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Ovid and Laingsburg Lions Club Again Team Up to Benefit Michigan Foundation, Bear Lake Camp

The work of volunteer efforts came to fruition August 19 at Bates-Scout Park, with the presentation of $6,800 in checks to the Lions of Michigan Foundation (LMF) and the Lions' sponsored Bear Lake Camp.

The setting was the Laingsburg Lions Club's annual Family Dinner night at Bates-Scout Park. The $6,800 grand total was primarily raised during the August 8 Lions' golf scramble, sponsored jointly by the two local Lions Clubs in Ovid and Laingsburg.



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Chad McCann of the Webberville Lions Club and representing LMF, and Traci Tribley, representing the Bear Lake Camp Board of Directors, both expressed their gratitude during their remarks, for the continuing support offered by the Ovid and Laingsburg Lions.



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The Lions of Michigan Foundation provides assistance to those in need with eye care, hearing aids or an unexpected life event. Services are offered statewide with a focus on helping Michigan residents succeed academically, develop normally, maintain independence and prosper in life.

Lions Bear Lake Camp's mission is to develop leadership skills build confidence, and to provide a premier outdoor educational and recreational experience year-round to all persons, regardless of ability. They strive to provide a positive environment through services and facilities.

Laingsburg secretary and golf outing organizer, Lion Terry Fraidenburg, made the presentation to the charities. "The participants at Bear Lake Camp grew in number this year and continue to grow," said Fraidenburg. "And our work with the Lions of Michigan Foundation goes to the very heart of what we do as Lions:

"We serve."

Harmful Algal Bloom Found at Lake Ovid (Sleepy Hollow State Park)

Public Health Advisory

submitted by Brady Guilbault



Clinton County, MI – During routine beach monitoring at Sleepy Hollow State Park in Laingsburg, it was noted and confirmed by The Mid-Michigan District Health Department (MMDHD) that an algal bloom had formed and tested positive for algal toxin microcystin.

MMDHD is recommending people and pets visiting the park avoid areas of the lake where the algal bloom is present, until the bloom dissipates.

Algae are naturally occurring plant-like organisms found in water. When conditions are right (during periods of warm temperatures, lots of sun, and high nutrient content), these organisms can increase rapidly to form an algal bloom. Blooms can take on many appearances. They can be different colors, can look foamy or scummy, look like a mat on the surface of the water, look like spilled paint, have a green sheen to it, or even look clumpy. Most blooms are harmless, but some produce toxins, which can be poisonous to humans, animals, and aquatic life. It's difficult to tell by looking at a bloom if it is harmful or not, so when in doubt, keep yourself and animals out of the water. To see examples of what an algal bloom looks like, visit: https://www.mmdhd.org/recreational-water/ and click on "Harmful Algal Bloom Picture Guide."

Actions to take where an algal bloom is present include:

- Obey posted public health advisory signs and/or beach closings.
- Do not let people, pets, or livestock near the shore or in the water in affected areas.
- Do not let people, pets or livestock drink the water.
- Do not let people, pets, or livestock eat scum on the shore.
- Rinse off people and pets with fresh water after contact with the water.

Breathing in or swallowing water containing harmful algal blooms and their toxins may cause the following symptoms in people: diarrhea, vomiting, stomach pain, headache, weakness, numbness, tingly fingers, dizziness, difficulty breathing, asthma-like symptoms, runny eyes and nose, allergic reactions, sore throat, headache, and allergic reactions. Skin contact can cause rashes, blisters, or hives. If you or a loved one experiences any of these symptoms after contact with water that may have a harmful algal bloom, call your doctor right away.

Animals, especially dogs, can become ill or die after contact with a harmful algal bloom. Signs of illness include vomiting, diarrhea, staggered walking, and convulsions. If your pet or livestock animal becomes sick after contact with water that may have a harmful algal bloom, contact your veterinarian right away.

For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/habs.

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St. Cyrils Rummage/Bake Sale

The St. Cyril's Catholic Church, 517 E. Main St., Bannister will be having their "Rummage Sale on Friday, September 11 from 9am-3pm, also Bake sale; Saturday, September 12 from 9am-Noon, Bag Day $2.00.

All items are clean and reasonably priced.

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Purse Party Bingo to Benefit Respite Volunteers

submitted by Helen Rathbun

The Respite Volunteer Purse Party Bingo will be held Thurs. Oct 1st at the Owosso Knights of Columbus Hall located at 1259 E. M-21. Doors open at 5:30 pm and games begin at 6 pm. For each bingo game, the prize is a purse with a retail value of at least $45. Advance Tickets are $20, or $25 the day of the event, if tickets are still available. With the tickets purchased, 20 bingo cards to play 20 games are included. Guests are encouraged to bring their own snacks. Tie-breaker prizes and door prizes provided. This is an Adults-Only event. License #V11946.

Tickets are on sale weekdays 9am- 3pm at the Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee office, the historic brick home east of Memorial Healthcare hospital at 710 W. King St., Owosso. The main entrance is on the parking lot (north) side.

Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee provides case management, education and support to adults with health challenges in Shiawassee County, and help to the family members caring for the person. The program then matches a volunteer with each person to provide friendly visiting, usually weekly. The program also provides education about all the other in-home services, senior services, support groups, and financial help that is available for both frail elderly persons and multi-generational families caring for the person.

