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Color Walk to End Hunger

submitted by Mary Bradley



Give back and have fun doing it! Join the Color Walk to End Hunger, an untimed, non-competitive, fun event. Walkers are colored from head to toe in a different colored powder throughout the course. Walkers start by wearing a white shirt or hoodie and finish the race as a colorful piece of art. After the walk, go downtown a nd enjoy the fall festival! https://www.facebook.com/ElsieFallFest



All proceeds raised will benefit the Elsie Area Food Pantry with a mission to provide those in need with emergency food by working together with community members, leaders, local businesses and organizations to gather, store, and distribute goods. This event is on October 3rd and will be held at the Elsie Park located at 261 N. Park Ave., Elsie, MI. Walker check-in will be at 9:00 a.m. and the walk will begin at 9:30.

Our walk is for everyone wanting to support the community, get a little exercise, and have fun doing it! The walk is sponsored by BetterLife ZCBJ Bannister and will be in memory of Tom Bradley, long time volunteer and board member of the food pantry.

You can participate as an individual and form a team to encourage others to join to support the great work of the Elsie Area Food Pantry. This event will help bring in the additional funds needed to help serve the community.

All donations are welcome the day of the walk. Individuals and families that are not in a position to donate are still welcome to join in the fun and celebrate our community!

Apple Fest in Ovid Rescheduled to Saturday, September 26

The City of Ovid is hosting an Apple Fest on Saturday, September 26th. 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, cider and donuts.



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

Ovid City Council

by Deb Price



Justin Nemier

On Monday, September 14th, the Ovid City Council was called to order at 7pm by Mayor Mary Perrien, the full council was present. The agenda, approval of August minutes, approval of invoices and check register were all voted on and approved. There was no public comment.

During the reports segment, DPW Director, Dalton Perrien, reported that the drain repairs had been made and that tree work had been completed. He then commented on the up the upcoming leaf pick-up. He had looked into the purchasing of a leaf vac which was expensive and suggested the city stay with the backhoe/truck method for leaf pickup. A discussion was also held on the possibility of City residents taking their leaves and brush to a dump site within the City limits for those who didn't want to wait for pick-up by City employees. It was decided to do a pilot program to see what kind of resident interest there was. Watch for further details as to where the drop off site would be and rules for dropping off leaves and brush.

Chief Rousseau introduced Justin Nemier to the council. He is the new Police Administrative Coordinator. His duties will include assisting the Chief, he will learn the complete reporting process and will serve as the City Code Inforcer. Justin will be attending the Mid-Michigan Police Academy at LCC in January. Chief Rousseau also reported on an event that will take place on September 30th where Police, Fire and EMS individuals will gather and learn each departments responsibility pertaining to events that put individuals in harms way and how those events can be handled in a collective method for the best possible outcome for all involved. The council took action to allow Chief Rousseau to order police vests as needed, setting aside the $1,000 expenditure maximum for council approval policy.

Under new business, the council took action to allow $600 for the upcoming Applefest to be held Saturday, September 19th. The funds will cover supplies for the event. Following the Committee, Boards and Commission reports, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.

The Ovid City Council meets the second Monday of each Month at 7pm at City Hall. The next meeting will be held on October 12th.

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Elsie Library Adventures

submitted by Ann Trierweiler

It is good to see the children come back for the Monday children's program at noon. Yes, every Monday at noon. Or next Saturday program for children will be during the Elsie Fall Festival on October 3, at 11 am. There will be story readings at 11am,12 pm and 1 pm. There will be face painting from 10:30 to 1:30. Because of the variable amount of people, we will have a sign-up sheet. That helps us maintain some order. Be by the table on time! There will be make-and-take crafts for some artsy fun and a few stickers and tattoos for a nominal amount. The face painting will have a donation bin on that table as well. ALL the proceeds are given to our Elsie Food Pantry.

I truly hope the Fall Festival has a great turnout this year. The proceeds go to the Elsie Food Pantry and they have done an immense amount of good for our community near and farther. The Food Pantry continues to help many people.

We continue with our regular line-up of activities each month. You can find our monthly schedules online at our Elsie Public Library site and on our Facebook page. Better yet, come in and see us! You still haven't come to our library? Seriously? We have so much more than "just books."

Ovid Historical Archives

Beginning Tuesday, September 15th the Ovid Historical Archives, located in the Ovid Public Library, will be open to the public on Tuesdays from 1pm-3pm every week. For other appointment times call Ken Miller at 989-666-6826 or by email at ovidite@yahoo.com, he is also looking for persons interested in Genealogy.

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Elsie Library Historical Society Meeting

submitted by Janet Swanson


Betty Rolfe celebrated 100 years!

The monthly meeting for the ELHS will be Wednesday, September 23, 2026 at 5:15 p.m. The public is invited. Our meetings are usually the third Wednesday of each month but this month is an exception.

We have had several visitors looking for information on Chapin which led us to visit Betty Rolfe of Chapin who recently celebrated her 100th birthday. You are welcome to come in any Wednesday afternoons, 2-5:00 pm and see more information and pictures of her as well as pictures of Chapin in the past.

The Helmsmen Quartet at Grove Bible Church

Join us for an uplifting evening of Southern Gospel music with The Helmsmen Quartet at Grove Bible Church on September 20th. Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

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

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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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140-028-200-080-00	140-029-400-035-00	140-150-000-023-00
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	140-120-000-051-00	

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

VICTOR TOWNSHP
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Proposed Board Minutes of September 8, 2026

The regular board meeting of Victor Township was called to order by Supervisor Wiswasser at 7:01 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a roll call of Board members in attendance. Present: Wiswasser, Willoughby, Prange, Pesch, Sayles. 10 citizens present.

Public Comment: Resident D. Archer informed the Board about the invasive plant phragmites and encouraged residents to educate themselves on effective methods for controlling its aggressive spread. Resident T. Ashley added that spraying at this time of year may also help prevent further spread of the plant.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Sayles, seconded by Prange, to approve September 8, 2026, agenda with additions submitted by Supervisor. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Sayles, seconded by Pesch, to approve August 11, 2026, special board meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sayles, seconded by Pesch, to approve August 11, 2026, regular meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Sayles, seconded by Pesch to approve August 17, 2026, special meeting minutes with correction of Willoughby being absent. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Willoughby, seconded by Sayles to approve August 21, 2026, special meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Prange, seconded by Sayles, to accept the August 2026 Treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Bills and Payroll: Motion by Willoughby, seconded by Prange, to disburse August 2026 bills. (Paid September 8, 2026, Roll call: Members voting yes: Prange, Pesch, Wiswasser, Willoughby, Sayles. Motion carried. Checks # 12932-12954, in the amount of $204,999.37 (This includes payment to hall renovation project.)

Motion by Willoughby, seconded by Sayles to disperse payroll and payroll related expenses. (Paid September 8, 2026). Roll call: Members voting yes: Sayles, Pesch, Prange, Willoughby, Wiswasser. Motion carried. Checks # 13418-13427 in the amount of $17,106.29

Clinton County Liaison Officer: Deputy John Vance, Victor Township's liaison officer with Clinton County, reported that criminal activity in the township remains low, likely due in part to the additional contracted police hours.

Clinton County Commissioner: Report from Nicole Fickes on County matters. The new Planning and Zoning Administrator is Miles Robler. Due to a resignation in the building department, the County has contracted with DeWitt Township to aid in the workload. Budget meeting for the County is scheduled for September 17, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the board room at the Courthouse. Looking Glass River Watershed Counsel is interested in starting a Victor Township Friends of the Looking Glass River chapter. More details to follow. County Commissioner for District 4 has resigned.

Laingsburg Public Library: Jody Frank gave a report on the library. Book Nook books, typically for sale, will be free for the month of September in honor of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library initiative. The library is accepting gently used and clean costumes in a "Costume Swap". Free classes are offered on Radon 101 and Medicare 101. Contact the Library 517-651-6282 to sign up. Visit Facebook: @laingsburgpubliclibrary for the September calendar and for additional. information.

