

## ELECTIONS 2024 RESULTS

### Record Voter Turnout Statewide and Locally

Registered voters showed up in large numbers both locally and statewide. From absentee to early voting and on Election Day the turnout numbers were massive. Listed here are the contested local race results in the Meridian Weekly coverage area.

#### Clinton County:

In the City of Ovid, Mary Perrien was elected Mayor with 373 votes. Challengers were Dan Lupu, 186 votes and William Lasher with 75 votes. In Ovid Township, Jennings West was re-elected Supervisor with 879 votes, his challenger, Gary Criner got 421 votes. Claudia Barrett Pluger retained her position as Clerk with 948 votes, her challenger, William Keith Jones got 350 votes. There were three candidates vying for two Trustee seats, Bobby Byles was the top vote getter with 872, followed by Kurt Wolf who got 869, Greg Atwood received 191 votes.

The Ovid-Elsie School Board had three seats open with five candidates running for a seat. Becky Taylor-Williams was the top vote getter with 1,459, followed by David Huff with 1437 votes and Sue Zalecki-Kadlec with 1294 affirmative votes. Candidates also on the ballot included, Charles Green with 1,283 and Eric Jones with 966 votes.

The Village of Elsie had four candidates running for three open Trustee seats. Todd Carroll won a seat with 280 votes, joining him were Mark Helt with 210 votes and Samuel Frink with 203. Joseph Ondrusek, also on the ballot got 174 votes.

#### Shiawassee County:

State Representative in the 71st District, Brian Begole defeated Mark Zacharda, 22,035 to 13,264. In the 75th District, Frank Lambert defeated Penelope Tsernoglou, 2,499 to 1,745. The Drain Commissioner race was won by Brent Singer with 22,342 votes over Tony Newman with 15,922 votes.

In the City of Laingsburg, the following were elected to a Trustee seat. Scott Danek with 386 votes, Randy Cragg with 378 votes and Tim Leonard with 372 votes. In Victor Township the Road Millage Renewal passed 1,345 to 826.

#### Gratiot County:

For Sheriff, Tom Clark defeated John Cary, 14,229 to 2,528. For County Commissioner in the 4th District, Steve Sopocy defeated Sarah Foltz, 2,846 to 941.



Steve Sopocy  
County Commissioner  
4th District



Brian BeGole  
State Representative  
71st District



Mary Perrien  
Mayor  
City of Ovid



Claudia Pluger  
Ovid  
Township Clerk



Jennings West  
Ovid  
Township Supervisor



Bobby Byles  
Ovid  
Township Trustee



Kurt Wolf  
Ovid  
Township Trustee



Dr. David Huff  
Ovid-Elsie  
School Board



Becky Taylor-Williams  
Ovid-Elsie  
School Board



Sue Zalecki-Kadlec  
Ovid-Elsie  
School Board

### Ovid Inn to Hold Open House

by Deb Price

The Ovid Inn, located in downtown Ovid will host an Open House on Thursday, November 14th from 4pm-8pm. The Inn, an event space and wedding venue, boasts vintage charm with modern amenities that create a rich backdrop for your next event. Amenities include an Ballroom, Dance Floor & Stage, Meeting Space with Wi-Fi, Game Room, Kitchen & Bar, Courtyard and Sleeping Accomodations. Owners, Jennifer McKinstry and Steve Andrews purchased the building from Jack & Tess Clarkson earlier this year. "We invite everyone to come take a tour of our first and second floor facility which features a banquet space and game room," explained Jennifer. Andrews added, "We have been working 24-7 for several months and are excited to share our work with you." The couple will be accepting reservations at Ovid Inn beginning November 14th.

The goal of the Ovid Inn is to offer an alternative to expensive hospitality. They will offer overnight accommodations in an affordable way. They also look to work towards helping build a thriving downtown area, build community pride, create jobs, partner with local businesses and share in the growth so everybody thrives. The couple love the location of the Inn. It is surrounded by Ovid Cafe, Main Street Pizza, Main Bar, two salons and a barber shop. The Trinity Church located across the street offers a convenient wedding chapel.