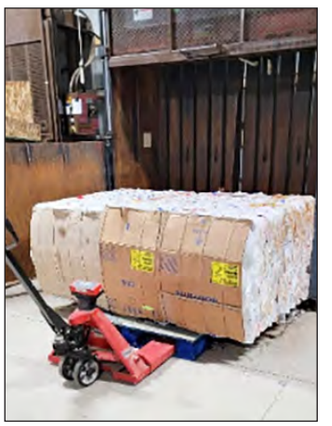
For more information about Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee services, volunteer opportunities and this event, please call 989-725-1127

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Recyling-Moving Right Along

submitted by Ellen Link



The Greater Laingsburg Recyclers is thrilled to announce that the Cook Foundation has generously agreed to give the GLR a grant to help cover the cost of the two balers we recently purchased from the St. Johns Lions, whose recycling site has permanently closed. The addition of two balers increases our ability to more efficiently collect and process more material for recycling. Condensing baled materials into larger bales also reduces the transportation impact of moving the materials to market. We're hoping this will contribute to smoother operations during business hours as well.

The GLR's recycling center will be open, per usual, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays (September 1 and 15), 4-6 p.m., and 2nd and 4th Saturdays (September 12 and 26), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Heads-up: Tuesdays tend to be super busy. Reminders: The Red Thunder Robotics team continues to collect contributions for the Laingsburg Food Bank at the 2nd Saturday drives, when they also volunteer their services. Are they great or what?! Especially appreciated are children's cereal and snacks, oatmeal packets and toilet paper.

Autumn brings recycling opportunities to get rid of hazardous household waste like oil-based paints and varnishes, pesticides and weed killers, transmission fluid and antifreeze, and much more. Clinton County will hold its "Free for Fall Event" for residents only on Saturday, September 26, 9 am-1 pm, at DeWitt Charter Township in Lansing; an appointment is required. Call 989-224-5186 for info or visit https://www.clinton-county.org/535/Free-For-Fall. Shiawassee County will hold its special collection on Saturday, October 24, 9-11 am, at Durand City Hall on Clinton St.; no appointment is required. For more information, contact the Shiawassee Health Dept. (989-743-2390 or https://health.shiawassee.net/).

Food scrappers, wondering what non-food items can and can't be composted? While the packaging on some products like paper plates and "plastic" utensils may say "compostable," that usually doesn't mean they can go in your compost pile out back. Look for the BPI icon, which signifies that the product can biodegrade completely in a commercial compost facility (which is where the GLR's collection goes) without harming the quality of the compost.

For details on or questions about the long list of materials we accept, from glass (all colors) and plastics (#1, 2 and 5, with some restrictions) 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 651-6437. We welcome your input and assistance in helping to create a sustainable future in our own backyard.

Elsie Library Adventures

submitted by Ann Trierweiler

Hello again from your Elsie Library. We miss you! I am glad you read the newspaper, but you have no idea how much information and imagination can be found at our library. We have books and magazines that you can take home to read or sit and read on our couch or comfortable chairs. You can use the library computers to write or read, you can take your blood pressure, or even color. We also have a high-definition desktop magnifier. It makes things big. It would help with any fine print or diagram, but seriously, it would take fish fly tying to new levels! Don't forget the cake pans. We have the pretty cake pans and I am pretty sure you or your neighbor have the zucchini. The list of what the library has to offer is big. The only missing component is you.

That said, we will be closed September 5 and 7 for the Labor Day weekend. Remember to check out enough entertainment to make it through to the 9th.

The contest for this September will be a series of weekly scavenger hunts for all ages. The contest starts on the first of September. Each week our patrons can finish the hunt and put their name into the drawing. Every person gets four chances to win. The drawings will be held on the final day of September.

Our book club will begin meeting on the second Thursday of the month again. Our first book will be "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" by Mary Ann Schaffer and Annie Barrows. Come and join us. We read the same book and then get together to discuss our thoughts and reactions to that book. The book club has opened my literary world in many ways. I think many of us tend to stick to one genre and miss out on a much more diverse world of literature. The book club tries to cover many different genres.

Our Adult and Teen Craft Time is held on the third Thursday each month. In September we will be making terrariums. If you have glass containers or any of the supplies to layer in the terrarium, bring them along. Not all terrariums have lids; that will be your choice. Please bring any crafts you have made for show and tell. It is fun to see what others are making. One patron brought in her "slow stitching," and it is amazing! Another brought in a beautiful crocheted mandala. One woman makes stuffies with her own patterns. Some do cross stitch. Share your gifts. Crafting is a dying art. Come help us revive the made-it-myself days.

There will be another class with Claire DeVries on the 12th of September about herbs. This class will be addressing herbal remedies. Every class Claire has taught has been full of information. It has been great having her offer to teach these lessons here.

Our Story time and Craft Program begin on Monday the 14th of September at noon. Every other week fluctuates between Story with a craft and Music and Motion with a craft. FUN! On Saturday, September 19th there will be a Storytime and Craft at 11:30 am.

Don't forget to check out our Facebook page for details about any Elsie Public Library programs and possible emergency closures. Come on in and check us out!!

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The Village of Ashley is accepting applications for the position of Village Clerk/Treasurer.

