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Caledonia Township Secures $87,573 State Grant to Remove Shiawassee River Causeway

submitted by Ron Spicer



Caledonia Township has approved a $127,900 project to remove a causeway obstruction from the Shiawassee River. The project has been funded, in part, with an $87,573 grant awarded to the Township through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Habitat Grant Program.

The 185-foot-long structure, most accurately described as a causeway, spans a section of the Shiawassee River a few miles upstream from Corunna and borders the Michigan Brick property. Together with accumulated woody debris, the causeway behaves much like a dam.

Built in the 1950s as a crossing to shale mines on the west side of the river, the structure has long since been abandoned. Because the deteriorating causeway is not regulated or maintained by any single authority, its removal has required the coordinated efforts of several local and state partners.

In addition to the state grant, approximately $40,300 in local matching funds will fulfill the estimated project costs. Two substantial contributors are the Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network and Friends of the Shiawassee River. Additional support is being provided by the Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition, Shiawassee County Parks and Recreation Commission, and the City of Corunna.

Caledonia Township appointed volunteer Phil Hathaway, Vice-Chair of the Shiawassee River Water Trail Co-

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Chili Cook-off Raising Funds to Feed 12,000 People in Two Hours

submitted by Carrie Rathbun Hawks

Laingsburg – Chili heads are invited to Laingsburg United Methodist Church Sat., Sept. 19 from 5-7 p.m. to sample chilis made by local restaurants and church members. Proceeds will go toward the cost of packing 2,000 rice meal bags in just two hours for people in war-torn or poverty-stricken countries. Since each bag feeds six people, 12,000 meals will make their way to hungry families and individuals.

About a dozen chilis of all sorts are being donated by Laingsburg eateries and church members to tantalize people's taste buds, all coming together at a time when help is so desperately needed around the world. .

The chili cook-off will be at the church at 210 Crum Street in downtown Laingsburg. Because the rice meal bags cost $2 apiece, the church needs more than $4,000 to cover ingredients and shipping.

There is a minimum donation to enjoy samples: children under 5 are free; ages 6-12 cost $5, adults pay $12 and seniors are $8. People can also vote with their dollars to help pick the best chilis of the evening.

LUMC partners with Midwest Mission, a faith-based nonprofit dedicated to providing meal and hygiene kits, school supplies, disaster clean-up resources and much more to people in their time of need. Based in southern Illinois, Midwest Mission provides the ingredients and onsite coordinators who help the volunteers assemble and package the kits. It will also distribute the packages in the United States and to countries such as Ukraine, Haiti and the Middle East.

"Chili and fall go together, so as the trees start to turn colors, we felt this was the perfect time to have our event," said LUMC Pastor Kendi Holcomb-Densmore. "The rice meal kits are a far cry from homemade chili, but they can be the difference between life and death for some of our hungry brothers and sisters around the world. It's remarkable how much impact just one 7" x 9" bag can have."

To learn more about Midwest Mission, visit www.midwestmission.org. For more information about Laingsburg United Methodist Church, visit www.laingsburg-umcorg.

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Elsie Lions Beef Raffle

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

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

Clarkson Barn Dance



The next Clarkson Barn Dance will be held on Saturday, September 12th from 6:30pm-9:30pm at 10901 S. Hollister Road, Laingbsurg. Great music and great food by Marie VanDeusen. $10 per person, BYOB. The last Barn Dance will be held on October 10th.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 3rd, the Clarkson's will be performing at the Elsie Fall Fest in downtown Elsie. This event is a fund raiser for the Elsie Area Food Bank.

St. Cyrils Rummage/Bake Sale

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

All items are clean and reasonably priced.

This Week at the Ovid Public Library

On Wednesday September 9 we will be having our Classic Movie Day. This weeks movie will be 'Misfits' starring Clark Gable and Marilyn Monroe. Movie time will be 1:00. Bring a friend and enjoy this classic western romance. There will be light snacks available and as always you are welcome to bring some of your own.

Friday, September 11 will be our first Story Hour of the school year. We will be having a royally good time reading some books about kings and queens and making a regal craft for the kids to take home. Story hour starts at 10:30. We hope to see you there.

Ola Holiness Camp Fall Meetings

The Ola Holiness Camp Fall Meetings will be held September 10-13 at 7 p.m. each evening. We will have preaching & music each evening:

Thursday, Sept. 10: Reverend Jerry Kissling
Friday. Sept. 11: Carl Hyzer
Saturday, Sept. 12: Bobby Jenkens
Sunday, Sept. 13: Singsperation

You are welcome to come as you are and sing with us!

The camp is located at 7212 S Bagley Road (US 127), Ashley, MI 48806. 12 1/2 miles north of St. Johns, MI on US-127, 1/2 mile north of M-57 junction or 7 1/2 miles south of Ithaca on US-127.

Contact Freeman Yoder 989-640-4561or Jerry Jakus 517-719-5127 with any questions.

MMPC Meeting

submitted by Kate Neese

The Materials Management Planning Committee (MMPC) will be holding a public meeting on Wednesday September 9, 2026, at 5:45pm in the Clinton County Courthouse First Floor Conference Room to continue the Materials Management Plan process.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 5:45pm in the First Floor Conference Room of the Clinton County Courthouse. MMPC meeting agendas and minutes will be regularly posted on the Clinton County website: www.clinton-county.org/1075/Materials-Management-Planning-Committee.

For additional information, please contact the Clinton County Department of Waste Management by emailing recycle@clinton-county.org or calling the office (989) 224-5186.



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Memorial Healthcare Welcomes Dermatologist to Owosso

submitted by Dianna Vsetula



Dr. Wyatt Boothby-Shoemaker

Owosso – Memorial Healthcare is pleased to welcome Dr. Wyatt Boothby-Shoemaker to its active medical staff and the Owosso community.

Dr. Boothby-Shoemaker earned his Doctor of Medicine (MD) and Master of Business Administration (MBA) through the dual-degree program at Michigan State University's College of Human Medicine and Eli Broad College of Business. His unique combination of medical expertise and leadership training reflects his commitment to delivering exceptional, patient-centered care.

Dr. Boothby-Shoemaker provides evaluation and treatment for a wide range of skin conditions and is committed to providing compassionate, evidence-based dermatology care for patients of all ages. His approach focuses on personalized treatment, preventive care, and helping each patient achieve and maintain healthier skin.

Whether patients are managing a chronic skin condition, seeking care for a new concern, or scheduling a routine skin check, Dr. Boothby-Shoemaker is dedicated to providing individualized care throughout every stage of life. His commitment to patient education, prevention, and evidence-based treatment supports Memorial Healthcare's mission of providing compassionate, high-quality care to the communities we serve.

Dr. Boothby-Shoemaker is currently accepting new patients with most insurances.

For more information, please visit www.MemorialHealthcare.org.

St. Johns Church of God Welcomes New Pastor

submitted by Kenneth Graves



Pastor KC Graves and wife Diana

St. Johns, MI — St. Johns Church of God is blessed to announce and warmly welcome Pastor KC Graves and his wife, Diana, as the new pastoral leaders of our congregation. After eight years of ministry in Little Rock, Arkansas, the couple is returning to the state of Michigan and bringing with them a deeply relational, compassionate, and community focused approach to ministry.

KC and Diana have been married for more than 35 years and are proud parents of two daughters, four grandchildren, and are joyfully anticipating the arrival of their fifth grandchild in late March. Originally from Northwest Indiana, the couple has served faithfully in pastoral ministry for nearly 30 years, consistently demonstrating a heart for people and a passion for sharing God's love in meaningful, everyday ways.

Pastor KC's preaching is known for its relevance, authenticity, and practical application, helping individuals and families live out God's love in their daily lives. Together, KC and Diana bring warmth, wisdom, and a genuine desire to build strong relationships within the church and the St. Johns community.

