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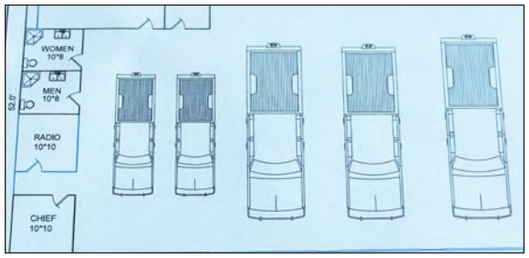
Right to Left - Tim Fear, Nicole Fickes, Rick Zemla (Fairfield Twp), State Representative Tim Kelly, Robert Saul (EAFD), Jason Bowen (EAFD Chief), Amy Bowen (EAFD Authority)

EAFD Building Update Reviewed with Representative Kelly

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – Leadership of Elsie Area Fire Department and Authority met with Representative Tim Kelly, Nancy Bareham and Tim Fear, President & CEO of Clinton County Catalyst to review the status of the new EAFD facility. Also, present was Nicole Fickes, Clinton County Commissioner.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the current status and the next steps. Representative Kelly requested a recent history of the department and an inventory of the equipment. It was noted that currently the department has four major vehicles and that they downsized from eight when the department relocated to the current location on W. Main Street. A number of the pieces were sold to area departments, addressing their needs.



Tentative Building Plan

Tim Fear, thanked Representative Kelly for his support and assistance in making this dream a reality. Kelly noted that five projects were received from Clinton County, the Elsie Area Fire Department was the only project to receive grant funding in Clinton County.

EAFD officials will be working with the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) as the grant moves forward. If issues arise officials were directed to contact Kelly's office.

The next steps include working with Clinton County Planning and Zoning regarding the proposed site for the facility. Rick Zemla, EAFD Authority member is knee deep in the planning phase. The draft design documents were shared. The goal is for the department to be self-sufficient which includes water and septic. Quotes will be sought for the project.

Independent Investigation Finds No Policy Violations, but Questions Remain About Board Conduct

by Dawn D Levey

OVID-Elsie — An independent fact investigation commissioned by the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education has concluded that the allegations raised by District Nurse Melissa Jones did not establish violations of district policy or provide sufficient evidence to support claims of harassment, hostile work environment or retaliation.

The investigation, conducted by The Allen Law Group PC, was requested by the Board of Education following a complaint filed by Jones. The Board of Education took legal action to authorize a third party investigation based on the guidance of legal council. The law firm reviewed documents and other information and interviewed seven individuals, including Jones, individuals identified in the complaint, and other administrators and board-related witnesses. Those interviewed included: Melissa Jones – school nurse; Eric Jones – former Board president; School Board members: Sue Greer, Mary Thompson, and Becky Williams; and two fact witnesses.

The report's conclusions, however, are more nuanced than simply stating that "nothing happened."

The investigation found that questions raised by board members concerning the district nurse position were reasonably related to the Board's responsibility to understand the scope, utilization and impact of the position. The investigators did not find those questions to be discriminatory or to constitute adverse employment action.

At the same time, the report specifically noted that future requests for information should have a clearly defined purpose and should not become materially more burdensome. That observation is significant because it recognizes that conduct may warrant attention even when it does not rise to the level of a policy or legal violation.

The investigation also reviewed concerns regarding comments made during public participation at Board meetings. The report found that the language used by the Board was obtained from the Michigan Association of School Boards' attorney and was not determined to be inappropriate or directed exclusively at Jones or her family.

The report examined questions surrounding leave granted to Jones' daughter following a serious medical event. Investigators concluded that the questions raised at the time were related to the circumstances of the leave and the district's concerns regarding precedent and documentation. The Board ultimately approved the leave unanimously.

Other allegations—including questions about Jones' own Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave, possible violations of the Open Meetings Act, and concerns involving confidential medical information—were also examined. The investigators found insufficient facts to establish violations or involvement by the individuals identified in the complaint.

No Policy Violation Does Not End the Conversation. Perhaps the most important distinction in the report is between a policy violation and conduct that may nevertheless raise questions about judgment, communication or appropriateness.

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Laingsburg American Legion Auxiliary Annual Craft Show

submitted by Cindy Suggate

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 248 in Laingsburg will be holding their Craft Show On Saturday November 7th. It will run from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. The American Legion Post 248 is located at 1240 W. Grand River in Laingsburg. We will have food available for purchase as well as pop and water. We will be doing a 50/50 as well. We could use a few more crafters so if you are interested in having a table you can contact Cindy Suggate at cgs6578@aol.com or 517-651-5669.

DeVries Fall Festival

submitted by Jessica Hickey



DeVries Nature Conservancy invites the public to celebrate autumn at its annual FALL FESTIVAL, happening Saturday, October 17 from noon to 4 PM. The festival will include horse-drawn wagon rides; donuts and apple cider; a petting zoo; a bonfire; and pumpkin painting. Bucket Babes food truck will be on site for visitors to purchase iced coffee and other drinks, and JMarie Photography will be offering family photos. There will also be a small artisan marketplace with a variety of makers selling handcrafted items.

This event is free to attend, thanks to our generous sponsors: Applebee Oil & Propane, Average Joe Maintenance, Davis Cartage, Gilbert's Do It Best Hardware, Hemenway Business Service, Main Beverage Company, Memorial Healthcare, Nelson-House Funeral Home, Owosso Middle School Builders Club, Schluckebier Wealth Management Group of Stifel, Shiawassee Youth Advisory Council, Sloan's Septic Tank Service, Sobaks Home Medical, Vogl Meder Group, and Young Owosso.

The Nature Center and historic Carriage & Sleigh Museum will also be open for the duration of the event. DeVries Nature Conservancy is located at 2635 N. M-52 in Owosso. (989) 723-3365

Retired School Personnel to Meet

submitted by Peg Zink

The Clinton-Shiawassee MARSP Meeting will be held on Monday, October 12, 2026,12:30 p.m. at St. Isidore Church, 310 Crum St. Laingsburg, Mi. Luncheon ($12) is payable at the door. Our program is Mary Warner-Stone, Durand Union Station. For reservations: leave your name and number attending by email rzick5039@gmail.com or call 517-282-8350 and leave a message by October 09, 2026 by noon.

Ovid Historical Society

submitted by Karen Anderson, OHS Secretary

The monthly meeting for the Ovid Historical Society is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at 7:00pm located at the Mary Myers Musuem 131 East Williams.

The short business meeting will include adopting an amended set of Bylaws. Reports on the renovations of the beautiful Historical Sowers Scofield Hudson House/ Mary Myers Museum, where meetings, parties and events occur throughout the year. Your ideas and input are welcome; conversations are also welcome from guests to share family stories.

If interested in attending, you need not be a member. All are welcome.

Refreshments will be served.

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Ovid-Elsie Area Schools

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education was held Monday, September 21, 2026. The highlight of the evening were the pre-count enrollment numbers and the censuring of a board member.

Mark Horak, superintendent, reported on the current O-E enrollment numbers. The district budgeted for 1,218, actual 1,226, that is better than anticipated. The official count day is October 7, 2026.

Next, Homecoming 2026 was a success – both the junior varsity and varsity football teams were victorious (56-0). Many activities were scheduled during the week; including a parade, hall decorating competition, power-puff football and more, and the community hog roast was a huge success.

Horak noted that there are three individuals running for the two seats on the O-E Board of Education. The candidates are: Mary Thompson, Josh Miller, and Doug Meisel. The general election is slated for Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

The report concluded with information regarding the MASB Fall conference September 23-24, and the NEOLA Fall updates will be presented to the policy committee in the near future.

