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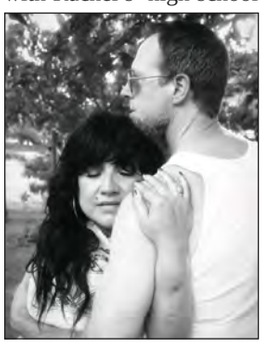
Rachel Rodriguez Releases New Single

Rachel Rodriguez is excited to share that her new single, "Your Love", is out in the world and available wherever you stream and listen to music!

This track is really special to her. It's the 4th single from her upcoming album, 'Mi Vida', a project that reflects so many pieces of her story and inspiration.

"Your Love" is a reflection of a 34-year journey with Rachel's high school sweetheart. It's the kind of love that grows up with you, walks through every season with you, and somehow keeps choosing you again and again.





Featuring her brothers in music, Them Vibes, "Your Love" celebrates my wild heart, bohemian spirit, and retro-rock soul while delivering a simple message of gratitude for our imperfect, deep and enduring love.

Apple Fest in Ovid on September 19th

The City of Ovid is hosting an Apple Fest on Saturday, September 19th. The event was developed thru the City's STEPP program, Strategic Team for Event Public Space Planning . The event will be held at the Little League Field (located behind the laundromat) from noon-4pm. Activities will include a variety of apple games, bounce houses, light refreshments, hot dogs courtesy of the Ovid Lions Club, cider and donuts.

Wyrick's Orchard will also have apples for sale at the event. Bring the family for an afternoon of fall fun.



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Former Elsie High School *Photo by Dawn D Levey*

Village of Elsie

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Elsie Village Council was held Tuesday, September 8, 2026. The Village of Elsie is moving in a positive direction with the assistance of numerous grant awards.

Ken Harris, owner and developer of the former Elsie High School building, presented officials with a positive update on the status of the project. The Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) numbers were reviewed and a resounding yes with their portion of the grant is available, $896,202 of the $3.7 million dollar project. In forty-five days the project will be moving forward full speed. Work will continue on the project during the winter months. The time frame is that in 10 months the first unit will be ready for occupancy, with three units per month moving forward. The goal is a total of 33 one-bedroom apartments. The rent will be $995 per month, one bedroom, includes utilities, washer and dryers. In addition, a laundry mat will be part of the development plan.

Chris Ormes, DPW, reported that water meters continue to be scheduled for replacement. Noting that the replacements are the result of grant funding. In addition, the village received a grant to replace twenty-seven fire hydrants. Twenty have been replace with seven remaining. The sites of replacement will be landscaped after all are installed. The project included all bey fourteen hydrants that will be replaced in the future. As the installations took place a number of additional issues were addressed. It is apparent that the water system infrastructure needs to be addressed in the future.

Dorothy Orneas, trustee, reported on the recent activities at Heroes Park. Two additional statues have been paid for and both have been ordered. Sixteen additional red bricks have been ordered, as well. September 21, 2026 Mark Helt will pick up the statues. The final two statues will complete the park. Information regarding the bricks is available at the Elsie Village business office.

Next, Ed White updated officials on the village park projects. There has not been a lot of activity in the past month however the courts will be completed this fall. The walking path looks great since the resurfacing and continues to be used a lot by local residents.

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The Helmsmen have been sharing encouraging music and the message of Jesus Christ for decades, blending beloved hymns with lively Southern Gospel favorites.

Bring your family, invite a friend, and enjoy a joyful night of worship, music, and community.

Grove Bible Church is located at 6990 East Price Road, St. John's, MI 48879

Fairfield Township Cemetery Clean-Up Reminder

We are reminding those who have loved ones buried at Fairfield Cemetery to please remove all refuse of any kind or nature by October 1, 2016, per the Fairfield Cemetery Ordinance. This is including but not limited to: annuals, dried or plastic flowers, wreaths, blankets, papers, decorations, etc. Items must be removed from the cemetery grounds or deposited within approved containers within the cemetery. Any materials not removed by burial space owners or heirs shall be removed and appropriate disposition shall be made by the Sexton.

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Pittsburg United Methodist Church



The Pittsburg United Methodist Church will be hosting their 50th Annual Butter Basted Chicken BBQ at the Bennington Township Hall on Sunday, September 27th from noon-until sold out as a curbside take-out only event. The menu will consist of a 1/2 chicken, baked beans, scalloped potatoes, corn, roll & butter and a cookie. Suggested donation $12, no change.

The Bennington Township Hall is located at 5849 S. M-52.



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SAC is Offering a Six Week Series for Portrait Painting

submitted by Linda Ruehle

Working with the portrait can be one of the most rewarding artistic endeavors, but also a very challenging one, especially in terms of mixing just the right skin tones. A strong focus will be placed on color theory, painting techniques, and anatomy. Students may choose to work in oils or acrylics.

The Shiawassee Arts Center is located at 206 Curwood Castle Drive, Owosso. The Arts Center is handicap accessible. Fridays, October 16 - November 20, 10am - 1pm.

$170 SAC Member/ $180 Guest. Pre-registration & payment is required. For questions of registration, call (989) 723-8354

Supply List: Paint: Cadmium Yellow, Cadmium Red, Alizarin, Ultramarine Blue, Burnt Sienna, Titanium White, Optional - Veridian Green. Stand Oil (if working in oil), Slow drying medium (if working in acrylic). Assortment of filbert and round brushes, Small fan brush. Canvas or panel (x4). Palette knife (metal is preferred over plastic). Small glass jar (for oil painters). Medium to large plastic or glass jar (acrylic painters), Palette.

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Obituaries

Kathleen Mona Brooks



Kathleen Mona Brooks, age 83, of Ovid, Michigan, and previously St Johns, Newfoundland, Canada, passed away peacefully in her home on September 5th, 2026, surrounded by the love of her family.

Mona, the daughter of George and Margaret Dollmont, was born and raised in Howley, Newfoundland, on August 31st, 1944. Mona was one of eleven siblings, who she loved dearly, and a twin to her “wombmate,” Lynne. She attended high school at the Holy Heart of Mary in St. Johns, Newfoundland where she resided until she met her future husband. Newfoundland was always considered home to her, even after living in the United States for over sixty years. Her love for her homeland was shared through many stories, recipes, and photos over the years.

Mona met the love of her life, William Brooks (Bill), while he was stationed in Newfoundland as a Marine. Shortly after they met, Bill brought her back to the United States where they got married six months later on June 19th, 1966. Together, they celebrated sixty years of marriage filled with love, family, and many cherished memories.