Those wishing to meet Pastors KC and Diana are invited to join us at St. Johns Church of God, located at 1063 S. Dewitt Rd., St. Johns, MI. Sunday gatherings begin with fellowship at 10:00 AM followed by worship at 10:45 AM. All are welcome.

St. Johns Church of God looks forward to this new season of ministry and invites the community to celebrate with us as we embrace the leadership and vision Pastor KC and Diana bring to our church family.

Elsie American Legion Post Seeking New Members

submitted by Brian Valentine

The Elsie American Legion Post is looking for any United States Military Veterans to join our post. If you are an honorably discharged veteran, we would like to invite you to join the American Legion. Come swap stories with fellow veterans, and if you like, participate in parades, veteran military funeral honors, along with other honorable patriotic events.

We meet monthly on the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm at the Elsie Post building. All branches welcomed, Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, Space Force. If you need assistance with VA or other needs, we may be able to help guide you to the correct location to provide help as we have a Service Officer to assist.

If you would like to join, attend a meeting, join online www.legion.org (specify Post 502 Department of Michigan) or call Commander Brian Valentine at 989-307-9856







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

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

QUALIFICATIONS

The ideal candidate will have:

- Strong organizational and record-keeping skills
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- Ability to work independently and meet deadlines
- Experience with municipal government, bookkeeping, accounting, or office administration is preferred

HOURS & COMPENSATION

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

HOW TO APPLY

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

Village of Ashley
114 S. Sterling Street
P.O. Box 158
Ashley, MI 48806

Applications may also be submitted through the Village Office.

Application Deadline: September 7, 2026

The Village of Ashley is an equal opportunity employer.

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

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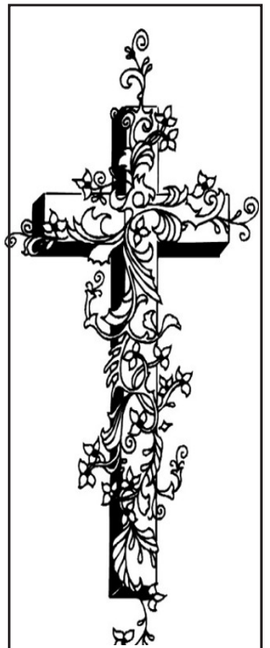
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Obituaries

Mack Lee Webster



Mack Lee Webster, age 75, of St. Johns, MI, passed away Thursday, August 27, 2026, at University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Lansing, Lansing, MI.

Mack was born in St. Johns, MI on July 20, 1951, the son of Glenn and Marjorie Lois (Taylor) Webster. He was raised on the Webster family farm and graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School with the class of 1969. Mack then married Nancy Paksi and together they raised 3 children and started his career of small business ownership. Mack owned and operated: Webster Tire, The Bug Shop (for his love of Volkswagon Beetles), Mid-Michigan Realty and Construction and later owned Miller's Tavern in Fowler. Mack enjoyed fishing and camping at the pit with family and friends. He was an avid hunter, fisherman and enjoyed spending time outdoors. Later in life, his Harley was his choice of transportation for his scenic adventures, he loved to travel.

He is survived by his loving children: Andrea Webster and Michael McNeely of Sheridan, MI; Erika Webster and Josh Thompson of St. Johns, MI; and Charles and Hellenna Webster of St. Johns, MI; their mother Nancy Webster of St. Johns, MI; grandchildren: Holden Darnell, Kendahl Smeltzer, Ava and Collin Behrendt, Mackenna Darnell, and Charles Webster, Jr. and many great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings: Jim and Lassie Webster, Lynn and Joanne Webster, Debbie and Paul Hebeler, Sandy Williams, Lori Webster and Cheryl Carlson, sister-in-law Cathy Webster and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Larry Webster, nephew Wayne Webster and niece Jamie Thorpe.

A Celebration of life will be held at 3536 East Walker Road, St. Johns, MI 48847, on Saturday, September 19, 2026, at 3:00 P.M.

Memorials may be made to a Charity of the Donor's Choice. 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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Pastor:
Kendra Holcomb - Densmore

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Worship Service: 10:00 am

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Editorial



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
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Grey Beard Sets New Record

Dale Sanders, also known by his trail name Gey Beard, has recently reclaimed his record as the oldest hiker to complete a thru-hike of the Appalachian Trail in just under five days days short of a year at the age of 91. He previously set the same record at age 82 in 2017 but was bested four years later by his 83-year old-friend M. J. Eberhart a.k.a. Nimblewill Nomad.

Sanders claims to have fallen 71 times during his 2,193 mile journey with only six being "hard falls" and one of them requiring hospitalization. Sanders holds another age-related record; on his 87th birthday he paddled the entire length of the Mississippi River in only 87 days.

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Planet Perspectives

by Alison Kozlowski

Invasive Species

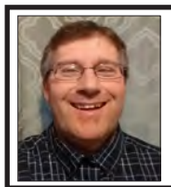
Invasive species are organisms that are not native to an ecosystem and cause harm.

They can be plants and animals. They are one of the biggest threats to native wildlife.

The spread of invasive species is primarily caused by human activity, usually unintentional, by transporting them to different locations and into local ecosystems. Results of climate change such as changes in weather patterns and higher temperatures can also cause spread by enabling invasive species to move into new places.

One could assume that the introduction of invasive species increases biodiversity in ecosystems, but the reality is the opposite. Biodiversity is the variation of kinds of life and is essential to the health and stability of an ecosystem. Invasive species reduce biodiversity because they may not have natural predators, which allows them to easily reproduce and take over an ecosystem. They outcompete native species for resources. They alter ecosystem conditions such as the soil chemistry and wildfire risks. The impacts of invasive species are responsible for 42 percent of threatened and endangered species.

Government agencies, conservation groups, and local citizens work to stop and prevent the spread of invasive species. To control the spread, government agencies survey and collect data on populations to report invasions, and have specialized teams to mechanically remove invasives in those areas. Conservation groups organize removal events and educate the public of their impacts. Ways you can prevent the spread are burning local firewood and cleaning your outdoor gear between trips. You can take direct action against invasive species by identifying specific species and participating in organized removal events.



Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn
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"Jesus wept."
- John 11:35

Some mistakenly believe that it is not manly to cry. That for a man to shed tears is to show weakness. This is not true and is actually harmful advice.

According to the article, "The Stigma Around Men Crying – Why Many Men Don't Cry and What It Really Means" by Chris Hemmings-

"Crying is a natural way of processing emotion. It helps regulate stress, calm the nervous system and signal to others that support is needed.

When tears are not an option, emotions do not disappear. They often show up in other ways. Sadness may turn into anger. Fear may become irritability. Emotional pain may be pushed into work, alcohol or constant distraction.

Over time, this suppression can affect both mental and physical health. It can contribute to anxiety, depression, chronic stress and physical symptoms such as tension or fatigue. It can also create distance in relationships, as men may struggle to express vulnerability or connect emotionally with others."

In the Bible, David is seen as a man's man. He was a warrior who killed both people and animals, yet he also played the harp and wrote poetry. And he could shed a tear. In one of his Psalms, he wrote, "All night long I flood my bed with weeping and drench my couch with tears."

-Psalm 6:6

All believers in Christ, including men, are called in Romans 12:15 to "...weep with those who weep."

Rep. BeGole Standing up for Concerned Voices

submitted by Denny Schwarze

State Rep. Brian BeGole and Michigan House Republicans are fighting to ensure voices throughout the state are heard.

An Amicus brief was recently filed by Michigan House Republicans after the Board of State Canvassers denied a state constitutional amendment that would require Michigan voters to prove they are U.S. citizens from appearing on the November ballot. The group that originally circulated the proposal for signatures has asked the Michigan Supreme Court and U.S. Supreme Court to reverse the decision through emergency order.