The Ovid Inn can also offer accommodations to a neighboring business, Owosso Speedway as well as Michigan State University sporting events & performances and other wedding venues that bring family into the area and need a place to stay.

The couple have a diverse set of backgrounds. Steve spent 15 years in the horse profession and did two operations in Iraq with the US Army. He looks forward to being of service to Tom's Western Store High School & Little Britches Rodeos.



One of the seven rooms located in the Ovid Inn

Jennifer, who was brought up in Williamston, spent a lot of time visiting God Parents, Jack & Tess Clarkson and enjoying their barn dances and other events Ovid had to offer. They both love this area and have recently purchased a house in Laingsburg. The couple are extremely energetic and have set their sights on making this business venture a successful one. Stop in on Thursday from 4pm-8pm, take a look around and introduce yourselves to Ovid's newest business people. For more information visit their website at [ovidinn.com](http://ovidinn.com), or by email [jennifer@ovidinn.com](mailto:jennifer@ovidinn.com), or by calling (517)944-0114.



Ovid Inn owners Steve Andrews and Jennifer McKinstry



### Ovid Veterans Day Parade

Ovid VFW Post 8964 will be hosting a Veterans Day Parade on Monday, November 11th at 7pm in downtown Ovid. The parade will begin at the corner of High and Main Street and will end at the VFW Hall at 214 Main Street. There will be a guest speaker and light refreshment of hot dogs and hot chocolate served inside the hall at the parades end. Parade participants are welcome. For more information call Aaron McClung at 904-864-3910 or Art Jones at 517-719-8993.

### Elsie Veterans Day Ceremony 2024

submitted by Brian Valentine, Post 502 Commander

On November 11, 2024, the American Legion Post 502 in Elsie will host a Veterans Day Ceremony at Hero's Park in Elsie weather permitting otherwise it will be held at the Post building. The ceremony will begin promptly at 11:00 am.

Public is invited to attend. ALL veterans are encouraged to attend.

### Laingsburg Veterans Day Breakfast

Laingsburg Community schools invite Veterans and their guest to join in a celebration on Monday, November 11th at Laingsburg High School.

8:00-8:40am: Coffee and Conversation. 8:40am: Pledge of Allegiance by the Young 5 Classroom. 8:40-9:10am: Breakfast served by the Middle School Student Council. Music provided by the High School Jazz Band. 9:10-9:20am: 5th Grade Choir Performance. 9:20-9:30am: Guest Speaker. 9:30am: Thank you send off



# Social

## Elsie Library Adventures

*submitted by Ann Trierweiler*

Story time has been fun! There is a special Music and Motion planned at noon on Monday, the 11th for Veterans Day. A chance to remember our Veterans with the children. On Saturday, the 16th, we are having a special Spiderman movie event. Snacks and a movie!

Our Potter Park Zoo free passes are here for the thirty-second Annual Wonderland of Lights. The Special lights will be accessible on Thursdays to Sundays from November 23 at 5:00 p.m., through December 23 at 8:00 p.m. On Fridays and Saturdays...and Santa will be available for photos.

For our movie fanatics, we have thousands of movies. We try to keep our newer inventory of both books and movies easy to find.

The Elsie Public Library has a drop-off for many recycle items. Batteries (not car or boat), aluminum tabs for Ronald McDonald House, cancelled postage stamps, glasses for the Lions Club, ink cartridges, old greeting and Christmas cards for St. Jude Children's Ranch, and food donations are all accepted and forwarded from here...reduce, reuse and recycle.

Please follow our Facebook page for all program updates and time changes that may occur.

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body."  
Joseph Addison



## Ovid Lions Club Cheese Sale Returns

Just in time for Thanksgiving, the Ovid Lions Club has begun their Cheese Sale. The varieties include Amish Creamery, Colby Jack, Pepper Jack, Horseradish and Baby Swiss for \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Also available is a Variety Wheel which includes Colby/Pepper/Monterey Jack & Colby for \$12.

To order call Doc O'Bryant at 989-834-2425, Mary Perrien at 989-251-8517.

The cheese is also available for purchase at the Meridian Weekly on Tuesdays from 8:30-noon or Wednesday and Thursdays from 8:30-4:00. Ovid Service Agency will also be selling cheese at their office.