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- Payroll
- Receiving and recording Village revenues
- Processing Village payments and maintaining financial documentation
- Assisting with Village budgeting and financial reporting
- Maintaining official Village records and ordinances
- Preparing and maintaining Village Council meeting minutes
- Administering oaths of office
- Performing tax collection and related responsibilities
- Completing required state and federal reports
- Working with the Village Council, residents, and other governmental agencies
- Performing other duties as required by the Village Council

QUALIFICATIONS

The ideal candidate will have:

- Strong organizational and record-keeping skills
- Good communication and customer-service skills
- Basic accounting and financial-management knowledge
- Computer and general office skills
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and handle sensitive municipal information
- Ability to work independently and meet deadlines
- Experience with municipal government, bookkeeping, accounting, or office administration is preferred

HOURS & COMPENSATION

Hours and compensation will be determined by the Village Council based on the qualifications of the selected candidate.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested applicants should submit a completed Village of Ashley employment application and resume to:

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The Village Council will review qualified applicants and make the final selection.

OVID TOWNSHIP
PROPOSED BOARD MEETING MINUTES -
Thursday, August 13, 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: 10

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items: None

Approval of Agenda: Clerk commented, under Clerk's report, it should be July 10 through August 13, 2026. Moved by K. Wolf that we accept the Agenda, as amended, Seconded by B. Byles. Carried. Approval of Minutes of July 9, 2026:

Moved by K. Wolf that we accept the minutes, Seconded by N. Hughson. Carried.

Treasurer's Financial Report: Moved by B. Byles that we accept the Treasurer's financial report, as submitted, and read, Seconded by K. Wolf.

Roll Call Vote: K. Wolf-Yes, N. Hughson-Yes, J. West-Yes, B. Byles-Yes, C. Pluger-Yes. Carried.

Amend and Approve Budget: Moved by C. Pluger to amend and approve the budget, GL # 101-253-940, Treasurer Postage, and 101-215-940, Clerk-Postage, for a total of $800 from unallocated funds, Seconded by B. Byles.

Roll Call Vote: K. Wolf-Yes, N. Hughson-Yes, J. West-Yes, B. Byles-Yes, C. Pluger-Yes. Carried.

Clerk's Report & Check Register - July 10, 2026 - August 13, 2026 - $18,561.56:

Board discussion regarding LARA and Resolution Number 2026-04.

Moved by B. Byles that we accept the Clerk's report and registry, as submitted, and read, Seconded by N. Hughson.

Roll Call Vote: K. Wolf-Yes, N. Hughson-Yes, J. West-Yes, B. Byles-Yes, C. Pluger-Yes. Carried.

Report Given By:

County Commissioner - Nicole Fickes

New Business -

Assessor's Renewal Contract:

Board discussion. Trustee B. Byles wants this information put in the newspaper.

More board discussion.

N. Hughson made a Motion to put it in the paper, Board discussion. Seconded by B. Byles. Roll Call Vote: K. Wolf-Yes, N. Hughson-Yes, J. West-Yes, B. Byles-Yes, C. Pluger-No. Carried. Board discussion. Peggy Lidgard's contract remains on file, She doesn't have to submit another one after it's in the paper.

Board of Review:

N. Hughson commented Shane Applebee has indicated he will not be available for the December Board of Review meeting. He has resigned, so we need to appoint a new member. Pat Hibbard has expressed her willingness to take the training and serve on the Board. Board discussion.

Moved by B. Byles that we post it in the paper, Seconded by K. Wolf.

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

Custom Heating & Plumbing:

We received a service agreement plan/estimate from Custom Heating &: Plumbing for fall 2026 and spring 2027 maintenance of the two furnaces and two air conditioners.

N. Hughson commented she would like to see three bids. B. Byles commented about putting an ad in the paper for that, and comparing apples to apples. Board discussion.

B. Byles is going to try and find a couple more bids from different companies.

Building Maintenance:

The Supervisor received two bids/estimates, one from Five Star Masonry and one from Thornton &: Sons for work around the outside of the building. He commented he could try and get a third estimate. Board discussion. B. Byles and the Supervisor will work on getting another estimate.

Resolution Number 2026-05 - Resolution Establishing Protocol for Communicating with the Township Attorney: Trustee K. Wolf drafted a resolution, and read it aloud. Board discussion.

Trustee K. Wolf and Clerk C. Pluger will work on tweaking the proposed resolution. Moved by B. Byles that we table this, Seconded by C. Pluger.

Roll Call Vote: K. Wolf-Yes, N. Hughson-Yes, J. West-Yes, B. Byles-Yes, C. Pluger-Yes. Carried.

Reports - (continued):

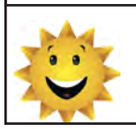
Library - Trustee Bobby Byles OMESA - Treasurer Nancy Hughson CAASA - Supervisor Jennings West

Public Comments: William Keith Jones, Bob Meredith, Augie Arnett, Lionel Olson Board Comments: The Board discussed the August Primary Election; an email from a past resident praising the Township's handling of Elections; South Ovid Cemetery

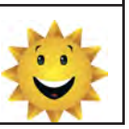
Veteran's Flags being taken down and put on the ground outside the fence; signs in the Hall regarding cameras; a security system; redoing the circle around the Township parking lot, Uke a Veteran's Memorial; landscaping around the building; Par Plan Grant.

Adjournment: Motion by K. Wolf to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by B. Byles. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Claudia Barrett Pluger, Clerk

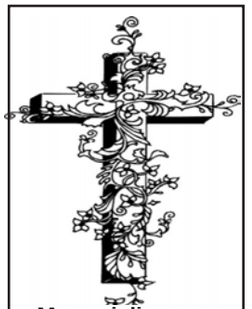


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Sports...cont' on page 7

Ovid-Elsie, Laingsburg Cross-Country Teams Hit the Beach in 2026 Season Opener

LAINGSBURG — Cdross-country teams from Ovid-Elsie and Laingsburg opened the 2026 campaign at the Early Burg Beach Run at Sleepy Hollow State Park.

