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Merrill Homecoming Royalty

Tristan Ringle and Karissa Kemer were named King and Queen at half time of the game against Mio-AuSable.

Merrill won 54-8.. Sports on pages 9-10-11



On Sunday, October 18th, *the Ovid-Middlebury Fire Department was dispatched to a house fire just after midnight at the home of Tedd & Addie Kvalevog on East Street in the City of Ovid. The couple, along with their five children and the family pet made it out safely. The front porch roof was the origin of the fire. It didn't take long for the community to jump into action on Monday. Donations of clothing including OE gear, household items, bikes for the little ones, freezer meat, groceries, amenities, gift cards and cash came pouring in. Within a couple of days, they were able to acquire housing. The Kvalevog's are extremely grateful to live in such a caring community and appreciate all the help they have received.*

Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board Addresses Divisions, Removes Censure

by Dawn D. Levey

ELSIE — The regular meeting of the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education was held Monday, October 19, 2026. Divisions among board members were apparent throughout the evening, which concluded with a unanimous vote to release an attorney-client privileged communication and a reading of the picture book Most People by Charlie Green.

Superintendent Mark Horak reported the final pupil count as of the official county count day was 1,220.6 students. The figure is calculated using a state-established formula. Horak also noted that a representative from NEOLA would attend a policy review session on Monday, October 26, at 8 a.m. Board members were invited to participate.

The district's first Go Positive meeting was held in September, with 12 people attending. To strengthen connections with the community, Horak announced upcoming coffee talks. The first will be held November 6 at Perk's and Pastries in Elsie, followed by a November 7 gathering at Mary's Country Kitchen. Both events will run from 8 to 9:30 a.m.

The district is also expanding its Veterans Day celebration. This year's event will be held districtwide at the high school, with additional details to be announced.

Mary Thompson, finance committee chair, reported on the committee's October 14 meeting, which provided an opportunity to preview the annual audit. Thompson expressed concern about declining operational reserves but emphasized that district finances are not in trouble, although the trend warrants attention.

The board subsequently approved the 2025–2026 financial audit as presented by Yeo & Yeo. The audit received a clean, unmodified opinion, the highest designation a district can achieve. No significant deficiencies were identified, and no management comments were issued.



The district currently has approximately $4.1 million in fund balance, including $2.7 million unassigned, $550,000 assigned, and $806,000 committed to payments. The discussion noted that many Michigan school districts are drawing from their fund balances rather than adding to them.

Under old business, Becky Williams moved to reconsider the resolution censuring school board Vice President Susan Greer, with Thompson supporting the motion. Williams' stated rationale was that Greer had not been treated fairly.

Dr. Huff questioned that reasoning, emphasizing that the board's actions should hold members accountable. He also noted that facts can be defined and perceived differently. Referring to comments about telephones being "scrubbed," Huff expressed support for a no-surprise policy while recognizing that circumstances can arise and accountability must remain a priority.

Greer said the action taken at the September meeting had created further division within the board. She felt the board had lost an opportunity to unite and asked that the censure be reconsidered. The board had previously acted to distance itself from statements Greer made.

Following discussion, the board voted 4–3 to rescind the censure and removal from the vice presidency approved on September 21, 2026.

Board President Brooke Wooley apologized to Horak, students and staff, acknowledging that board members had become caught up in matters they should not be handling at the expense of working together. She emphasized the need for cooperation.

Wooley moved to waive attorney-client privilege and authorize the release of an October 6, 2026, communication from Thrun Law. The legal opinion addressed governance, processes and procedural actions taken during the September board meeting. Williams and Greer had requested legal review of those matters.

Williams questioned the reason for releasing the communication. The motion passed unanimously.

Williams later asked, "When we have questions about policy, who do we ask?" Discussion focused on how other districts handle board members' questions concerning policies, procedures and general information. Typically, board members direct those questions to the superintendent.

Dr. Huff expressed concern that routinely contacting the district's attorney with individual questions could become an ongoing practice and create additional costs for the district.

The board approved a contract with Kingscott Associates Inc. for K–12 bond planning services to help the district plan for future needs.

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In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Wyrick Orchard will be donating a portion of their sales on Saturday and Sunday, October 24th and 25th for breast cancer research. The orchard is located 4 miles west of Ovid to St. Clair Rd, south 2 miles to Parks Rd, then 1/4 mile west. Wyrick's Orchard is open 10am-6pm Monday-Saturday and noon to 6pm on Sunday.

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Coffee & Talk with OE Superintendent

Mark your calendar for an opportunity to enjoy a cup of coffee with Ovid-Elsie Superintendent, Mark Horak on Friday, November 6th at Perk&Pasteries in Elsie from 8am-9:30am and on Saturday., November 7th at Mary's Country Kitchen from 8am-9:30am. Whether you have a question, an idea to share, or simply want to stop in and say hello, Mark would love to see you. These conversations are a great way to stay connected and hear what matters most in the community.

Mark your calendar now and plan on joining the conversation.

Laingsburg Public Library Annual Silent Auction

submitted by Sara Danford

The Friends of the Laingsburg Public Library's Annual Silent Auction will be held Monday, Nov. 2 thru Saturday, Dec. 5

People will have FIVE weeks of bidding during the Library's regular business hours with final bidding opportunities on Saturday, December 5th from 3:00-8:30 PM.

The libraries normal hours are: M: 8-3pm; T-Th: 9-6pm; F: 9-5pm

Bid on gift cards ranging from your favorite places to neat destinations to practical necessities, and other unique and useful items! Gift giving time is upon us all and this auction really runs the gamut as far as bidding items go.

All proceeds support the Laingsburg Public Library

If you have an item you'd like to donate for the auction, please reach out to Sarah at 517-745-1442."

'Abe Lincoln' Speaking at First Baptist Church in Elsie

submitted by Richard Easlick



Abe Lincoln speaking on Nov. 1st 10 am.(www.mrlincoln.com)

Kevin Wood has made appearances at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and the Lincoln Home National Historic Site, among many other places and events. He is a lifetime member of the Association of Lincoln Presenters and currently serves as its President.

In October 2026, he won the Abraham Lincoln Look-Alike Contest at the "Lincoln Days" Celebration in Hodgenville, KY

IF you have a passion for history or faith, this will be well worth your time!

Help us celebrate 175 for our church and 250 for America!!

First Baptist Church of ELSIE, 163 W. Main, Elsie MI 48831, Nov. 1st (10 am)

Everyone is welcome!!

Red Cross Blood Drive

St. Isidore Catholic Church, 310 N. Crum St., Laingsburg, MI will hold a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, October 26,2026 from Noon to 6 p.m.

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OE School Board from front...

Dana Blank, Class of 2027 adviser, presented a request for an overnight class trip to Kalahari Resorts in Sandusky, Ohio. The trip is scheduled for March 15–16, 2027. Blank noted that students have been raising funds for the trip since their eighth-grade year.

The board also approved a change to its December meeting schedule because of the holidays. The meeting originally scheduled for Monday, December 21, will instead take place Wednesday, December 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the high school student lounge.