Within all those years, they had three children, who were her pride and joy, Shelly Hunt, Michel Brooks (Michelle), and Billy Brooks. Being a devoted mother was her greatest accomplishment in life, as she prided herself in the children she raised. Although she loved her children endlessly, her greatest gifts were her grandchildren and great grandchildren. The amount of love she had for each child grew with each and every day. Mona was “Nanny” to six grandchildren, Caleb Hunt, Kylie Church (Bobby), Jacob Hunt (Aleah), Jaycen Hunt, Ryan Brooks, and Tyler Brooks. Recently, she became a great grandma to two great-granddaughters, Maggie and Sutton, who added endless joy to her life this year. Her family was the center of her world. Her grandchildren would describe her as “an angel on earth”, as she told them endlessly how much they meant to her. She is also survived by her brother, Ben, and sisters, Lynne, Mary, Betty, and Margaret, many nieces, nephews, and cousins whom she loved dearly.

Mona was a homemaker, who enjoyed cooking for a crowd, baking, gardening, canning and watching all of the neighborhood children. She adored children, and those whom she babysat she considered to be family. If you knew Mona, you knew that she was the sweetest woman, who would do anything for anyone she met. She would even make friends with people in line at the grocery store, her doctor's office, and even her grandchildren's friends. She was everyone's “Mom” or “Nanny”.

In addition to loving children and her family, her greatest love of her life was her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She had the strongest Faith, and knew when she was called Home, she would be welcomed into the arms of Jesus. She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Margaret and George, siblings Ken, Michael, Kit, and Patti.

On Friday, September 11, 2026, a visitation was held for Mona from 12:00pm to 1:00pm, with a service beginning at 1:00 p.m., at Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes, Owosso chapel. Burial will take place at a later date with close family and friends.

In Lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Mona’s honor to Helen Devos Children’s Hospital, as she deeply cared for children of all ages. Your contribution can be made online using the "Donate Now" button, or the link below.

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Joette Arlene Dennis



Joette Arlene Dennis, age 79, of Ovid, MI, passed away Saturday, September 5, 2026 at Mother Teresa House, Lansing, MI.

Joette was born in Kalamazoo, MI on February 14, 1947, the daughter of Edward and Beatrice (Hunt) Jelinek. She was a graduate of Ovid-Elsie High School. On October 22, 1966, she married Donald Dennis at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Owosso, MI.

Joette was talented in crocheting; she made many baby afghans and crocheted hand towel tops for hanging. Her grandchildren were dear to her heart and brought her the greatest joy. Joette's hobby of gardening started at a young age, when she helped with her family's produce business the, "Farmers Market", as well as working at the Lansing City Market. She spent many years working at the Village IGA in Ovid. Joette enjoyed playing cards with family and friends. She loved reminiscing and telling stories from her youth. She was a faithful member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Ovid for over 40 years.

She is survived by her husband Donald Dennis, Sr. of Ovid, MI; son Eddie Dennis and Krisi Flanner of Ovid, MI; daughter Tonya Heyer and Andrew Weiers of DeWitt, MI; daughter-in-law Bella Dennis of Moro, IL; grandchildren: Samantha Dennis, Steven Dennis, Jacob Heyer, and Jenna Heyer. Joette was preceded in death by her parents, her son Donald Dennis, Jr., also her siblings: Janet Daniels, Joseph Jelinek, and Anthony Jelinek.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, September 11, 2026, at Holy Family Catholic Church, Ovid, MI, with Rev. Fr. Anthony Brooks presiding. Burial has taken place at Middlebury Township Cemetery, Ovid, MI.

Memorials may be made to Mother Teresa House 308 N. Walnut Street, Lansing, MI 48933. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan.

Robert (Bob) Watkins



Robert (Bob) Watkins, 88 of Ovid, MI passed this life on August 2, 2026 at Memorial Hospice, Owosso.

He leaves his wife of 59 years, Nancy; daughters Susan Watkins, Cynthia Watkins her partner Marc Alvarez and grandsons, Andres Rosales and Daniel Rosales.

Bob was cremated. A memorial service will be held at a future date.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor’s choice.

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Michael A. Weiderer
September 11, 2019

We cried when you passed away, We still cry today.
Although we loved you dearly,
We couldn't make you stay.
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God broke our hearts to prove to Us he only takes the best.

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THE FAMILY



Georgiana L. Weiderer
September 28, 2020





Obituaries

Thomas L. Hughson



Thomas L. Hughson was a man of warmth, integrity, family, and community. He passed at home on the farm on September 3, 2026, at 74. His joy and strength were in Nancy, the love of his life, and his family.

Tom grew up on a farm in Ovid, Michigan. His childhood was spent with his older brother, Terry, creating their own fun by playing rodeo (jumping on steers as they ran under them) and going on wagon rides (off the top of the barn). Tom's childhood was shaped by caring aunts and uncles: Aunt Gladys, Aunt Doris, Uncle Dick, Uncle George, Aunt Adeline, who visited him so often when he was little and alone in the hospital, and Uncle Raymond, who made special visits to see Tom at the elevator - all of these people filled in the gaps to form his childhood. Russ and Ginny Waters, neighbors from the time Tom moved to Shepardsville Road at the age of 13, treated him as a son. Tom never forgot a kindness. Regardless of how many years passed, Tom often spoke of them and loved them dearly for their time and care.

In his early years, like a lot of young people, Tom started out with little to his name. But he had dreams of the life he wanted to build, and with whom he wanted to build it, his high school sweetheart, Nancy Lemke. They both were smitten and frankly, undaunted by the challenges ahead (clueless) as long as they had each other. They dated for 6 months, engaged for 3 months, and were married on August 26, 1972. They celebrated their 54th anniversary this year. What they built from scratch is truly amazing. Tom and Nancy worked hard. They both took jobs in the community and then came home at night to work their vision-their farm. All the while they went slow to go fast-saving, working, and waiting for the right moments to take calculated risks and investments. They added to their farm by buying land, they upgraded equipment, they built barns, they remodeled their home, and they grew their family. Their daughters, Jody and Jaclyn, deepened Tom's commitment to the end game, working to make sure their girls had choices, options, and a launch into life through the farm. This time of growth and change is well documented by hand prints and names etched in the cement all over the farm. Just a week ago, Tom commented that, in those early days he might plow until 1:30 a.m. and be back up to milk cows at 3:00 a.m. – since we all know those cows wait for no one. Those cows also had names and he took great pride in taking care of them. Through all these years, Tom always had a dog by his side. Champ, Duke, Jake, and most recently, Eddie, walked alongside him, rode in the truck with him, and laid in the shop while he worked. Eddie was with Tom in his last moments.