Officials received an opinion letter from legal counsel which resulted in a closed session per Opening Meetings Act section 8 (1)(h) to consider information exempt from disclosure under FOIA, 6:45p.

A solemn group returned in open session at 8:05 p. Action was taken to waive attorney client privilege and present copies of the report to the employee and board members involved. A motion was made to reconsider a resolution made June 3, 2026 to censure school board vice president Mrs. Susan Greer and to remove her from the office of vice president. It passed by a 4-3 vote. This action put the original resolution back on the table, which passed 4-3. The vote was taken to censure Mrs. Greer and remove her as vice president – passed 4-3.

Third motion – remove Mrs. Williams from the roll of officer as secretary, due to behavior and the investigation results. 3-4 vote, motion failed. Next, Mrs. Thompson removed from role as officer due to the same, failed 3-4.

The details of the investigation, that cost the district $30,000, were not disclosed. However, the written report is open to FOIA requests.

Public Comment OE Staff – Melissa Jones, school nurse and advocate for the most vulnerable children. Today advocated for her family, and her concern for being targeted. Noting she did not request an investigation into the complaint. The school district requested a third party to investigate the complaint. As a result Jones and her family felt it necessary to participate with the investigator. In the end the board and the conduct of the board must be transparent and shared with the community. Staff should feel safe and listened to by the district. Board members need to be accountable. Questions need to be answered regarding a daughter that was and is recovering from an accident and the implications and the long-term results were questioned when this fifth-grade teacher asked for time and an extension of an unpaid leave. Noting a resignation eventually was submitted. As the school nurse she believes that she should feel safe as an OE staff member. Jones stated, “I am not asking for revenge, but accountability. I am asking for dignity, respect, and truth. Change so we can feel safe. I am asking you to do what is right.”

Mr. Charles Green, on behalf of the Wellness Committee, working on bringing the “Go Positive” group 6:45the second Tuesday of each month, October 13 at Ovid-Elsie High School. All are welcome to attend.

Eric Jones – commented regarding the investigation results. How will things get better for his wife? Does not understand the votes within the board members, and the division within. Board policy violations are concerning.

Independent... from front

The investigators concluded that the actions and statements of the board members identified in the complaint did not violate district policy. They also concluded that the facts did not support a claim of harassment, hostile work environment or retaliation.

That finding does not necessarily mean that every interaction described in the complaint was ideal, nor does it mean that members of the community cannot question whether certain actions were appropriate or whether they contributed to an atmosphere of distrust.

In particular, the report's recommendation that future requests have a clearly defined purpose and not become unnecessarily burdensome suggests an important lesson for any governing board: actions can fall short of a policy violation while still raising legitimate questions about communication, transparency, judgment and how those actions are perceived by employees and the public.

The investigation ultimately did not substantiate the legal or policy violations alleged in the complaint. However, the findings also provide an opportunity for the district and its Board of Education to consider how questions are raised, how information is requested, and how board members interact with employees going forward.

For a school district dependent upon trust among its employees, administration, Board of Education and community, the absence of a policy violation should be viewed as one part of the discussion—not necessarily the end of it.

Ovid Historical Archieves New 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.

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PROPOSED BOARD MEETING MINUTES -
Thursday, September 10, 2026

Supervisor J. West called the regular meeting to order at 7 p.m., with the Pledge to the Flag.

Roll Call: Supervisor Jennings West,
Clerk Claudia Barrett Pluger, Trustee Bobby Byles, Trustee Kurt Wolf
Absent: Treasurer Nancy Hughson Visitors: 11

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items: Jack Powell

Approval of Agenda:
Moved by B. Byles that we approve the Agenda, as submitted, Seconded by K. Wolf. Carried.

Approval of Minutes of August 13, 2026:
Moved by J. West that we approve the minutes of August 13, 2026, Seconded by B. Byles. Carried.

Treasurer's Financial Report:
Clerk commented that the U.S. Department of the Treasury, State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) document we received states:
"Based on our review, Ovid Township, MI has successfully completed the following:
(1) Submitted a fully compliant final report, including certification of the accuracy and completion of the final report.
(2) Submitted a fully compliant Federal Financial Report (SF-425)."
The Department of "Treasury has completed all actions pertaining to the close out of Ovid Township, MI's SLFRF award." (ARPA Funds) This is great news for us.
Moved by B. Byles to approve the Treasurer's report, as submitted, Seconded by J. West.
Roll Call Vote: K. Wolf-Yes, J. West-Yes, B. Byles-Yes, C. Pluger-Yes. Carried.

Clerk's Report & Check Register - August 14, 2026-September 10, 2026 - $38,588.89:
Moved by B. Byles that we approve the Clerk's report, as submitted, Seconded by J. West. Carried.

Report Given By:
Clerk stated Peggy received the 2026 Presidents Award from the Mi higan Assessors Association. This is the highest award.
Assessor - Peggy Lidgard

New Business -

Assessor's Renewal Contract:
Moved by C. Pluger that we approve the Contract for the Assessor, Peggy Lidgard, as stated, with those dates, Seconded by B. Byles.
Roll Call Vote: K. Wolf-Yes, J. West-Yes, B. Byles-Yes, C. Pluger-Yes. Carried.

Board of Review:
Moved by C. Pluger that we appoint Patricia Hibbard to the Board of Review, Seconded by B. Byles.
Roll Call Vote: K. Wolf-Yes, J. West-Yes, B. Byles-Yes, C. Pluger-Yes. Carried.

Resolution Number 2026-06 - Resolution for a Par Plan Grant - Security System Moved by B. Byles that we accept Resolution 2026-06, Resolution for the Par Plan Grant Security System, Seconded by K. Wolf.
Roll Call Vote: C. Pluger-Yes, B. Byles-Yes, J. West-Yes, K. Wolf-Yes. Carried.

Resolution Number 2026-05 - Resolution Establishing Protocol for Communicating with the Township Attorney
Moved by K. Wolf that we accept Resolution Number 2026-05, as presented, and place on file, Seconded by B. Byles.
Roll Call Vote: C. Pluger-No, B. Byles-Yes, J. West-Yes, K. Wolf-Yes. Carried.

Reports - (continued):
Library - Trustee Bobby Byles OMESA - Treasurer Nancy Hughson CAASA - Supervisor Jennings West

Public Comments: Bob Meredith, Connie Kioski, Lionel Olson

Board Comments: The Sunday a.m. alcohol sales have been taken care of with LARA.
The Board again discussed the security system; redoing the circle around the Township parking lot, possibly a Veteran's Memorial, getting a committee together for it. Also discussed website documents and digitalizing. Public commented throughout also.

Adjournment: Motion by K. Wolf to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by B. Byles. Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

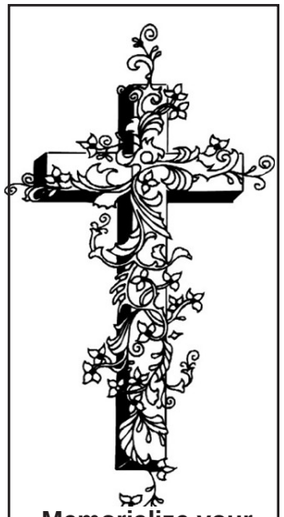
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Obituaries

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Jeffery Lynn Haring



Jeffery Lynn Haring, a longtime resident of Laingsburg, passed away peacefully at Haven of Rest on September 27, 2026, at the age of 73.