Board members received the superintendent's self-evaluation for discussion. Members generally agreed that the document was helpful and provided more supporting evidence than evaluations used in the past. Board members will score the evaluation at next month's meeting.

During public comment, Eric Jones expressed dissatisfaction with several board members and reminded voters that they have an opportunity to bring about change through the electoral process.

The evening concluded with Charlie Green reading the picture book Most People, offering a gentle reminder to those present that most people are good people.

Historical Room Hours

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.

Ovid-Elsie Board Controversy Raises Questions About Governance and Accountability

by Dawn D. Levey

ELSIE — A dispute over school board governance, internal procedures and the handling of board member concerns has brought divisions within the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education into public view. Actions taken at the September 21 and October 19, 2026, meetings raise questions about communication, accountability and the appropriate process for addressing concerns within an elected governing body.

The controversy involved board members Becky Williams and Susan Greer, who sought legal review of governance, processes and procedural actions taken during the September meeting. The resulting legal opinion, dated October 6, addressed the board's authority to censure a member, remove an officer from a leadership position, and the procedures followed when those matters came before the board.

During the September 21 meeting, a resolution to censure Vice President Susan Greer and remove her from the vice presidency passed by a 4–3 vote. Additional motions seeking to remove two other board members from their respective officer positions failed.

The actions prompted questions about whether the motions were properly brought before the board, whether the meeting agenda should have been amended, and whether disciplinary action was appropriate following an investigation that reportedly found no violation of law or board policy.

The October 6 legal opinion concluded that the censure and officer-removal actions presented little legal exposure under the

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BetterLife Bannister ZCBJ Holiday Bazaar

submitted by Joanne Fornusek

The annual ZCBJ Holiday Bazaar will be held on Saturday, October 31st from 9 am until 3 pm at 401 E. Main St., Bannister. The Lodge will be selling Czech pastries, 100th Anniversary cookbooks, Czech garnet jewelry, lodge history books, Czech culture items and baking sheets. Table renters will offer a wide variety of items including needlework, jewelry, Rada cutlery, baked goods, candies, jams and jellies, baby items, holiday decorations, greeting cards and much more.

A luncheon of homemade soups, sloppy joes, sandwiches and pies will also be available.

For information, please contact Donni at 989-862-5290. (All tables are rented at this time but a waiting list is available.)

Laingsburg Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner Returns

L AINGSBURG -- The Laingsburg American Legion Post 248 along with the Laingsburg Lions Club will be hosting a Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner again this holiday season, on November 26 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Post Home hall, located at 1240 East Grand River in Laingsburg.

The meal is available as dine-in or take-out.

The Greater Laingsburg Recyclers (GLR) will be taking part again this year in a Zero Waste event during the dinner. GLR members will be onsite to assist with the recycling of food, plates and materials.

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"Fleischer's Merry A-ha Move"



Faith Focus

by Phil Hopersberger
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"…what we beheld and our hands handled, concerning the Word of Life (1 John 1:1)."

Words can be vivid, like "eyeball" or "icicle." If I add "stabbed" and make a sentence, you realize an author exists (with gory intent). If I said I wrote a word that moved, wiggled off the page, and onto my desk, you'd be right to say a living word entity, with true sentience, is quite impossible. It's pure myth.

But in 1985, the A-ha rock band blurred reality in their MTV video "Take On Me." They blended pencil-sketch animation and live-action film by drawing over each frame. It wasn't a new concept. Popeye's creator, Max Fleischer, invented this Rotoscope technique, and revealed it in his "Out of the Inkwell" series in 1918. Max drew Koko, a merry clown…who came to life!

A famous atheist also dabbled with sentience. He claimed God was impossible to know, just like Hamlet could not know his maker, William Shakespeare. An enormous gap separated them — and then, he had an A-ha moment. The reverse was possible! Shakespeare could write himself into his Hamlet play and reveal himself to his creation. That's heavy!

The atheist was C.S. Lewis and his "true myth" epiphany shocked him to convert. He saw God made this exact move in revealing Himself in Jesus Christ. The Apostle John starts his Gospel with "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God… and the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us." A real-life, Max "flesher," A-ha God wiggle!

But what was God's intent, with man to dwell, to lay His glory by? Paul answers that in Romans chapter 5, but Charles Wesley also took a Christmas stab. "Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail incarnate Deity. Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners…reconciled." Reconciled, but how? The living Word simply replies, "Take on Me, my burden is light (Matthew 11:29)."

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Editorial

Your Choices

Letter to the Editor:

The Democratic Socialist of America's 2026 manifesto wants the "working class" to build "a future without capitalism." In that future, food, education, energy, medicine and transportation become "common goods," so no one has bills. It calls for fully abolishing the police and prison system, "queer liberation," reparations, defunding the Department of war, ending all military and economic aid to Israel, and legalizing migration.

On the "democratic" side, it would abolish the Electoral College and the Senate, then replace the President and Supreme Court with an executive and judiciary chosen by and subordinate to one supreme people's congress. That congress would use strict proportional representation, dominated by blue states. No more checks and balances. No more federalism. No more republic.

If you don't want the above, the choices are clear. Please vote John James for Governor, Mike Rogers for Senate, Tom Barrett for U.S. Representative, and Julie DeRose for State Senator. These candidates will defend the Constitution we already have instead of choosing another failed socialist experiment. The three branches exist for a reason. I'd rather keep them than watch them get replaced.

Lastly, please vote for Michigan Supreme Court candidates Michael Warren and Casandra Morse-Bills to help ensure constitutional law is upheld in Michigan.

Sincerely,
Gail Wadell
Duplain Township

Why I Support the St. Johns School Bond

Letter to the Editor:

As a substitute teacher and parent volunteer, I have spent time inside St. Johns School buildings and have seen firsthand the needs within our facilities.

Our responsibility is to provide an environment where students feel safe, supported, and able to succeed. Addressing safety concerns and updating our facilities are about more than improving buildings; they are about investing in the students and staff who use them every day.

I believe setting students up for success means providing opportunities beyond the classroom. My son participates in tennis and band, while my daughter has grown through dance and band. These experiences have helped my children build confidence, develop skills, and strengthen their mental well-being while learning discipline, resilience, and teamwork.

Now a college sophomore, my daughter continues to build on the foundation she developed in high school. Whether in her college classes, performing on her college dance team, or exploring future career opportunities, she uses the skills and confidence she gained through these activities. Watching her apply those lessons in real life has reinforced just how valuable these opportunities are.

Updating tennis courts and other athletic and activity facilities may seem like simple improvements, but their impact reaches far beyond the facilities themselves. These investments help students explore their interests, build relationships, grow in confidence, and prepare for life beyond the classroom.

I encourage our community to support this bond as an investment in the safety, well-being, and long-term success of our students. When we invest in our schools, we invest in our families, our workforce, and the future of our entire community.

Vote YES on November 3!

-Shannon Hornbeck, -Substitute Teacher, Parent of MS and HS students.

Regarding St. John's $40 Million Bond Request..I am Voting "No" to the Propsed Bond, and Here's Why...