Tom and Nancy were partners. Every spring planting, every summer hay season, every fall harvest and every project in between, they worked together and often as a family. When the girls were still home, Tom's (and Jody's) idea of a perfect day was the four of them working outside, together. There were always growing pains, but ambition, perseverance, independence, pure stubbornness and belief in their family carried them through. A huge part of Tom's life was community. So many neighbors and friends whose lives intertwined with Tom and Nancy's and shared in the joy and the burdens. There was always someone to call on – "call up Bernath and see what he thinks", "Rick, I've got a problem", "run up to John's and get me a part", and "Dave, how much rain did you get?", or "Charlie, want to go for a ride?"

Tom had lifelong friends and neighbors who were like family to him and he loved nothing more than impromptu visitors! His greatest joy was found in the daily interactions with those he loved. This year brought a big change in their lives as they rented out the farm for the first time in 54 years.

One of his biggest regrets was that he wouldn't get to combine corn, beans, not so much! In order to keep busy, he embarked on a new project with Jody, also known as little Tom. Craig and Nancy were dragged into it, sometimes not very happily. He bought some new equipment to develop flower gardens and together, they created a beautiful area to relax. Jody and Tom both enjoyed creating flower bouquets to deliver to friends and family. Tom would send Jaclyn a video of the flowers each day.

Tom knew and loved every inch of his farm. Well-worn paths wound their way through the fields, streams and woods, maintained through Tom's daily rounds in the Gator with his best dog, Eddie. He loved taking his sister-in-law, Shari, and his grandkids with him on these rides, which were usually a lot longer than they bargained for! Tom's blood, sweat and tears poured into his land over a lifetime and he took great pride in the legacy he was leaving behind. Daughters, sons-in-laws, Jody and Craig and Jaclyn and Chip, and his 7 grandchildren, Grant, Jackson, Madison, Sophie, Brady, Lukas, and Landry, were Papa Tom's pride and brought him immeasurable joy.

Most of all, Tom loved Nancy. Together, they built a family and a lifetime of cherished memories that offer comfort even as their hearts are broken. Tom lives on in Nancy's heart and the lives of his daughters and their families. A life well lived, Thomas will be remembered and revered always.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lester Hughson and Dorothy Thompson, sister, Connie Weller and nephew, Danny Weller.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes – Houghton Chapel, Ovid, MI, on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, with Pastor Kathy Leydorf-Keck officiating. Burial has taken place at Riverside Cemetery, Elsie, MI.

The Hughson family requested that everyone in attendance dress casual as a reflection of Tom and his love of family and friends just spending special times together.

Tom cared deeply about education and literacy and often spoke to his daughters about the importance of reading to his grandkids. He also spent significant time in the hospital as a child and cared greatly about the health, safety and medical care of children. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library https://donate.imaginationlibrary.com or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org in his memory. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan.

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Lynn Francis Burgess



Lynn Francis Burgess, age 74, of Ovid, MI, passed away Monday, September 7, 2026, at Hazel Findlay Country Manor, St. Johns, MI.

Lynn was born in Sault Ste. Marie, MI on February 22, 1952, the son of Leon Albert and Frieda Elizabeth (Pesenski) Burgess. He graduated with an associate's degree from Michigan State University. On August 18, 1973, Lynn married June Denise Hoeltzel in Newberry, MI. They were blessed with fifty-three years of marriage, and she survives him.

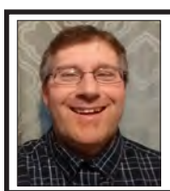
Lynn came to Ovid in 1973, to work at Vaughan's Seed Company, from there he worked for Paul Nemanis Electric and then bought the business. Finally, he worked for Roberts Dairy until retirement.

Lynn loved the UP. He was raised in the Soo, and had a stint in Muskegon until his family found their way to Newberry. He loved going "home." His favorite place was the deer camp, and always regretted never having enough time to go up as much as he wanted.

He is survived by his wife Denise; his children: Kirsten (Josh) Cole, Courtney (Andy) Bates, Theron (Melissa) Burgess, and Bethany (Brian) Lawrence; his grandchildren: Vivian (Victor Feldpausch) Cole, Justin Cole, Evalyn Cole, Audrey Bates, Ava Bates, Lilian Bates, Lydia Lawrence, Lilah Lawrence, Gunner Lawrence and Lincoln Burgess. He is also survived by his siblings: Dennis (Lynda) Burgess, Leenette (Tony) Guay, and Steve (Becky) Burgess; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Leon and Frieda Burgess.

Per the family wishes, there will be no services at this time.

Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamily-funeralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn
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The Problem of Evil- What's your answer?

There are many different ways to look at the problem of evil. It is a common objection people make when they say why they don't believe in God.

There are a lot of "Why?" questions concerning the problem of evil. For example, "Why did God allow this to happen?" "If God exists, why is there so much evil in the world?" "Why did my son die of cancer when he was ten?"

These are difficult questions for anyone to answer-Christian or not. But today I would like to ask a different type of question, a "What" question. That is, "What will your belief system ultimately do with evil?" Let's look at it closer.

Atheism and Christianity are posed with the same question- "What will you ultimately do with all the evil in the world?"

Atheism's answer- Nothing. All people will die and cease to exist. In time, the universe will cease to exist and nothing will be left.

Christianity's answer- At some point in the future, God will quarantine all evil and all who do not repent of their evil and believe in Christ in a place called Hell. The rest of humanity will live in a perfect universe with God, that will never be affected by evil again. Evil will be totally eradicated; never to be a problem again for all eternity.

As the Bible says, "...God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

- Revelation 21:3-4



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BE CAREFUL ON THE ROAD REMINDERS

Dear Andy,

We just had a fatal accident in our town, while riding bicycles on the road, when a driver struck two teens with their car. Please remind young teen bikers how dangerous it is to be on main roads and for drivers to slow down. I am just Heart-Broken for the families. Concerned Witness

Dear Heart-Broken,

Everyone is heartbroken when a fatal accident occurs. Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, aunts, uncles, cousins, siblings, friends, and the community. Schools are back in session with cooler weather, so more people are walking, riding bikes, and running errands as our beautiful Fall and Winter weather sets in. What can we learn from this tragic accident?

REMINDERS: Drivers, Be aware of everything when you are on the road. No phone calls, no radio changes, (OFF is a great setting), No adjusting the air or heat, no speeding. Any 3-second distraction could be a fatal decision.

Car Speeders: It's ok to be a few minutes late. You have no idea how frightening it feels to be traveling 70-75 MPH (the speed limit) to have a car race pass you at 90 to 100 mph.

Walkers: Stay several feet away from the busy road. Walk against the traffic. Wear bright clothing, even during the day. Be aware of your environment.

Bicycles: Stay off narrow roads and busy roads. Always wear protective gear. Get a ride to a Rails-to-Trails Conservancy location near you. Michigan has 2,514 miles of official trails.