The group behind the ballot proposal effort submitted over 700,000 signatures, which was over 250,000 more than what was required. The state's Bureau of Elections claimed that not enough signatures were valid in a "random sampling" of 1,000 signatures, despite a majority of signatures within the board's sample being valid.

The denial by the state board comes after Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel recently announced charges against five non-citizens for election crimes in 2024. Last April, a review from Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson found that 15 individuals who weren't U.S. citizens voted under her watch in the 2024 presidential election.

"This is something that the people of Michigan should decide, not partisan bureaucrats on state boards," BeGole said. "We are working to protect these voices."



MG'sPerx and Pastries donation for the 2026 Fall Festival. Pictured left to right, Brent and Diane Gingerich and Crystal Mitchell. Picture taken on September first at their front counter, picture taken by Sue Petersen representing Elsie Fall Festival

UM Health-Sparrow Clinton Enhances Care with New Digital PET Scanner

submitted by John Foren

ST. JOHNS, Mich. – University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Clinton is excited for the community to use its new advanced digital PET/CT scanner, which allows for earlier disease detection, finding the precise location of any issues and determining the cancer's stage, while allowing patients to receive advanced care close to home.

The new PET/CT scanner significantly expands diagnostic imaging capabilities for the St. Johns community and surrounding areas.

The scanner represents a major leap forward in imaging technology. While a traditional CT scan provides detailed images of the structural anatomy of organs, a PET scan reveals how cells behave on a metabolic level. By combining these two methods, the system provides a more comprehensive picture of a patient's health. The advanced digital detector technology offers high-resolution images that help doctors evaluate the effectiveness of treatments and can reduce the need for invasive biopsies or exploratory surgeries.

The new scanner joins an extensive range of services already available at UM Health-Sparrow Community Hospitals. All UM Health-Sparrow locations offer advanced imaging, including MRI, ultrasound, mammography and bone density testing, along with general X-ray, fluoroscopy and select invasive radiology procedures. Patients also have access to cardiology services such as echocardiology and walk-in EKG, as well as pulmonary function testing and home sleep studies.

The campuses provide oncology and infusion therapy, orthopedics, general surgery, urology and wound clinic services, backed by physical therapy, occupational therapy and endoscopy. Emergency services are staffed by board-certified providers, with primary care, a walk-in clinic and durable medical supplies and a retail pharmacy rounding out a full spectrum of care designed to keep patients close to home.

The new PET/CT scanner is now operational and available for patients at UM Health-Sparrow Clinton. For more information, visit UofMHealthSparrow.org/our-hospitals-services/um-health-sparrow-hospitals/Clinton.

Laingsburg Public Library News

submitted by Sara Danford

The Laingsburg Public Library is happy to share that our Book Nook books, typically for sale, will be FREE for the month of September in remembrance of Dolly Parton and her Imagination Library initiative. Long live Dolly!

Currently underway and until Halloween we will be hosting a Costume Swap. Please drop off any clean and gently used costumes that you're willing to part with and see what new costumes you may find.

Music Class with Teacher Liz is back in the Burg on 9/9 at 10 am. This is geared for 0-5 year olds and is an interactive, play-based music class where you will move, listen, and explore music with your child. Space is limited so please sign up in advance by calling 517.651.6282. Thank you to the Lions Club, for helping make this happen!

Our Adult 101 series is back for the school year and kicking it off is Radon 101 on September 21st at 6:30pm. This is an opportunity to meet with Les Smith, a State of Michigan Indoor Radon Specialist for a FREE brief seminar. The next in the lineup is Medicare 101 with Licensed Medicare Specialist, Kevin Gebhard, on October 5th at 3:30pm. Please call 517.651.6282 to sign up!

For our youth, we have Jr. Librarian opportunities. Children can reserve a nook within the library to showcase their favorite books and/or movies for others to peruse and check-out. They will be responsible for maintaining it for the duration as Jr. Librarian. A bio and photo-op is included with parent permission. Have them stop in to start making their selection today!

Are you getting tired of looking at your screen yet?!! We have an opportunity to take things back to the way they used to be with our Library to Library Pen Pal Club. You will be paired with a penpal across the nation or even the world in this unique program. Initially only divulge your name, age, gender, and library and once paired, you can start snail mailing away to the recipient's library. This truly is for all ages and is a great way to work on the written word and letter detailing (for youth), express oneself, curb the loneliness epidemic, learn about other cultures, and more. Who needs screens? Call or stop in to sign up.

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Caledonia...continued from front



alition, to initially pursue funding and subsequently manage the project.

"This project is a great example of what can happen when local government, community organizations and state partners work together toward a shared goal," said Amy Holek, Caledonia Township Supervisor. "Removing this obsolete structure will address a longstanding concern in the river while improving habitat, recreation and public safety. Caledonia Township is pleased to help move this important project forward."

To date, Rowe Engineering has completed the project design, and GEI Consultants has surveyed environmental conditions downstream. The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy has issued a permit allowing work in the river under specified conditions designed to address siltation, shoreline woody debris, site restoration and protection of downstream mussels.

A primary basis for the grant award is the benefit that restoring continuity to the river will provide to fisheries and aquatic habitat. Fish species expected to benefit include smallmouth bass, walleye, suckers and northern pike.

"This is truly a win-win for our state and river enthusiasts," said Ron Spicer, Caledonia Township Trustee and the Township's point person for the project. "This not only opens the water trail up for a longer and safer stretch, it also satisfies a longstanding goal of the DNR Fisheries Habitat Program for the future health of this valuable natural resource."

Of equal importance to local residents and recreational users is the reopening of approximately four miles of the Shiawassee River Water Trail between the Shiawassee County Parks and Recreation Commission's Lytle Road Park launch and McCurdy Park in Corunna.

Removing the causeway and associated woody debris will address a significant recreational obstacle along this stretch of river. The project is expected to improve public safety and family-friendly boating opportunities by reducing hazards associated with capsized or damaged watercraft, accumulated woody debris and difficult or potentially unsafe portaging conditions.

"For the Shiawassee River Water Trail, reconnecting this stretch is significant," said David Lossing, Chair of the Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition. "A water trail should provide people with a safe and enjoyable way to experience the river and the communities along it. Removing this obstruction will reconnect an important section of the trail, while also benefiting the health of the river itself. It is a project that serves both people and the natural resource."

The project also offers benefits to the local economy and quality of life. The Shiawassee River, designated as both a National Water Trail and a State Water Trail, attracts paddlers, anglers and other outdoor recreation enthusiasts from within and outside Shiawassee County.

"The predominant user population for this river segment are the area residents enabled to return to close-to-home, affordable outdoor recreation," Hathaway said.

Subject to suitable water levels and the timing of the competitive bidding process, the causeway could be removed as early as this fall. The grant provides a one-year period to complete the work, allowing the Township the option of completing removal during summer 2027 if conditions or project timing require it.

Purse Party Bingo to Benefit Respite Volunteers

submitted by Helen Rathbun

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

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

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

Sports

Lady Wolfpack 2nd at Saranac Cross-Country Invitational

SARANAC -- A short-handed Wolfpack cross-country program still managed to impress at the Saranac Cross-Country Invitational.

Teams from Fulton-Middleton, Grand Rapids North-Pointe, Ionia, Lakeview, Lansing Waverly, Morley-Stanwood, Portland and GR Wyoming joined Laingsburg and the host Redskins in the field. The Wolfpack girls, despite short-handed, ran to a 2nd place finish.

"We were missing quite a few athletes last night due to other commitments," explained veteran LHS coach Shawn Baynes.

Leading the Lady Wolfpack was Samantha Gutzman 6th in 24:31.48; Kiki Rusz 7th in 24:31.64; Molly McDougall-Smith 11th in 25:12.54; Alaina Luna 14th in 25:49.67; Jayden Foltz 25th in 29:56.71; Sarah Kibzey 37th in 34:11.47; and Ruby Burley 41st in 42:50.22.