Perry, Morrice, the host Wolfpacl and the Marauders ran in the competition, which included running on the beach at Lake Ovid.

In the boys race, Laingsburg took third (104) out of nine teams. Jace Devereaux finished 10th with a time of 18:24.19. Austin Hodges was 16th (19:15.96) and Joel Rathka placed 19th (19:36.27) for the Wolfpack.

Ovid-Elsie took seventh (164), with its top runner being Travis Wright, who finished 18th (19:36.24). Mitch Gonzalez crossed the finish line in 26th place (20:13.09) while Jeremiah Stewart grabbed 44th place (21:41.06).

In the girls race, Laingsburg took fourth (92). Samantha Gutzman took fifth place (22:49.20), Payge Woodworth was seventh (23:02.29) and Kiki Rusz finished 21st (24:39.38) for the Wolfpack.

Ovid-Elsie finished seventh (177) with Bella Stewart leading the Marauders with a 24th-place (24:57.47) finish.

Mills Fires 47, Good for 9th Place at CMAC Pre-Season Golf Invite

PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA — Sophomore leader Leah Mills carded a 47 over the 9-hole layout at Huckleberry Creek GC, pacing Laingsburg's girls golf team in early-season action.

The event was the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) Pre-Season Invitational, hosted by the Pewamo-Westphalia Pirates.

Veteran coach Greg Beavers' Wolfpack finished fifth (229), behind Bath (168), Fowler (192), Dansville (194) and P-W (229). Perry rounded out the field, 6th with 238 team strokes.

Mills tied for ninth among individuals (47). Bath standout Addi Duflo shot a blazing 34 (one under) to take medalist honors. Noelle Krepps of Fowler was the runner-up with 40.

CMAC girls golf season tees off; Wolfpack drops nod to Fowler

LAINGSBURG -- The Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) girls golf regular season teed off at courses around mid-Michigan on August 25, including Laingsburg's own Pine Hills GC.

Coach Greg Beavers' Lady Wolfpack hosted Fowler, dropping a 200-226 nod to the Eagles. Leah Mills led LHS with a 47, followed by Jayden Hodges 58, Eliza Aldrich 60, Lila Esch 61, Alexa Ayen 62 and Emma DeShone 70.

Fowler's Noelle Krepps was the medalist with 39 -- the CMAC's second-best score on the day.

Bath standout Addilyn Duflo took top league honors with a red-hot 31, leading the Bees to a 168-213 win over Dansville at Wheatfield GC.

Elsewhere, Pewamo-Westphalia's Shelby Anthony led the Pirates with a 51, in a 226-262 victory over host Perry at Glenbriar GC.

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Editorial



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
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Fat Marmot Week

The Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory (RMBL) is an independent nonprofit organization founded in 1928. Located at 9,500 feet above sea level in Gothic, Colorado, the field station maintains one of the most extensive collections of long-term ecological data in the world. Each year, it engages more than 750 K–12 students and 40 undergraduates through its programs and supports more than 190 professional scientists and 60 graduate students.

The Marmot Project at the RMBL is a long-term research project following marked individuals from birth to death. It started in 1962 and is the world's second longest-running study of individually marked mammals. The project aims to understand how marmots behave, communicate, live socially, adjust and adapt to the changes in the environment.

The largest of the true hibernators, marmots bulk up all summer to survive the winter. Far Marmot Week is an opportunity to get people excited about yellow-bellied marmots, one of the most favorite alpine residents, and to share the science behind their weight gain. The Marmot Project at the RMBL is hosting the event and insights into the marmots being studied will be shared with online viewers as they root for them to get fat. Online voting takes place on August 24th, 26th, and 28th. The marmot with the largest weight will be announced on August 29th. The winner of the popular vote will be announced on August 30th. To participate please visit: https://sites.google.com/view/fatmarmotweek/home?authuser=0

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A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Good morning all… I've been ruminating about verbiage, count, and message. I will try to keep my discourse short, informative and interesting. Busy I can do, usually… Yesterday was a bust, my body was trying to convince me that I had been doing squats on a continual basis. My backside ached with great intensity from my ankles to my shoulders grievously. It was very uncomfortable and I was very glad that I didn't have to interact with others, it would have been a disaster. To be honest I didn't accomplish much, just picked up our paper products and worked at the shop until eleven. Got home and melted into my recliner and slept after taking some extra strength Tylenol and Turmeric.

On Monday I went up to the Harrisville State Park with Robin and Karen. It turned out to be a very comfortable day and all three of us hoarded some interesting stones for our collections. After our picnic lunch we putzed around on the way home and stopped at this wonderful ice cream shop where scoops of ice cream were actually the size of a softball, mine was covered in some excellent hot chocolate fudge.

On Tuesday I realized that my breaker had blown for my shed. Yup, the contents of my freezer was in chill mode not frozen. I threw out the veggies and made room in my small freezers to accommodate the meat. At least most of it, I will be canning this afternoon. My granddaughter Noah helped me with all the carrying, toting and barge lifting. Of course I had to scrub out the freezer maybe that's were the squats came in?

May your days be filled with interesting topics and people. May God bless you with the continuity that we all need in our daily lives.

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Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn
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Matthew 7:7-8- "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

Some say that don't believe in God because they believe that He is hidden from them. They would like to know God, but God is nowhere to be found. This is called the "Hiddenness of God."