Laingsburg Recyclers: Ellen Link of Laingsburg Recyclers provided a 2025 year-end review, reporting that approximately 210,000 pounds of material were diverted from landfills. The organization is currently operating at maximum capacity. Laingsburg Recyclers is an all-volunteer organization that encourages increased community involvement in its mission of "building a sustainable community in our backyard." Ellen thanked Victor Township for its continued support. Greater Laingsburg Recyclers is located at 7500 Woodbury Rd., Laingsburg, MI. and can be contacted via phone at 517-651-2005, https://recyclelaingsburg.wixsite.com/mysite, or on their Facebook page for pricing, hours, and directions.

Planning Commission Report: The Planning Commission (PC) is working on establishing goals for the Township's Master Plan and is requesting to move forward while continuing to gather public input on matters that are most important to residents. The survey will be made available through Victor Township's GOGov mobile app. (Victor Township Connect) The PC is also reviewing the Township's current rental agreement and contract. In addition, the PC will provide the Board with information regarding rental prices for other facilities in the surrounding area.

Cemetery Director: All map corrections have been sent to Pontem with the GIS map nearing completion. The mausoleum has been taken down, and the area will be assigned to burial spaces for sale once the cement foundation is removed. The director is asking for board approval for up to $4,500.00 to finish removing the foundation, topsoil, seed, and labor. Motion by Willoughby, seconded by Pesch to approve up to $4,500.00 to finish the project. Roll call: Members voting yes: Prange, Wiswasser, Willoughby, Pesch, Sayles. Motion carried.

Correspondence: 2 letters were received from Round Lake residents regarding public alleyways at Round Lake. The Supervisor will contact the Township attorney regarding the issue of ownership of the public right of ways to get a legal opinion on the matter.

Unfinished Business:

Facility Rental Agreement: Discussion regarding the security deposit amount. Motion by Sayles, seconded by Wiswasser to raise the security deposit on the hall rental agreement from $300.00 to $500.00. Roll call: Members voting yes: Pesch, Wiswasser, Sayles. Members voting no: Willoughby, Prange. Motion carried.

Hall Renovation Project: Final inspections are proceeding. Supervisor is working with the maintenance department to fill in the gaps in the lobby tile.

New Business:

Applebee Propane Contract: Motion by Pesch, seconded by Sayles, to approve the 2027 contract for propane for the Township. Roll call: Members voting yes: Prange, Sayles, Wiswasser, Willoughby, Pesch. Motion carried.

Banquet Hall Re-opening: Discusstion on reopening the hall and inviting the public to come and see the updated facilities. Motion by Wiswasser, seconded by Sayles, to host a Trunk or Treat for the Township on Friday, October 30, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and allow up to $1,500.00 to advertise the event. Roll call: Members voting yes: Willoughby, Wiswasser, Prange, Pesch, Sayles. Motion carried.

Motion by Sayles, seconded by Wiswasser to adjourn at: 8:58 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Copies of Contracts, Resolutions, Agreements, Budget Amendments, and Minutes are on the
Victor Township Website (www.victortwp.org) and at the Clerk's office in the Township Hall

Lianne Prange
Victor Township ,Clerk

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Editorial

Nature in Autumn



Planet Perspectives

by Alison Kozlowski

The autumn equinox is September 22nd. It is an astronomical event that marks the first day of the fall season. Following comes cooler weather, shorter days, and longer nights. For many, fall means sweater weather, football, and pumpkin spice. But for the natural world, it is a time of transition, harvest, and preparation.

The changing colors of leaves on trees are one of the most recognizable parts of autumn. The reason leaves are green in the summer is because that is when they are abundant in chlorophyll.

Chlorophyll is a green pigment in plants that absorbs sunlight for photosynthesis. The shorter days of fall bring less sunlight which signals the leaves to stop making chlorophyll and prepare for winter. This causes the green color to fade and reveal the carotenoids, the orange and yellow pigments that are hidden behind.

The full moon that occurs closest to the autumnal equinox is the Harvest Moon. It appears to be golden or reddish. It rises close to the sunset for several consecutive nights, resulting in an abundance of bright moonlight. It's called the Harvest Moon because the extra moonlight traditionally helped farmers in harvesting their summer grown crops.

Birds set flight south during autumn. They do this to migrate from the colder weather to the warm weather of the south. Some species begin caching, which is when they gather and stash food. Squirrels do this in fall to store nuts for the winter when food will be hard to find. They dig holes and bury nuts in the ground, and are able to find them again because of their incredible spatial memory and sense of smell. But the buried nuts that are forgotten sprout and grow into new trees, contributing to forest regeneration.

As the fall season approaches, try to notice natural wonders occurring beyond the changing colors.

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Obituaries

Patricia Ann Rivest



Patricia Ann Rivest, age 81, of Ovid, MI, passed away Saturday, September 12, 2026, at Oliver Woods Retirement Village, Owosso, MI.

Patricia was born in St. Johns, MI on May 14, 1945, the daughter of Max Lee and Norma A. (Lewis) Rivest. She received a bachelor's degree in education from Central Michigan University. She spent her whole career at Leonard Elementary School in Ovid teaching 1st and 4th grade. Patricia taught for 27 years before her retirement.

Since she was a child, Patricia loved going to the library and reading as many books as she could. The library was an important space to Patricia, and she dedicated a lot of time volunteering when she wasn't checking out books. She enjoyed learning as much as she could, and even taught herself how to play the piano.

She loved rooting for the Detroit Tigers (which was rooted in a love for Al Kaline) throughout the spring and summer, and for the Michigan State University Basketball team in the winter.

Every holiday was Patricia's holiday. She went the extra mile to decorate for every holiday (with a special affinity for dressing up for Halloween), and was always looking forward to getting out another tote of decor for the next one.

Although she was fiercely independent, community and family were incredibly important to Patricia. She showed up for everyone in her life. She made sure to show up to her nieces and nephews' games and events, made sure you always got your birthday card on your birthday, and spent a lot of time making sure you knew how special you were to her.

Patricia had a passion for life, her family, Diet Coke with extra ice, and ice cream. She led a beautiful life surrounded by a loving family and plenty of Rocky Road ice cream. Patricia will be deeply missed.

Aunt Pat will be remembered for her love of teaching us, playing games with us, and making sure her famous cheeseball was part of every family meal. She shared her love of music through the piano and saxophone and always made herself available to cheer us on at the kids' events. Her lasagna was famous, though some would argue her buckeyes and cookie bars were the real treasures! We will continue to carry on and celebrate these traditions for years to come, keeping her love and memories alive in our family. Rest well, Aunt Pat. You will be deeply missed and forever loved.

She is survived by her siblings: Connie Jones, and Gary (Debbie) Rivest; her nieces and nephews: Jamie Jones, James (Heather) Jones, Jennifer (Tim) Jones, Kathryn (Joseph) Karanja, Jason (Ashley) Rivest, and Andrew (Eleah Tucker) Rivest. She is also survived by great-nieces and great-nephews: Sydney Jones, Claudia Jones, Olivia Karanja, Owen Karanja, Max Rivest, Hailey Rivest, Lily Rivest, Ashley (Trent) Smith, and Maddie (Jeff) Mulder. Patricia was preceded in death by her parents Max and Norma Rivest; and her brother Barry Rivest.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Ovid Public Library. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, Michigan.

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The Weekly Sportsman



by Dan McMaster
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Michigan's Black Squirrel

If you haven't noticed lately, black squirrels in Michigan have been expanding their typical habitat from cities and urban centers to the countryside and woods. The black squirrel is actually an eastern grey squirrel and is smaller than the fox squirrel but definitely bigger than the annoying red squirrel commonly found near conifer forests eating pine cones and chirping at anything passing by. Before the fox and grey squirrels were introduced to residential and neighborhood parks across Michigan the fox squirrel preferred edge habitat where the forests met fields and grey squirrels occupied deep forests. Why are some grey squirrels and black and why are there so many? The black color is actually a genetic mutation caused from breeding with red

Obituaries

Carol Lorene Batterbee



Carol Lorene Batterbee, age 80, of Ovid, Michigan, passed away on Sunday, September 13, 2026, surrounded by loved ones.