Letter to the Editor:

I see it as an attempt to ask the voters to vote for a bond simply to pay for their lack of building maintenance over the last several years.

And we need to allow district taxpayers to get out of old 2010 bond debt. How much do we still owe? BOND 2010 was for $64.3 million dollars. We've paid on it for 15 years. We still have $54.3 million of unretired debt.

The school has a lot of expenditures for "Staff", "Support Staff", and "Administration". Maybe we should devote more dollars to "Operations and Maintenance" "Facilities and Improvements" and a "Capital Improvement Fund." I see bonds as a waste of our taxes, when interest is added on top of the bond. The estimated interest on this $40 million dollar bond is $24,719,303 It's a waste of our taxpayer's dollars. A Sinking Fund approach would send millions of dollars of cash every year for Capital Improvement straight to the school, with no debt attached. This November 3rd, please vote NO on Bond 2026. There are also three open school board seats on the ballot this November. Please vote for James Sills, Chris DeLiso, and Michelle Dennis to be on that board. They believe in Sinking Funds. The current board believes in debt.

David Smith
Essex Township



Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn
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Of His return Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

– John 14:1-3

Jesus died on the cross and risen bodily from the grave as the full payment for all of your sins. Jesus is also coming again.

In the book, "The Forgotten Jesus" by Robby Gallaty, he writes, "As each of the disciples drank from that cup [at the Last Supper], they knew what it meant; Jesus had just negotiated the price for them to belong to him. The price was his body; the covenant was sealed with his blood...

Everything circles back to the magnitude of Jesus's promise- he has gone, but not forever, and he has not forgotten about us. He is preparing a place in his Father's house until it is time to come back and retrieve his bride- everyone who is called by his name. It is our duty as his bride to wait expectantly..."- Pg. 115

This is about the Church universal; all believers in Jesus who have been forgiven of their sins and redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. All of us, waiting for the return of our Savior; Jesus the Messiah!

And as we wait, Jesus is lovingly preparing a place for us. He is getting things ready. All with the promise of returning to take us to be with Himself forever.



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Since, being rear ended, I have been rather gimpy. It becomes most irritating to be so slowed down so darn much… Others believe that you have suddenly become incapable of motion. The motion is there, just not too poetic. I call it loss of physical grace. Gimpy works for me. Staying busy and being functional… What's the old adage? More than one way to skin a cat!!! I like my six cats, Whose it, Tiger, Hebow, Thomas Tripper, Tiny Terror, and Pause for Paws, they all have very distinctive personalities. I would never skin them but there are times that I need to swat them… Case in point would be my small orange and white Tripper who does just that. Very good at tripping each person that comes within his radius of space. Especially in drifted snow where he becomes very successful at tripping his friends. Snow diving is not my idea of fun.

Yesterday I was on the run from five in the morning until eight at night. I did accomplish more then just pooping me out. Peeled a peck of apples, made the goulash, moved the corn from the shop freezer back to mine that is very functional now. Spent the time making contacts and investigating possibilities. Also did some shopping and more planning and formed agreements then took the time to visit with Robin after seeing the dermatologist. This morning I got up before four to peel carrots and shred them, write a column, and wrap a baby shower gift before the alarm went off. It will be a good day, may God bless you with perseverance.

Crystal Mitchell©2026 (TBC)



Planet Perspectives

by Alison Kozlowski

Pumpkin Sustainability

Getting pumpkins is a classic Halloween tradition. However, it leads to more than 1 billion pounds of pumpkins ending up in landfills each year. The lack of oxygen in landfills makes organic matter break down through anaerobic decomposition, which produces methane. Each year pumpkins in landfills contribute 83 million pounds of methane emissions into the atmosphere. Methane is a greenhouse gas that is more potent than carbon dioxide and significantly accelerates climate change.

There are alternative and eco-friendly ways to dispose of your pumpkins. Composting pumpkins allows them to break down naturally and turn into fertilizer, which you can use to give back nutrients to the soil in your yard or garden. Painted pumpkins should not be composted, but carved ones can. You can also place chunks of the pumpkin in your hard for wildlife like squirrels and birds. However, don't do this if you live somewhere that may attract unwanted animals like bears. You should also be sure to not use carved or painted pumpkins, or ones with wax. Before you dispose of your pumpkins, consider ways to use parts of them. You can roast the seeds to make a snack or use the flesh to make foods like soups and pies. There is nothing scarier than climate change.

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Proposed Board Minutes of October 13, 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. Absent: Sayles. 6 citizens present.

Public Comment: none

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Willoughby, seconded by Prange, to approve the October 13, 2026, agenda with additions submitted by Supervisor. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Pesch, seconded by Willoughby, to approve September 8, 2026, special board meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Willoughby, seconded by Pesch, to approve September 8, 2026, regular meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Willoughby, seconded by Pesch to approve September 23, 2026, special meeting minutes (includes Round Lake Weeds Public hearing). Motion carried unanimously.

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

Approval of Bills and Payroll: Motion by Willoughby, seconded by Pesch, to disburse September 2026 bills. (Paid October 13, 2026), Roll call: Members voting yes: Willoughby, Wiswasser, Prange, Pesch. Motion carried. Checks # 12955-12975, in the amount of $139,112.60 (This includes payment to Park Project.)

Motion by Willoughby, seconded by Pesch, to disperse payroll and payroll related expenses. (Paid October 13, 2026). Roll call: Members voting yes: Wiswasser, Prange, Pesch, Willoughby. Motion carried. Checks # 13428-13438 in the amount of $17,430.68

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. Cars/ combine accidents are up. 2 Road Patrol positions have been filled and another to be filled in November.

Clinton County Commissioner: Report from Nicole Fickes on County matters. The Budget was approved for the next fiscal year. Looking Glass River Watershed Counsel continues to support starting a Victor Township Friends of the Looking Glass River chapter. More details to follow. Steve Lonier has been appointed as County Commissioner for District 4. 120 seniors participated in the Senior Social Day at Motz Park.

Laingsburg Public Library: Sara Danford gave a report on the library. The costume swap is underway. Shopping hours are Monday: 3-8 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday: 9 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and Friday 9:5:am-5:00 p.m. The Library offers a free pen pal program. Free classes are offered on Medicare 101 and Voting 101. Contact the Library 517-651-6282 to sign up. Visit Facebook: @laingsburgpubliclibrary for the October 2026 calendar and additional information.

Planning Commission Report: The Township is planning an Open House on October 30th to display the newly remodeled Township Hall. There will be a Trunk or Treat, Food, Snacks, Cider and Donuts. Sign up for the Township's GOGov mobile app. (Victor Township Connect) to received information. The PC presented the board with a sample rental agreement and contract. The PC provided 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 nearing completion. Motion by Prange, seconded by Willoughby, to approve sending Daniel Ketchum $750.00 (75% of purchase price)for the resale of his cemetery plot back to Victor Township. This is in accordance with the Township Cemetery Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Items of Public Interest: Motion by Willoughby, seconded by Pesch, to authorize the Supervisor to send a letter of support to the Clinton Conservation District for its application for the 2027 Watershed Council Grant for the Looking Glass River Watershed Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

October 30th Hall Open House: Motion by Wiswasser, seconded by Prange to allow up to $5,000.00 for refreshments, decorations, notices, etc. for the open house event. Roll call: Members voting yes: Prange, Willoughby, Wiswasser, Pesch. Motion carried unanimously.