In answering this problem, we can turn to the Bible which says that God is not at all hidden, but that He reveals Himself to people in three main ways:

1. General revelation to everyone.

By looking at nature, all people can know that God exists.

Romans 1:20- "For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities- his eternal power and divine nature- have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse."

2. Specific invitation- more personal

Here we see direct calls for people to come to know God.

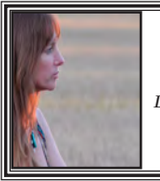
John 1:37-39- "When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" "Come," he replied, "and you will see."

Acts 17:27- "God...is not far from any one of us."

3. Jesus' words directly to you

Third we get even closer to home; Jesus' words spoken to you for you to believe in Him.

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Fight or Flight

by LeeAnna Jakus
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Are you or someone you know, dealing with tension headaches, migraines, tightening muscles, body aches that come from out of nowhere, or just plain health issues? Then continue reading because, the root cause of your issues, just might be this.

In 1915, the "fight or flight" term was introduced by Walter B. Cannon. It describes the body's physiological reaction to intense stress or danger. This term has since been used in the medical community as it holds an accurate description of the nervous system response during increased moments of stress or a dangerous situation in a person's life.

As the brain perceives a threat, it kickstarts the sympathetic nervous system which sets off a cascade of changes in the body known as the fight or flight state. This prepares the body to react with one of two options, either fight the danger or flee from it.

This is a very effective strategy that our bodies are designed to do in order to protect ourselves, and it works. Except in the cases where the individual has been in the sympathetic state for too long. That's when they become stuck in the fight or flight state and the body goes into a downward spiral. As the body stays stuck, it will respond as though it's in a threatening situation even when there is no threat.

This is when the body begins having difficulty with its health. Stress grows, inflammation begins, anxiety builds, digestion issues develop, and more symptoms arise, becoming worse as time passes on.

The key is to calm down the nervous system and bring the body back into the parasympathetic state of rest and digest. This will allow the body to relax and unwind by taking it out of the sympathetic state of fight or flight. It'll also help the recovery process so the body can begin healing itself again.

There are different ways to achieve this goal such as breathing practices, meditation, stimulation of the vocal, throat and neck area, yoga, Reiki, Spinal Flow, and other techniques that can assist with bringing the mind back to normal for the body to recover and begin its healing journey.

~Healing Feather Wellness"Balancing Body, Mind, & Spirit" (810)339-0260 Saint Johns, MI. LeeAnna Jakus

OVID TOWNSHIP

• Board of Review- Ovid Township has a position open on this Board. If you would be interested in serving on this Board, please email the clerk at the address listed below. We will be discussing this at the September 10, 2026, Board meeting.

• Assessor Contract Renewal- The Assessor's contract is up for renewal after serving for the last three years. We will be discussing this at the September 10, 2026, Board meeting.

• Township circle around parking lot- It was discussed at the last Board meeting regarding improvements or something new in that area, like a Veteran's Memorial, different landscaping. If you would like to be involved or on a committee for this, please contact us.

Thank you.
Claudia Barrett Pluger, Clerk Ovid Township ovidtownshipclerk@qmail.com



Editorials are welcome. 200 words or less. Email to: news@meridianweekly.com Must include name

Gridiron Gurus PICK 'EM Contest WEEK 2

Well. This is awkward.

While we're waiting for our Week 1 picks to be tabulated, and for the NFL schedule to start, we've got a unique "appetizer" into the meat-and-potatoes portion of the Guruific smorgasbord.



GRIDIRON GURUS
by Tom Turek
sports@meridianweekly.com

Order up! It's a wild-and-wacky 12-game college schedule, with very few Top 25 headliners. I mean, really, what do you know about the North Carolina A&T Aggies?

They're one of our featured games this week ... and Ol' Wolfie will guarantee you won't be seeing them on the slate again any time soon.

Join the fun! Play Gridiron Gurus with a wealth of your neighbors!

It's simple, fast, easy to play and FREE. For those who play every week, there will be a winner's prize fund to be disbursed at the end of the season for whoever ends up picking the highest total of winners. First place - $100; second place - $60 and third place - $40. Just pick your winners and make a check mark to the right of their name on the entry blank below. You will have to write in a total points score in the tie-breaker column.

MOST IMPORTANT: make sure your entry gets to The Weekly before each Thursday at 4 p.m. Don't forget to fill in the tiebreaker as this will decide any and all ties. Entries are accepted in person at The Weekly's offices at 200 S. Main in Ovid, by e-mail at "news@meridianweekly.com" or "tomturek20032003@yahoo.com," or via USPS delivery.

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

Each week the top three winners will receive a coupon for redemption at the sponsor of their choice; 1st place (pizza), 2nd place (sandwich) and 3rd place (breadsticks) will be awarded.

Best of luck to all, and please remember our sponsors at Twilliger's Tavern and Main Street Pizza!



GRIDIRON GURUS

WEEK TWO

Form must be at The Weekly office no later than Thursday, September 3 at 4pm

Put a check next to the team you think will win! HOME TEAM LAST

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The King of Rock and Roll is Back in St. Johns on Sept. 2nd

submitted by Bill Tennant



The largest crowd last year at the St. Johns Concert in the Park series was at the closing concert! It is anticipated that another grand finale will take place again this year as Elvis returns to St. Johns with his Hound Dog in tow for this wonderful tribute to one of the greatest performers of all-time. This fun evening will take place on Wednesday, September 2 starting at 7:00 in the William E. Tennant Performance Shell in the beautiful St. Johns City Park.