Only four harriers ran for the Wolfpack boys team: Jace Devereaux 4th in 18:33.56; Joel Rathka 13th in 20:22.13; Andrew Stevens 21st in 23:23.92; and Cameron Betts 36th in 26:35.78.

Wolfpack Netters Rally to Down P-W in Five Sets to Even CMAC Slate

LAINGSBURG -- Kendal Michels delivered 12 kills and 20 assists as the Wolfpack varsity volleyball team evened its Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) slate at 1-1 here.

The Wolves rallied past Pewamo-Westphalia in five sets, 20-25, 25-21, 25-22, 20-25 and 15-11, keeping the Pirates winless at 0-4. Overall, Mickey Fox's Wolves improved to 2-4.

Hayden Wilson added a pair of aces, 29 digs, 3 blokd and 5 kills to the LHS effort. Ella Mohney tallied 5 aces and 17 digs.

Marauder Gridders 0-2 for the First Time Since 2019; Fall at Birch Run in MMAC Opener

BIRCH RUN -- Boston Brown and Kaelen Harrington scored decisive fourth-quarter touchdowns for the host Panthers here Thursday, rallying past Ovid-Elsie, 31-21, in the MMAC football opener for both teams.

The loss dropped veteran coach Travis Long's Marauders to 0-2 for the first time since 2019, when they opened with setbacks opposite Portland and Montrose. Birch Run stayed perfect at 2-0, after a 17-13 opening-week victory over Grosse Isle.

This was a game of huge momentum swings. The Panthers took a quick 14-0 lead in the opening quarter on scoring runs from Joe Leach and Boston Brown. Garett Martinus PAT kicks put O-E down by two scores.

Back attacked the Marauders. QB Brody Howard found Joie Fabus with a 75-yard TD toss; the Howard-to-Fabus connection scored again on a 15-yard hookup; and Fabus shocked the Panther defense on a 46-yard scoring sprint. After Maddi Bushard kicked the PATs, O-E was in control 21-14.

Yet, that's all the points the visitors would score. Martinus nailed a 22-yard field goal with just seconds left in the first half, shifting the momentum back to the Panthers ... though still down 21-17.

The Birch Run defense stiffened in the second half, though Howard still managed to throw for 224 yards. It took him 31 throws to do it, hitting on 11 of them.

O-E managed to outgain the Panthers in total yards, 395-359.

Despite the loss, shining on the Marauder defense were Chase Fabus (8 tackles, one tackle for loss); Walker Lover (8 stops); Bryce Krueger (8 stops); Howard (6 tackles, two for loss); Brooks Lohr (4 tackles, one tackle for loss); and Jaycen Hunt (3 tackles and a fumble recovery).

Kelloggsville Dominates on the Ground, Pushes Past Wolfpack Passing Attack for 43-26 Win

GRAND RAPIDS -- The legendary, irascible, late Ohio State coach Woody Hayes said it: three things can happen when you throw the ball.

Two of them are bad.

Home team Grand Rapids Kelloggsville used interceptions on three-straight possessions in the third quarter to rally past Laingsburg, 43-26, in non-league prep football action here Thursday.

Trailing 20-14 early in the third quarter, the host Rockets flipped the turnovers into a quick 35-20 advantage and dropped LHS to 0-2 on the young season. Kelloggsville improved to 1-1, after a season-opening, 60-20 loss at Belding.

While Wolfpack QB Julian Smith was tossing strikes all over the field -- more than 350 yards passing -- Rocket RBs Bryshon Parks and Sincere Allen were answering on the ground. Parks, shifty and all but impossible to bring down, scored on runs of 35, 8, 17 and 8 yards; Allen was a perfect complement with scoring jaunts 59 and 22 yards. Christian Valesquez booted the point-after kicks every time he was called upon ... and Laingsburg didn't have enough answers.

Not that the Wolves didn't try. Junior QB Julian Smith dialed up the long ball early and often. He softened up the KV secondary early, then fired a 8-yard scoring strike to Landon Freeman. After a fumble recovery by Logan Potter, LHS took a 13-7 lead when Smith found Landon Freeman from 34 yards. Smith put the Wolves up 20-14 to start the second half on a 73-yard bomb to Kade McLean. And with just 2:04 left in the contest, he fired another 63-yard strike to Freeman for the score. And ... he recorded another 65-yard aerial to Freeman that was stopped at the one-yard line.

Caiden Nidefski did the kicking for LHS, and was perfect on all his PAT attempts.

The Wolfpack road warriors, away from home for four-straight contests, open the CMAC league season this Friday at Fowler.

CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

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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MEET THE TEAMS...2026 FALL SPORTS...ASHLEY BEARS



Ashley Varsity Volleyball

Team includes: Peyton Rohn, Karissa Kremer, Gracyn McAllister, Skylar Crocker, Aroura McGill, Aleena Long, Ellie Drummond, Marissa Kremer, Charlie Zamarron, Jordynn Long. Head Coach Brian Davis.

Experience and Veteran Leadership Fuel Ashley Volleyball's Climb Up the Standings

submitted by Ashleigh Shaw

The Ashley volleyball team enters the new season with a powerful competitive edge: seasoned experience. Anchored by three seniors and a deep roster of veteran talent, the team is primed to outpace last year's performance and establish themselves in the thick of the league standings.

Returning to the court for Ashley is a formidable core of veteran players, including Ellie Drummond, Karissa Kremer, Marissa Kremer, Gracyn McCallister, Peyton Rohn, Aleena Long, and Jordynn Long. Their established chemistry and varsity minutes will serve as the backbone for the team's strategic play.

Complementing this experienced foundation is a wave of fresh energy. Newcomers Aurora McGill, Skyler Crocker, and Charlie Zamarron join the varsity squad this year, injecting depth and new dynamics into the rotation.

With a perfect blend of battle-tested leadership and exciting new talent, Ashley is focused on steady improvement and making a definitive push toward the middle of the pack in the league race.



Ashley/Fulton Cross Country

Front row (l-r): Emily Piper, Adrianna Verwey, Ella Marsden, Skylar Maclennan, Makiya Telling, Peyton Rohn, Kyla Peters. Back row (l-r): Blake Overholt, Jaxon Wirt, Levi Palacios, Jay Burley, Rush Marsden, Trevor Dolloff, Shyanne Abrams, Will Delacourt.

Fulton Cross Country Reloads with Full Roster and State Caliber Leadership

by Ashleigh Shaw

With full rosters restored and proven veteran leadership at the helm, the Fulton High School boys and girls cross country programs are gearing up for an ambitious fall season. Both squads will be guided by co-head coaches Jeff Biddinger, now in his 14th year leading the program, and Grant Woodman, who brings 14 years of cross country coaching experience to his first year with the Pirates.

Boys Team Targets Regional Top Five Behind Veteran Seniors

After being unable to field a full scoring team last fall, the Fulton boys return a complete lineup for the first time in several years with the co-op with neighboring Ashley. Although the program graduated key runner Jacob Vanderveen, the Pirates return two starters—both of whom are senior captains and proven state-level competitors.

Senior captains Rush Marsden and Trevor Dolloff lead the charge as returning State qualifiers. With Marsden and Dolloff setting the tone at the front of the pack, Fulton aims to make immediate noise in the conference standings.

The Pirates are targeting a finish in the top half of the Mid-State Activities Conference (MSAC), and a top-five team finish at the Regional meet, while seeking to send individual runners back to the State Meet.

Girls Squad Aims for State Qualifying Spot

The Fulton girls team mirrors the boys' resurgence, returning a full squad after falling short of a complete lineup last season, and now with the co-op with Ashley, they can field a full team. Anchored by senior captain Makiya Telling, the team returns three starters and boasts high-end potential at the top of the lineup.

Leading the charge for the girls are state qualifiers Skylar MacLennan and Peyton Rohn. Their state meet experience gives the Pirates a powerful tandem at the front of races as the rest of the roster fills in.