Jeff was born on December 4, 1952, in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, to the late Carl and Ruth (Rayner) Haring. He grew up with a strong sense of family, responsibility, and hard work that would remain with him throughout his life. Jeff graduated from Clare High School in 1971 and shortly after, joined the United States Army where he served his country proudly during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged in December of 1973 and later earned his associate in applied science degree in Heavy Equipment Technology from Ferris State College, where he mastered the diesel mechanic trade that would shape his lifelong career.

Jeff made his living as a diesel mechanic, a trade that suited his skill, patience, and ability to solve problems with confidence. He was the kind of man who got right to the point, and he was always willing to teach others what he knew. Whether he was showing someone how to change the oil in a car, how to golf, how to can food, or how to mow the lawn, Jeff shared his knowledge freely and with purpose. He was handy, dependable, and generous with his time, and those who knew him often turned to him for advice, guidance, and a steady hand.

Jeff was a giving and loving person who cared deeply for his family and took great pride in the role he played in their lives. On August 2, 1997, he married Karen Hallead in Laingsburg, and together they built a life filled with love, companionship, and shared interests. Their marriage was a source of joy and strength, and Jeff especially cherished the life they created together.

Jeff is survived by his wife, Karen Haring; his daughter, Lianne (Flint) Fosnight; his stepdaughter, Susan (Kevin) Dittrich; and seven grandchildren, Boston Fosnight, Berkley Fosnight, Jordan Dittrich, Madalin (Mason) Sluss, Sophia Dittrich, Ruby Stambersky, and Jack Stambersky; Teresa Mulder. He is also survived by his sister, Jackie (Doug) Manee, and his brother, Mark (Stacey) Haring. He was preceded in death by his parents; his stepson, Mark Stambersky; and his brother, Cork Haring.

Jeff found joy in the simple and meaningful things in life. He enjoyed throwing darts, gardening, canning, line dancing, working on vehicles, and fishing. He was a devoted Detroit Tigers fan and an amazing cook and took great pleasure in preparing meals for those he loved. Jeff was an amazing father and grandpa, and he took those two roles very seriously. His family knew him as a man who was loving, generous, and handy, and his presence brought comfort, laughter, and strength to those around him.

Jeff will be remembered for his straightforward manner, his willingness to teach, and the care he showed in everything he did. He was a man who valued hard work, family, and time well spent, and he leaves behind a legacy of love, practical wisdom, and devotion. His memory will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

A memorial service to celebrate Jeff's life will be announced in the future. His family is being served by Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes, Laingsburg Chapel. www.watkinsfuneralhomes.com

Richard Carl Whaley



Richard Carl Whaley, age 88, of Elsie, Michigan, passed away Thursday, September 24, 2026, at his home.

Richard was born in Chesaning, Michigan, on November 23, 1937, the son of Carl and Marie (Malek) Whaley. He graduated from Chesaning High School with the Class of 1955. Richard married Carol Lee Bates, on November 4, 1960, in Chesaning, Michigan; and were blessed with 57 years of marriage, before her passing on August 20, 2018.

Richard proudly served in the U.S. Navy. He was a farmer, builder, and a talented fix-it man who could repair and build just about anything.

He is survived by his children: Richard C. Whaley; and Clara and Eddie Quintanilla; his grandchildren: Erasmo Quintanilla and Joseph Quintanilla; his brother David and Ruth Whaley. He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Marie Whaley; his wife, Carol; and his daughter, Christine.

A Graveside Service was held at Ridge Road Cemetery, Brady Twp., MI, 11:00 A.M. on Monday, September 28, 2026.

Online condolences may be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.

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Pastor: Pastor Gerrad Leitelt

Exciting Reveals at Fenner Nature Center's Upcoming Apple Butter Festival

submitted Tina Nguyen

LANSING – Fenner Nature Center invites the community to enjoy another year of fall fun at this year's Apple Butter Festival on October 24 and 25, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. This event is free with a $5 suggested parking donation to support the nonprofit. Enjoy live music, fall activities like pumpkin painting, learn how apple butter is made, and taste a variety of sweet treats throughout the festival. This year is especially exciting, as guests can experience the Visitor Center's new ecological exhibit featuring Bowser, Fenner's 17-year-old Common Snapping Turtle. In addition to the new exhibit, guests are invited to enjoy the new mural installed at Fenner.

Visitors can learn about apple harvesting during this time of year and see the process in making apple butter. Understanding the effort helps people appreciate food as a valuable resource and recognize how it goes from the tree to the table. Explore the trails, meet the animals inside the Visitor Center, support local vendors, and even buy your own jar of apple butter to support Fenner's mission.

One of the festival's most unique and popular activities is using a crosscut saw to take a tree cookie home. In past years, visitors could saw off their own tree cookie in the Maple Grove, where apple butter activities take place, and even had it branded with the Fenner Nature Center logo.

"I love that people come together at the festival," says Events & Rental Coordinator Rebecca Smith, adding that many people from all over Michigan visit, whether it's their first time making apple butter or not. "It's so lovely to see familiar faces and so many new faces."

Every avenue of support and awareness for festival attendance helps support Fenner Conservancy's mission of connecting people to nature, especially helping locals understand that Fenner Nature Center is a free and accessible greenspace, year-round, providing environmental education programs and extending its reach to those in Pre-K all the way to college students and seniors in the greater Lansing area. The Apple Butter is a staple fall festival in Lansing and is an annual tradition, reaching its 52nd year in 2026. Fenner is proud to recognize Jackson National as this year's event sponsor, whose support plays a crucial role in making this festival happen and enhancing our outreach efforts.

For more information, visit Fenner Nature Center online at www.MyNatureCenter.org or call us at 517-483-4245.

About Fenner Conservancy: Fenner Conservancy, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and managing body for Fenner Nature Center, connects people to nature in the heart of Lansing through conservation, education, and stewardship.

To access more photos of the Apple Butter Festival, visit: https://sites.google.com/mynaturecenter.org/abf/media











Apple Peeling

All photos by David Marvin



SCIOTA TOWNSHIP

ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING and
OPTICAL SCAN SYSTEM & AUTO-MARK MACHINE TESTING

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Sciota Township will hold a public election commission meeting and testing of the optical scan voting system and auto-mark machine for November 3, 2026, General Election.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2026
Election Commission Meeting begins at 4:00 p.m.
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This test is being conducted as required by Michigan law (MCL168.798) to demonstrate to the public that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of law. Contact the clerk for accessible accommodations 5 days prior to the meeting.

Jamie Parker-Wing, Clerk
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Built on Community Feedback: St. Johns Public Schools Brings Reduced Bond Proposal to Voters

ST. JOHNS, Mich. — St. Johns Public Schools voters will consider a $40 million bond proposal on Tuesday, November 3, 2026. The proposal reflects community feedback following previous bond proposals and focuses on the highest priority projects for safer and more functional facilities for students.

The revised proposal represents a $59.8 million reduction in scope from the 2025 bond. If the 2026 proposal is approved by voters, funds would pay for projects throughout the district, with a focus on updating safety and security, replacing aging infrastructure, improving classrooms and learning spaces, and addressing deteriorating parking lots and sidewalks.

The district gathered additional community input during its planning process, including a facilities survey this spring designed to help guide decisions about future investments.

"We felt compelled as a Board to review community feedback and address our most urgent priorities to revise the proposal, and reduce the overall amount," said Matthew Boak, Board of Education President. "This proposal reflects that feedback while continuing to address facility challenges impacting our students."

Based on community feedback, several projects included in the previous proposal have been removed, including a synthetic turf field, auditorium stage fly system, additional tennis courts and wrestling room addition. Other areas, including arts and athletics, the transportation facility and elementary classroom additions, have been reduced in scope, to be able to meet the community feedback of reducing the overall bond amount.