"It has been a long-standing tradition to close our season with an Elvis tribute artist," acknowledges Bill Tennant, chair of the concert season committee. "People expect this and plan on coming up for this amazing final concert each year. And they aren't disappointed as we go all out, even bringing out a spotlight, to make sure that this special event is truly special."

The King is Jake Slater, from the Traverse City area, who has been doing his award-winning tribute to Elvis for the past 17 years.

AND, the incredible Josh Ramses Band, a popular Bay City based band, will join Jake on stage for this special performance. This 4-piece band has been a major backup band for Jake now for several years, presenting shows around the state together each year.

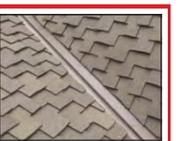
Together, Jake and the band team up to put forth an unforgettable evening of some the greatest rock and roll songs ever written. This concert will be a great conclusion to a wonderful season in St Johns. It is hoped to see another overwhelming turnout at this season ending grand finale.

The Concert in the Park series is co-sponsored by the Clinton County Arts Council and the City of St Johns. Several of our "super" sponsors will be acknowledged at this concert.

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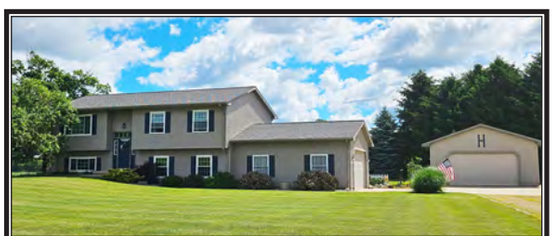
Devereaux, Woodworth Spark Wolfpack Harriers at St. Johns Under the Lights Invitational Race

ST. JOHNS -- Jace Devereaux ran in 7th place, and Payge Woodworth chugged to 17 place, leading the Laingsburg boys and girls cross-country teams at the annual Friday Under the Lights Invitational at St. Johns.

The meet was split up into small school and large school divisions. In the boys race, veteran coach Shawn Baynes' Wolfpack took eighth (194) out of 15 teams. Jace Devereaux took seventh place (18:09.98), followed by teammates Austin Hodges in 28th (19:38.97) and Joel Rathka in 29th (19:40.70).

In the small school girls' race, LHS was fifth out of 12 teams. Woodworth took 17th (22:45.64), Kiki Rusz was 19th (22:57.59) and Lilli Morrill took 37th (24:34.38).

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Howard City Downs Marauder Gridders in Season Opener Again, This Time 30-28

OVID-ELSIE -- The recently-minted, season-opening series with Howard City Tri-County goes to the Vikings.

The Marauders opened the prep football season with HCTC for the second-straight year here August 27, the backend of a home-and-home series started in 2025. Both games ended in frustrating, hard-fought losses for coach Travis Long's Marauders.

They fell 24-15 last year -- and it wasa even closer Thursday night at Mark O'Donnell Field, in a 30-28 nail-biter that lifted the Vikes, a perennial postseason playoff contender, to 1-0.

The loss overshadowed a two-touchdown night for O-E's Chase Fabus, and an impressive passing -- and rushing -- debut for QB Brody Howard.

After HCTC opened the scoring on a 12-yard in the first quarter, the Vikes held a 6-0 after a failed two-point try. Fabus put the Marauders in the lead with a 7-yard scamper, and Madalynn Bushard tacked on the PAT kick for O-E's only advantage of the night, 7-6. The Vikings answered right back on a one-yard blast for a 14-6 lead at halftime.

Fabus tallied again for the lone scoring in the 3rd quarter, but after the PAT try failed, Howard City still led 14-13.

The decisive 4th stanza opened with an 8-point Viking outburst, the touchdown on a 22-yard run. O-E faced a 22-13 deficit before Howard launched his heroics, first on a 62-yard TD strike to Joe Fabus, the second on a 35-yard aerial to Wyatt Lover.

But in between those, the Vikings stunned the crowd by breaking free on a 68-yard scoring sprint -- and that was the difference, even after the Marauders were successful on their last two-point try.

Howard snapped off 8 completions in 13 attempts for 145 yards passing, and he also led O-E with 67 yard rushing on eight attempts.

Joe Fabus battered to 43 yards on the ground in just three attempts. Chase Fabus added 19 yards and Toby Brown, 12 yards.

Joe Fabus led the Marauders with 96 yards on five catches; Lover caught two passes for 37 yards and Walker Lover one for 12 yards.

Howard, Logan Mason, Kellen Garcia, Chandler Hart-Butcher, Lover, C. Fabus, Bryce Krueger, Will Baese, J. Fabus, Julian Medina, John Kelly, Jason Harrell, Max Fabus, Michael Anderson and Smith all recorded tackles for the Marauder defense. Hart-Butcher led the way with 11 stops, a sack and a tackle for loss.



Vandercook Cook Gives and Receives in a Wild 22-20 Opening Football Win at LHS

LAINGSBURG -- Two non-familiar football teams met in an impromptu version of the Holiday Bowl here to open the prep season on August 27.

Gift-giving and turnovers -- not the pastry kind -- were in vogue.

The host Wolfpack couldn't capitalize on a late gift, and gave one back themselves, in a 22-20 loss to open the 2026 prep season.