Carol's story began in a little log cabin—a home belonging to her older sister, Lela, where she was born on March 1, 1946. She was the daughter of Clyde Clayton and Mary Lela (Davis) Cooper and grew up in a large family that would shape so much of who she became. She graduated from Marion High School in the class of 1964.

On May 14, 1966, Carol married James "Jim" Batterbee at Pisgah Heights Wesleyan Church in Marion. In their 54 years of marriage, they built a family and a home where faith, love, hard work, laughter, and togetherness were always important. Carol was, at heart, a homemaker—and she was very good at it. She filled her home with the things that made a family feel cared for: fresh vegetables from her garden and homemade meals she lovingly prepared. To Carol, everyone at her table was considered family, and there was always room for one more.

Her faith was a cornerstone of her life. She taught Sunday school and lived out her faith through the way she cared for others, served her community, and loved her family. She enjoyed expressing her faith through acts of service. She used her talents to sew with The Dignity Ladies, served on the board of Ola Camp, raised money to donate for Bibles abroad, and packed shoeboxes every year for Operation Christmas Child. For decades, she generously volunteered her time and energy to the huge task of organizing the Community Thanksgiving Dinner, which provided hundreds of meals so that all the people in her community could experience the joy of the holiday.

But perhaps Carol's greatest gift was her ability to make memories. She was endlessly creative. She made Easter dresses, birthday cakes, and costumes; dreamed up treasure hunts and scavenger hunts. She planned themed family reunions and invented games, challenges, and competitions that kept everyone laughing and participating. She attended her kids' games and activities, cheering them on and making sure they knew she was there.

And Carol knew how to have fun. She didn't mind when the kids played in the mud. Her only requirement was that they rinse off with the hose afterward. She loved a good prank and took great pleasure in keeping old family traditions alive, including the time-honored tradition of the shivaree. Her mischievous sense of humor was one of the things that made her so much fun to be around.

She had a remarkable memory, especially when it came to the people she loved. Carol remembered everyone's birthday and knew what was happening in the lives of her family members, even when they lived far away. She held the family together as the family touchstone who made sure connections were not lost.

As much as she loved being a mother, becoming a grandmother opened up a whole new kind of joy for Carol. She was always ready for a tea party, especially when her grandchildren were involved. And there were some rules that changed when grandchildren came along—including the rule about what could be served for dinner. Her grandchildren could have ice cream for dinner. Her own children, of course, never got that privilege. Carol was also an artist, and her creativity extended beyond family celebrations. She painted beautiful oil paintings, leaving behind pieces of herself in the colors and images she created.

Carol was also deeply grateful for the gift of time. After beating cancer the first time, she was given another 30 years—30 precious years she never took for granted. She was grateful for those years because they allowed her to watch her children grow up, see them marry, and meet her grandchildren. She got to see the family she had poured so much of herself into continue to grow. That was the gift she treasured most.

Carol will be remembered in the little things as much as the big things: in family recipes and holiday traditions, in birthday celebrations, in game nights, in homemade meals, in stories about childhood adventures, in games played at family reunions, and in the laughter that comes from remembering one of her pranks. She will be remembered every time someone gathers family together simply because that is what Carol taught them to do.

She leaves behind more than photographs and keepsakes. She leaves behind traditions, stories, faith, and a family that knows how to stay connected because she taught them how.

Carol is survived by her children, Carrie Beth (Craig) Turner, Jessica (Gabe) Cameron, Amanda (Kenn) Cushman, Bill (Trish) Jacobson; her siblings, Birt (Arlyene) Cooper and Steven Cooper; her grandchildren, Jesse Ruth (Eric) Willour, Aiden Cushman, Reagan Cushman, Opal Cushman, Ian Turner, Charlie Cameron, Chloe Cameron, and Brady Cameron; and her great-grandchildren, Eric Willour Jr., Karsyn Willour, and Brayden Willour, and, many other extended family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, James "Jim" Batterbee; her parents, Clyde and Mary Cooper; her son, Cleatus Batterbee; and her siblings, Roger Cooper, Martha Salisbury, Bud Cooper, Bill Cooper, Jack Cooper, Lela Wheeler, Ralph Cooper, and Patsy Thompson.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes – Houghton Chapel in Ovid, Michigan, on Thursday, September 17, 2026, with Pastor Cal Emerson officiating.

Carol's life was a gift to her family, and her greatest legacy is the love she created and the memories she made. She spent her life bringing people together. Now, the people she brought together will carry her with them.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Gideons International or Hospice House of Shiawassee County. Online condolences may be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes – Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan

Christopher Thomas Taylor



Christopher Thomas Taylor, age 61, of Laingsburg, Michigan, passed away Friday, September 11, 2026, at Hazel I. Findlay Country Manor, St. Johns, Michigan.

Chris was born in St. Johns, Michigan, on July 1, 1965, the son of Thomas and Charlotte (Petro) Taylor. Chris was a hands-on, hardworking man who could fix just about anything. He loved to "putter" around in his garage, where he was always working on a project or helping someone with theirs. His garage was open to anyone who needed a hand with a vehicle, whether it was changing brakes, changing the oil, or figuring out a problem. He enjoyed fixing things, but even more, he enjoyed helping people.

Chris had a lifelong love of racing and was especially known for his crazy figure 8 bus driving in the Liquid Web bus at Spartan Speedway in Mason. NASCAR and racing were a regular fixture on his television, and he was also a proud Michigan fan.

He loved the outdoors and being on the water. He enjoyed snowmobiling, four-wheeling, hunting, fishing, golfing, and spending time on the lake. Some of his favorite days were spent pulling friends and family on tubes, taking sunset cruises with Monica, fishing, staying at a marina, or simply enjoying a Busch Light in the sunshine. He also enjoyed traveling, from the beaches of Key West to the mountains of Tennessee and the deserts of Arizona, where his mother and sister lived. He especially loved hunting and fishing in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, where his father lived for many years.

Chris was known for his goofy personality, quick wit, and endless supply of clever comebacks. He was freakishly good at foosball, had a soft spot for Minions from Despicable Me, and somehow always seemed to have another koozie. He enjoyed Sunday trips to the Watershed for what he affectionately called "glorified Bloody Mary's," and he shared a love of sushi with his daughter.

More than anything, Chris cared about his family and the people in his life. He was the kind of person who would stop by to check on someone or visit them in the hospital after work just to let them know he was thinking about them. He was especially excited to become a grandfather and was a proud and loving grandpa to Lainey and Bentley. He looked forward to passing along the things he knew and loved to them.

One of the things that perfectly captured his sense of humor was a favorite shirt he continued to wear during his final days. In big, bold letters, it read: "Wanna do boat stuff?"

It was quintessential Chris—goofy, simple, and always ready for the next adventure.

Chris will be deeply missed by his daughter, Shelby and Josh Hill; significant other, Monica Butler; sister, Cam Stoltenberg; grandchildren, Lainey and Bentley Hill; and blended family through marriage, step-mother, Judy Taylor; step-sister, Gena Delano. He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas "Tom" Taylor; his mother, Charlotte Taylor; and his brother-in-law, Dan Stoltenberg.

Per his wishes, cremation will take place and there will be no services.

Any donations may be made to The American Legion in Chris' hometown of Laingsburg, MI. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes – Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, Michigan.