Facility Rental Agreement: Discussion regarding the hall rental agreement and costs associated with renting the newly remodeled township hall. Motion by Wiswasser, seconded by Willoughby to submit the draft of the new agreement to our attorney for review. Roll call: Members voting yes: Pesch, Prange, Willoughby, Wiswasser. Motion by Willoughby, seconded by Wiswasser, to open the hall for rentals on December 1, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

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:

Maurer's Contract: Motion by Willoughby, seconded by Pesch, to continue the current contract with Maurer. Roll call: Members voting yes: Prange, Wiswasser, Willoughby, Pesch. Motion carried.

Township Audit: Motion by Willoughby, seconded by Prange to approve the 2025 audit as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Prange, seconded by Willoughby to adjourn at: 9:05 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

Blue Skies, Wide Smiles Greet LHS Alumni at All-School Reunion 2026



OWOSSO -- Sunny skies and huge smiles greeted Laingsburg High School alumni as they congregated to take a walk back through time.

The event was the 2026 All-School Reunion, a Laingsburg tradition that is held every five years -- with every graduate since the first class of 1887 invited back for fellowship, a few laughs and remembrances. Of course, there were no attendees from 1887, but the large contingent had a wonderful time, all the same.

The event was hosted for the first time by the Laingsburg Alumni Legacy Association (LALA).

The memories were priceless.

The reunion, with more than 140 alumni in attendance, came off with hardly a hitch; such was the expert planning of co-chairs Deb (Wrobel) Powell, Class of 1979, and Jenny (Marsh) West, Class of 1992.

Forrest (Tuffy) Wolfrom was the oldest alumnus in attendance, from the Class of 1954. Maureen (Carpenter) Bowyer traveled the furthest, all the way from Baton Rouge, Louisiana to join her Class of 1975 mates.

The Class of 1979 had the most attendees, with Rob and Deb Powell, Mark and Lisa (Voisinet) Brink, Jeri Kay (Adams) Loomis, Dane Nickols, Brenda (Ranney) Hill, Jim Storey, Steven Malkin and Karen (Dennis) Mayle all gracing Owosso's 'Z' Hall with their presence.

After a wonderful luncheon buffet, Superintendent of Schools Matt Shastal was introduced, presenting his remarks on the state of the current state of the Laingsburg Community Schools, along with improvement and expansion plans for the future.

He was followed by keynote speaker Kevin Dennis (Class of 1986) of Dennis Farms, who gave a fascinating recap of his worldwide travels to far-off locations like Russia, Africa and New Zealand to promote dairy farming. He and his wife, Jennifer (Class of 1989) are now settled back in Laingsburg and are owner/operators of a large beef and chicken operation, including the popular Dennis Farms Store on Alward Rd.

The afternoon concluded with raffle drawings, singing of the LHS fight song, and photo opportunities.

Popular features were professional photographer Sam Schaaf (Class of 2010) and the Wolfpack's own mascot, Wolfie.

Sunday, October 4, 2026 was significant for a couple of reasons: it was the final day of Homecoming Weekend, which has became a giant draw for alumni visiting the community. The annual Homecoming Golf Outing was the largest day of the calendar year at Pine Hills GC, generating upwards of 40 four-player teams; the yearly LHS Homecoming Dance was a huge hit on Saturday night; and the later date in the school year (usually the reunion is held in the summer) gave the organizing committee plenty of time to get plans finalized. The 'Z' Hall in Owosso was booked for it's catering services and outstanding hospitality.

The 5-year date, which has always revolved around a "decade year" (1970-1975-1980-1985-1990, etc.) was interrupted by Covid-19 in 2020. The pandemic forced the date back a year to 2021. The last All-School Reunion was held in August, 2021 in the cafetorium at LHS, with a relatively sparse turnout.



Several hundred dollars in pledges were accepted toward LALA's main objective, administration of the Alumni Legacy Scholarship. Started in 2019, the scholarship fund has already granted upwards of $50,000 back to deserving LHS graduates.

Interested in contributing to the Alumni fund? Please send your email address to tomturek20032003@yahoo.com, or visit the Laingsburg HS alumni webpage at https://laingsburgalumnilegacy.squarespace.com.

You are invited to contact any Laingsburg Alumni Legacy Association member:

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- Christian Ragsdale (Class of 2013): 403 Haley Court, Laingsburg, MI 48848.

City of Ovid October Meeting

by Deb Price

Mayor Perrien called the October 12th meeting to order at 7pm. The clerk called the roll, all present with the exception of E. Brown. The agenda, September minutes and invoice/check register were all approved.

Mayor Perrien then asked City Attorney, Scott Gould to read a statement from John Gemellaro, the Attorney for the City of Ovid and Chief Rousseau. This statement comes as a follow up from the City's Summary Motion that was granted on September 21, 2026 dismissing Daniel Lupu's claims against Chief Rousseau and the City of Ovid.

The Court found that neither Chief Rousseau nor the City is liable to the Plaintiffs. They face no damages judgment, or liability. The court granted summary judgment dismissing the case in their favor. In sum: the court opinion holds that Chief Rousseau did not violate any clearly established law.

When Chief Rousseau arrived at the property, she was confronted with an undisputed uncertain legal situation. That is what the court found when it granted judgment in the Chief's and the City's favor. That the law at the time of Chief Rousseau's actions was unclear to the point that a reasonable police officer acting on the same information, could have reached the same result. This is the law working as intended; to give government workers, (police, fire fighters, medics, etc) breathing room to avoid second guessing their judgment so that these individuals can make decisions based on what is unfolding in front of them in real time.

While the opinion characterizes Chief Rousseau's actions as a technical violation; that is based on hindsight. We respectfully disagree with that characterization and other findings within the opinion. We believe that no violation occurred. That when an individual hands over keys, and permission, with knowledge of his rights, that is consent. Notably, the court found that conclusion reasonable and not clearly established under these circumstances.

If Plaintiff files an appeal, we will appeal the court's conclusion that any violation occurred.

Chief Rousseau acted in good faith to investigate possible fraud. The Court found that her judgment was reasonable, and that the law she was applying at the time was not clearly established. For that reason, the city and Chief Rousseau are not liable for any damages.

I have advised city council to make no further comments beyond this prepared statement as this matter remains in active litigation due to the possibility of appeal.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, resident, Daniel Lupu stated that he didn't know where that statement came from and asked the council what action they intend to take against Chief Rousseau for violating his civil rights. There were no other public comments.

During the Mayors report, Perrien stated, "Our water is safe and we have no arsenic in our water. The letter that was sent out to residents was informational due to a missed testing deadline. The DPW report included the fixing of foundations at the cemetery, a broken water main on M-21, water tower maintenance and continuing leaf pick-up.