Ask yourself: Is it worth it to risk your life or someone else's so you can be the first at a party? Is it worth it to have a felony on your record and not have a car to drive for years. And if you're lucky, get 350 community hours and/or Jail time? Is it really worth destroying your life and someone else's life. Think & BE Careful. Let's slow down. Enjoy the journey.

My sincere condolences to the family who recently experienced this tragic event. Andy.

Ask_andy@aol.com or askandyforadvice@gmail.com

Editorial



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

I would like to tell you that it has been a wonderful week. Last week was filled with crazy little mishaps like locking myself out of the car and the house at the same time. Fortunately I had my phone with me and I wasn't dashing around without proper attire. In fact when my son-in-law answered my call he teasingly asked if I was decent… meaning what I'm not sure. Apparently he expected his crazy mother-in-law being silly, maybe running around in her skivvies? Outside on the deck? No worries, I usually have a caftan covering my expanse. That week ended with being stung by hornets at the Farmer's Market (left thumb and right middle finger very uncomfortable). I also managed to lock Diane out of her vehicle by throwing her purse not mine into my carryall.

As I said it was a crazy week and I would rather have had a repeat. This week has been very heart breaking for me. My little dog, Prudence has left my side, she passed on Labor Day and I've been an emotional mess. I adored that little dog, she has been my best companion for sixteen years. It was nice to come home to someone who was thrilled to see me. Her whole body was involved with her tail wagging and even in her elder stage she could jump up into my lap. Granted she could make some messes but was very contrite when that happened. Prudence had become an intricate part of my family and a great blessing to me. May you have been blessed with a wonderful loving pet whose name is synonymous unconditional love and affection. God bless.

Crystal Mitchell©2026



Fairfield Township Board Thank You

The Fairfield Township Board would like to thank all those that participated in the 1st Annual Township Wide Dumpster Day. We were able to fill a 40-cu yard container with items that township residents were looking to dispose of. It is much appreciated as your township board is attempting to provide all the services we can while being extremely frugal. A special thanks to the board members and community members that donated their time to assist residents in unloading items into the container. We plan to put 100% of funds donated towards providing this service again next year. We were extremely surprised and pleased that the container was full by 2pm – our apologies for those that arrived after that time.

The Fairfield Township Board

Editorial



Faith Focus

by Phil Hopersberger
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"Something to Dance Around"

"You gave me no kiss… (Luke 7:45)."

I was known as a great kisser. My title is suspect, as I was only a teenager, but it was a thing back then. It was also a thing in the New Testament; the Apostles told believers to greet each other with a holy kiss. The Greek word for worship means "draw near to kiss." We all have an innate desire to worship, to dance around something, but true worship (kisses) are for God alone.

Sadly, we're fallen, and fall for twisted substitutes, visible, kiss-able idols that seem worthy (Exodus 32). We "kiss" cars, bank accounts, homes, jobs, actors, hobbies, sports, musicians, sex, food, even ourselves. We all dance around something. If you're unsure where your lips have been, time and money will reveal your dance partner. But we can't kiss an invisible God.

That is, until Jesus arrived, as God in the flesh, kissing God was now possible! But who would dare kiss Him (besides His family)? The Bible records two instances of God kisses – a prostitute and then a friend who betrayed Jesus. In Luke chapter 22, Judas feigned affection (the phrase "kiss of death" originated on that dreadful night), but her kiss? That was genuine worship.

Luke records it in chapter 7, but she didn't kiss Jesus' face. In abject sorrow and remorse for her sins, she dared only kiss His feet in repentant tears. The self-righteous religious leaders scoffed. If Jesus was legit, He'd know she was a wretch. Read it for yourself. Jesus forgives her and exposes these lipless God kissers (in words only) with, "You gave me no kiss." Ouch!

Two kissers…a sinner who knows she's offended God and a traitor with phony lip-service. If you're not sure which one you are, watch Anne Bancroft's brilliant portrayal in the 1977 film "Jesus of Nazareth," and you'll see a truly great kisser.

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Kory Witt, village representative to the Clinton Area Ambulance Service Authority board, reported that at the last meeting there was considerable discussion about future per capitia rates. Members listened to a presentation by Michigan Class, an investment service for municipalities. After a brief discussion regarding the program Witt was given the authority to invite a representative to attend a future council meeting.

Jason Freeman, village president, presented the clerk/treasurer's report. Due to issues within the business office, he recommended that action be taken to relieve Ms. Kelly of the clerk/treasurer duties. Officials took formal action to relieve Kelsey Kelly of her clerk/treasurer duties. Freeman also reported that property taxes are due September 14, 2026.

Police Chief Destinee Bryce gave a brief police department report. During the reporting period there were seven traffic stops; forty-two calls for service compared to fifty the previous month. Calls included traffic enforcement, motor carrier enforcement, child neglect, ORV and golf cart complaints, suspicious persons, and one arrest warrant. Code enforcement continues to be an ongoing process.

Destinee Bryce, Manager's report – financial audit has been completed and was turned into the State of Michigan August 24, 2026. Mr. Steven Adair will present the final audit at the October meeting. In addition, the water meter replacement grant report has been submitted. The Workman's Comp audit in progress. September 14, 2026, the last day to pay property taxes at the village office. The office will be open from 9a-9p to collect taxes. Personnel manual is in the process of being updated.

Officials retired in closed session 7:40 p to discuss the police chief/manager contract. Returned in open session 8:18p. Two actions were in open session. The designation of compensation time for DPW personnel. The second, was to update Bryce's contract regarding MIRS because there was an oversight after a past meeting and the contract regarding MIRS was not signed. Action was taken to update the contract and to sign it.

Finally, officials took action to set workshop meetings which will be held before October 1, 2026. Ordinance Committee Workshop – 24th, 6p Village conference room; Personnel Committee Workshop – September 15th 7p, Village conference room; Fire Authority Agreement workshop – Public meeting – Wednesday September 30th, 7 pm, Duplain Township Hall. The Elsie Area Fire Authority Board will be invited to attend.

Public Comment – Fairfield Township trustee Tim Riegle presented the village president with a check for $500 for the recycling program. Noting that this replaces a lost check.

Officials took action to approve expenditures totaling $50,689.80.



Senior Social Day at the Park

submitted by Kyle J. Thornton

St. Johns, MI — Clinton County Parks and Green Space Commission is excited to partner with Clinton County Senior Center, DeWitt Senior Club House and Bath Senior Center to announce a Senior Social Day, taking place on September 17, 2026, at Motz County Park, St. Johns, MI. This event will feature health-related resources, walking trails, social time, a box lunch, and lots of fun, offering attendees an unforgettable experience.