CITY OF OVID
PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST NOTICE
For The
November 3, 2026 General Election

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the November General Election has been scheduled for
Wednesday, September 23, 2026 at 4:00 pm. in the City Council Chamber located at 114 E. Front Street, Ovid.
The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the programs and the Election Equipment being used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by the law.
Deadline to register to vote online or by mail is Monday, October 19th, 2026 to vote for the November election. Starting October 20th registration must be done in person at the local clerk office with proof of residency.
Early voting will begin Saturday, October 24, 2026 to Sunday November 1, 2026.
Applications for absentee ballots are available at the clerk's office or online at the Michigan Voter Information Center at https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us

Susan Tomasek Swan, Clerk
City of Ovid
114 E. Front St., Ovid, Mi
989-834-5550

City of Ovid Special Council Meeting
Synopsis Minutes
Thursday, September 3, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Attendees: M. Soliz, L. Perrien, M. Olger, M. Perrien, E. Brown, M. Jones, E. Starn

Call to Order

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call

Roll Call: M. Soliz, L. Perrien, M. Olger, M. Perrien, M. Jones Absent: E. Brown and E. Starn
Others in attendance: Attorney Scott Gould, Treasurer Liza Kusnier, DPW Director Dalton Perrien, and Chief Lisa Rousseau

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Council Member M. Soliz, seconded by Council Member M. Olger to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.

4. Public Comment

Time Opened 7:02pm Time Closed 7:02 pm NONE

New Business

5. Handle Personnel Issues
6. Hire New City Staff

Motion by Council Member M. Olger seconded by Council Member L. Perrien to hire Justin Gregory for full-time DPW position and to start immediately contingent upon passing physical, drug test and background check. Motion passed.
Motion by Council Member L. Perrien seconded by Council Member M. Olger to create the position Police Administrator Coordinator. Motion passed.
Motion by Council Member M. Olger seconded by Council Member L. Perrien to hire Justin Nemier for the position Police Administrator Coordinator starting at $25/hour full- time contingent upon starting the Police Academy in January 2027. Motion passed.

Adjournment

7. Adjournment

Motion by Council Member L. Perrien, seconded by Council Member M. Soliz to adjourn at 7:17pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by
Susan Tomasek Swan- Clerk

To view the full minutes please visit www.ovidmi.org or 114 E. Front St.,Ovid, MI during lobby hours.

Obituaries

Robert (Bob) Watkins Celebration of Life



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

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, September 26, 2026 at the Middlebury Methodist Church, 8100 W. Hibbard Rd., Ovid, MI 48866.

Family visitation 11:00 a.m. with service at 12:30 p.m.

A luncheon will follow at the church. All are welcome.

Thomas Geer



Thomas Geer, age 91, of Ovid, died peacefully on September 12, 2026. He was born on July 29, 1935, in Eaton County, Michigan, the youngest of four children born to Bert and Delia (Russell) Geer.

Tom was truly a jack of all trades. Throughout his life, he worked in a hospital, in the oil fields, as a truck driver, and owned several gas stations. He was proud to have traveled coast to coast, visiting nearly every state as well as Canada. He loved motorcycles, hunting, spending time tinkering in his garage and was active with Boy Scouts with his sons for over thirty years. He was a big joker with a great sense of humor, and he had an even bigger heart. Tom was the kind of person who would do anything for anyone and seemed to be able to figure out how to fix just about anything. Tom also enjoyed watching NASCAR and spending time on his computer playing Solitaire.

At age 18, Tom first met Bonnie Bradley and the two reconnected in 2012. They quickly became inseparable and shared many happy years together.

He will be deeply missed by his beloved companion, Bonnie Bradley; children, LeRoy (Jeanette) Geer, Timmy (Thelma) Geer, Diana Geer, Susie (Dean) Schultz, Cindy (Charlie) Smith, Harvey Geer, Billy Geer, Betty (Richard) Bugtorf, Daniel Geer, Hannah Jackson, Sierra Jackson; 45 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, and 14 great great grandchildren; as well as many extended family members and dear friends.

Preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Jack Geer, Albert Geer and Ida Bradley; wife, Donna in 2002; wife, Caroline Geer in 2013; son, Richard Geer; grandsons, Samuel Scott and James Martin; and daughter-in-law, Shelly Geer.

A Memorial Mass will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church, 510 Mabbit Road, Ovid, Michigan on Saturday, September 26th, at 11AM.

The family was served by the McGeehan Funeral Home, Keck-Coleman Chapel, St. Johns.

Phillip Albert "Phil" Patrick



Phillip Albert "Phil" Patrick, age 67, of Ovid, MI, passed away Tuesday, September 15, 2026.

Phil was born in Lansing, MI on March 19, 1959, the son of William Albert Patrick and Shirley Jean (Millis) Patrick. He graduated from Harry Hill High School with the class of 1977. He married Nancy A. Green, on November 1, 1980, in Owosso, MI. They were blessed with twenty-eight years of marriage, prior to her passing on November 17, 2008.

After his retirement from Fisher Body, Phil became skilled in taxidermy. He took pride in his work and cherished the friendships he made along the way.

Phil was a man of many titles, including son, brother, husband, and father, but his most cherished role was Grandpa "Bumpa". He loved his family dearly, but he loved his grandkids fiercely. He could never tell them no, never let them leave hungry, and never let them leave the porch without someone yelling "who loves ya, baby?"

In his earlier life, he had a passion for the outdoors and taught his sons everything he knew. Once his grandkids were born, his hobbies transitioned into cooking, baking, sharing recipes with special friends and family, and "just sitting on the couch, relaxing." Family often gathered at Phil's, whether it be for a pool party or a family dinner; he always made sure nobody went home hungry or without bags of leftovers.

He will be missed by many. His family is comforted knowing that he passed peacefully, and was greeted by many loved ones, including his wife Nancy, and their beloved dog, Clara Belle.

Phil is survived by his children: Jacob (Melissa) Patrick, and Nicolas (Kali) Patrick; his grandchildren: Charlie Patrick, Brady Patrick, Samuel Patrick, and Madilyn Patrick; his siblings: Gregory (Jamie) Patrick and Tammie (Jeff) Brand; and many in-laws, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Nancy Patrick; his parents William and Shirley Patrick; and his sister Denise Patrick.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, MI, from 4:00-8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, September 23, 2026, at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Ovid Middlebury Fire/Rescue. Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes – Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan.





OE Homecoming Court in the Community

submitted by Crystal Loynes

Our Homecoming Court had a wonderful time visiting with residents at the Ovid Healthcare Center and the Pathway Home of Elsie! Students shared trivia, brought plenty of smiles, and handed out prizes along the way.

We're grateful for the opportunity to connect with and brighten the day of members of our community. Thank you for welcoming our students!

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.

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.



VICTOR TOWNSHIP
Clinton County, Michigan
Proposed Minutes of September 8, 2026, Special Meeting

The special meeting of the Victor Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Wiswasser at 6:30 p.m.
Pledge to the flag was given.
Roll call: Wiswasser, Willoughby, Prange, Pesch. Absent: Sayles
9 citizens present
Approval of Agenda: Motion by Prange, seconded by Pesch, to approve September 8, 2026, special meeting agenda with one addition. All in favor. Motion carried.
New Business:
Resolution 2026-09-01 (Round Lake Weeds): Motion by Pesch, seconded by Willoughby to adopt Resolution 2026-09-01, (Round Lake Weeds creation of a special assessment district.) Roll call: Prange, Pesch, Wiswasser, Willoughby, voting yes; Sayles absent. Motion carried.
Motion by Willoughby, seconded by Prange, to open Public Hearing at 6:34 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.
No objections to the resolution.
The next public hearing to hear objections to the assessment roll will be on Wednesday, September 23, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Victor Township Hall, 6843 E. Alward Rd. Laingsburg, MI 48848.
Sayles entered the meeting at 6:49 p.m.
Round Lake Public Alleyways: The Board discussed the public alleyways at Round Lake that provide lake access to lakefront and backlot residents, including questions regarding ownership of these areas. It was noted that Victor Township does not "own" these public areas. There is no actual deed for the areas, however, the alleys were established as part of the plat at the time it was recorded under the Plat Act of 1929, which was restructured in the Subdivision Act of 1967. Victor Township has been included in previous special assessments. Because these parcels do not benefit all residents of Victor Township, motion by Wiswasser, seconded by Willoughby, to remove Victor Township from the 2027 assessment district and roll for the Round Lake Weed Abatement Special Assessment District. Roll call: Members voting yes: Sayles, Willoughby, Wiswasser, Pesch, Prange. Motion carried.
Motion by Willoughby, seconded by Pesch to close the public hearing at 6:54 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.
Motion by Willoughby, seconded by Pesch, to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Lianne Prange
Victor Township Clerk