Brian Borgman's Wolves turned the ball over five times, yet still had a chance to eek out a win in the 4th quarter. The visiting Jayhawks were sprinting in for the game-clinching with 2:58 left to play ... but coughed up a fumble in the open field to give the Wolves one final chance.

It was opening-night football at its most-predictable. Untimely penalties. Turnovers. Lots of miscues.

On its first play of the game, Vandercook cooked the Wolfpack defense on a hook-and-ladder play. De'Shawn Roper ran it in for a stunning 6-0 lead, and Sam Griffin tacked on the extra point. On the Hawks' next possession, Davion Bradley ran it in and the guests led 13-0 after Griffin's PAT failed.

Meanwhile, the Wolfpack was turning the ball over. Three times in the opening quarter. A Griffin field goal made it 16-zip before the first stanza ended.

Methodically, the Wolves found their footing. With 3:00 before halftime, junior QB Julian Smith found Harrison Dorman with a 17-yard TD strike to complete a grinding, 65-yard drive. Caiden Nidefski powered the PAT kick through and the Wolves were within 16-7.

The Jayhawks drove inside the Wolfpack 10 just before the half, but Griffin's FG attempt was blocked by Dorman to keep the deficit at 9 points. A leaping interception by Laingsburg's Cade McLean also helped keep the Wolves within striking distance.

The hosts came out looking sharp to open the 2nd half. A long kickoff return gave LHS excellent field position at midfield, before Smith found Landon Freeman at the corner pylon for a 24-yard TD pass. Nidefski's kick made it 16-14.

The teams traded turnovers again to end the third period. To start the 4th, Vandercook's Roper made a fine backcut and sprinted to paydirt for the eventual backbreaker, a 6-yard to up the Hawks' lead to 22-14. Dorman blocked Griffin's PAT attempt to keep it a one-score game.

With 7:57 left to play, the high drama reached fever-pitch. Starting at its own 24, LHS used a halfback toss downfield to Ethan Smith to gain a first down at midfield. Carson Helmer then sprinted a handoff to the Vandercook 26. Titan Sindel hammered the middle of the line to the Jayhawk 10. QB Smith left the contest with cramps. Forced back to the 20, the Wolves turned to backup QB Dez Herold -- who ripped the seam on a 21-yard scoring pass to Freeman. Now it's 22-20, Vandercook.

On the two-point try, the Wolves fumbled the ball away ... effectively dooming their chances.

The gift-giving wasn't done, however. With 2:58 still to play, Vandercook speedster Roper broken into the open ... only to fumble it away while trying to change hands on the ball. Sindel recovered, giving the Wolfpack one last chance, 90 yards away ...

Only to be thwarted with a Jayhawk interception with 2:12 ticks left. The Hawks then ran out the clock.

CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

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 30, 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 May 22, 2023, by Big Duck Leasing, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, given by it to Michigan State University Federal Credit Union, of 3777 West Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, as Mortgagee, and recorded on May 23, 2023, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Clinton County, in Instrument Number 5335514; on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid, as of the date of this Notice, the sum of One Million Three Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Seven and 12/100 Dollars ($1,327,547.12); 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 30, 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 CITY OF SAINT JOHNS, COUNTY OF CLINTON, STATE OF MICHIGAN: A parcel of land in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 4, Town 7 North, Range 2 West, Clinton County, Michigan, the surveyed boundary of said parcel described as: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 4; thence North 89 degrees 02 minutes 51 seconds West along the South line of said section 987.15 feet; thence North 00 degrees 57' 09" East 449.63 feet; thence North 01 degrees 21 minutes 14 seconds West 337.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence North 89 degrees 02 minutes 51 seconds West parallel with the South line of said section 19.30 feet; thence North 01 degrees 21 minutes 14 seconds West parallel with the North-South 1/4 line of said section 565.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 02 minutes 51 seconds East parallel with said South line 565.00 feet; thence South 01 degrees 21 minutes 14 seconds East parallel with said North-South line 540 feet; thence South 44 degrees 47 minutes 57 seconds West 34.64 feet; thence North 89 degrees 02 minutes 51 seconds West parallel with said South line 520.70 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as: 203 E. Tolles Drive, Saint Johns, Michigan 48879 Tax Parcel Number: 300-004-300-080-00 The period within which the above premises may be redeemed shall expire six (6) months from the date of 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: August 20, 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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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in CLINTON County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on September 23, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jill L. Lugten, an unmarried woman, whose address is 1116 W. Wieland Road, Lansing, Michigan 48906, as original Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Amerifirst Financial Corporation, being a mortgage dated July 20, 2020, and recorded on July 22, 2020 with Document Number 5295510, Clinton County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated December 21, 2022 and recorded on December 29, 2022 and given document number 5331921 in Clinton County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR AND 29/100 DOLLARS ($128,554.29). Said premises are situated in the Township of Dewitt, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, and are described as: LOT 43, SUPERVISORS PLAT OF VALLEY FARMS #1, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 41, CLINTON COUNTY RECORDS. Street Address: 1116 W. Wieland Road, Lansing, Michigan 48906 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: August 23, 2026 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Robert A. Blumberg (P87490) Johnson, Blumberg & Associates LLC 30 North LaSalle St., Suite 3650 Chicago, Illinois, 60602 312.541.9710 - Phone 312.541.9711 - Fax File No.: MI 26 7414

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

CASE NO: 26-32646-DE
Estate of
MARTHA ELAINE COATES
Date of Birth: August 10, 1945
TO ALL CREDITORS:
The decedent,
MARTHA ELAINE COATES
Died on August 17, 2025
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to **Alan S. Cobb**, 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.