Chief Rousseau started her report by saying "Things are going great in the City of Ovid, the hiring of Justin Nemier as the Police Administrative Coordinator is moving the department in a positive direction." She requested approval from the council to purchase (four sets) of hand guns, shots guns, optics and silencers. These items would be purchased by the city but would be paid back from the officers thru payroll deduction over a 2 to 5 year period.





Ovid - Saturday, October 31, 2026, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.Trick or Treating. Halloween Party, Hosted by the Ovid Lions Club, 4:30 p.m. at the Lions/VFW Hall, downtown Ovid, **before trick-or-treat**. Costume Judging at 5:30pm, prizes for top 5. Games, Hot Dogs, Chips, Cider and Donuts.

Elsie - Trick-or-Treat hours will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31, 2026.

During and after Trick or Treat The EAFD will be holding the annual Halloween Party at the American Legion Hall from 6:00-9:00 p.m. They will be providing hot dogs, donuts and cider.

Downtown St. Johns Halloween Candy Crawl -

Saturday, 31, 2026, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Daytime trick or treating for young children at various businesses in St. Johns. Participating businesses with have a "pumpkin" sign on their store window/door.

St. Johns - The trick-or-treat hours are from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31, 2026. The beginning and ending of the candy gathering period will be signaled by the fire whistle. Please use caution when driving as there will be lots of children running door to door to collect candy.

Owosso - Saturday, October 31, 2026. Trick or Treating hours are from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Ashley - Saturday, October 31, 2026 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Laingsburg - Saturday, October 31, 2026. Trick or Treating from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Fire Whistle will sound at 6pm.



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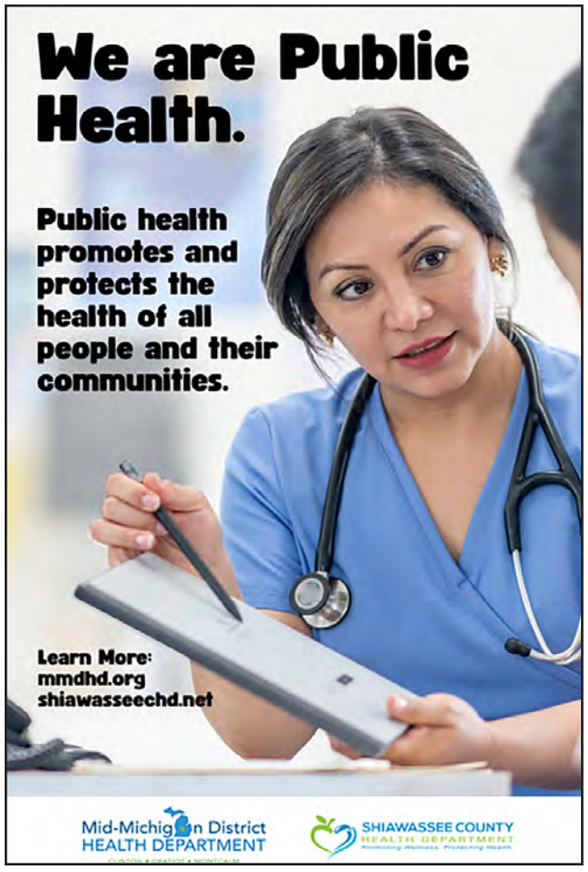
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circumstances reviewed. The attorney acknowledged that amending the agenda before voting would have been a better procedure but concluded that the failure to do so did not invalidate the votes. The opinion also stated that the district should pay the investigation costs rather than assign them to an individual board member.

At the October 19 meeting, the board voted unanimously to waive attorney-client privilege and release the October 6 legal communication. The opinion addressed governance, board procedures and the actions taken in September.

The October meeting also brought reconsideration of the September censure. Board member Becky Williams moved to reconsider the resolution, with Mary Thompson supporting the motion. Williams' stated rationale was that Greer had not been treated fairly. Discussion included differing perceptions of the facts, the impact of the September action on board unity, and the need to maintain accountability.

Greer expressed concern that the September decision had created further division and that an opportunity to bring the board together had been lost. Following discussion, the board voted 4–3 to rescind the censure and removal from the vice presidency.

Board President Brooke Wooley apologized to Superintendent Mark Horak, students and staff, acknowledging that board members had become involved in matters they should not be handling at the expense of working together.

The meeting also raised questions about how board members should seek answers to policy and procedural questions. Williams asked whom board members should consult when questions arise about policy. Area boards routinely direct such questions to the superintendent, while concerns were expressed about the potential cost to the district if individual board members routinely sought separate legal opinions.

School boards have a responsibility to provide effective oversight, follow established procedures and make decisions in the best interests of students and the community. At the same time, elected officials must be able to raise legitimate questions and seek clarification without allowing internal disagreements to undermine their shared responsibilities.

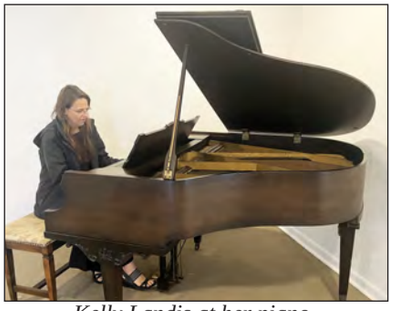
The events at Ovid-Elsie illustrate how disputes over process and leadership can consume valuable time and strain relationships among elected officials and district administration. They also underscore the importance of clear communication, consistent procedures and a common understanding of board members' roles.

As the district moves forward, restoring trust and cooperation will be essential. Students, staff, families and taxpayers depend on a board that can work through disagreements professionally and keep its attention on the educational mission of the district.



Free Classes for Ovid-Elsie Residents at Community Hope Barn

by Deb Price



Kelly Landis at her piano

Ovid resident, Kelly Landis is offering free classes to Ovid-Elsie residents to learn guitar & singing along with introduction to the piano class, learning the science of piano and how to play by ear.

Landis holds a Bachelors in Religion and is a Registered Nurse. She and her husband Monte, have Pastored in Michigan for 29 years, most recently in a district that includes Owosso,, St Johns, Chesaning, Ithaca and Alma. The couple have three adult children.

The beginner guitar class (learn the cords) is an excellent class to introduce children to music, as they learn very quickly. This is a blended singing/guitar, singing is strongly encouraged. When there is a group, your voice automatically blends in with the others. Small children learn very fast. During this class it is vital to learn to sing to your own guitar so that the lessons become permanently useful. The Advanced guitar Class focuses on finger picking and the Harpstyle Class focuses on finger picking with a melody line added to capture the harp sound.

The introduction piano class teaches the science of piano and how to play by ear. It is a "instant piano" method with the music based on only three cords for the left hand and a single note on the right hand. Piano science is the basis for playing by ear and opens a whole new door to the piano to those who are musically inclined. "There are a total of 50 songs we have written that use only this "instant piano" method. The songs range from Christmas, to hymns, Thanksgiving and Easter," explained Landis. Every class offered is no longer than 45 minutes.