Event Highlights:

• What: Provide a free lunch and an opportunity for a social event for Clinton County senior citizens highlighting community resources, games and social activities (and of course lunch) at one of Clinton County's beautiful county parks.

• When: September 17, 2026, from 11:00am to 2:00pm (note Tai Chi available in a pre-event activity in the park from 10:00am to 11:00am).

• Where: Motz County Park, 4630 N. DeWitt Road, St. Johns, MI 48879.

• Who: Clinton County senior citizens.

•Why: Community building, connecting people, celebration of partnerships, increasing awareness of Clinton County Parks and Clinton County resources.

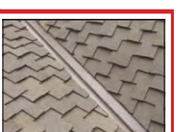
Quote from Clinton County Parks and Green Space Department:

Clinton County Parks and Green Space Coordinator, Kyle Thornton said: "We're thrilled to bring Senior Social Day to Motz County Park. It's an opportunity for senior citizens from across Clinton County to gather, meet new friends, have lunch and enjoy one of Clinton County's beautiful parks."

Additional Details:

The event is free for senior citizens. Please RSVP at your local Senior Center or by contacting Nicole at 517-719-3914.

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Sports

Gridiron Gurus PICK 'EM Contest WEEK 4

PIZZA: George Gates
SUB SANDWICH: Luke Nixon
BREADSTICKS: Bryan Reed



GRIDIRON GURUS
by Tom Turek
sports@meridianweekly.com

Laingsburg alum George Gates fired off a perfect week, and a pack of prognostricators were right behind at 11-1 in another constrictor-tight run to gridiron glory.

Perfect weeks are rare. It's tough to do. Yet the Gator took a chomp and tasted the perfection that is 12-and-oh!

Still, our Gurus were not the top story of the week. That belonged in Ann Arbor, where the controversial Wolverine "win" affected our contest. The total score of the WMU vs. UM game was our tie-breaker. And who'da thunk that combined ledger would be a MEAGER 25 POINTS???

Luke Nixon guessed the closest at 41 points, snapping the 11-1 log-jam for second place. Bryan Reed was right behind him at 45 points. Ryan Ackels was just two points off the pace. Most of our other geniuses had the combined scored in the upper 50s.

That's all Ol' Wolfie is gonna say about the Bronco-Wolverine fiasco. We started the week by banning mention of the game in the sports pub. And at church.

The other contest that gave most of our crystal-ball crew the fits was Colorado's big win over Georgia Tech. What? Nobody got faith in Coach Prime anymore?

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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 THREE

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Marauders Stay Unbeaten in MMAC Soccer Race, 3-0 Over Birch Run Panthers

BIRCH RUN -- With back-to-back shutout wins at Otisville-Lakeville and Birch Run, Ovid-Elsie's varsity soccer top is atop the MMAC boys' race.

O-E took on Birch Run in Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) play Wednesday night and came away with a hard-fought 3-0 victory.

Dominic Martin continued his goal-scoring prowess with two goals, both assisted by fellow captain Aiden Doyle. Keeper Blake Palus recorded his second straight clean sheet and added an assist of his own, setting up fullback Joey Kozlowski for the match-sealing goal.

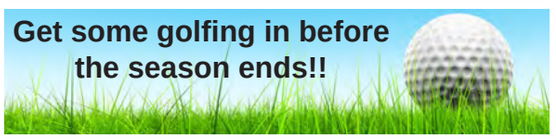
Coach Jerome White's Marauders moved to 2-0 in conference play and 4-5 overall.

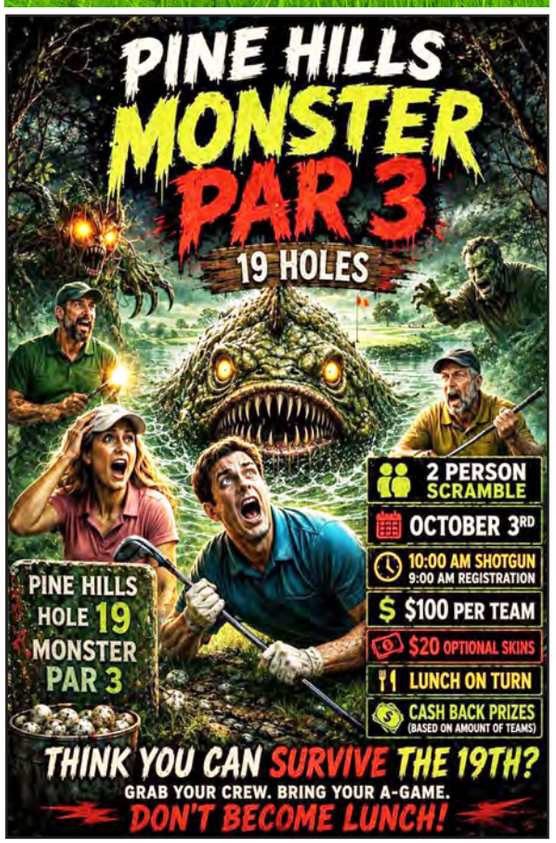
Ovid-Elsie Football

Sept. 18	7:00pm	Mt. Morris H
		Homecoming
Sept. 25	7:00pm	Durand H
Oct. 2	7:00pm	New Lothrop A
Oct. 9	7:00pm	Montrose A
Oct. 16	7:00pm	Chesaning H
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Oct. 23	7:00pm	Imlay City A

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Sports



Laingsburg High School Wins 5K in National High School Football Program

LAINGSBURG — The upgrades at the LHS Sports Complex continue.

Laingsburg High School has been awarded $5,000 in a national program with the opportunity to win a $1 million football stadium upgrade, through T-Mobile's Friday Night 5G Lights program, according to a Aug. 31 press release from T-Mobile. The program is built around high school football and community pride, according to the presser, and high schools in towns with less than 150,000 people are eligible.

"These funds are theirs to allocate how they see fit, whether it's supporting their academics, athletes or the broader school community," states the release.

LHS stands to win $25,000 if selected as one of the program's 40 division finalists, $250,000 if voted one of four division champions and a $1 million "full football field transformation" if voted the grand prize recipient, notes the release.

Public voting runs Oct. 8-25, with one vote allowed per person each day through T-Mobile's website.

Per the release, school officials can apply now at FridayNight5GLights.com through Sept. 18, and entries should include a "short story or essay explaining why the school deserves a transformation." One thousand schools will receive $5,000, with winners being announced weekly throughout the submission period.

Friday Night 5G Lights is in its third season and will award more than $8.4 million in prizes this year, per the release. LHS is one of 21 Michigan schools to win $5,000 so far this year.