With full scoring capability restored, the girls' team has set clear goals for the postseason: finish in the top five of the MSAC and actively contend for the third qualifying spot at Regionals to secure a team bid to the State Meet.

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MEET THE TEAMS...2026 FALL SPORTS...LAINGSBURG WOLFPACK



Wolfpack Varsity Football

Front row (l-r): Rowan Hart, Caiden Nidefski, Ethan Smith, Harrison Dorman, Carson Helmer, Julian Smith, Calvin Stier III, Kade McLean, Landon Freeman. Second row (l-r): Seth Parsons, Bobby Keilholtz, Ethan Platte, Gus Larson, Collin Logghe, Cooper Morr, Johnathan Schafer, Logan Potter. Photo by Keith Kingsbury

Wolfpack 'Road Warriors' Look to Turn Football Program Around From Recent Mis-Steps in 2026

LAINGSBURG -- Brian Borgman starts his 25th season as the dean of CMAC coaches, the longest tenured mentor (easily) in LHS history ... and with big challenges awaiting his Wolfpack program.

Challenges? How about a schedule that includes four-straight road games. That's almost half the regular season without home cookin.'

How about a 9-18 record in the past three seasons? After winning CMAC championship in 2022-- the school's first-ever -- Borgman's Wolves have gone 4-5, 2-7 and 3-6, consecutively. And they'll try to turn that around in 2026 by again utilizing the "5th quarter" rule -- bringing up JV players to play limited minutes and round out the varsity roster.

Don't feel too discouraged in Wolfpackland, however. "The majority of the team are seniors who all played significant minutes last year," says Borgman. "So they have a wealth of experience."

Standouts from that senior class on offense are OL Cooper Morr, HB Collin Logghe, OL Ethan Platte, OL Gus Larson, WR Landon Freeman, WR Harrison Dorman and junior QB Julian Smith.

Defensively, the 'Pack is led by DE Logghe, DE Morr, LB Platte, DB Freeman and DB WR Dorman. "We have to stay healthy with lower numbers. We will also have to utilize the 5th quarter rule to help maintain depth and giving starters a rest," says Borgman.

A key to that part of their challenge will be newcomers, juniors WR/DB Ethan Smith and RB/LB Carson Helmer, and senior WR/DB Kade McLean.

Borgman envisions a middle-of-the-pack league finish for his reloading team, with Pewamo-Westphalia, Saranac and Fowler as the front-runners. Bath and Perry complete this year's CMAC, which has lost once-proud programs from Potterville and Dansville in the past few campaigns; they've gone to 8-man football.

Borgman, 127-103 overall since becoming the head Wolf in 2002, will be assisted by Jon Cecil, Dan Blemaster, Jacob Chambers, Cedric Ford and Julio Caceres for the 2026 campaign.

After opening the season at home vs. non-league Vandercook Lake, LHS hits the road for a month including dates at Fowler, Saranac and P-W. They finally return home for Homecoming on October 2 opposite arch-rival Bath.

Laingsburg Football

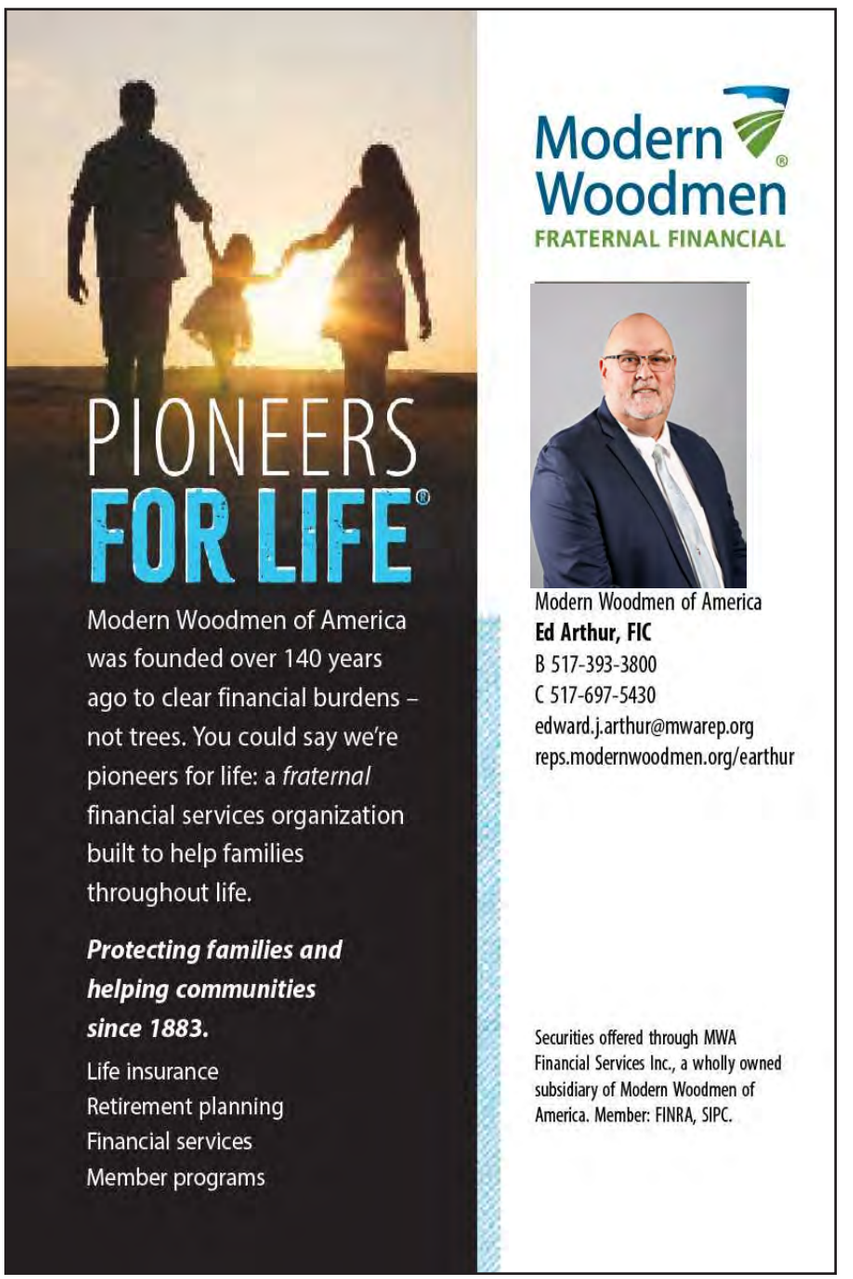
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Oct. 9	7:00 pm	Perry	H
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Oct. 23	7:00 pm	Carson City Crystal	H



Wolfpack JV Football

Team members include: Carter Conklin, Hunter Woodworth, Lucas Gebauer, Derek Porubsky, Sam Sedlacek, Braylon Herold, Michael Neff, Dezmond Herold, Mason Kent, Xavier Luna, Tristan Caretti, Noah Smithers, Eli Reneaud, Jaxson Smith, Titan Sindel, Lamari Stuckey, Eddie Misener, Brock McGee, Ashton Unruh, Owen Suggate, Max Cosgrove, Wesley Krupp, Logan Potter Head Coach Jake Chambers.

Photo by Keith Kingsbury



MEET THE TEAMS...2026 FALL SPORTS...LAINGSBURG WOLFPACK



Wolfpack Freshman Volleyball

Front row (l-r): Kathryn Nanasy, Addilyn Brink, Maylee Bowles, Lauren Esch, Caroline Jacobson, Ava Murrell, Layla Saad. Back row (l-r): Kenadee Harris, Josie Jespersen, Chloe Alcott, Kendall Clark, Jayda Olney, Abby Varner, Emma Churchill, Mary Austin.