Alan S. Cobb
1319 Sandhill Drive
DeWitt, MI 48820
(517) 490-6539

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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. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM on SEPTEMBER 23, 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 has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Heather A. Williams, to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated March 16, 2005 and recorded March 21, 2005 in Instrument Number 5076469 and Loan Modification Recorded on April 27, 2023, in Instrument Number 5334882, Clinton County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Bank, National Association, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Seven and 51/100 Dollars ($89,837.51).
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 venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Clinton County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on SEPTEMBER 23, 2026.
Said premises are located in the Village of Ovid, Clinton County Michigan, and are described as: Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 12, Village of Ovid, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof in Liber 21, of Deeds, page 367, Clinton County Records. Also, the East 125 feet of a strip of land located North of said Block 12 and South of the Railroad Grounds, in Section 12, Town 7 North, Range 1 West, Ovid Township, Clinton County, Michigan.
141 East Front Street, Ovid, Michigan 48866
The redemption period shall be 6 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.
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. FinCEN reporting will be required of all successful purchasers, absent a lawful exemption.
Dated: August 23, 2026
File No. 26-007570
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CLINTON
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
DECEDENT'S ESTATE/TRUST

Trust of
ADELLA D. EDWARDS, DECEASED
Date of Birth: August 16, 1924
TO ALL CREDITORS:
The decedent,
ADELLA D. EDWARDS
Died on August 5, 2026
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Co-Trustee of the Adella D. Edwards Revocable Living Trust dated May 28, 1992, at 4612 Herron Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864 within four months after the date of publication.

Christopher W. Edwards
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Okemos, Michigan 48864
(517) 881-6306
Warren H. Krueger, III. P74115
313 South Washington Square
Lansing, Michigan 48933
(517) 371-8236

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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.
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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Vicki Dean and Ronald Dean, wife and husband, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for MiMutual Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated November 9, 2020 and recorded November 12, 2020 in Instrument Number 5300756 Clinton County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty and 43/100 Dollars ($238,950.43).
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 venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Clinton County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on SEPTEMBER 16, 2026.
Said premises are located in the Township of Watertown, Clinton County Michigan, and are described as:
That part of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 23, Watertown Township, Clinton County, Michigan. Beginning on the North line of said Section 560.00 feet East from the Northwest corner of Section 23; thence South 89° 34' 48" East 280.00 feet on said North line; thence South 00° 22' 07" West 340 feet; thence North 89° 34' 48" West 280 feet; thence North 00° 22' 07" West 340 to the Point of Beginning.
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If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. FinCEN reporting will be required of all successful purchasers, absent a lawful exemption.
Dated: August 16, 2026
File No. 26-002206
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
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Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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

CASE NO: 26-33141-NC
In the matter of
JOSHUA CHUKWUDI
ROBERT BEATY
TAKE NOTICE:
LAURYN BEATY
has filed a petition for name change.
A name change hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. at 100 E. State Street, 4th Floor Courtroom St. Johns, Michigan 48879, before Judge Lisa Sullivan (P51265) change the name of
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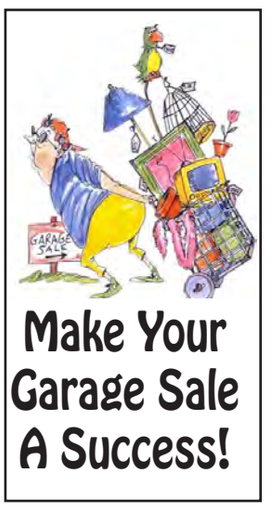
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY 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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ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC, MAY BE DEEMED A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT 13010 Morris Road, Suite 450, Alpharetta, GA 30004 ph:470-321-7112 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 09, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): MICHAEL LEE HARCOURT. Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by MICHAEL L HARCOURT to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS MORTGAGEE, AS NOMINEE FOR UNION HOME MORTGAGE CORP., for a mortgage dated August 16, 2019, and recorded on August 28, 2019, as Instrument Number 5283037 in the Clinton County Records. Said mortgage was assigned by said Mortgagee to NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, now operating as ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, as documented by an assignment dated October 11, 2023, and recorded on October 16, 2023, as Instrument Number 5339360 in the CLINTON County Records, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of $84,181.39. 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 venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court within CLINTON County, Michigan on September 09, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. Said premises are located in the city of SAINT JOHNS in CLINTON County, Michigan and are described as: PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE CITY OF ST. JOHNS, COUNTY OF CLINTON, AND STATE OF MICHIGAN DESCRIBED AS: THE SOUTH 45 FEET IN WIDTH OF LOT 2 OF BLOCK 1, CITY OF ST. JOHNS, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRANCIS LYND'S ADDITION TO THE ORIGINAL PLAT OF THE CITY OF ST. JOHNS, TOGETHER WITH THE EAST 1/2 OF THE VACATED ALLEY OF ABUTTING SAID PREMISES ON THE WEST. Property Address: 309 N LANSING ST., SAINT JOHNS, MI 48879 Tax ID No. 19-300-170-001-002-00 The redemption period shall be Six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If this property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the Mortgage sale or to the Mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC Mortgagee/Assignee August 9, 2026 ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Attorney for Mortgagee/Assignee 13010 Morris Road, Suite 450 Alpharetta, GA 30004 Telephone: 470-321-7112 Facsimile: 404-393-1425 Service Email: MIFCLTeam@raslg.com

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