The proposed bond would not increase the current tax rate. The district's current debt millage rate is 7.0 mills, and the rate is projected to remain at 7.0 mills if the proposal is approved. The proposal would extend the current 7.0-mill rate through 2032.

"Our goal is to make sure voters have clear information about what is included, what has changed and the financial impact of the proposal," said Dr. Anthony Berthiaume, Superintendent. "We want community members to be able to review the project information and understand the proposal before they vote."

The revised proposal is intended to address facility challenges that exceed what can be supported through the state-provided school operating budget while maintaining funding for daily operations, programming, teaching and learning.

"We're seeing the effects of aging infrastructure firsthand—from failed boilers and aging water heaters to a high school chiller that has required more than $100,000 in maintenance over the last four years. Bond funding would allow us to address these issues more proactively and keep our schools safe, functional, and reliable," said Rob Gleeson, St. Johns Public Schools Executive Director of Operations.

"This is an important community decision, and we encourage every voter to learn about the proposal," said Berthiaume. "Our website includes project details, financial information, frequently asked questions, and information about when, where, and how to vote."

Voters will have the opportunity to consider the proposal on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, with polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Absentee ballots are available right now, and early voting is October 21 - November 1.

To learn more about the St. Johns Public Schools 2026 bond proposal, visit sjredwings.org. In addition, the District will be hosting another Bond Informational Session on Thursday, October 22nd, at 6 p.m. in the High School Media Center to provide information and address questions from community members regarding the proposal.

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Editorial

It Takes Committment

Letter to the Editor:

School Board service is voluntary, demanding, and important work. Board members are elected by the community to bring different perspectives to the table, and disagreement among members is not unusual. The Board's responsibility is to work through those differences while continuing to fulfill its obligations to the District and the community.

At times, this work involves legal questions that require guidance from professional legal counsel. We recognize that taxpayers expect public resources to be used responsibly. Legal expenses are being taken seriously, and the district will continue to exercise appropriate fiscal oversight as the board addresses matters that require legal guidance.

Our community can expect the board to continue moving forward. Board members may not always agree, but they share a responsibility to serve students, conduct the business of the district, and make decisions in the best interests of the school community

Brooke Wooley
Board President
Ovid-Elsie Area Schools

Duplain Township Public Accuracy Testing

Notice is hereby given that the Public Accuracy test of the Electronic Tabulating Equipment will be, Wednesday, October 7th, 2026 at 1pm. The test for the upcoming General Election on November 3rd,2026 will be conducted at the Duplain Township Hall, 145 W Main Str., Elsie, MI 48831. This test is to show the public that all votes cast will be accurately counted on all candidates in accordance with MCL168.798.

Dawn D Levey
Duplain Township Clerk
517-927-6258

OVID TOWNSHIP
Public Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the November 3, 2026, General Election has been scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 3 p.m., at the Ovid Township Hall, 1015 Baese Court, Ovid, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the Election counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Claudia Barrett Pluger,
Clerk Ovid Township

CITY OF LAINGSBURG
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING

The City of Laingsburg Election Commission will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at Laingsburg City Hall, 114 Woodhull Street, Laingsburg, Michigan 48848.
The purpose of the meeting is to appoint election inspectors and review election preparations for the November 3, 2026 General Election.
The meeting is open to the public.
Persons requiring accommodations to participate should contact the City Clerk at (517) 651-5374 in advance.

Kim Hamilton
City Clerk
City of Laingsburg



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com

2026 Deer Processors

It's that magical time again in the Michigan woods as archery season starts and soon to be followed by the firearm season. Before hunters even go to the woods they should have in mind where and when they can take their harvested deer for processing. It is especially important to have a plan when temperatures are still relatively warm. Below is a list of processors with the cost of their basic cut package. Most offer specialty items like jerky or sausage for an additional cost. Make sure to call ahead as hours will probably vary during the various upcoming deer seasons.

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Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn
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Jesus says in Matthew 5:45, *"He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous."*

Some say that because of the existence of Hell, God isn't really a God of love. That when people reject God and die in this state, they should be able to live in a place much like Earth is now, with love, joy and peace.

One reason why this is impossible, is that if you say "no" to God, then you say "no" to all of God—to all of His love, joy, and peace. Why is this so?

The only reason we have love, joy, and peace in our lives is because of God. They come from God Himself.

1 John 4:8b says, "God is love."

If you say that you don't want anything to do with God Himself, then you are also saying no to His love, joy, and peace. It's a package deal. Therefore, without God, there can be only Hell- suffering and torment.

How does this work? It's because this is a unique time in which we can look at both God and Satan, and decide which side we want to be on for all eternity. Whom do we want to live with, and whom do we want to live for?

God doesn't want for you to go to Hell, but rather to have a personal relationship with Him. He wants you to experience all of His love, joy, and peace for all eternity.

MIDDLEBURY TOWNSHIP
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Election Commission Meeting
Tuesday, October 13th at 6:45 p.m.
Middlebury Township Public Accuracy
Monday, October 26th at 8:00 a.m.
Notice of Clerk Hours
Clerk will be in the office for voter registration.
Saturday, October 31st from 7am-3pm

Have a Question for Andy?

Submit them to: ask_andy@aol.com
You can also mail or drop questions off to: Meridian Weekly P.O. Box 11, Ovid, MI 48866

Frustrated Cell Phone Users

Dear Andy, What can I do about the political ads, robocalls and unsolicited calls regarding my final arrangements, my Social Security or Senior benefits (unused and limited time to get it) or missed in my mail box. I have often missed calls, family and friends, and dread to see how many unread messages I have missed. And, wonder why I am running out of storage…What can I do? Frustrated Fran

Dear Frustrated, Yes there is something you can do! First, you need to go to your carrier of your cell phone service. They will check if you have subscribed to an app that allows solicitation and ads to be sent to you. I was amazed how many I had set up unknowingly.

As for robocalls they are not allowed to make calls unless they have written permission from the person they are calling. There is a Do NOT Call registry you can set up. It is worth the call. Consumers cited with violations can receive a fine of $500 - $1500 per call from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Individuals must give written consent to allow calls to their cell or landline phones.

Political Ads during a campaign are going to be increased during election periods. Although, the Do Not Call registrar does not apply to non-profit or political calls, they have several noted regulations to follow.. If you are a registered voter of a specific party and voted in the last election there is no limit to calls. They are allowed three prerecorded calls to a landline or cell phone within each consecutive 30-day period.

Social Security and Department of Education does not initiate calls for any reason. You need to call them directly yourself if you have any questions or concerns. Unsolicited calls are often trying to sell you another policy or a third-party payment for loans. The FCC has issued rulings that no AI-generated or robo calls for billing or political campaigns are allowed.

Use some basic guidelines: Do not answer calls from number you do not recognize. If it is legit, they will leave a real message. If you feel trapped or pressured in a call or someone asks you to verify personal information, do not give that information over the telephone. It's ok to hang up if you do not know who you are speaking to. Do not share passwords or If you feel an uncomfortable feelings, hang up and call them back.

Good luck with your frustration. Ask_Andy@aol.com or AskAndyForAdvice@gmail.com.

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the Public Accuracy Test of the Electronic Tabulating Equipment for the Tuesday, November 3, 2026 General Election will be conducted on Wednesday, October 28, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. The test will take place at the Fairfield Township Hall located at 7988 W. Henderson Rd., Elsie, MI.

This is to demonstrate to the public that all votes cast will be accurately counted on all candidates and proposals in accordance with MCL 168.798.