This delicious Amish cheese will compliment your Thanksgiving table and it also makes a great christmas gift.

## Ovid Public Library Event

On Monday, November 11 Jackie Medley, RN, BSN and Natural Health Therapist will be giving a presentation on the history, science and uses of essential oils. The presentation will be held at 5:00 pm at the Ovid Public Library and will last about an hour. Please join us for A New Look at Essential Oils. If you have any questions please call us at 989-834-5800.



## Great Gobbler Giveaway

Great Gobbler Giveaway is coming. Merchants get out your turkeys pails. On Sunday, November 17th, the Meridian Weekly will publish the annual Great Gobbler Giveaway Entry Blanks. Entries will be accepted Monday, November 18th thru Nov. 24th. Winners will be contacted on Monday, November 25th.

## Festive, Edible Centerpiece Workshop

*submitted by Linda Ruehle*

The Shiawassee Arts Center will be hosting a Festive, Edible Centerpiece Workshop with Jill Davis on Thursday, November 21, 5:30pm - 7:30pm. Jill was a finalist in the Food Network's Halloween Baking Championship in season eight. Spend an evening creating a festive, edible centerpiece for Thanksgiving! Learn a variety of buttercream, fondant, and hand painting skills to



*Jill Davis decorating her centerpiece*

adorn your personal cake, trimmed for the season. Each student will leave with a uniquely decorated cake and painted sugar cookies. The cost is \$75 for SAC Members/\$80 for guests. See our website for more information, [shiawasseearts.org](http://shiawasseearts.org) or call (989) 723-8354 to reserve your seat today! The Shiawassee Arts Center is located at 206 Curwood Castle Drive, Owosso.

## Owosso Parkinson Support Group Meeting

The Owosso Parkinson Support group is to meet on Wednesday November 13th at 5:00pm, at Shiawassee Council on Aging 300 N. Washington St, Owosso. Phone 989-723-8875.

The Owosso Parkinson Support Group meets the second Wednesday of each month.

Our special guest speaker will be Helen Howard, RN, the CEO of Respite in Owosso. They are made up of volunteers who help clients with some of their needs. They are trained to work with their clients. They're assigned to the person is best suited to them.

If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with Parkinsons Disease, please join us. We provide information, encouragement, and support. If you have questions about Owosso Parkinson Support Group, please call Karen Prussner, Facilitator at 989-723-6901.

Cookie Walk  
Saturday, November 16th  
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## Community Thanksgiving Dinners

Local communities will be hosting Thanksgiving Dinners in Laingsburg, Ovid and surrounding areas on Thanksgiving day. Watch next weeks Meridian Weekly for complete details.

## Memorial Healthcare to Host Free Lunch and Learn in St. Johns on “Gallbladder Disease”

submitted by Dianna Vsetula

Owosso – Memorial Healthcare will be hosting a FREE community Lunch and Learn presentation on Wednesday, December 4th from 12:00pm to 1:00pm in St. Johns.

The topic of this educational presentation will be on “Gallbladder Disease” and will be presented by Dr. Gregory Flermoen, a General Surgeon at Memorial Healthcare Surgical Associates.

This presentation will be held at and catered by Ryan’s Roadhouse, 902 E. State Street, St. Johns. Please RSVP to Becky Dahlke, Community Resource Manager at (989) 729-4856 or by email at RDahlke@memorialhealthcare.org. RSVPs are due by Wednesday, November 27th.

For more information please visit, [www.MemorialHealthcare.org](http://www.MemorialHealthcare.org)

## Shiawassee County Agricultural Society Annual Meeting

submitted by Carrie Rutkowski

The Annual Meeting of the Shiawassee County Agricultural Society, the organization that owns and directs the operation of the Shiawassee County Fairgrounds, is scheduled for Thursday, December 5, 2024.

Community members are invited to show their support for the Shiawassee County Fair, its Board of Directors and the youth of the county by becoming a member of the Society. Yearly dues are \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Your membership must be paid at the fair office by Tuesday November 5 by 4pm or postmarked by November 5, to be eligible to vote. Applications have been sent for current members, others may contact the fair office or website for membership applications.