Other offerings from Community Hope Barn include: A weekly Kids Club which includes crafts, stories, kids in the kitchen and singing. Parents are required to attend with their child.

Future plans include, Community Helping Hands, a group of people from the area that have time, energy and handyman skills whoenjoy working together to make a difference one need at a time in the community. Other class ideas include a Community Wellness Walking Club, Community Choir, Lessons on Faith Class, Mon & Tots Play date, Singing and Psalms Class and Strings practice sessions.

Community Hope Barn is located at 2675 N. Hollister Road, Ovid. Call Kelly Landis with any questions or to learn more about a class at 517-703-4088.



Sports

Wolfpack Offense Humbled in 35-0 Loss at Lutheran Seminary

SAGINAW -- Wyatt Retberg scored three touchdowns -- one on a 17-yard reception -- leading Michigan Lutheran Seminary to a 35-0 shutout victory over Laingsburg.

The Cardinals kept their playoff hopes alive by moving to 5-3 overall, dropping the Wolfpack to 2-6 on the 2026 season, with the non-league victory.

Coach Brian Borgman's Wolves had closed their league season at 2-3 the previous week; all that remained was a non-league, home matchup opposite Carson City-Crystal to end the slate.

Retberg opened the scoring on a 4-yard run in the opening quarter, for all the points the Cards needed. Zach Scharrer kicked all five extra points for the hosts.

Retberg extended the lead with two more touchdowns before the intermission, on a 17-yard TD reception from Scharrer, then on a 14-yard run. MLS led 28-0 at the break.

Elijah Lewis completed the scoring on a 5-yard run in the 3rd quarter, with Scharrer tacking on the final extra point.

Lewis ran for 103 yards on 13 carries, and Scharrer led MLS with 108 yards on 7 touts.

Yet it was the Cardinal defense that really carried the day. The Wolves ran just 23 plays all night, good for negative (-2) yardage.

Junior QB Julian Smith was the offensive highlight for LHS, completing 5-of-8 passes for 23 yards, including a long gain of 21 to Kade McLean. But that total was negated by 24 yards lost to QB sacks.

Defensively, Ethan Smith, Gus Larson, Harrison Dorman, Ethan Platte, Calvin Stier, Ashton Unruh, Tristan Sherman, Jaxson Smith, Carson Helmer, Jonathan Schaffer, McLean and Collin Logghe all logged tackes for the Wolfpack.

Wolfpack Soccer Team Advances, Looks for First District Title Win in 18 Years

LAINGSBURG -- Seeking its first boys soccer MHSAA District title in 18 years, the Wolfpack moved closer with a hard-fought 2-1 victory over Dansville in the semifinals here October 20.

Brayden Thomas' Wolves moved to 13-3-6 overall while awaiting a third matchup of the 2026 season opposite Lansing Christian in the District final. The Wolves' last title came in the 2008 campaign.

The Pilgrims came into the title match at 11-3-2 -- with both of those ties coming against LHS.

At the end of the first half Paxton Rodriquez beat his defender down the side of the field, and slotted a great pass out to Nolen Russell, who scored Laingsburg's first goal.

The game-winner came with 10 minutes left. Asher Shastal won the ball, beat his defender, and crossed the ball to Grey Seguin for the tap-in goal.

Clinton County Senior Center Launches $70,000 Fundraiser Campaign

St. Johns — The Clinton County Senior Center is reaching out to the community with an important goal: to raise $70,000 or more by December 31, 2026. With your help, we believe we can make it happen.

The importance of staying connected as we age cannot be overstated. Socialization helps reduce loneliness and isolation, supports mental and cognitive well-being, and provides a sense of belonging, friendship, and community. Who doesn't want that for their parents, grandparents, friends — or themselves? At the Clinton County Senior Center, belonging, support, and fun are at the heart of what we hope to provide for adults throughout our community.

The Center has been presented with an extraordinary opportunity: a generous matching commitment of up to $70,000 for donations received between now and December 31, 2026. Every dollar donated toward this campaign can help bring us closer to unlocking this important match.

The funds raised will be dedicated to critical building repairs, including a new roof and new HVAC system. These are significant needs for a facility that serves as an important gathering place for our community. This matching opportunity could help lift a tremendous weight from their shoulders.

With the community's support, the Center can address these major building needs and begin looking toward the future — creating a welcoming, active facility where Clinton County seniors and members of the broader community can gather, make friends, participate in activities, learn new things, and simply enjoy one another's company.

Your donation can help make that future possible. And with the matching opportunity, your generosity can go even further.

We are asking local residents, families, businesses, organizations, and friends of the Senior Center to consider making a donation before December 31, 2026. The Senior Center is a non-profit 501c.

We are asking local residents, families, businesses, organizations, and friends of the Senior Center to consider making a donation before December 31, 2026. The Senior Center is a non-profit 501c3 (donations are tax deductible).

Please indicate that your donation is designated for building repairs — roof/HVAC.

How to Donate: By Check or Money Order: Please make checks or money orders payable to: Clinton County Senior Center, 201 E. Walker St., St. Johns, MI 48879

Online: Donate online through Zeffy. Facebook: Clinton County Senior Center

The Board of Directors, volunteers, and everyone who participates in activities at the Clinton County Senior Center sincerely thank our community for its generosity, encouragement, and continued support.







Sports

Track-Meet Marauders Roll to Critical Grid Victory Over Chesaning

OVID-ELSIE -- Chase Fabus sprinted in from 9 yards, staking the host Marauders a 6-0 lead, and a football game that looked more like a track meet was kicked off at Mark O'Donnell Field.

The opponent was an age-old rival, the Chesaning Indians, who did their best to keep pace. Ovid-Elsie glided effortlessly, it seemed at times, through the Tribe defense -- scoring early and often in a 00-00 MMAC victory that marked annual Senior Night festivities at O-E HS.

Travis Long's charges scored on their first four possessions, totaling 47, 80 65 and 47 yards.

The win was critical to O-E's playoff chances, the Marauders moving to 4-4 overall, ending the conference season at 4-3. Chesaning, under first year coach Jacob Lovell, mirrored the Marauder record at 4-4, 4-3 following the loss.

The wind was unrelenting all night. So were the offenses.

O-E struck first on Chase Fabus' 9-yard sprint, followed by Maddi Bushard's first PAT kick of the night. 7-0 Marauders.

Less than 2:00 later, the Tribe was on the board. Juanito Escamilla found Daniel Tijerina with a 29-yard strike, and Oliver Keck's kick tied it at 7-7.

The Marauders reclaimed the lead on back-to-back Brody Howard touchdowns, the first on a 2-yard run, the second on a 34-yard sprint. Bushard's kicks staked O-E to a 21-7 lead, still with 11:48 remaining before halftime.

Then the track meet really kicked in:

Howard found Joie Fabus with a 25-yard TD pass. Bushard kick, 28-7.

Escamilla marched the Indians right back, hitting Law Danek with a 28-yard scoring strike. Escamilla then passes to Braydyn Dilts for the two-point conversion. 28-15.