Ovid-Elsie Harriers Host 25th Marauder Cross- Country Invitational

ST. JOHNS -- Chesaning's Jaxon Hemgesberg won the boys race in a blistering 17:11.17, and the Indians' Grace Jordan prevailed in the girls race in 19:47.47, as Ovid-Elsie hosted its 25th Annual Marauder Cross-Country Invitational at Uncle John's Cider Mill.

The Indians won the girls team event with 36 points, followed by Valley Lutheran 48, Fowler 70, Michigan Lutheran Seminary 115, New Lothrop 117, Perry 124 and Ovid-Elsie 169.

The boys field was ruled by Fowler at 57 points, followed by Byron 63, Chesaning 77, MLS 86, New Lothrop 91, Ovid-Elsie 125 and Morrice 192.

O-E also hosted a large schools' division at the prestigious Silver Anniversary meet.

Travis Wright in 17th place, Mitch Gonzalez 21st, Jeremiah Stewart 25th, Sam Kennedy 42nd, Hunter Howell 49th, Destin Kinney 53rd, Ethan Jullie 62nd and Adam Jullie 70th highlighted the effort for the Marauder boys.

For the Lady Marauders, Bella Stewart ran 13th, Dana Juhas 38th, Shaelyn Kinney 39th, Lydia Lawrence 43rd, Brena Vincent 58th, Kylynn Salyer 59th, Addilynn Vincent 74th and Alena Weber 88th to round out the field.

Lady Wolfpack Improves to 2-1 on CMAC Volleyball Court

PORTLAND -- Laingsburg's varsity volleyball team has avenged an opening league loss to Bath by rattling off two-straight wins in Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) action.

Coach Mickey Fox's Wolves scored a hard-fought win over Pewamo-Westphalia last week, and followed that up with a another four-set tussle over Portland St. Patrick. LHS won 25-22, 22-25, 25-16 and 25-21 to move to 2-1 in the CMAC, 3-4 overall.

Ella Mohney led the way with 9 kills, 2 aces and 8 digs, while Kendall Michels contributed 7 aces and 23 assists. Hayden Wilson tallied 25 digs and 2 kills, with Lia Soeltner adding 18 digs.


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Michigan Apple Crop Expected to be High Quality

Lansing – The Michigan Apple industry is expecting a high-quality crop of apples in 2026. The majority of apple-producing regions in Michigan report above-average apple crops with exceptional fruit size and color. Michigan Apple industry representatives have stated that they believe the crop is larger than the USDA estimated 25 million bushels (1.05 billion lbs.) of apples.

"We know the apple crop is above 25 million bushels this year. The quality is amazing and the size is larger, leading to more bushels," said Diane Smith, executive director of the Michigan Apple Committee. "There were some spring weather issues and problems with return bloom this year, but they are localized. Overall, Michigan's apple crop is looking great."

Many factors contribute to the size of an apple crop, including weather, bloom conditions and tree health. Michigan Apples are available year-round, and can be found at about 200 farm markets and cider mills in Michigan as well as more than 12,000 retail groceries across the U.S., according to Smith.

On average, Michigan growers harvest about 27.2 million bushels per year. Michigan is in the top three apple producing states, along with Washington and New York. Harvest is underway, with early varieties like Paula Red, Ginger Gold and Gala being the first on the market.

"We are hearing from growers that the Honeycrisp crop in particular is looking great. We'll have plenty of those for consumers to enjoy," said Smith. "Thanks to the summer weather the apples are sizing up nicely and plentiful sunshine means their color is looking good as well."

To help consumers navigate the harvest, the Michigan Apple Committee has outlined key release dates and flavor profiles for the season's most anticipated varieties:

Mid-August (Early Harvesters): Kick off the season with Paula Red (zesty and tart) and Ginger Gold (sweet with a subtle tang), available starting around August 17.

Late August (Sweet & Crisp Favorites): The popular Gala hits markets around August 24, followed closely by the juicy crunch of Honeycrisp starting August 31.

September (Tasty Classics): Golden Delicious and McIntosh will be available around September 7, while Red Delicious, Fuji and Jonagold can be found later in September.

October & Early November (Flavorful Newcomers): The refreshing and floral Ambrosia will be available around October 5, long-lasting EverCrisp® picked around October 26, and closing out the Michigan Apple season, the pink, crisp and juicy Cripps Pink available November 2.

A complete harvest schedule and variety guide can be found here.

Michigan's apple industry is powered by 850 multigenerational farm families—many now in their fourth or fifth generation—dedicated to growing world-class fruit. Consumers can support local growers by visiting cider mills, farm markets, and agri-tourism destinations, or by choosing Michigan-grown apples at their local grocery store.

The Michigan Apple Committee works on behalf of Michigan apple growers through marketing, research, education, and outreach to increase consumption, support growers, and ensure a strong and sustainable apple industry. To learn more, visit MichiganApples.com.

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.

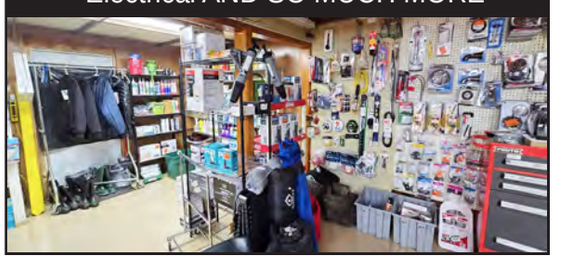
Tickets are on sale weekdays 9am- 3pm at the Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee office, the historic brick home east of Memorial Healthcare hospital at 710 W. King St., Owosso. The main entrance is on the parking lot (north) side.

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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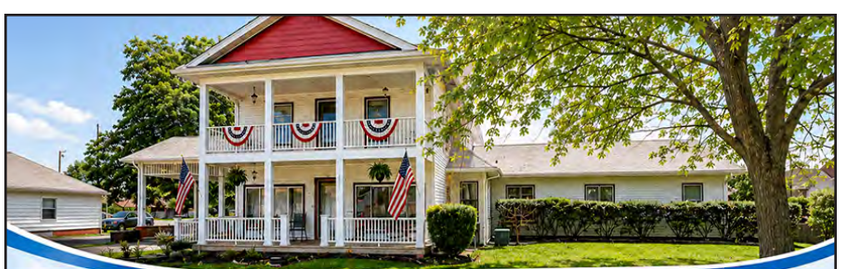
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Tuesday, September 15th - Spirit Day: "Dress Your Hallway"

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Wednesday, September 16th - Spirit Day: "Red Carpet Day"

Thursday, September 17th - Spirit Day: "Class Color Day"

Pep Assembly (Class Competitions at HS Football Stadium

Friday, September 18th - Spirt Day "Blue & Gold"

Parade 5:00pm; Hog Roast (donations accepted)5:30pm - HS Cafeteria after parade; 6:45pm Homecoming Court Announced; 7:00pm Varsity Football game: Homecoming Dance (HS Cafeteria) Post game-11pm

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NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

The City of Laingsburg City Council has adopted an ordinance amending Sections 18-302(g) and 18-304(b) of the City Code regarding marijuana permit renewal applications. The amendment requires permit renewal applications to be received by the City Clerk at least 90 days prior to the expiration of the permit and requires a non-refundable renewal application fee in an amount established by resolution of the City Council. A complete copy of the ordinance is available for review at Laingsburg City Hall during regular business hours or at www.laingsburg.us.