This year’s Annual Meeting will be held at the Durand VFW Hall, 932 N Saginaw St, Durand, MI 48429. Social hour with complimentary hors d’oeuvres & deserts and cash bar begins at 5:45 pm and the business meeting at 6:30 pm including drawings for our Reverse Raffle.

Meeting R.S.V.P. must be made no later than November 21, at 4 pm at the fair office.

This year’s Reverse Raffle has only 100 tickets available. These tickets are \$100 each and may be purchased by individuals or groups. Tickets are available for purchase through Board members or at the fair office.

For more information contact the fair office at 989-743-3611.

## Consumers Energy Completes Mid-Michigan Natural Gas Pipeline

submitted by Brian Wheeler

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Consumers Energy today announced it has completed its Mid-Michigan Pipeline, replacing and upgrading 55 miles of natural gas transmission pipeline in Clinton, Shiawassee, Ingham, Livingston and Washtenaw counties.

Mid-Michigan is the last in a series of major projects representing a nearly \$1.5 billion investment to modernize the company’s natural gas system, ensuring the major arteries that keep natural gas flowing to homes and businesses are as safe and reliable as possible.

Consumers Energy finished work on the Mid-Michigan Pipeline in time for this winter heating season. The project replaced 20-inch pipeline dating to the 1940s with 36-inch pipeline that will carry large volumes of natural gas more safely and reliably.

“Our friends and neighbors count on us to safely and affordably heat their homes and businesses, and we take that responsibility seriously,” said David Hicks, the Consumers Energy vice president who oversaw the project. “The Mid-Michigan Pipeline and our other pipeline projects play a central role in Consumers Energy’s Natural Gas Delivery Plan to ensure we meet Michigan’s needs for decades to come.”

The pipeline also illustrated Consumers Energy’s commitment to protecting the planet. This spring, officials released two dozen young turtles rescued from potential harm during the project’s construction. Consumers Energy planted wildflower seeds along the pipeline’s route to attract birds, bees and other pollinators.

The Mid-Michigan Pipeline’s first phase, from Williamston to Ovid, was completed last year. This year, crews worked through Sleepy Hollow State Park to bring the project to completion, working carefully to protect natural resources and reduce the environmental footprint.

This decade, Consumers Energy also has completed the four-county Saginaw Trail Pipeline in 2020 and the South Oakland Macomb Network, which finished in 2022.

Consumers Energy is Michigan’s largest energy provider, providing natural gas and/or electricity to 6.8 million of the state’s 10 million residents in all 68 Lower Peninsula counties. Consumers Energy knows job number one is to keep the lights on for customers. We are committed to delivering reliable, clean, and affordable energy to our customers 24/7.



Dr. Gregory Flermoen



## American Recycles Day - November 15

submitted by Ellen Link

Keep America Beautiful, established in 1953, strives to end littering and beautify America’s communities, the focus of AMERICA RECYCLES DAY. It’s the only nationally recognized day that’s all about recycling! Everyone can contribute to this effort, whether at home, school or work, by wasting less and recycling more—from plastic bottles and aluminum cans to paper, electronics and much more.

In Michigan the recycling rate has increased from 14.25% pre-2019 to 23% in 2023, good but still far from the modest goal of 30% by 2029. In 2023, Michiganders recycled over 330,000 tons of paper, over 237,000 tons of metal, over 67,000 tons of glass, and over 58,000 tons of plastic. Recycling not only creates jobs and improves the environment but also reduces the amount of natural resources that must be extracted. And it saves taxpayers money! So, join the cause—we all benefit from a cleaner, more beautiful environment.

## Elsie Lions Club Blood Drive

submitted by Doug Sturgis

The Elsie Lions Club will be holding a blood drive at the United Methodist Church, 160 W. Main Street, Elsie on Wednesday, November 27 from 11:00am - 3:45pm.

To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or log onto RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code Elsie.

RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

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### City of Ovid Special Meeting October 23, 2024

#### Open Public Meeting:

Mayor Lasher called the Special Meeting to order at 5:30 PM in the Council room located at 114 E. Front Street, Ovid, Michigan.