Sonya Latz
Fairfield Township Clerk 517.282.1168

Village Negotiations Underway with Elsie Area Fire Authority

by Dawn D. Levey

ELSIE – Village of Elsie officials held a work session Wednesday, September 30, to discuss the proposed agreement between the Village of Elsie and the Elsie Area Fire Authority. The session was intended for discussion only, and no formal decisions were made.

The meeting began with a review of the history surrounding fire services in the community before moving into a more forward-looking discussion. By the conclusion of the work session, officials appeared to have made progress toward developing an agreement that addresses the concerns of both the Village and the Fire Authority.

Village officials, including Witt and Helt, expressed concerns regarding the Village's financial obligations under the proposed agreement. Among the issues discussed was the Village continuing to provide water, sewer and garbage services while the Fire Authority's facility remains within the Village limits. Village officials also expressed concerns about the liability provisions outlined in the proposed agreement.

Officials noted that the Village of Elsie is not currently in a position to provide financial assistance to the Fire Authority. It was also pointed out that property owners within the Village pay fire-related millage through Duplain Township.

Another issue discussed was differing legal advice regarding the need for a formal agreement. According to officials, one legal opinion indicates that an agreement may not be necessary because the Village is located within Duplain Township. Another opinion advises that an agreement is strongly recommended because the Village of Elsie is a separate municipality.

Questions were also raised regarding the grant awarded for the Fire Authority's planned new emergency services facility, including the timeline and requirements associated with the grant.

The new facility is planned for a location south of Elsie and outside the Village limits. The facility is expected to be self-sufficient, including its own water and sewer systems. However, Fire Authority vehicles currently obtain water from the Village water tower, which was also discussed during the work session.

One of the primary issues under discussion was liability when the Fire Authority responds to fires and other emergencies within the Village. A "hold harmless" provision has been proposed as part of an agreement governing emergency services within the Village.

Officials acknowledged that the Fire Authority's legal counsel and the Village's attorney have differing opinions regarding the need for and provisions of such an agreement. Liability and the fact that the Village is a separate municipality remain significant considerations.

An extended discussion followed regarding the proposed agreement and the Articles of Incorporation. Officials clarified that the Articles were not part of the proposed changes being discussed.

One possibility raised during the meeting was a "good faith" agreement addressing water and sewer services, potentially for a one-year period, with the parties agreeing to revisit the arrangement at the end of that year. An escape clause would also be included.

While no agreement was finalized, officials indicated that a tentative outline will be forwarded to the respective boards for review and consideration.

The next step will be for a proposed agreement to be drafted and presented to the entire Elsie Village Council. The proposal will then be forwarded to the Elsie Area Fire Authority for consideration.

Although several issues remain unresolved, Wednesday's work session provided an opportunity for the parties to address concerns directly and appeared to mark progress toward reaching an agreement.

Memorial Healthcare to Host Wave of Light Ceremony n Recognition of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day

submitted by Dianna Vsetula

Owosso – Memorial Healthcare will host a Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day ceremony on Thursday, October 15, bringing families and community members together to honor and remember babies who have been lost during pregnancy or infancy.

The event will begin at 6:45 p.m., with a Wave of Light ceremony at 7 p.m. The ceremony is part of an international observance held each year on October 15 to remember babies lost through miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss and to offer support to the families who carry their memories.

During the ceremony, attendees will receive battery-operated candles to participate in the Wave of Light, creating a collective moment of remembrance and reflection. Parents and families will also have the opportunity to have their baby's name recognized during the ceremony, should they choose to participate.

In addition to the ceremony, Memorial Healthcare will provide pregnancy and infant loss resources and offer a remembrance activity where parents can create a memory card or votive holder in honor of their baby. Bottled water and cookies will also be available.

The event will take place on the front lawn near the main lobby of Memorial Healthcare, weather permitting. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will move indoors to the auditorium or NOW Educational Theatre.

"Pregnancy and infant loss can be an incredibly difficult and deeply personal experience," said Melissa Baird, MSN, RNC-OB, C-EFM, PMH-C, Nurse Manager of the Family Birth Place at Memorial Healthcare. "This ceremony provides an opportunity for families to come together, remember their babies and know that they are not alone. We hope to create a welcoming and compassionate space for remembrance, reflection and support."

Community members are encouraged to RSVP in advance to Melissa Baird by calling (989) 720-7086 or emailing mbaird@memorialhealthcare.org.

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

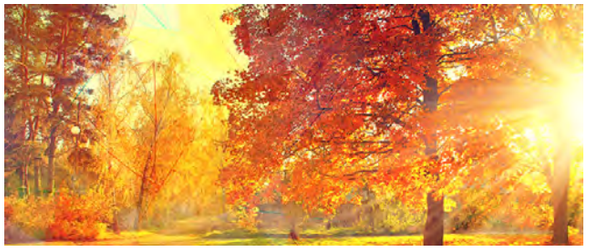
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Laingsburg and Middlebury United Methodist Churches to Merge

submitted by Carrie A. Rathbun Hawks, APR

Laingsburg, Mich. – Creating a combined 344 years of serving the people of Western Shiawassee County and beyond, Middlebury United Methodist Church will merge with Laingsburg United Methodist Church Nov. 1, 2026.

Sunday, Oct. 18 is the official celebration of Middlebury UMC's long and faithful ministry. Worship will be outside at 10:30 a.m., under the pavilion next to the church at 8100 W. Hibbard Road, together with Laingsburg United Methodist's congregation. A luncheon will follow. Both churches are led by Pastor Kendi Holcomb-Densmore. MUMC will hold its final service Oct. 25. The congregations will worship as one Nov. 1 at LUMC's building at 210 Crum Street in downtown Laingsburg for the first time on that All-Saints Sunday. Worship is at 10:30 a.m.

Middlebury UMC's original building was erected in 1837 during the early settlement period of the area. A fire destroyed that building in 1891, but it was rebuilt the same year at the Hibbard Road location in Middlebury Twp. At the time, it was considered one of the most sophisticated Queen Anne churches in the state, according to the Society of Architectural Historians.

Laingsburg UMC began in 1871. Its building has seen multiple additions over its 155 years, and it has a parsonage next door as well. Several times over its history when it did not have a permanent minister, Middlebury's congregation received pastoral support from LUMC. This long-standing connection is why Middlebury's leadership decided to merge with Laingsburg.