Copies of Contracts, Resolutions, Agreements, Budget Amendments, and Minutes are on the Victor Township Website (www.victortwp.org) and at the Clerk's office in the Township Hall

Regular City Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 14, 2026 at 7:00 pm
114 E Front St, Ovid, MI - Council Chambers

Open of Meeting

1. Call to Order: Mayor M. Perrien called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers located at 114 E. Front Street, Ovid, Michigan. Others present at the meeting: Treasurer Liza Kusnier, Clerk Susan Tomasek Swan, Director Dalton Perrien, Chief Lisa Rousseau, Attorney Scott Gould, Patty Stewart, Deb Price from the Weekly, and Justin Nemier.
2. Roll Call: Present: M. Soliz, L. Perrien, M. Olger, M. Perrien, E. Brown, M. Jones, E. Starn Absent: None
3. Approval of Agenda: Motioned by Council Member L. Perrien and seconded by Council Member M. Soliz to approve the agenda with corrections. Carried on voice vote.
4. Approval of Minutes: Motioned by Council Member E. Starn and seconded by Council Member M. Jones to approve the Regular Council Meeting August 11, 2026 minutes and the Special Council Meeting September 3, 2026 minutes as presented. Carried on voice vote.
5. Approval of Invoice / Check Register: Motioned by Council Member E. Brown and seconded by Council Member M. Olger to approve the invoice/check register from August 12, 2026 through September 15, 2026 for a total of $124,842.60. Carried on voice vote.
6. Public Comments: Public Comment opened at 7:04 PM and closed at 7:04 PM-None

Reports

7. Treasurer's Report: Motioned by Council Member E. Brown and seconded by Council Member L. Perrien to approve the budget amendments as presented. Carried on voice vote.
8. Attorney's Report: Attorney briefed the board on J. Allen and Lupu cases and discussed updating and adding policies.
9. DPW Report: Council discussed leaf pick up for the fall of 2026 and the opening of a dump for public to place leaves and brush. Motioned by Council Member E. Starn and seconded by Council Member M. Olger to approve the newly created dump site and to allow the public access with future creation of rules and regulations.
10. Police Report: Chief Rousseau gave a verbal police report and introduced the new police department employee, Justin Nemier.
Motioned by Council Member M. Olger and seconded by Council Member M. Soliz to allow the purchase of two bullet proof vests. Carried on voice vote.
11. Acceptance of Reports: Motioned by Council Member E. Brown and seconded by Council Member M. Olger to accept receipt of the reports from Treasurer, Attorney, DPW and Police. Carried on a voice vote.

New Business

12. Apple Fest Event Supplies and signs: Motioned by Council Member M. Soliz and seconded by Council Member M. Jones to approve up to $600.00 from the events funds to be spent on the Apple Fest event for supplies and bounce houses. Motion carried on voice vote.

Committees

13. Police: Meeting scheduled September 17, 2026 at 7:00 pm.
14. Park and Rec/Hall and Grounds: Council Member E. Starn updated on: the audio system has been installed in Boyer Park; received first payment from LEAP grant; reaching out to VFW and Historical Society for support in creating a Veterans pocket park; and Gumaer Park grant.
15. Cemetery: Cemetery meeting September 17, 2026 at 7:30pm.

Boards & Commissions

16. Planning Commission: The Planning Commission has started 2027 CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) and DDA (Downtown Development Authority) discussion.
17. Carriage Days: Council Member E. Starn reported $1,548.00 was made on their fundraiser.

Adjournment

18. Motion to Adjourn
Minutes:
Motioned by Council Member L. Perrien and seconded by Council Member M. Olger to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM. Carried on voice vote

Respectfully submitted by
Susan Tomasek Swan- Clerk

Full minutes can be viewed at www.ovidmi.org or 114 E. Front St., Ovid MI during lobby hours.

Ashley Lions Club
67th annual
Chicken B-B-Q

Cost $15 / Meal
Sunday, September 27th
Ashley High School
Serving Starts at Noon

Take-out only, with seating available
in the cafeteria
Half Chicken, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Roll





Pictured (lr): Standing — Stanley Behrens, Erlene (Kay) Walker (Grenawalt), Wells Monroe, Larry Cavanagh, Ray Canfield, Ray Smith. Seated — Geraldine Carpenter (Arnett), Nancy Gilbert (Hehrer)

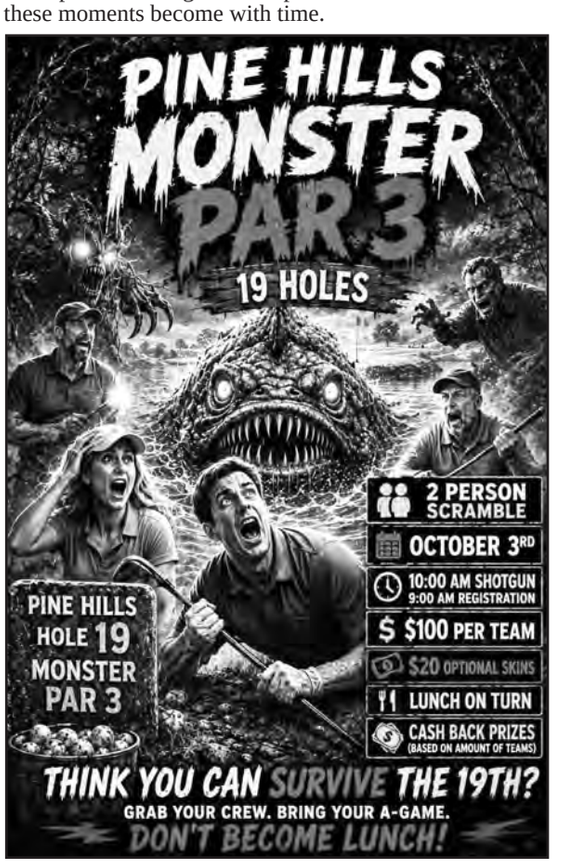
Ovid High School Class of 1956 Reunion Luncheon

submitted by Carrie Sobleskey

Eight members of the Ovid High School Class of 1956 gathered for a reunion luncheon on Wednesday, September 16, 2026. The classmates enjoyed an afternoon of conversation, memories, and shared stories from their school days in Ovid.

Seventy years have passed since their graduation, yet the sense of connection and friendship remains strong. Laughter, familiar faces, and heartfelt recollections filled the room as they celebrated the enduring bond of the Class of '56.

It was a simple, meaningful gathering — a reminder of how special lifelong friendships can be and how treasured these moments become with time.





State Rep. Tim Kelly, right, and Elsie Area Fire Authority Chief Jason Bowen honor the victims and first responders of Sept. 11 at the Michigan State Capitol

Rep. Kelly Honors 9/11 Victims Alongside Local Fire Chief

submitted by Samantha Zielinski

State Rep. Tim Kelly participated in a special 9/11 remembrance ceremony at the Michigan State Capitol alongside Jason Bowen, chief of the Elsie Area Fire Authority, to honor the lives lost on Sept. 11, 2001, and recognize the first responders who courageously answered the call.

"Sept. 11 is a day our nation will never forget," Kelly said. "It was an honor to have Chief Bowen join me as we remembered the innocent Americans we lost and paid tribute to the first responders who ran toward danger to save the lives of others. Their courage, sacrifice and selflessness represent the very best of our country."