Chesaning's Chase Lopez barreled in from a yard out at the 4:22 mark on the Indians' next possession. The PAT failed, now it was 28-21. Try to keep up.

With just :32 seconds left before the intermission, Howard gave O-E some breathing room, locating Joie Fabus with an 11-yard scoring pass. Bushard made it 35-21 at halftime.

Following the break, Chase Fabus tacked on the only points of the 3rd quarter. Following his 7-yard run to paydirt, Bushard's boot doubled up the Chesaning tally, 42-21.

Yet, the Tribe wasn't done. Escamilla found Tijerina again, this time from 8 yards, with 8:31 unplayed. The PAT kick was blocked, leaving the score 42-27.

Here came the Indians again: Lopez scampered 4 yards for the score, then grabbed an Escamilla pass for the two-point conversion, making it 42-35.

But CHS was out of time. Just :44 seconds remained.

The Fabus faction -- Chase and Joie -- proved lethal all night to Chesaning. Chase rushed for 147 yards, adding two TDs, while Joie ran for 135 yards, then grabbed three passes for 40 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Howard rushed 10 times for 91 yards; Peyton Harris 3 for 13 and Toby Brown 3 for 5 yards, with O-E amassing a whopping 391 yards on the ground.

Howard clicked on 3-of-5 passes, all to Joie Fabus.

Escamilla riddled the O-E defense with 30 completions in a stunning 47 attempts, good for 371 yards and three TDs.

Defensive leaders for O-E were Kellen Garcia (8 tackles), Howard (6 tackles, one sack, 2 tackles for loss), Julian Median (4 tackles), Brooks Lohr (3 tackles, one sack), Will Baese (4 tackles, one TFL), Chandler Hart-Butcher (4 tackles, one TFL) and Bryce Krueger (3 tackles, one TFL).

Woodworth Sets Blistering Pace to Lead Lady Wolfpack Harriers

ST. JOHNS -- Laingsburg's Paige Woodworth spearheaded a solid showing by the Wolfpack girls cross-country team, blazing her way to a time of 21:24.5 to lead eight Laingsburg female finishers in competition against several area schools.

The event was the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) Jamboree #3, hosted by Uncle John's Cider Mill.

The Lady Wolfpack totaled 118 points, finishing ahead of Perry (147) and Bath (158). Pewamo-Westphalia dominated the competition with 25 points, followed by Saranac (83), Dansville (88) and Fowler (89).

Woodworth set the standard for the Wolfpack, with teammate Samantha Gutzman turning in another strong performance, crossing the finish line in 22:16.2. Molly McDougall Smith wasn't far behind, clocking a 22:43.3.

Samantha Morrill finished in 24:28.4, giving coach Shawn Baynes' Wolves four runners under the 25-minute mark.

Rounding out the Wolfpack finishers were Jayden Foltz (27:56.6), Meriel Burley (29:20.5), Sarah Kibzey (31:54.3) and Ruby Burley (34:57.2).

Laingsburg's boys cross-country team battled its way to a fifth-place finish in six-team competition, totaling 136 points against a strong field of area opponents.

Pewamo-Westphalia captured the team championship with 36 points, followed by Bath (52), Saranac (70) and Fowler (86). Laingsburg finished ahead of Dansville, which totaled 143 points.

Austin Hodges led the Wolfpack runners with a time of 18:37.1, while Calum Knull crossed the line in 19:45.5 and Andrew Stevens in 21:02.9. Cameron Betts followed closely with a time of 22:37.7, while Jordan Jackson finished in 23:25.3.

UM Health-Sparrow Releases 2026 Quarterly Drug Report

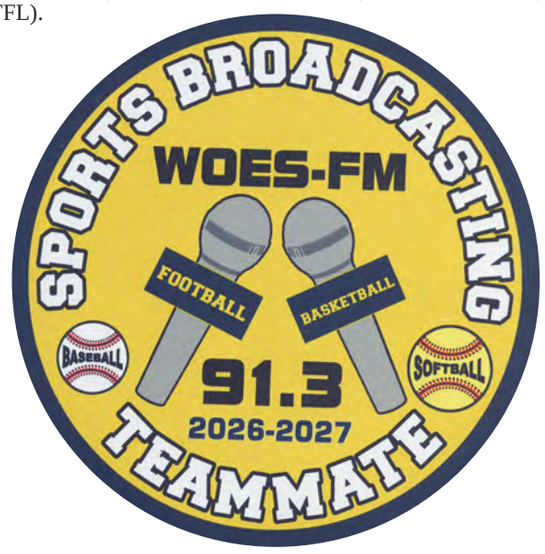
submitted by John Foren

LANSING, Mich.- The UM Health-Sparrow Department of Forensic Pathology and Office of the Medical Examiner has released its 2026 second-quarter drug report, covering drug-related deaths in Clinton, Eaton, Ingham, Ionia, Isabella, Livingston and Shiawassee counties from April 1 through June 30.

"Most of the drug deaths we see involve multiple substances, not just one," said Michelle Fox, D-ABMDI, Supervisor of Forensic Pathology and Office of Decedent Affairs and Chief Investigator for the Office of the Medical Examiner. "Our investigators work carefully to determine which substances actually caused or contributed to each death, so the data we publish reflects what is truly driving these tragedies in our communities."

Ingham County recorded 23 drug-related deaths, the highest in the region. Eaton County recorded six, while Livingston County had five and Isabella County had four. Clinton, Ionia and Shiawassee counties recorded no drug-related deaths during the quarter.

"These numbers represent real people and real families," Fox said. "We publish this report not just to track trends, but to give our community and our partners the information they need to respond."



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Sports

Wright Leads Strong Ovid-Elsie Cross Country Showing at MMC Jam #3

ST. JOHNS -- Ovid-Elsie's Travis Wright blazed his way to the fastest time in a competitive field, leading a strong Marauder contingent that demonstrated impressive depth.

Wright set the pace for the O-E boys team in 18:18.5 at Uncle Johns Cider Mill, site of Jamboree #3 in the 2026 Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) season.

The Marauders received another outstanding performance from Mitch Gonzalez, who finished sixth overall in 18:47.7, giving Ovid-Elsie two runners among the top 18.

Jeremiah Stewart was the next Marauder across the finish line, clocking a 19:56.1, while Jonathan Prewitt finished in 20:41.8. Hunter Howell followed closely in 20:46.8, giving Ovid-Elsie five runners under the 21-minute mark.

Samuel Kennedy added a time of 21:22.0, followed by Destin Kinney (22:53.0) and Ethan Jullie (23:10.9). Rounding out the Marauder finishers were Adam Jullie (25:05.7) and Drew Jullie (25:22.0).

In the girls race, Ovid-Elsie's Bella Stewart turned in an outstanding performance, racing to a fast finish in a competitive field and leading seven Marauder runners across the finish line in the five-team girls MMAC meet.

Stewart set the top O-E pace in 22:14.6, as Ovid-Elsie finished fifth in the team standings with 123 points. Chesaning captured the team championship with 34 points, followed by Birch Run and New Lothrop, which tied with 63 points. Montrose finished fourth with 78 points.