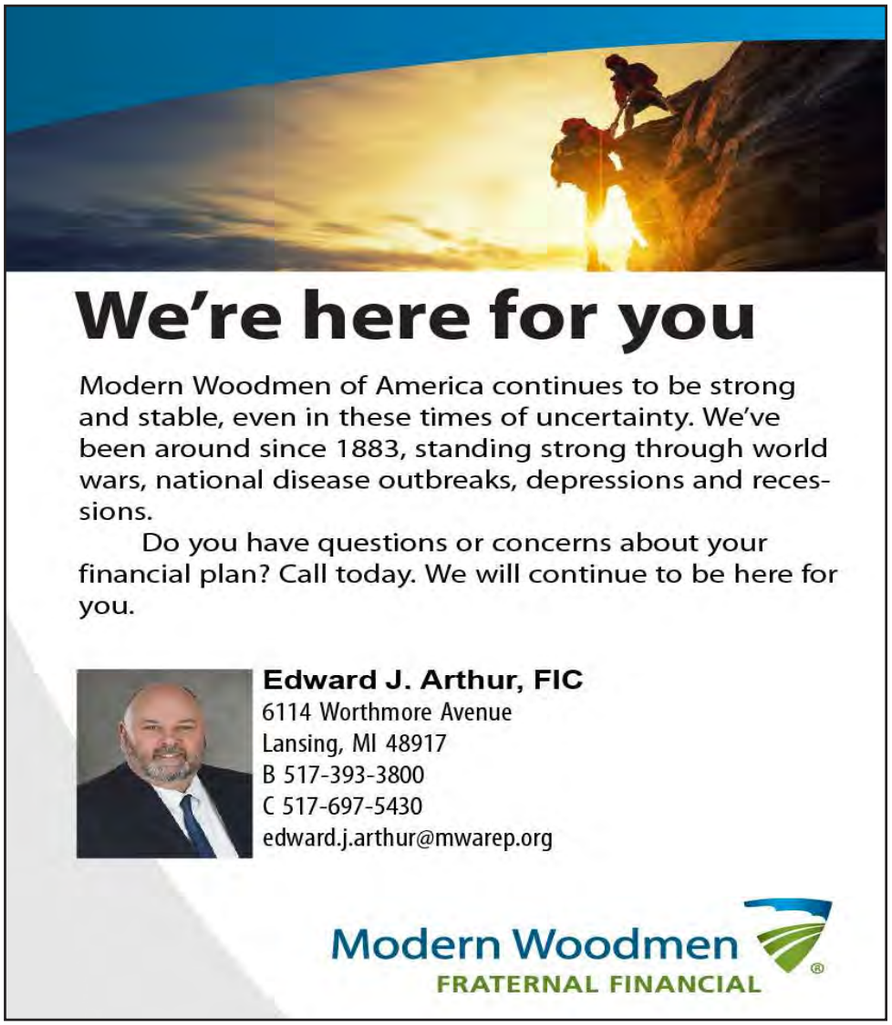
Both churches grew from following Methodism's tradition of close-knit spiritual support, prayer, Bible study and mutual care. Its early link to the Laingsburg circuit connects it to the 19th-century Methodist system in which clergy traveled among multiple congregations, sustaining worship in rural communities that could not always support a resident minister.

"This is a time of mixed emotions as the congregants who have been committed servants of God through the ministries of Middlebury United Methodist Church say good-bye to a nearly 200-year chapter in their history, one with many joyous memories," explained Holcomb-Densmore. "We're honored to walk with them through this journey as we join our hearts and our traditions. All are welcome at our church, and we look forward to a future of service and worship together."

Laingsburg United Methodist Church invites residents and visitors to experience worship and community in a safe haven where everyone feels welcome to experience God directly and thereby learning and maturing in the Christian faith and serving the Laingsburg community and beyond. Its worship service is at 10:30 a.m. Sundays. Call 517-651-5531 Monday through Thursday between 9:30 and 2 or visit www.laingsburg-umc.org for more information on its Bible, youth and community service ministries.



Middlebury United Methodist Church at 8100 W. Hibbard Road will merge with Laingsburg United Methodist Church Nov. 1.





Sports

LHS Volleyball Team Sweeps Past Carman-Ainsworth in Straight Sets

LAINGSBURG -- The Wolfpack volleyball team swept past Flint Carman-Ainsworth in straight sets, to improve to 11-6 overall.

The Lady Cavaliers dipped to 4-5 overall with the non-league loss.

Rolling by scores of 25-13, 25-17 and 25-23, LHS was led by Lia Soeltner (20 digs, 2 aces), Kendall Michels (2 aces, 21 assists, 11 digs), Everly Izzo (7 kills, 2 blocks) and Hayden Wilson (2 aces, 2 kills and 14 digs.

Mickey Fox's Wolves, hanging with the Central Michigan Athletic Conference leaders at 5-1 in the circuit, took on league rival Perry next up on the schedule.

Wolfpack Soccer Team Celebrates Senior Night, Downing Perry 5-2

LAINGSBURG -- The Wolfpack boys soccer program honored its senior class, celebrating big-time with a 5-2 CMAC win over neighboring Perry.

Seniors Asher Shastal, Landon Freeman and Grey Seguin, along with exchange students Alejandro Montero and Karl Lotterup were all feted as part of the evening's festivities.

"Ryan Park played a great game at defensive mid and was a key player us," explained Wolfpack coach Brayden Thomas. "He won balls out of the air, and passed to teammates great under pressure."

Paxton Rodriquez scored the hat trick for LHS, with Freeman and Montero each adding goals in the big league win.

Laingsburg kept its league record unblemished at 6-0-2, and improved to 10-3-4 overall. The Ramblers sputtered to 6-8-1 overall, 2-4 in the CMAC.

Wolfpack Soccer Guys Improve to 9-3-4; Romp Past Potterville

POTTERVILLE -- Laingsburg's varsity boys soccer team rolled to a 9-3-4 overall record with a 7-1 romp at Potterville.

They used their heads to do it.

Camden McGee, the Wolfpack's starting goalie and usually in net, scored a header goal. And Bentley Wilhelm assisted a goal to Cameron Spedoske on a header.

To cap it all off, Spedoske scored a hat trick.



#22 Caiden Nidefski scored two goals in the match up with Potteville Photo by Burg Sports

Other goals went to Caiden Nidefski with a pair to find the back of the net, and Alejandro Montero with a score.

Wolfpack coach Brayden Thomas called on all of his roster in the big Central Michigan Athletic Conference win.







Sports

Gritty Marauder Comeback Humbles Durand in MMAC Showdown, 30-27

OVID-ELSIE -- Faced with a 14-8 halftime deficit, with visiting Durand moving the ball smartly, Ovid-Elsie's varsity football team struck back.

With a gritty determination in an emotional, chippy contest, Travis Long's Marauders scored on their first three possessions of the second half, then held off the big-play Railroaders in critical 30-27 MMAC victory at Mark O'Donnell Field.

It may have been a win on which O-E's season pivots.

The penalty-plagued affair ended with Long's charges moving to 2-1 in the MMAC -- right there with the league leaders -- 3-2 overall. A tough, physical Durand team dipped to 2-2 in the conference, 3-2 overall.

This one wasn't for the faint of heart. The Railroaders slugged burly RB Blake Chapman into the line all night, and he opened the scoring at 10:38 of the first quartere with a one-yard blast. The PAT failed, but Durand had struck first, 6-0.

In the second quarter, O-E moved to the pass. QB Brody Howard darted a 40-yard strike to Julian Medina, and Kellen Garcia's 2-point conversion run staked the hosts to a 8-6 advantage.

Chapman bulled to the endzone again, this time at the 2:32 mark before halftime, from 8 yards out. Landon Nierescher added the two-point run, putting the Marauders in a 6-point hole at the break.

To start the second half, the next two Marauder TDs belonged to Howard -- O-E's speedy, vocal offensive leader. He zipped 16 yards at the 5:02 mark, then Maddi Bushard's PAT kick put the blue-and-gold back on top, 15-14.

Howard found the endzone again with a 22-yard sprint -- but that was after Durand reclaimed the lead on Nierescher's one-yard touchdown sneak. With a precarious 21-20 lead, Howard hit Joie Fabus with a two-point conversion pass to make it 23-20 heading into the final quarter.



Walker Lover made 10 tackles during the game against Durnad on September 25th. Photo by Tricia Barnhill

The Ovid-Elsie faithful breathed a collective sigh of relief when speedster Fabus zipped 48 yards for a 29-20 advantage with 10:45 left to play. Bushard's PAT boot seemed to put things out of reach at 30-20.

Durand wasn't done, however. With 3:44 left in the game, the runnin' Railroaders instead turned to the pass, stunning the crowd with a 68-yard, Lucas Goodman to Boston Perrin touchdown bomb. Montana Spaulding kicked the PAT, and suddenly it was 30-27.