Kelly said having a local fire chief join him for the ceremony was a meaningful reminder of the firefighters and other first responders who continue to answer the call to serve their communities every day.

"The men and women who put on the uniform and serve their neighbors deserve our deepest gratitude," Kelly said. "As we remember those we lost on Sept. 11, we also honor the first responders who made the ultimate sacrifice and those who continue their legacy of service in communities across Michigan."

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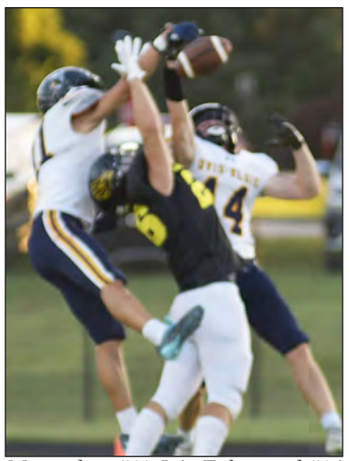
Sports

Marauders Take Football Frustrations Out on Lake-Ville in 49-28 MMAC Win

OTISVILLE -- Ovid-Elsie took out two weeks of football frustration on Otisville-LakeVille here September 11.

And how.

The Marauders scored on their first six possessions -- each time they touched the ball in the first half -- blasted their way to a 42-14 halftime lead, winning their first game of 2026 in decisive fashion.



Marauders #11 Joie Fabus and #14 Wyatt Lover scramble to retreieve the ball during the game with LakeVille on September 11th. Photo by Tricia D. Barnhill

Travis Long's charges evened their record at 1-1 in the MMAC, serving notice they're not to bypassed in early season league reviews -- even though they're 1-2 overall. LakeVille, resurgent the past couple of seasons, fell to 1-2, 0-2 in the league, including a tough 44-40 last-second loss to Chesaning.

The home team Falcons scored first at 11:04 of the first quarter when Austin Terwilliger sprinted right for 11 yards to paydirt. Austin Nevadomski added the PAT kick for a quick 7-0 lead.

That's precisely when O-E collectively said: "Enough."

Chase Fabus scored on three of the next four possessions on TD runs of 9, one and 24 yards. Those were sandwiched around a 58-yard TD sprint from Joie Fabus. In a stunning display of blitzkreig, the Marauders added two more touchdowns -- a Trey Palatka-to-Wyatt Lover 21-yard pass, and a Bryce Krueger 4-yard run -- before the first half ended.

Maddi Bushard added all six PAT kicks, leaving the Falcons ... well ... grounded at the intermission.

Joie Fabus added the final punctuation to the statement win with a 30-yard ramble with 6:54 left to play. LakeVille scored two fourth quarter TDs of their own, but it wasn't close to matching O-E's lightning-strike offensive output.

Palatka, starting his first game as a varsity QB, clicked on 5-of-8 passes for 56 yards. The Marauder rushing attack pummeled the Falcons: Chase Fabus 13 for 156 yards, Joie Fabus 5 for 126, Peyton Harris 7 for 41, Jason Harrell 3 for 9 and Palatka 2 rushes for 11 yards.

J. Fabus latched on to 3 receptions for 35 yards, with Lover catching 2 for 21.

Defensive leaders for the victors were Krueger with 14 tackles including one for loss; Walker Lover 12 stops; Will Baese 8 tackles, two for loss; Chase Fabus 8 tackles; Kellen Garcia 7 tackles, two for loss; Julian Medina 7 tackles and a pick; Joie Fabus 5 tackles, one for loss; and Wyatt Lover with 5 stops.



OE Homecoming Court

Queen Candidates:Front row l-r: Naomi Schneider, Isabelle Ryal, Metta Newell, Adalynn Roberts, Evaley Swender

King Candidates: Back row l-r: John Kelly, Travis Milner, Hunter Smith, Aydan Ackels, Dylan Henning

Devereaux, Rusz Pace Wolfpack Runners at Spartan Cross-Country Invitational

EAST LANSING -- Laingsburg's cross-country teams held their own in one of biggest fields they'll face this season, on the campus of Michigan State University.

"It was a beautiful day to run," said LHS coach Shawn Baynes. "We did OK in a really huge meet."

No fewer than 114 prep teams, and 26 collegiate squads, competed in different divisions at the annual Spartan Invitational at Forest Akers East GC.

The Wolfpack boys got top efforts from Jace Devereaux in 56th place (18:47.1), Joel Rathka 114th (20:10.2), Hunter Woodworth 115th (20:14.4), Calum Knull 202nd (22:12.3), Andrew Stevens 234th (23:43.5), Jordan Jackson 263rd (25:15.1) and Cameron Betts 271st (26:07.1).

The Lady Wolfpack was paced by KiKi Rusz in 61st place (23:33.6) just ahead of Payge Woodworth, running 62nd (23:33.6). Samantha Gutzman ran 85th (24:25.2), Alaina Luna 93rd (24:38.8), Molly McDougall Smith 112th (25:14.3), Lilli Morrill 148th (26:17.3), Samantha Morrill 154th (26:24.1), Jayden Foltz 216th (31:05.1), Meriel Burley 225th (32:21.6), Sarah Kibzey 229th (33:17.5) and Ruby Burley 237th (38:37.5).

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Sports

Eagles Methodically Push the Football Power Past Wolfpack, Dropping Them to 0-3



Carson Helmer

FOWLER -- It was almost biblical.

The host Eagles unleashed the Thelens' -- Eli and Isaac -- powering a pounding ground attack in a never-doubted 49-0 CMAC football victory over Laingsburg here September 11.

The loss dropped the Wolfpack to 0-3 overall, 0-1 in the league after the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) opener for both teams. Fowler has it eyes set on another CMAC title at 3-0 overall, 1-0 to start the circuit.

For the second game in a row, Brian Borgman's Wolves came out throwing the ball, and hung in the game through the first quarter. Eli Thelen staked the Eagles to a 6-0 lead on a 6-yard run; the kick failed, but the hosts had scored the only points they would need.

FHS then opened the floodgates, rolling to a 35-0 advantage by halftime. TD runs by Bryce Rademacher, Beckett Hanson twice, and Isaac Thelen put the contest out of reach.

Drew Weber latched onto a 28-yard scoring pass to close out the matchup.

Wolfpack QB Julian Smith hit on 8-of-20 passes for 74 yards, with a long play of 24 yards. Landon Freeman hauled in four catches for 26 yards, Ethan Smith one for 21 and Kade McLean one for 3 yards.

Carson Helmer led the Wolfpack ground game with 9 carries for 37 yards, including a long run of 16. Smith, under constant pressure, was busted for -12 yards on 11 touts.

The Eagles amassed 15 first downs on 96 plays, good for 366 total yards. The Fowler defense limited LHS to 48 yards on 44 plays, good for 6 first downs.



Soeltner Records Milestone 1,000 Dig, LHS Stays Among CMAC Front-Runners



Lia Soeltner

LAINGSBURG -- Wolfpack senior Lia Soeltner cemented herself as one of LHS's greatest defenders on the volleyball court, as the Wolves stayed among the front-runners in the CMAC title race for 2026.

Soeltner topped the 1,000 mark in career digs, one of the leaders for Laingsburg in a tough, five-set victory over Fowler. The winning scores were 27-25, 25-19, 18-25, 25-27 and 17-15.

Soeltner's stat line ended with 19 digs, 24 receptions and an ace. Also leading the way -- as LHS improved to 3-1 in the CMAC -- were Kendall Michels (27 assists, 11 digs, 3 aces), Hayden Wilson (4 aces, 10 kills and 19 digs), and Everly Izzo (12 kills, 6 blocks).

Wolfpack Volleyball Girls Sweep Ithaca

ITHACA -- Laingsburg's varsity volleyball team kept the Ithaca Yellowjackets winless at 0-5-1 with a three-set sweep here September 14.

Mickey Fox's Lady Wolves improved to 5-4-0 overall with 25-21, 25-12, 25-15 set wins over the hosts.