Photo by Keith Kingsbury



Wolfpack JV Volleyball

Front row (l-r): Jayla Merrell, Scarlett Parker, Lilly Knapp, Ashlyn Soeltner, Sydney Wagner, Maddie Butler. Back row (l-r): Addison Westfall, Anna Walker, Samantha Lamacchia, Alaina Luna, Maddie Hodges, Trinity Pratt.

Photo by Keith Kingsbury



Wolfpack Cheer

Front row (l-r): Delaney Tobias, Quinn Klont, Riley Barragan, Ally Underhill, Taylor Droste. Middle row (l-r): Riley Bowman, Kara Huston, Sara Hart, Kiki Justice, Emma Trier. Back row (l-r): Ava Rann, Sophia Wilburn, Jayden Foltz, Ava Trier, Edie Zacharda.

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Wolfpack Varsity Soccer

Team includes: Asher Shastal, Joshua Barragan, Jayden Jackson, Nolen Russell, Alejandro Montero, Bentley Wilhelm, Owen Platte, Cole Morrill, Camden McGee, Jace Devereaux, Cameron Spedoske, Stanley Morrill, Paxton Rodriquez, Jayden Carpenter, Jordan Jackson, Caiden Nidefski, Grey Seguin, Tucker Russell, Xavier George, Karl Lotterup, Connor Heyd, Landon Freeman, Ryan Park. Head Coach Brayden Thomas.

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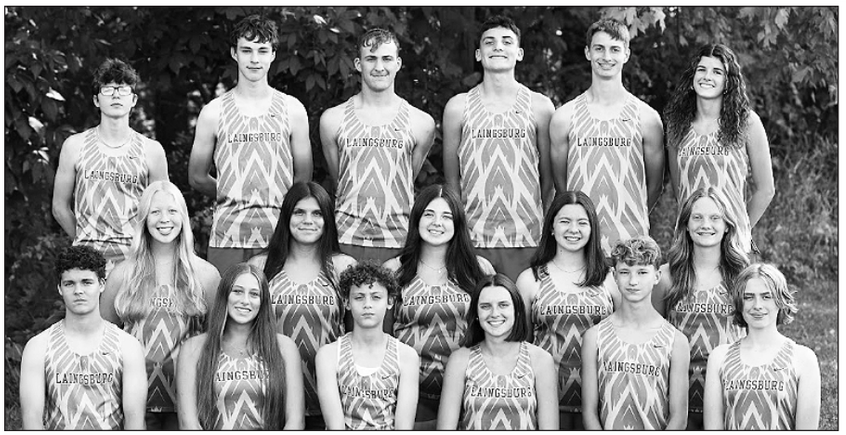
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Wolfpack Varsity Cross Country

Front row (l-r): Jayden Jackson, Kiki Rusz, Jordan Jackson, Sam Gutzman, Jace Devereaux, Molly McDougall- Smith. Middle row (l-r): Sarah Kibzey, Alaina Luna, Meriel Burley, Ruby Burley, Samantha Morrill. Back row (l-r): Andrew Stevens, Austin Hodges, Cam Betts, Calum Knull, Joel Rathka, Jayden Foltz. Not picture: Payge Woodworth.
Photo by Keith Kingsbury

Baynes: 'Wolfpack Cross-Country Can Run with Any Team' in 2026

LAINGSBURG -- What the 2026 Wolfpack cross-country program lacks in depth, it makes up for in confidence.

"We can run with any team," says veteran coach Shawn Baynes. "We have a very solid varsity."

As proof of that statement, Baynes nods to his outstanding returning harriers: Miki Rusz, Cam Betts, Austin Hodges, Jayden Jackson, Calum Knoll, Joel Ratterman, Andrew Storms, Marcel Burley, Ruby Burley, Jayden Foltz, Sam Gratzman, Sarah Kibzey and Lilly Norvill.

A new influx of talent doesn't hurt, either: Jace Devereaux, Jordan Jackson, Maria Hernandez, Alayna Luna, Molly McDougall, Sam Morrill and Payge Woodworth.

"If we have a weakness, it's that we're not very deep. If someone is injured, we can't fill holes as well," explains coach Baynes.

The Wolfpack mentor is looking for at least a Top Three finish in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference, and " ... hopefully, we finish in the top half of our (MHSAA) Region."



Wolfpack Varsity Golf

Front row (L-r): Ava Rann , Leah Mills, Lila Esch, Grace Perry , Jayden Hodges. Back row (l-r): Coach John Saller ,Eliza Aldridge, Alexa Ayen , Emma Deshone, Coach Greg Beavers.
Photo by Keith Kingsbury



Wolfpack Varsity Volleyball

Front row (l-r): Hayden Wilson, Riley Mills, Alayna Merrell, Kendall Michels, Lia Soeltner, Jasmine Noffke, Ella Mohney, Paige Erickson. Back row (l-r): Gwenith Clark, Hannah Ishaq, Everly Izzo, Juliette Latuszek, Gabby Woodbury, Ella Dorman, Raegan Cousineau.
Photo by Keith Kingsbury

Seven-Player Senior Nucleus Returns to Lead Wolfpack Volleyball Team Into 2026

LAINGSBURG -- A program generating interest and stockpiling senior leadership: that's the volleyball dynamo that third-year coach Mickey Fox is building at LHS.

The Wolves have so many players out for the Jr. Varsity that they had to split the contingent into 'A' and 'B' Teams.

As for the varsity, an outstanding seven-player nuclecus returns with the hope of pushing the Lady Wolfpack to the very top of the ultra-tough Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC).

"We have a strong leadership in our seven seniors this year," explains coach Fox. "They are leading our team in setting the standards, and pushing everyone to compete every day."

The Senior Seven includes Kendall Michels, Lia Soeltner, Paige Erickson, Alayna Merrell, Ella Mohney, Hayden Wilson and Gwenith Clark. Joining them will be newcomers Everly Izzo and Hannah Ishaq.

Says the coach, "We lost some key players last year, so we are working to reload in those positions. (But) we are going to be competitive. Once again, the CMAC is going to have some fierce competition, but I think we will be a front-runner to lead the conference."

Assisting coach Fox will be Alex Randall (JV 'A' coach) and Andrea Mahoney (JV 'B' coach).



MEET THE TEAMS...2026 FALL SPORTS...OVID-ELSIE MARAUDERS

Wide-Open MMAC Football Race Will Have Ovid-Elsie Smack Dab in the Middle of It

OVID-ELSIE -- "We'll compete with the best of them."

So says veteran Marauder football coach Travis Long, as his team prepares for the most wide-open prep football season in recent memory.

Wide open? That's the best way to describe O-E's resident home, the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) -- a circuit that teams like Montrose, Ovid-Elsie and New Lothrop have dominated the past few seasons.

Not so in 2026, says coach Long. "The league is tough top to bottom. There are probably five teams that could win the league title this year."

The Marauders will throw their hats in the ring with a solid core that includes seniors Brody Howard, Julian Media, Chandler Hart-Butcher, Chase Fabus, Wyatt Lover, Jason Harrell, John Kelly, Hunter Smith, Logan Mason, Bennet Throop, Brooks Lohr, Dylan Henning and Jaycen Hunt; juniors Walker Lover, Kellen Garcia, Joie Fabus, Maxon Fabus, Evan Anderson, Bryce Krueger and Paxton Stewart; and sophomores River Minarik and Todd Fox.

New to the varsity Marauders are juniors Maddi Bushard, Mitchell Blaha, Landen Vanconant, Braedyn Barnard, Henry Remenar, Kavin Ream, Ashton Gilbert and Caleb Cannon; and sophomores Toby Brown, Eyan Fabus, Will Baese, Peyton Harris, Jaydon Ford, Dallas Kusnier, Trey Palatka, Cade Fabus, Kane Pupava, Nick Topping, Bryce Fabus, Levi Stewart, Eli Willbanks, Gabe Lohr, Christian Chapko, Thayden Raish, Michael Anderson, Kaden Levey, Brent Spitzley, Royce Orta and Logan Strachota.