The O-E defense made sure it stayed that way. Defensive leaders on the night were Bryce Krueger (11 tackles, one tackle for loss), Howard (10 tackles, a sack, two tackles for loss), Walker Lover (10 tackles), Julian Medina (9 tackles), Kellen Garcia (8 tackles) and Will Baese with 7 tackles and a sack of Goodman.

Durand pounded out 168 yards on the ground, 159 by Chapman, and nicked O-E for 307 total yards.

The Marauders responded with 311 total yards, Chase Fabus motoring to 107 rushing yards on 15 carries; Howard 77 on 11; Joie Fabus 62 on 6; Peyton Harris 7 on 2 touts. Medina, J. Fabus and Lover each caught a pass as Howard connected on 3-of-7 for 58 yards.



Brody Howard had a strong running game against Durand on Septermber 25th. Photo by Tricia Barnhill

Best Times Highlight Wolfpack Effort at Saranac CMAC Jamboree #1

SARANAC -- Laingsburg's varsity cross-country teams put up a slew of best times, running at the first CMAC Jamboree of 2026 at Saranac HS.

\Fowler won the boys race with 49 points, followed closely by the Wolfpack and P-W in a tie for 2nd place (66 points). They were followed by Bath (71), Dansville (127), Perry (137) and Potterville (177).

\The girls competition was won by Bath with 43 points, chased by Pewamo-Westphalia 52, Perry 72, Potterville 118, Laingsburg 139, Lansing Christian 145 and the host RedHawks 161.

"We had a good meet in Saranac," explained Wolfpack coach Shawn Baynes. "It's a really hard course, but we ended up getting a few personal bests and season bests."

Austin Hodges (7th place) and Cameron Betts (56th) both turned in season bests for the male Wolfpack, in 18:05.70 and 23:55.70, respectively. Logging personal bests were Jace Devereaux (10th in 18:35.1), Joel Rathka (17th in 19:15.8), Calum Knull (18th in 19:20.7), Andrew Stevens (34th in 20:53.5) and Jordan Jackson (52nd in 23:40.7).

The Lady Wolfpack was paced by Payge Woodworth in 22:56.65, Samantha Gutzman 22:49.20, KiKi Rusz 22:57.59, Molly McDougall Smith 24:22.69, Lilli Morrill 24:34.38, Alaina Luna 24:38.8, Samantha Morrill 24:54.94, Meriel Burley 31:00.46, Sarah Kibzey 31:22.01 and Ruby Burley 35:50.00.

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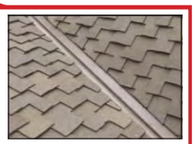
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Sports



Lady Marauders Continue Hot MMAC Start, Move to 3-1 by Downing Lakeville

OTISVILLE -- Ovid-Elsie's varsity volleyball team won for the third time in four league matches, with a victory at Otisville-LakeVille Tuesday.

Overall, Angela Ehle's Marauders moved to 6-15-2 overall, while dropping the Falcons to 0-3 in the circuit, 0-6 overall.

Leading the Marauders in the 25-20, 25-15, 25-19 sweep was Kendal Tokar with 15 assists, 9 aces, a kill, a block and 15 digs.

Allison Veith was good for 2 aces, 11 kills and a dig. Kortlynn Loynes (5 kills, 3 aces), Brooklyn Thornton (4 aces, a kill, 5 digs), Laura Newman (4 aces and a dig) and Abigail Bowen (3 aces, 2 kills, one dig) also contributed to the win.

MMAC Hosts 2nd Cross-Country Jam of 2026; Marauders Improve Times

CHESANING -- The Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) hosted its second Cross-Country Jamboree of the 2026 season at Chesaning's Twin Brooks GC.

The Montrose Rams won the boys run-off with 53 team points, followed by Birch Run 74, Lakeville 83, Byron 85, the host Indians 89, New Lothrop 123 and Ovid-Elsie 161.

The girls race was claimed by Chesaning at 28 team tallies, ahead of Birch Run 66, Montrose 71, New Lothrop 72 and the Lady Marauders 131.

Chesaning's Grace Jordan was the #1 female finisher in 19:12.6. Ovid-Elsie was sparked by Dana Juhas 26th in 25:31.1, Lydia Lawrence 34th 27:44.6, Addilynn Vincent 35th 27:47.0, Shaelynn Kinney 40th 29:04.20, KyLynn Salyer 42nd 29:22.7, Brena Vincent 43rd 29:45.5 and Alena Weber 51st in 40:22.2.

Chesaning standout Jaxon Hemgesberg again ruled the boys field in 16:47.6. For Ovid-Elsie, Travis Wright clocked 20th in 19:34.8, Mitch Gonzalez 31st 20:12.2, Jeremiah Stewart 34th 20:23.3, Sam Kennedy 49th 21:41.3, Hunter Howell 53rd 21:50.0, Destin Kinney 59th 23:05.8, Ethan Jullie 66th 25:39.0, Drew Jullie 69th 27:11.6, and Adam Jullie 71st 28:08.3.



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Gridiron Gurus PICK 'EM Contest After WEEK 5

PIZZA: Alex Arnst
SUB SANDWICH: Ben Hudson (tie), Dan Culpepper (tie)
BREADSTICKS: Edith Lagunas



GRIDIRON GURUS
by Tom Turek
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Oof!

A brutal Week 4 took its toll on our fearless forecasters, with a 6-6 record -- or worse -- being the norm for the large field.

LSU mauling Texas A & M. Oregon clobbering USC after the Trojans tried to decapitate the Ducks' QB. The upstart (1st place?) Browns upending the Panthers. And the biggest head-scratcher of all: the Falcons obliterating the Packers in Green Bay's home opener.

We can't make this stuff up!

Neither could our prognosticating pundits, most of them a'bumblin' and a'stumblin', including our staffers Wolfman and Fitzgerald. They saved some face by both going 6-6, Wolfie maintaining his five-game cushion over the outmanned coach-wannabe.

Alex Arnst showed up in the winner's column for the first time, with a fine 9-3 effort that easily outdistanced everyone else. How do you spell P-I-Z-Z-A, Alex?

Ben Hudson and Dan Culpepper both nailed the tie-breaker to share 2nd place, each nabbing a sub sandwich.

Edith Lagunas was just two points off the pace in the tie-break, landing some lucious breadsticks for 3rd place.

Join the fun! Play Gridiron Gurus each week!

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

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

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

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

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Nicholas R Kleinhardt and Amber J Kleinhardt, husband and wife
Original Mortgagee: Mercantile Bank of Michigan
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None
Date of Mortgage: July 21, 2021
Date of Mortgage Recording: July 26, 2021
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $194,900.97
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Victor, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: That part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 30, Town 6 North, Range 1 West, Victor Township, Clinton County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the West line of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4, 1318.39 feet South 89 degrees 45 minutes 13 seconds West on the East-West 1/4 line of Section 30 and 1145.31 feet South 00 degrees 56 minutes 07 seconds East on the West line of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 from the center of Section 30: thence North 89 degrees 27 minutes 10 seconds East 300.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 56 minutes 07 seconds East 480.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 27 minutes 10 seconds West 300.00 feet to the West line of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 30; thence North 00 degrees 56 minutes 07 seconds West 480.00 feet on said West line of East 1/2 to the point of beginning.
Common street address (if any): 9683 Chandler Rd, Laingsburg, MI 48848-9416
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
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Date of notice: October 4, 2026
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Acclaimed Jazz Artists Join MSU Ensembles for Fall Residencies and Performances

submitted by Michael Sunderman

EAST LANSING — The MSU College of Music Jazz Studies program welcomes two distinguished guest artists this fall as part of continuing residency programs that connect students with leading performers, educators, and mentors from across the jazz world. Guitarist Ed Cherry and drummer Dr. Professor Leonard King will spend time on campus collaborating with MSU musicians and performing alongside ensembles in public concerts.