Kendall Michels sparked the Wolfpack with 25 assists and 3 aces. Lia Soeltner recorded 19 digs and 4 aces, and Ella Mohney led at the service line with 7 kills.

Hodges Cards Leading 18-Hole Score for Wolfpack at Perry Invitational

PERRY — Laingsburg's girls golf team didn't bring enough players for team qualification ... but that didn't stop Jayden Hodges from finishing 48th in a huge prep field at the annual Dick's Sporting Goods Invitational at Glenbrier Golf Course.

Byron's Adalen Brown topped the field, recording a 79 for the day. Locally, Owosso finished 10th (436) out of 16 teams; Chesaning took 11th and Perry was 15th (523). Ryleigh Allen led the Ramblers with a 127 on the day (68th).

Hodges fired an 18-hole score of 115 to lead coach Greg Beavers' Wolfpack.

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Hornets Power Past Ovid-Elsie to Win MMAC Volleyball Opener

NEW LOTHROP -- The host Hornets powered past Ovid-Elsie in four sets in their MMAC volleyball opener here September 8.

The Hornet moved to 1-0 in the league, 3-5 overall after downing the Marauders 10-25, 18-25, 25-19 and 17-25. The action saw O-E drop to 3-10-1 and 1-1 in the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC).

Marauder setter Bentlie Kelley had been unable to play the past 3 weeks due to an ankle injury.

Leading the Ovid-Elsie effort:

-- Allison Veith - 8 kills, 2 aces, 2 assists and 18 digs.

-- Kortlynn Loynes - 6 kills, 1 ace, 1 assist and 1 dig.

-- Kendal Tokar - 2 kills, 1 ace, 14 assists, 2 blocks and 19 digs.

Mason Volleyball Invitational provides stiff test for Ovid-Elsie netters

MASON -- Ovid-Elsie's varisty team turned strong start at the annual Mason Volleyball Invitational after splitting with the host Bulldogs in the first match of pool play 25-19, 9-25.

"We competed well the rest of the day, although unable to walk away with an outright win," said coach Angela Ehle.

The Lady Marauders closed out the remainder of the day losing to Jackson High 14-25, 15-25, Columbia Central 12-25, 22-25, and Jackson Northwest 17-25, 22-25.

Ovid-Elsie leaders on a long day of volleyball action were Allison Veith with one ace, 17 kills, 4 blocks, 1 assist and 7 digs; Kendal Tokar 5 aces, 7 kills, 2 blocks, 22 assists and 26 digs; Isabelle Ryal 3 aces, 6 assists, 25 digs; Kortlynn Loynes 7 kills, 2 blocks, 3 digs; Laura Newman 5 aces, 2 kills, 1 block, 1 assist, 12 digs; Elizabeth Kebler 7 kills, 2 blocks, 1 assist, 1 dig; and Abby Bowen 3 aces, 1 assist and 15 digs.

O-E stood 3-13-2 overall following the action.

Lady Marauders open MMAC season with big win over Byron

OVID-ELSIE -- The host Marauders opened up their 2026 Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) volleyball slate with a strong, three-set, 26-24, 25-22, 25-12 victory over visiting Byron.

The home opener for Angela Ehle's Marauders saw them improve to 2-9-1. Byron's Eagles stayed winless at 0-31 with the loss.

Allison Veith (13 kills, 6 aces, 2 blocks, 7 digs) and Kortlynn Loynes (7 kills, one ace, 4 digs) were the Marauders' leaders on the night. Kendal Tokar contributed 17 assists, 4 aces, one block and 9 digs; and Laura Newman 5 aces and 4 digs to O-E's winning effort.

Lady Marauders score four-set win over Durand; now 2-1 in MMAC

OVID-ELSIE -- Ovid-Elsie's varsity volleyball team bounced back from a second set loss to down highly-touted Durand in MMAC volleyball action here September 15.

The Marauders' 25-17, 21-25, 25-15, 25-20, four-set win moved O-E to 2-1 in the MMAC and 4-13-2 overall. The Railroaders, 10-6-1 overall, have won just once in three MMAC matches.

"We had our starting setter, Bentlie Kelley, back in the lineup after 3 weeks off to rest an injury, and that helped," said Marauder coach Angela Ehle. Kelley added 2 aces, a kill, 29 assists and 18 digs to the Marauder effort.

Allison Veith again led O-E with 7 aces, 13 kills and 9 digs. Other big contributors for the Marauders were Kendal Tokar (7 aces, 12 kills, 4 assists, 20 digs), Kortlynn Loynes (6 kills, one block, one dig), Isabelle Ryal (two aces and 13 digs) and Brooklynn Thornton (5 aces and 5 digs).

Sports

Editorial...cont' from page 4

Montrose, Chesaning Rule First MMAC Cross-Country Jamboree of 2026 Season

BIRCH RUN -- Montrose ruled the boys field, and Chesaning nipped the Rams for first place in the girls race, in the first MMAC Cross-Country Jamboree of 2026.

The event was held at Taymouth Twp. park near Birch Run, with Ovid-Elsie nabbing 5th place in the girls field, and the male Marauders 7th. Boys team scores were Montrose 41, Birch Run 60, LakeVille 95, Byron 96, New Lothrop and Chesaning tied at 120, and O-E 147.

Chesaning's Jaxon Hembesberg was the top male runner in a blistering 16:55.14. O-E was led by Travis Wright 16th in 19:23.03. Mitch Gonzalez was 22nd in 19:46.66, Jeremiah Stewart 32nd in 20:46.85, Samuel Kennedy 49th in 22:02.69, Jonathan Prewitt 51st in 22:17.32, Hunter Howell 53rd in 22:29.50, Destin Kinney 57th in 23:08.86, Ethan Jullie 66th in 26:26.12, Drew Jullie 67th in 26:38.43 and Adam Jullie 69th in 29:55.58.

Chesaning topped the girls field with 26 points, followed by Montrose 66, Birch Run 67, New Lothrop 74 and O-E 133. Grace Jordan of Chesaning was the first-place girls runner in 19:20.20.

The Lady Marauders were topped by Bella Stewart 19th in 24:07.13, Dana Juhas 25th in 25:30.58, Shaelynn Kinney 31st in 26:57.81, Lydia Lawrence 32nd in 27:24.56, Addilynn Vincent 33rd in 27:26.70, Kylynn Salyer 34th in 27:37.43, Brena Vincent 39th in 28:52.84 and Alena Weber 41st in 29:52.06.



GRIDIRON GURUS

WEEK FIVE

Form must be at The Weekly office no later than Thursday, September 24 at 4pm

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The Weekly Sportsman

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fox squirrels for several hundreds of years. While most black squirrels are pure black sometimes traces of cinnamon hair from fox squirrels show and an occasional all grey tail. It is estimated that over 56% of squirrels in Michigan are black and over 66% in Ontario. Yet, nationwide the chances of seeing a black squirrel are one in ten thousand. Why are there so many in Michigan? There are two theories; the black fur retains 20-30% more heat which helps in winter and secondly, the color is more visible on concrete roads and older paved roads which according to one study results in 30% higher roadkill of greys over blacks. Some scientists claim that the study of black squirrels across Michigan and Ontario within and between different urban centers is truly like watching evolution in real time.

The Weekly Sportsman has spent an unbelievable amount of days campaigning door to door for different candidates in southeast Michigan and has seen many different mutations, mostly downriver, including fox squirrels with all black tails and mixed cinnamon and black fur. The common Michigan squirrel we know today might look quite different in a few centuries.

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Gridiron Gurus PICK 'EM Contest WEEK 4

PIZZA: (tie) Vivian Hrncharik and Roger Skaryd
SUB SANDWICH : Bryan Reed
BREADSTICKS: Mike Cole



GRIDIRON GURUS
by Tom Turek
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A brutal week for our fearless forecasters in a dead heat between two veterans of the Guru Gala.