"Our secondary is talented and could be really strong with a good pass rush," explains coach Long. "Our skill positions on offense provide some depth and speed.

"Our offensive and defensive lines will need to win the line of scrimmage."

Red-letter dates on the O-E schedule are MMAC rematches September 25 (Durand), October 2 (New Lothrop) and October 9 (Montrose) and a new-look new-league schedule.

"Our non-conference games are against some tough competition with Howard City Tri-County and Imlay City," says the coach. Imlay City is a team O-E hasn't faced before; their first-ever matchup with Howard City resulted in a tough 24-15 loss to open the 2025 season.

Coach Long will again be assisted by D.J. Chapko, Damien Miller, Mike Klingbeil, Nick Hufnagel, Brian Topping, Owen Long and Michael Bancroft.



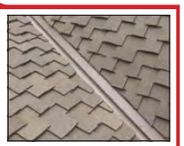
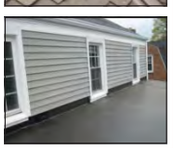
Ovid-Elsie Varsity Football

Front row (l-r): Brody Howard, Maddi Bushard, Julian Medina, Walker Lover, Mitchell Blaha, Kellen Garcia, Chandler Hart-Butcher, Chase Fabus, Trey Palatka, Toby Brown. Second row (l-r): Joie Fabus, Wyatt Lover, Jason Harrell, Cade Fabus, Maxon Fabus, John Kelly, Landen Vanconant, Eyan Fabus, Peyton Harris, Braedyn Barnard. Third row (l-r): Will Baese, Evan Anderson, Nick Topping, Bryce Fabus, Hunter Smith, Levi Stewart, Bryce Krueger, Elijah Willbanks, Gabe Lohr, Kane Pupava. Fourth row (l-r): Logan Mason, Jaydon Ford, Brooks Lohr, Henry Remenar, Dylan Henning, Payton Stewart, Dallas Kusnier, Kavin Ream, Bennet Throop. Fifth row (l-r): Christian Chapko, Thayden Raish, River Minarik, Ashton Gilbert, Todd Fox, Caleb Cannon, Michael Anderson, Jaycen Hunt, Kaden Levey, Brent Spitzley, Royce Orta. Back row: Coaches include: Head Coach Travis Long; Asst. Coach DJ Chapko, Asst. Coach Damien Miller, Asst. Coach Mike Klingbell. Student trainers: Lauren Phillips, Grace Long, Brielle Howard. Photo by Ortman Production LLC

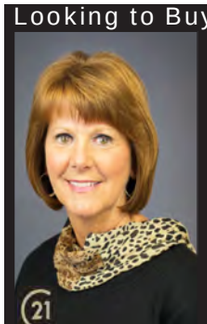


Ovid-Elsie Football

Sept. 11	7:00pm	LakeVille A
Sept. 18	7:00pm	Mt. Morris H Homecoming
Sept. 25	7:00pm	Durand H
Oct. 2	7:00pm	New Lothrop A
Oct. 9	7:00pm	Montrose A
Oct. 16	7:00pm	Chesaning H Senior Night
Oct. 23	7:00pm	Imlay City A

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Ovid-Elsie Varsity Soccer

Front row (l-r): Wade Snider, Zeke Walker, Eduardo Oliva, Gavin Thelen, Blake Palus, Grayson Thelen, Ashton Schreiber, Daniel Gross, Mason Somers. Back row (l-r): Cooper Ritenburg, Jaxon Chrenka, Conner Brya, Joey Kozlowski, Cole Hannahs, Andrew Brown, Ryker Parsons, Marshall Leavitt, Austin Alley, Leyton Belill, Aidan Doyle, Dominic Martin. *Photo by Ortman Productions, LLC*

Returning 'Anchors' Have Soccer Marauders Thinking 'Title Time' for 2026 Boys' Season

OVID-ELSIE -- Anchored by some core returnees, Ovid-Elsie's boys soccer program is thinking it's Title Time in 2026.

"We've got speed, athleticism, strength up the spine and players willing to work hard to succeed," says veteran coach Jerome White.

The 2026 Marauders are loaded. The returning core is Aidan Doyle (Captain), Dominic Martin (Captain), Ryker Parsons (Captain), Andrew Brown, Cole Hannahs, Conner Brya, Jaxon Chrenka, Joey Kozlowski, Leyton Belil, Marshall Leavitt, Mason Somers , Cooper, Ritenburg and Blake Palus. They'll be joined by promising newcomers Ashton Schreiber, Austin Alley, Daniel Gross, Eduardo Oliva, Gavin Thelen, Grayson Thelen, Wade Snider and Zeke Walker.

Says the coach, "I think our keeper (Blake Palus), once he comes back from injury, is going to have a big season. Aiden Doyle provides tempo and composure in the middle while Parsons anchors the backline. Martin and senior Marshall Leavitt provide as fast of a 9-10 combination anywhere.

"Can we develop enough depth," the coach continues. "Can we buy in, as a team, to new concepts? I would not consider them a weakness at this point but they're certainly unanswered questions."

Whether it's boys or girls teams coached by White, the Marauders are always in the mix for MMAC league supremacy. This year, Durand looks once again be a strong contender for the league title. Explains White, "I am not overly familiar with who is coming back in the league my wild guess is (order of finish) 1. OE, 2. Durand, 3. Chesaning, 4. Lakeville, 5. Birch Run and 6. Montrose."

Coach White will be assisted in 2026 by Hailee Campbell and keeper coach Mike Loveless.



Ovid-Elsie Varsity Volleyball

*Front row (l-r): Abigail Bowen, Brooklyn Thornton, Isabelle Ryal, Bentlie Kelley, Macy VanEtten. Back row (l-r):Coach Angela Ehle, Elizabeth Kebler, Laura Newman, Kortlynn Loynes, Allison Veith, Kendal Tokar, Manager Chloe Brown, Manager Scout Pattison *Missing managers: Ketlei Loynes, Vivian Sweet*

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Strong Serving Team Rely on Hard Work to Bring Home an O-E Volleyball Title

OVID-ELSIE -- A team strong at the service line will rely on good, old-fashioned hard work to get things done on the volleyball court in Marauderland this fall.

"We got a hard working team that gives full effort," says veteran coach Angela Ehle. "And we're a strong serving team."

The Lady Marauders are a young team, having graduated some outstanding talent that went 18-16-2 last year (5-3 in the MMAC) and advanced to the MHSAA District Finals before falling to Byron. A solid nucleus returns from that 2025 O-E edition: Isabelle Ryad, Brooklyn Thornton, Kendal Tokar, Katelynn Loynes, Allison Veith and Bentlie Kelley.

They will be joined by new talent in Marcy VanEtten, Abigail Bowen, Laura Newman and Elizabeth Kibler.

"We're young and we need to improve some unsecured skills," explains coach Ehle.

She will be assisted in 2026 by JV Coach Jessica Bauer and Volunteer Coach Megan Erickson.



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GRIDIRON GURUS
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PIZZA: Tom Doubrava
SUB SANDWICH : Lena Skaryd
BREADSTICKS (tie):
Marcedes Grieder and Edith Lagunas

It felt like Father's Day all over again. The Wolfman was gifted with a ton of ties.

The Gurus are fast out of the gate with a Week One, abbreviated 7 game slate that saw a bevy of deadlocks. Thank Pete for tie-breakers!

If it the winning names look familar ... that's because they are. All four of our football feasters -- Tom Doubrava (first), Lena Skaryd (second) and Marcedes Grieder and Edith Lagunas (tied for third) are Guru-ific veterans of our fun little contest.

Tom grabbed a pizza, while Lena opted for a sub sandwich, and Marcedes - Edith some yummy breadsticks. They all tied at 6-1 (along with several other prognosticators) but came closest to the tie-break of 54 points. Mr. Doubrava nailed it on the nose.