Dana Juhas was the second Marauder across the finish line, clocking a 24:23.5, while Addilynn Vincent followed in 25:44.2.

Lydia Lawrence finished in 25:55.1, giving Ovid-Elsie four runners under the 26-minute mark. Shaelyn Kinney was close behind in 26:19.1, followed by Brena Vincent (26:44.2). Rounding out the Marauder finishers was Alena Weber, who completed the course in 38:51.0.

Panthers End Ovid-Elsie's Soccer Season in District Final

OVID-ELSIE -- Alma snapped Ovid-Elsie's three-game road winning streak, ending the Marauders' soccer season in the MHSAA District Finals.

The Panthers' 2-1 victory lifted them to 15-7-0 and into the Regional semifinals opposite Saginaw Swan Valley. The Marauders ended coach Jerome White's first season at the helm at 10-8-3, with a conference championship in hand.



Gridiron Gurus Heading Into October 30

PIZZA: Jason Grieder 10-2 (tie-break)
SUB SANDWICH: Joe Zuniga 10-2
BREADSTICKS: Roger Skaryd 9-3 (tie-break)



GRIDIRON GURUS
by Tom Turek
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The Tulane Green Wave tossed a tsunami of epic proportions at our football field of fanatics, stunning the Memphis Tigers in a 31-17 face-washing.

That, ladies and gentlemen, was the top stumbling block along the way of our 12-game slate in Week 8, tossing most of our prognosticators overboard.

Joe Zuniga and Jason Grieder did their best to steer clear of the breakers, tying with outstanding 10-2 records. Jason won the all-important tie-breaker of guessing closest to the correct combined total of 54 points.

Roger Skaryd, a recent weekly winner, grabbed third place honors over several other crystal-ballers, all tied at 9-3. Roger again prevailed in the tie-breaker.

Our own Dan Fitzgerald, who had closed a once-sizeable gap vs. Wolfman to a single game, stumbled and fell this time out. He coughed up another two-game hairball to the Wolf, who now owns a three-game cushion (.607 to .569) as we head into the homestretch.

Other stumpers for our prognostictors turned out to be the (first place?) Browns stunning nipper over Baltimore, and the Texans' razor-thin triumph over the Jaguars in London.

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GRIDIRON GURUS

WEEK TEN

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENt 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 12/2/2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Names of Mortgagor(s): Taylor Edward Nearhood and Sarah Nearhood A/K/A Sarah Hurst. Original mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Broker Solutions, Inc., dba New American Funding. Date of mortgage: 2/8/2023. Mortgage recorded on 2/16/2023 as Document No. 5332945. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): New American Funding, LLC. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: $241,176.91 Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clinton County, and described as: LAND SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF VICTOR, COUNTY OF CLINTON, STATE OF MICHIGAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT 400 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTH 50 ACRES OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 11, TOWN 6 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST; THENCE WEST 768 FEET; THENCE NORTH 429 FEET; THENCE WEST 552 FEET; THENCE NORTH 131 FEET; THENCE EAST 1320 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 560 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as 6214 South Hollister Road, Ovid, MI 48866. The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after the statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241, the redemption period will be 1 month from the date of such sale. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes pursuant to MCL 600.3240(16), the redemption period is 1 year from the date of such sale. The redemption period may be 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. 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. Date of Notice: 10/25/2026. Codilis & Moody, P.C. 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (313) 536-2500. This law firm is a debt collector. C&M File 23-26-00568

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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 November 25, 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): Ricardo R. Tirado and Emily Tirado, husband and wife Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: April 7, 2015 Recorded on April 13, 2015, in Document No. 5226863, and modified via Loan Modification recorded on September 23, 2022 in Document No. 5329335 Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Rocket Mortgage, LLC FKA Quicken Loans, LLC FKA Quicken Loans, Inc. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Twenty Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-One and 84/100 Dollars ($120,531.84) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clinton County, and described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the North 24 rods of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 10, Town 5 North, Range 3 West, running thence North 12 rods, thence East 40 rods, thence South 12 rods, thence West 40 rods to the place of beginning. Commonly known as 12557 S Francis Rd, Dewitt, MI 48820 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. 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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Ovid Township Accepting Letters for Library Appointment Position

Ovid Township is accepting letters of interest for the Ovid Library Board vacant position. Please let us know any qualifications you have, and why you would be an asset to this Board. You must be a resident of Ovid Township. Submit letters to P.O. Box 136, Ovid, MI, 48866, or drop in the drop box at the Township Offices, 1015 Baese Court, Ovid, MI, or you can send an email to ovidtownshipclerk@gmail.com.
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Ovid Township is requesting quotes for snow removal for the Township premises.
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CLINTON
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
DECEDENT'S ESTATE

CASE NO: 26-33058-DE
Estate of
JEFF MILLS
Date of Birth: August 21, 1961
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent,
JEFF MILLS.
Died on November 28, 2024
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Andrea Mills, 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.

Andrea Mills
5261 N. Watson Rd.
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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Thomas Michael Lasky, Sole Owner
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation
Date of Mortgage: December 19, 2022
Date of Mortgage Recording: December 27, 2022
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $253,314.04
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Eagle, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: The East 300 feet of the North 26 2/3 acres of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 8, T5N, R4W, Eagle Township, Clinton County, Michigan.
Common street address (if any): 14529 Howe Rd, Portland, MI 48875-9338
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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Dear members of the St. Johns community,

As residents of this great community, we share a common interest in the future of our schools and the success of the students who will become tomorrow's leaders, employees, business owners, and community members.

St. Johns has a long history of community pride and support for public education. Our schools are an important part of what makes our community a great place to live, work, raise a family, and build a future. Ensuring that our students have safe, functional, and effective learning environments is a responsibility we all share.

The St. Johns Public Schools November 3rd bond proposal is an opportunity to address critical infrastructure needs, repair and replace aging building systems, and make necessary improvements to school facilities that have exceeded their expected useful life. These are not simply improvements for today; they are investments in the long-term condition, safety, and functionality of the buildings that serve our students, staff and community every day.

We recognize the importance of being responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars. The proposed bond has been developed to address identified facility needs, while extending the existing 7-mill bond tax rate, with no increase to that rate. This is the same rate we have been paying since 1995.

We also believe that community members deserve clear information about the projects, the costs, and the anticipated impact on taxpayers. An informed community is essential to making sound decisions about our shared future. Voters can review the proposal and its details to better understand how it applies to their individual circumstances by visiting https://www.sjredwings.org/bond-2026.

Supporting our schools is about more than buildings. It is about providing students and staff with environments that support learning, maintaining the community assets we already have, and helping ensure that St. Johns remains a community where families want to live and businesses want to grow.

We encourage residents to learn about the proposed bond, review the identified projects and financial information, ask questions, and participate in the November 3, 2026 election.

Investing in our schools is investing in the future of St. Johns. We proudly support taking responsible action to address our district's facility needs and encourage our fellow community members to join us in supporting the St. Johns Public Schools bond proposal.

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