Vivian Hrncharik and Roger Skaryd deadlocked with identical 9-3 records, then forced another logjam in the tie-breaker with a dead-on 42 point pick.

So ... the guy running the contest. What's he to do? He's to get generous, that's what. Translation: both Vivian and Roger and will be feasting on pizza this week as they ready for Week 4.

Bryan Reed was a winner for the second consecutive week, and Mike Cole joined him -- both at 9-3 -- with Reed nipping Cole in the tie-break. They were at least three points off the pace of the pizza feasters, however.

The problems all came in the college ranks. The massive Oklahoma State upset of Oregon stumped almost everyone. Very few saw the mighty Texas comeback to knock off #1 Ohio State by a single point. Closer to home, a majority of our swamis had Oklahoma knocking off Michigan -- but it didn't happen, thanks to a rock-solid Maize & Blue defense.

It saddens us, in our staff competition, to announce the puzzling, sudden demise of Dan Fitzgerald. Dan ... we barely knew ye. After a putrid 5-7 week, he's now fallen off the pace by a full five games to the upstart Wolfman.

Join the fun! Play Gridiron Gurus each week!

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!

CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

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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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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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 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 21, 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 Jacob S. Hindbaugh, unmarried man, whose address is 6800 East Parks Road, Saint Johns, Michigan 48879, as original Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Academy Mortgage Corporation, being a mortgage dated January 31, 2017, and recorded on February 13, 2017 with Document Number 5250662, Clinton County Records, State of Michigan and assigned by said mortgagee through mesne assignments to NewRez LLC, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated May 4, 2020 and recorded on May 4, 2020 and given document number 5292138 in Clinton County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND FORTY-FIVE AND 22/100 DOLLARS ($84,045.22). Said premises are situated in the Township of Ovid, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, and are described as: COMMENCING 20 RODS WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTH-EAST 1/4 OF THE NORTH-EAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWN 7 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, OVID TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, RUNNING THENCE WEST 20 RODS, THENCE SOUTH 16 RODS, THENCE EAST 20 RODS, THENCE NORTH 16 RODS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. EXCEPT COMMENCING 20 TWENTY RODS WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER THEREOF THENCE 264 FEET NORTH & SOUTH BY 165 FEET EAST & WEST. Street Address: 6800 East Parks Road, Saint Johns, Michigan 48879 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: September 20, 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 7482

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CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

ATTENTION HOME-OWNER: 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 OCTOBER 21, 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 Lucas Jorae, an unmarried man, to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated November 21, 2016 and recorded November 30, 2016 in Instrument Number 5248212 Clinton County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Bank, National Association as successor by merger to FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY, by assignment.
There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety and 36/100 Dollars ($116,990.36).
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 OCTOBER 21, 2026.
Said premises are located in the Township of Victor, Clinton County Michigan, and are described as:
A part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 22, T6N, R1W, Victor Township, Clinton County, Michigan, commencing 847 feet North of the Southwest corner of said Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4; thence North 264 feet; thence East 198 feet, thence South 264 feet; thence West 198 feet to the point of beginning.ALSO:The North 264 feet of the following: Beginning at a point North 627 feet and East 198 feet of the Southwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 22, T6N, R1W, Victor Township, Clinton County, Michigan, thence East 56.5 feet; thence North 484 feet; thence West 56.5 feet; thence South 484 feet to the point of beginning.
8371 Upton Road, a/k/a 8371 South Upton Road, Laingsburg, Michigan 48848
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: September 20, 2026
File No. 26-008652
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

CASE NO: 26-32995-DE
Estate of
AMANDA CHAPMAN, deceased
Date of Birth: December 11, 1934
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent,
AMANDA CHAPMAN
Died on June 20, 2025
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Klyn Chapman, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 100 East State Street, Suite 4300, St. Johns, MI 48879 and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication.

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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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Estate of
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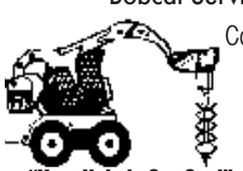
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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Paul D Perpich and Christine M Perpich, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., successor by merger to Wells Fargo Bank Southwest, N.A. F/K/A Wachovia Mortgage, F.S.B. F/K/A World Savings Bank, F.S.B.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None

Date of Mortgage: January 10, 2005

Date of Mortgage Recording: January 26, 2005

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $88,710.23

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of De Witt, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 122, Geneva Shores No. 1, City of Dewitt, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Pages 3 and 4, Clinton County Records.

Common street address (if any): 1035 E Geneva Dr, Dewitt, MI 48820-9579

The redemption period shall be 1 year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a.

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Date of notice: September 20, 2026

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Harold Strong and Lamiah Strong, Husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC

Date of Mortgage: September 27, 2021

Date of Mortgage Recording: September 30, 2021

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $257,546.25

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Dewitt, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 163, Saffron Hills No. 5, Dewitt Township, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 10 of Plats, Page 25, Clinton County Records

Common street address (if any): 14612 Hardtke Dr, Lansing, MI 48906-9282

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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Cook Family Foundation Student Scholarship Nominees Explore University of Michigan Ann Arbor

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It's the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year in the Shiawassee region and that means it's also time for the best and brightest high schoolers from the area to learn about becoming a Wolverine!

Forty-eight of the Shiawassee County region's most academically accomplished high school seniors have been nominated for scholarships to the University of Michigan by the Cook Family Foundation. Students were nominated based on their academic achievements: grade point average, class rank, and SAT scores. One of these nominees will be selected to receive a four-year, full-tuition scholarship from the Bruce and Jacqueline Cook Scholarship endowment administered by the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

In order to assist them with their college selection, 47 of the nominees recently attended an overnight trip to the University of Michigan. There they had the opportunity to meet with admission officers, take a tour of the campus and football stadium, sit in on an actual U-M class, and spend time with current students from the Shiawassee County area enrolled at the University of Michigan.

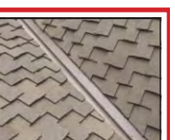
"By visiting Ann Arbor each year, high schoolers get a genuine look at university life and can learn from current U-M undergrads who once walked in their shoes," noted Tom Cook, Co-Executive Director of the Foundation. "The greater Shiawassee region is full of exceptional young talent. Our mission is to inspire them to envision themselves thriving at Michigan."

Each of the nominees that is admitted and then chooses to attend will receive at least a $5,000 scholarship to the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor. In addition to the Bruce and Jacqueline Cook scholarship process, the Cook Family Foundation provides at least a $3,000 scholarship to any student from the greater Shiawassee region with a 3.5 GPA or higher who attends any of the three campuses of the University of Michigan (Flint, Dearborn, or Ann Arbor).

One of the following students will be selected to receive the four-year, full-tuition scholarship as mentioned above: from Byron: Jonah Spencer; from Chesaning: Jordyn Butcher, Autumn Cicinelli, Law Danek, Hailia Jewell, Oliver Keck, Alaina Knoellinger, Parker Kohagen, Gavin Moore, and Luke Skaryd; from Corunna: Kayla Hook, Ezra Nellis, Evan Warner, Kaminee Auge, Karionna Graham, Thomas Brooks, Elliott Carr, Joshua Siddock, Austin Sweet, and Micah Yates; from Durand: Elise Drauch, Jacob O'Bryant, and Nathaniel Schaefer; from Laingsburg: Nathaniel Davis, Samantha Gutzman, Collin Logghe, Ethan Platte, Grant Sprague, and Payge Woodworth; from Morrice: Maxwell Horvatin and Kane McLean; from New Lothrop: Chloe Czymbor, Logan Frost, Makenna Gemalsky, and Sophia Henige; from Ovid-Elsie: Belle Cooper, Micah Ladiski, and Reid Roberts; from Owosso: Alistair Andres, Rylie Burcher, Julia Ciarlino, and Adeline Mahoney; and from Perry: Collin Nolkemper, Calhoun Place, Lucas Rodgers, Leah Schneider, Riley Smith, and Emma Thielen.

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