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Ovid-Elsie Boys Varsity Tennis

Front row (l-r): Mgr. Addy Roberts, Lucius Hart, Brady Latz, Darby White, Coltyn Starnant, Conor McClung, Mgr Ev Swender. Back row (l-r): Asst Coach Dan Brown, Coach Mike Ritenburg,Braylen Ehle, Kohl Brown, Micah Ladiski, Travis Milner, Finn Pesik. *Photo by Ortman Production LLC*

Marauder Netters Tripped Up by Owosso, 71, on Tennis Courts

OWOSSO — Kohl Brown downed Kevin DeFrenn at #1 singles -- Ovid-Elsie's lone win on the day in a 7-1 boys tennis loss at Owosso.

The non-league dual match featured the following winners for the Trojans:

Levi Pierce (No. 2), Keagan Spielman (No. 3) and Bryce Manning (No. 4) won singles matches for the Trojans while the teams of Jacob Moore/Kevin DeFrenn (No. 1), Nick Evon/John Matousek (No. 2), Max Jenkinson/Caleb Juhrs (No. 3) and Charlie Schmidtz/Jacob Hemenway (No. 4) captured doubles matches.

The match was a tune-up for the Marauders, before they opened the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) season at Chesaning.

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Ovid-Elsie Varsity Cross County

Front row (l-r): Travis Wright, Bella Stewart, Adam Jullie, Shaelyn Kinney, Drew Jullie, Dana Juhas, Ethan Jullie, Alena Weber, Hunter Howell, Brena Vincent, Sam Kennedy, Coach Weston Kvalevog. Back row (l-r): Coach Emme (Koutz) Kvalevog, Maverick Horak, Destin Kinney, KyLynn Salyer, Lydia Lawrence, Mitch Gonzalez, Addilynn Vincent, Johnathan Prewitt. Photo by Ortman Production LLC

Marauder Cross-Country Teams Represent at Shiawassee County Fairgrounds Run

CORUNNA -- Cross-country teams from around Michigan hit the Shiawassee County Fairgrounds for the Corunna Early Bird Invitational.

For the male Marauders, Mitch Gonzalez ran 35th in 22:17.85; Jeremiah Stewart 37th in 22:45.08; Samuel Kennedy 70th in 28:03.80; Drew Jullie 76th in 29:14.76; Hunter Howell 83rd in 30:50.91; and Ethan Jullie 93rd in 34:30.10.

O-E captured 9th place with 195 points, behind Elkton-Pigeon Bayport, Montrose, Bath, Byron, Otisville-Lakeville, New Lothrop, Michigan Lutheran Seminary and Genesee Christian. Webberville and Morrice rounded out the 11-team field.

Bella Stewart topped the Lady Marauder effort with a 24:57.47 run. Shaelyn Kinney finished in 27:39.54; Lydia Lawrence in 28:03.71; Dana Juhas in 28:33.11; KyLynn Salyer 31:06.31; Addilynn Vincent 31:56.17; and Brena Vincent 32:41.77.



Ovid-Elsie Sideline Cheer

Front row (l-r): Naomi Schneider, Alison Kozlowski, Memarie Brassuer, Allie Lynn Barnhill, Kira Schmidtfranz, Aubrey Parkhouse, Lauren McCafferty. Second row (l-r): Lilly Vitek-Mrazek, Katlyn Blomfield, Lillian Pulley, Savannah Sornant, Adalyn Polash, Jaedyn Palus, Claire Fruchey, Dylan Masarik, Kyra Witt, Alexia Schneider, Sadie Seidel, Ryan Fields, Kyla Koski. Third row (l-r): Coach Sarah Stewart, Zoey Canze, Averie Powell, Alizabeth Throop, Adelaide Faziani, Carly Williams, Lauren Fabus, Madeline Irland, Isabelle Ignash, Skylar Jury, Teighlor Shrader, Bella Stewart, Aaliyah Louth, Easton Brassuer, Coach Roni Behrens, Photo by Ortman Productions, LLC

Ovid-Elsie Sideline Cheer

Sept. 11	7:00pm	LakeVille A
Sept. 18	7:00pm	Mt. Morris H Homecoming
Sept. 25	7:00pm	Durand H
Oct. 2	7:00pm	New Lothrop A
Oct. 9	7:00pm	Montrose A
Oct. 16	7:00pm	Chesaning H Senior Night
Oct. 23	7:00pm	Imlay City A



Ovid-Elsie JV Football

Front row (l-r): Logan Strachota, Peyton Harris, Nolan Moore, Toby Brown, Will Baese, Eyan Fabus, Bentlee Rademacher, Trey Palatka, Bryce Fabus, and Christian Chapko. Second row (l-r): Kaden McKern, Levi Stewart, Brent Spitzley, Nick Topping, Silas Pierce, Levi George, Cade Fabus, Levi Smith, Grant Morris, and Kane Pupava. Third row (l-r): Eli Willbanks, Gabe Lohr, Brennan Hunt, Max Baese, Tayden Raish, Owen Hier, Dallas Kusnier, and Liam Becker. Back row (l-r): Coach Mike Bancroft, Coach Brian Topping, Logan Scherer, Mike Anderson, and Coach Hufnagel. Not pictured: Royce Orta, Liam Orta and Coach Owen Long. Photo by Ortman Productions, LLC



Ovid-Elsie JV Volleyball

Front row (l-r): Taylor Schestag, Graice Hoch, Jasmine Palus, Grace Tuma, Kendall Horne. Back row (l-r): Manager Chloe Brown, Kayla Gruber, Emberlyn Kvalevog, Macy Jones, Jasmine Palus, Paige Maas, Coach Jessica Bowen. Photo by Ortman Productions, LLC

Ovid-Elsie Cross Country

Sept. 9	4:20pm	Marauder Invite (Uncle Johns)
Sept. 15	4:30pm	MMAC Meet #1 (Burt) (Taymouth Township Park)
Sept. 29	4:30pm	Jamboree #2 (Chesaning) (Twin Brooks Golf Course)
Oct. 5	TBA	Byron Eagles Fox & Hound
Oct. 10	TBA	Greater Flint CC Championship Cummings Center Mt. Morris
Oct. 14	4:30pm	MMAC Jamboree #3 (Uncle Johns Cider Mill)
Oct. 24	TBA	Shiawasse County Invite (Corunna)
Oct. 31	TBA	MHSAA LP Region 24-3 (Bath)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE
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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Heather A. Williams, to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated March 16, 2005 and recorded March 21, 2005 in Instrument Number 5076469 and Loan Modification Recorded on April 27, 2023, in Instrument Number 5334882, Clinton County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Bank, National Association, by assignment.
There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Seven and 51/100 Dollars ($89,837.51).
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Clinton County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on SEPTEMBER 23, 2026.
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Dated: August 23, 2026
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Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Vicki Dean and Ronald Dean, wife and husband, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for MiMutual Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated November 9, 2020 and recorded November 12, 2020 in Instrument Number 5300756 Clinton County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty and 43/100 Dollars ($238,950.43).
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Clinton County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on SEPTEMBER 16, 2026.
Said premises are located in the Township of Watertown, Clinton County Michigan, and are described as:
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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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Street Address: 1116 W. Wieland Road, Lansing, Michigan 48906
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: August 23, 2026 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Robert A. Blumberg (P87490) Johnson, Blumberg & Associates LLC 30 North LaSalle St., Suite 3650 Chicago, Illinois, 60602 312.541.9710 - Phone 312.541.9711 - Fax File No.: MI 26 7414

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
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COUNTY OF CLINTON
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
DECEDENT'S TRUST

The Marshall Family Trust
dated October 21, 2002
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
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St. Johns, Michigan 48879
Died on July 23, 2026
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Nasima Omar, PA-C

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