Together, the residencies highlight both nationally recognized jazz artistry and Michigan's rich musical traditions while providing students opportunities to collaborate with accomplished performers from different corners of the jazz world.

A respected jazz guitarist known for his expressive sound and deep roots in the tradition, Ed Cherry joins the MSU Jazz Orchestras on Sunday, October 11, 2026, at 3 p.m. in Fairchild Theatre. A longtime member of Dizzy Gillespie's ensembles, including the United Nation Orchestra, Cherry has performed and recorded with acclaimed artists including Paquito D'Rivera, Henry Threadgill, and Roy Hargrove. Cherry's activities are part of the MSU Federal Credit Union Jazz Artist in Residence program.

Detroit-born drummer and bandleader Dr. Professor Leonard King joins the MSU Jazz Nonets on Friday, November 6, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. in Fairchild Theatre. With deep roots in Michigan's jazz and soul traditions, King has performed with artists including James Carter, Bettye LaVette, and The O'Jays, bringing decades of performance and collaborative experience to the stage. King's presence on campus is part of the Jazz Nonets Guest Artist Series.

In addition to rehearsals and performances with the ensembles, both residencies include outreach activities that connect MSU Jazz Studies with local and regional communities across Michigan, creating opportunities for audiences to experience jazz alongside educational engagement and artistic mentorship.

"One of the great things about our program is the chance for students to work closely with outstanding artists who are actively shaping the jazz world," said Rodney Whitaker, University Distinguished Professor of Jazz Bass and director of Jazz Studies at MSU. "Ed Cherry and Dr. Professor Leonard King bring incredible experience, creativity, and perspective. One comes with a long international performing career, the other with deep roots in Detroit's musical community, and both have so much to offer our students and audiences."

Additional guest artists appearing during the 2026–27 season include Andrew Martin, jazz trombone (Dec. 6); Peter Martin, jazz piano (Feb. 5); John Patitucci, jazz bass (Mar. 18); and Ralph Moore, jazz saxophone (Apr. 23). To learn more about these artists and other upcoming jazz performances, visit music.msu.edu/jazz-events.

The MSU Federal Credit Union Jazz Artist in Residence program enters its 13th season thanks to support provided by the MSUFCU endowment. The inaugural Jazz Nonets Guest Artist Series is supported by Jill Canny and Robert Last.

These concerts are presented during the MSU College of Music's "20 Years of Momentum" anniversary season, celebrating two decades as an independent college while building on a musical tradition at MSU that spans more than 160 years.

Tickets: Reserved seating tickets purchased at the door are $19 for adults, $17 for seniors (age 60+), and $9 for students and those under 18 with valid ID. Tickets may also be purchased online at music.msu.edu/events or by calling (517) 353-5340; tickets purchased online or by phone include a $1.50 processing fee

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Paul D Perpich and Christine M Perpich, husband and wife
Original Mortgagee: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., successor by merger to Wells Fargo Bank Southwest, N.A. F/K/A Wachovia Mortgage, F.S.B. F/K/A World Savings Bank, F.S.B.
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None
Date of Mortgage: January 10, 2005
Date of Mortgage Recording: January 26, 2005
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $88,710.23
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of De Witt, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 122, Geneva Shores No. 1, City of Dewitt, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Pages 3 and 4, Clinton County Records.
Common street address (if any): 1035 E Geneva Dr, Dewitt, MI 48820-9579
The redemption period shall be 1 year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a.
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
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Date of notice: September 20, 2026
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE 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 18, 2026. The amount due on the Mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by BILLIE LEONARD to FIFTH THIRD BANK NA dated February 11, 2021 and recorded February 19, 2021 as Instrument No. 5305535, Clinton County, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of $86,225.43. Said premises are located in Clinton County, Michigan and are described as: The land is situated in the Township of Greenbush, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, as follows: Beginning on the East line of said Section 9, T8N, R2W, Greenbush Township, Clinton County, Michigan, North 00° 28' 08" East, 830.17 feet from the East 1/4 Cornet of said Section; thence North 89° 47' 26" West, 380.00 feet; thence North 00° 28' 08" East, 486.01 feet; thence South 89° 08' 38" East, 380.00 feet to said East Section line; thence along said East line, South 00° 28' 08" West, 481.72 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly Known As: 7691 North Scott Road, Saint Johns, MI 48879 Tax Parcel ID: 090-009-100-060-50 Said property is commonly known as 7691 N Scott Rd, St Johns, MI 48879. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Please be advised that any third party purchaser is responsible for preparing and recording the Sheriff's Deed. If this is a residential Mortgage, the following shall apply: ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU: ARE A DEBTOR IN AN ACTIVE BANKRUPTCY CASE; ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF A BANKRUPTCY STAY; OR, HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AND YOU HAVE NOT REAFFIRMED THE DEBT, THIS NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY. Dated: September 23, 2026 Attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage: Thomas E. McDonald (P39312) Brock & Scott, PLLC 5431 Oleander Drive Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (844) 856-6646 File No. 26-26437

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

CASE NO: 26-33029-DE
Estate of
MILTON GARFIELD NYHUS, JR.
Date of Birth: July 12, 1957
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent,
MILTON GARFIELD NYHUS, JR.
Died on July 23, 2026
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Amanda Nyhus & Aprillynn Nyhus, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 100 East State Street, Suite 4300, St. Johns, MI 48879 and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication.

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

CASE NO: 26-33214-NC
In the matter of
KRISTEN DANIELLE MONTAGUE
TAKE NOTICE:
KRISTEN DANIELLE MONTAGUE has filed a petition for name change.
A name change hearing will be held on Monday, October 19, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. at 100 E. State Street, 4th Floor Courtroom St. Johns, Michigan 48879, before Judge Lisa Sullivan change the name of KRISTEN DANIELLE MONTAGUE to
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in CLINTON County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on October 21, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jacob S. Hindbaugh, unmarried man, whose address is 6800 East Parks Road, Saint Johns, Michigan 48879, as original Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Academy Mortgage Corporation, being a mortgage dated January 31, 2017, and recorded on February 13, 2017 with Document Number 5250662, Clinton County Records, State of Michigan and assigned by said mortgagee through mesne assignments to NewRez LLC, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated May 4, 2020 and recorded on May 4, 2020 and given document number 5292138 in Clinton County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND FORTY-FIVE AND 22/100 DOLLARS ($84,045.22). Said premises are situated in the Township of Ovid, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, and are described as: COMMENCING 20 RODS WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 28, TOWN 7 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, OVID TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, RUNNING THENCE WEST 20 RODS, THENCE SOUTH 16 RODS, THENCE EAST 20 RODS, THENCE NORTH 16 RODS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. EXCEPT COMMENCING 20 TWENTY RODS WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER THEREOF THENCE 264 FEET NORTH & SOUTH BY 165 FEET EAST & WEST. Street Address: 6800 East Parks Road, Saint Johns, Michigan 48879 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: September 20, 2026 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Robert A. Blumberg (P87490) Johnson, Blumberg & Associates LLC 30 North LaSalle St., Suite 3650 Chicago, Illinois, 60602 312.541.9710 - Phone 312.541.9711 - Fax File No.: MI 26 7482

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

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

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

Date of Mortgage: September 27, 2021

Date of Mortgage Recording: September 30, 2021

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

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

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

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