has played for over 20 performers in the Halls of Fame of country legends like Waylon Jennings, Merle Haggard and Mel Tellis. From bluegrass to rock-n-roll. Jack recalled the time when Shiawassee County Fairs, Dawn Reha had to make a change in a scheduled concert date. "We need to move you to open for Martha & the Vandellas," Dawn explained. "Are you kidding me, we would be thrilled, we grew up with Motown," explained Jack.



Jack & Tess Clarkson will be taking the stage during Ovid Carriage Days on Sunday, July 12th from 3pm-6pm.Joining them on stage will be steel guitarist, Bill Fuller. He along with Kathy Ford have opened up for Vince Gill, Waylon Jennings, Conway Twitty and Jimmy Dickens, just to name a few. Fuller will be inducted into the Michigan Country Hall of Fame at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center on Saturday, August 15th at 7pm, the public is welcome.

Fast forward to the last two years, Jack & Tess average 150 gigs per year split evenly between their Uvalde home in South Texas and in Michigan. On Sunday, July 12th, Jack & Tess Clarkson, along with guest Bill Fuller, will take to the stage from 3pm-6pm to perform as the weekends final entertainment spot for the 3 day festival. Come enjoy some awesome down home music and be sure to wear your dancing shoes.

James Barnes, a wood carver from Williamston, will be doing wood carving demonstrations on Saturday, July 11th with performances at 2pm, 4pm and 6pm in downtown Ovid. He will be doing four carvings (one will be a Marauder), a bear, an eagle and a fish. The carvings will be available for silent auction bidding at the information booth on Sunday, July 12th, winning bids will be announced around 6pm. This new event for the festival is sponsored by Ferrall's Tree Service and Ovid Iron & Metal.



Jim Cruise, the "Spoonman" has been playing spoons for 35 years, professionally for 25 years. He resides in West Michigan and performs all over the United States. He's graced the stage at fairs, corporate events, schools, libraries as well as many festivals. The Spoonman will perform at Ovid Carriage Days on Sunday, July 11th at 2pm. You won't want to miss his performance as he plays the spoons and several other pieces of silverware.



Creekside Hobbies will host a vertical wall challenge during Ovid Carriage Days. Challengers can compete all 3 days from noon-6pm. Bring your own RC car or truck and take the challenge. Don't have an RC, no worries, they will have plenty on hand for you to use. $1.00 per player charge. Prizes for everyone, even surprise giveaways. Demonstrations and you might even see a Monster truck on display. On Friday, a Parking Lot small car show will be happening from 4pm-8pm at the store on M-21.



Get ready for the Super Championship Wrestling Exhibition during Carriage Days on Saturday, July 11th. The live show will round out the family day of fun from 4:00pm-6:00pm. Bleachers will be set up for seating or bring your own lawn chair to settle in for some exciting toss em and throw em down wrestling fun.

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UM Health-Sparrow Breaks Ground on Surgery Center in Downtown Lansing

submitted by John Foren

LANSING, Mich. - University of Michigan Health-Sparrow officially broke ground Monday on a $60-million outpatient surgery center, a project designed to expand access to care and modernize surgical services in Mid-Michigan.

The University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Lansing Surgery Center, located at the corner of East Michigan and Pennsylvania avenues in downtown Lansing, will feature multiple operating rooms and a new MRI unit. The project responds to a growing demand for outpatient services and reflects UM Health-Sparrow's commitment to the community. The surgery center is expected to open in 2028.

"This center is a direct outgrowth of what our patients are asking for and need," said Margaret Dimond, Regional President of U-M Health. "This spot on Michigan Avenue allows for better and more convenient parking and is closer to UM Health-Sparrow Lansing."

The new facility will initially open with four operating rooms and will have the capacity to expand as demand grows. The surgery center also is expected to benefit cardiac patients by providing a new MRI that will help reduce wait times.

The project is part of a broader effort to move outpatient procedures out of the 100-year-old UM Health-Sparrow St. Lawrence campus and ease capacity constraints at the Lansing hospital. In addition to improving patient access, the project represents a significant economic commitment to downtown Lansing and will help create a more modern, vibrant medical campus in the heart of the city.

To learn more about the surgery center, visit: UofMHealthSparrow.org/departments-conditions/all-departments/surgery

Temporary Pet Foster Program Expansion

submitted by Kelly Schafer

About half of those who experience domestic or sexual violence in their home will not consider leaving without their pet; at least half will delay leaving or return to their unsafe home because of their pets. Pets are family.

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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Vicki Lee Jewell, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Countrywide Bank, N.A., its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 19, 2006 and recorded October 9, 2006 in Instrument Number 5107245 Clinton County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Four and 89/100 Dollars ($73,524.89).
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Clinton County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on JULY 29, 2026.
Said premises are located in the City of DeWitt, Clinton County Michigan, and are described as: Lot 221, Assessor's Plat of City of DeWitt-North, City of DeWitt, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 8 of Plats, Page 1, Clinton County Records.
302 E Main St, Dewitt, Michigan 48820
The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.
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The decedent,
MARILYN REGINA PLINE,
Died on April 3, 2026.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Agatha M. Graham, 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 months after the date of publication.

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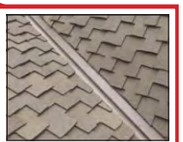
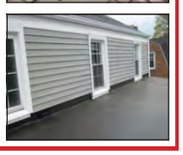
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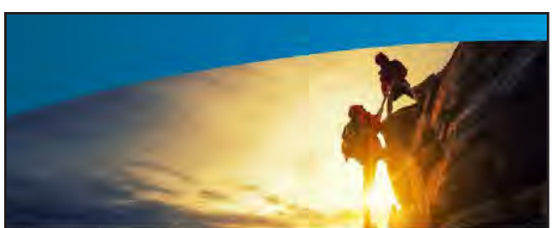
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The band will be playing on the Main Stage, Friday July 10th from Noon to 3pm.



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