Kim Hamilton, City Clerk
09/13/26

VICTOR TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF HEARING VICTOR TOWNSHIP

TO: ALL OWNERS AND PARTIES IN INTEREST OF THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF VICTOR, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN:

The total land area within Victor Township, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, described as being lands abutting Round Lake and/or located within the Hickory Hill, Oakdale, or Barrett Shores Subdivisions, and/or abutting Oakdale and/or located north of the Round Lake shoreline and south of Round Lake Road, between St. Clair Road and Oakdale, including the following parcels:

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Please take notice that, upon Resolution of the Victor Township Board of Trustees, a public hearing will be held at the Township Hall, 6843 Alward Road, Laingsburg, Michigan 48848, on the 23rd day of September 2026, at 6:30 p.m. to consider and hear objections to the petition for and creation of a special assessment roll for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of eradicating or controlling the aquatic weeds and plants in Round Lake. The total cost of the project is estimated to be $63,500.00. A copy of the plans and estimates for the project, and a description of the tentative special assessment district are on file at the office of the Township Clerk and may be inspected between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday, through Friday.

You are invited to attend said hearing and express your views.
VICTOR TOWNSHIP
Lianne Prange, Clerk

DRAFT - SCIOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING: August 10, 2026

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Supervisor Matthews, @ 7:00 p.m.
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Matthews, Clerk Parker-Wing, Treasurer Palmer, Trustee Vondrasek, Trustee Reed
GUESTS PRESENT: 11 (names on meeting register)
AGENDA APPROVAL: On a motion by Palmer, seconded by Parker-Wing—Motion approved by all. The Board approved the August 2026 agenda with an additional subject: Lawyer Fees (discussion lead by the Clerk).
MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL: On a motion by Palmer, seconded by Parker-Wing. The Board approved July 13, 2026, meeting minutes with changes to Old Business. Currently written as: "Supervisor Matthews then declared the camera system purchase void and the township would not go forward with any surveillance system." Changed to: "Nay, voted down and done away with". (per Supervisor Matthews).
TREASURER REPORT APPROVAL: On a motion by Vondrasek, seconded by Reed—Motion approved by all. The Board approved the Treasurer report and placed it on file. General Fund Balance $341,642.22; Tax Fund Balance $85,851.92; CD Fund Balance $34,786.31
BILL PAYMENT APPROVAL: On a motion by Matthews, seconded by Reed. All payroll and expenses were approved as written. Payroll expenses = $10,412.16 and Accounts Payable expenses = $6,322.30. Checks used: #11714 - #11746. A roll call vote was taken, Yea: Reed, Vondrasek, Parker-Wing, Palmer, Matthews. Nay: None Absent: None. Supervisor Matthews initial motion paid the bills with an exclusion of check #11718 for $1,176.56, which included a $500 election project pay for the Deputy Clerk. Treasurer Palmer deliberated with the Board concerning possible repercussions involving a State Labor Board investigation or litigation costs for non-payment of project pay. Supervisor Matthews then changed the motion to approve all expenses, noting resolution 2024-03.01 to be rescinded.
PUBLIC COMMENT—1st: Troy Hill and other Sciota Township residents addressed concerns about the State of Michigan EGLE Department Hydrate Gravel Pit and water withdrawal permit application. Discussion ensued.
COUNTY & PUBLIC OFFICIAL REPORTS:
o Laingsburg Public Library: City of Laingsburg liaison to the library, Jody Frank, says the Laingsburg Public Library will not be able to go forward with a District Public Library as there is a disagreement with the contract verbiage that cannot be removed nor agreed to by one party The lawyers are working on a millage for 2027.
TAX ASSESSOR: New Sciota Township Assessor policy documents were submitted to the Board for approval by Supervisor Matthews.
BOARD REPORTS: Supervisor Matthews stated roadside brush cutting and tree undergrowth/branch removal is in process. He received a letter from the Shiawassee County Drain Commissioner stating that upcoming Bennington/Sciota Township Section 18/19 drain repairs are going forward (Drain Commissioner letter given to the Clerk). Clerk Parker-Wing says she's been working diligently on the August 4 preparation certification of election business, processing payroll, and preparing for the August Board meeting. The Clerk found the election-box camera inoperable on 7/21/2016 prior to 11 a.m. She found the Wi-Fi modem had been unplugged from the wall socket in the Sciota hall great room. In prior Board reports, the Clerk reported two other camera sabotage incidents; 1) the election-box camera became disabled due to the Wi-Fi modem being unplugged from the electrical outlet; and 2) the election-box camera became disabled by breaking the electrical cord. Clerk Parker-Wing stated previously that future camera surveillance interferences would be dealt with by reporting them to the State Police and/or to the State of Michigan Elections Bureau. The Clerk is awaiting guidance from the Bureau of Elections concerning next steps regarding the 7/21/26 incident. Treasurer Palmer says summer tax payments are coming in and reminded everyone that payments must be mailed directly to the Treasurer's office at 8574 Woodbury Road—not to Sciota Township's business P.O. Box address. Property tax payments sent to the Sciota Township P.O. Box which are deemed late, will not be eligible for late-fee leniency. Trustees Vondrasek and Reed had no news to share.
OLD BUSINESS:
o The Weekly/Draft Meeting Minute Monthly Submissions: (revisit cost monthly) No new comments/concerns.
o Cemetery Management and Plot Sales Reassignment: Clerk Parker-Wing distributed a text/email dialogue to the Board between Supervisor Matthews and the Clerk regarding the Supervisor's request for Cemetery information be brought to the August township hall meeting for a guest's review of cemetery maintenance duties. Invited guest did not attend the meeting.
o Clerk Follow-up From July 2026: RE: Proof of Past Board Practices: The Clerk provided documentation, as noted in the July 2026 New Business section, verifying that all 2025 contract dates for sexton, lawncare, and janitorial services were advertised and contracted as four-year agreements beginning April 1, 2025. The Clerk also presented Board minutes to the Supervisor showing that, before 2026, independent contractor agreements were not set to expire before an official's term of office ended. Meeting-minute dates for the sexton and lawncare contracts were May 8, 2023; May 13, 2024; and April 14, 2025. The Clerk provided Township meeting minutes to Supervisor Matthews showing that Road Project budgets have typically been approved in April each year, rather than in March as the Supervisor stated. The supporting meeting dates were April 10, 2023; April 8, 2024; and April 14, 2025.
NEW BUSINESS: (with prior agenda approval)
o All Board members approved/signed a land division variance for Parent Parcel #009-23-400-002, that was recommended for approval by the Sciota Township Planning Commission. An application was submitted to the Shiawassee County Community Development Office by Gerald and Mary Sayles, of 8997 Woodbury Road, requesting division of two dwellings with non-conforming acreage: 1) less than 200' of continuous road frontage along a public/private road and which created 2) a side yard setback less than a minimum of 20'. A roll call vote was taken. Yay: Palmer, Vondrasek, Reed, Parker-Wing. Nay: None. Absent: None.
o Blight Concerns Near 3550 Shaftsburg Road: No show/No discussion.
o SATA in Sciota Township: No show/No discussion.
o Update on the State of Michigan Dept of Labor, RE: Linda Knoblauch payments. The final $500 check #11715 was issued to Linda Knoblauch and provided to the lawyer for submission to the State of Michigan.
o On a motion by Palmer, seconded by Matthews. Approval was given to the Clerk to email the Township lawyer requesting lawyer fees be billed on a monthly basis with timely breakdowns per subject. A roll call vote was taken. Yea: Parker-Wing, Vondrasek, Reed, Palmer, Matthews. Nay: None Absent: None
NEW BUSINESS: (without prior agenda approval)
o The Board agenda was changed by Supervisor Matthews. The "Bill Payment" agenda item was moved directly after the "Treasurer's Report" item.
o On a motion by Matthews, seconded by Reed. The Board approved rescinding resolution RES #2024-03.01. The Board will no longer pay the Deputy Clerk an additional $500 per election for duties added to the position by Michigan Proposal 2022-2. A roll call vote was taken, Yea: Vondrasek, Reed, Palmer, Matthews. Nay: Parker-Wing. Absent: None
o On a motion by Vondrasek, seconded by Matthews—Motion approved by all. Township tax assessor policy documents were presented to the Board for approval.
- Policy #2026-01 Tax assessor's Office Accessibility Policy was approved and signed by all board members.
- Policy #2026-02 Tax Assessor's Personal Property Canvass and Records Policy was approved and signed by all board members.
PUBLIC COMMENT—2nd: None
ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Palmer, seconded by Vondrasek—Motion approved by all. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:47 p.m.
Submitted by: Jamie Parker-Wing
Sciota Township Clerk

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES CAN BE VIEWED ON OUR WEBSITE AT https://sciotatownship.net/meeting-minutes/

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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 October 14, 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): Colleen C Bradley, single woman
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Rocket Mortgage, LLC
Date of Mortgage: January 11, 2019
Date of Mortgage Recording: January 25, 2019
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $71,224.47
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Ovid, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Lots 11 and 12, Block 5, Village (now City) of Ovid, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 21 of Deeds, Page 367, Clinton County Records.
Common street address (if any): 304 W Williams St, Ovid, MI 48866-9682
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: September 13, 2026
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515

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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - CLINTON COUNTY 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 October 07, 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: Mortgagor(s): Sean Larabee Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: June 2, 2023 Recorded on June 13, 2023, in Document No. 5336087, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Rocket Mortgage, LLC Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Two Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Two and 89/100 Dollars ($266,702.89) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clinton County, and described as: The North 100 feet of Lots 1 and 2, Block 18, Except 81.5 feet by 1 foot 5 inches subject to an easement on, over, and across the West 1.5 feet of the North 100 feet of said lot 2 City of St Johns, Clinton County, Michigan. Commonly known as 200 S Church St, Saint Johns, MI 48879 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale will be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Rocket Mortgage, LLC Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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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 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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Elsie Lions Beef Raffle

The Elsie Lions Club is selling Beef Raffle Tickets now thru the drawing date of October 3rd. Tickets are $5.00 each, 1st Prize-1/2 Beef, 2nd and 3rd Prize-1/4 Beef, 4th Prize-$100 Gift Card. Green Meadow Farms has donated the beef.

The October 3rd drawing will be held at 3pm in downtown Elsie. Tickets are available from any Elsie Lions Club member and at the Meridian Weekly Office in Ovid. Get your tickets today and help the Elsie Lions Club in this fund raising effort.

Though I do not believe that a plant will spring up where no seed has been, I have great faith in a seed... Convince me that you have a seed there, and I am prepared to expect wonders.
~ Henry David Thoreau



FORECLOSURE NOTICE
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, October 7, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Katherine M Gregory, Richard Gregory II, wife and husband to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated February 12, 2018, and recorded on February 21, 2018, as Document Number: 5263780, Clinton County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Fifth Third Bank, National Association, FKA Fifth Third Bank as successor by merger to Fifth Third Mortgage Company by an Assignment of Mortgage dated March 26, 2018 and recorded March 26, 2018 by Document Number: 5264880, , on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty and 87/100 ($153,360.87) including interest at the rate of 4.12500% per annum. Said premises are situated in the Township of EAGLE, Clinton County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 12, Town 5 North, Range 4 West, Eagle Township, Clinton County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 12; thence South 00 degrees 22 minutes 33 seconds East 300.00 feet along the East line of said Section 12 to the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing South 00 degrees 22 minutes 33 seconds East, 400.00 feet along said East line; North 89 degrees 00 minutes 22 seconds West, 200.00 feet parallel with the North line of said Section 12; thence North 00 degrees 22 minutes 33 seconds West 400 feet parallel with said East line; thence South 89 degrees 00 minutes 22 seconds East 200.00 feet parallel with said North line to the point of beginning of this description. Commonly known as: 12120 S BAUER RD, EAGLE, MI 48822 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) 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. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: September 6, 2026 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Fifth Third Bank, National Association, FKA Fifth Third Bank as successor by merger to Fifth Third Mortgage Company 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 26MI00359-1

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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.
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

Estate of
SHERMAN R. ASHFORD
Date of Birth: September 2, 1939
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent,
SHERMAN R. ASHFORD
Died on June 16, 2026
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Suzette J. Kinney, 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.

Suzette J. Kinney
8797 Pondview
Ovid, MI 48866
(989) 307-9866

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

CASE NO: 26-32997-DE
Estate of
MARY ELSEA
Date of Birth: May 27, 1943
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MARY ELSEA
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submitted by Brian Valentine

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