#### Roll Call:

L. Ordiway-Absent, L. Perrien, M. Olger, W. Lasher, E. Brown-Absent, M. Perrien, E. Starn

Guests- There were 5 guest.

#### Agenda

Council Member M. Perrien made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member E. Starn seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote

Open Public Comment: Opened: 5:31 pm Closed: 5:36 pm

#### New Business

a. Ordinance #146

Council Member E. Starn made a motion to approve to adopt Ordinance #146, ordinance authorizing issuance of revenue bonds as amended with wording of “the subsequent year” to “that year” in “Fiscal Year” paragraph under Section 1. Definitions. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion. Upon Roll Call Vote the following voted YES: E. Starn, M. Perrien, W.

Lasher, M. Olger, L. Perrien

Upon roll Call Vote the following voted NO: None

Absent: E. Brown and L. Ordiway

Final Comments: none

Adjournment-

Council Member M. Perrien made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 pm. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote

Meeting adjourned at 5:39 pm

Respectfully Submitted by  
Susan Tomasek Swan,  
Clerk

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Donald Willis “Don” Hier

Donald Willis "Don" Hier, age 61, of Ashley, MI, passed away Sunday, November 3, 2024, at his home surrounded by his family.

Don was born in St. Johns, Michigan on February 9, 1963, the son of Donald Wayne and Harriet Rose (Simpson) Hier. He graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School, with the class of 1981. Don married Sheila Rene Hindall, on December 26, 1982, in Bannister, Michigan. They were blessed with almost forty-two years of marriage.

Don retired from Oxford Automotive in Alma. He was a supportive dad and enjoyed watching his son's sporting events, never missing a game. Don proudly served his country in the United States Army and was stationed in Alabama, North Carolina, and Oklahoma.

He is survived by his wife Sheila Hier of Ashley, MI; sons: Joshua and Trisha Hier of Ovid, MI; Brandon and Katelyn Hier of St. Johns, MI; grandson Bennet Hier; his brother Jeff Hier of Holt, MI; brothers and sisters-in-law: Bob and Tina Hindall of Ithaca, MI; Linda and Dave Grover of Clare, MI; Denise Uribe of St. Johns, MI; and sister-in-law Judy Hier of Elsie, MI. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Donald and Harriett Hier, his brother Dale Hier, and mother and father-in-law Charles and Kay Hindall.

A Private Family Graveside Service will be held at North Star Cemetery, North Star, MI. Memorials may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Association, 375 Kings Highway North, Suite B, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034. Online condolences can be sent to [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



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Obituaries

Gaylord Leslie Long

Gaylord Leslie Long, age 92, of Elsie, Michigan, passed away Friday, November 1, 2024, at the University of Michigan - Sparrow Clinton Hospital, St. Johns, Michigan.

Gaylord was born in Elsie, Michigan, on December 8, 1931, the only child of Leslie and Anna (Darling) Long. Gaylord graduated from Owosso High School with the class of 1949, and married his high school sweetheart Shirley Seelhoff on August 19, 1950.

His life work was a dairy farmer for 43 years. After retirement in 1992, he and Shirley spent their winter months in Zephyrhills, Florida where he was an avid golfer and enjoyed playing cards. He was a great sports fan rooting for Michigan teams and enjoyed watching the Detroit Tigers, Lions and Pistons. He loved playing fast pitch softball with his children and friends. He also enjoyed polka dancing. His most enjoyment was watching his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren in their school sporting events.

He is survived by his wife Shirley Long of Elsie, MI; three sons: David and Sally Long of Elsie, MI; Dennis and Carolyn Long of Elsie, MI; and Douglas Long of Ovid, MI; and twin daughter, Debra Long of Elsie, MI. He is also survived by six grandchildren: Mike (Valerie) Long, Amy (Brad) Long-Carman, Christi Stenger, Brad (Kerri) Long, Travis (Sandy) Long, and Heidi (Randy) Uresti; fourteen great-grandchildren: Cayleb, Dylan, Braxton, Nicholas, Myah, Ellyanna, Hunter, Owen, Oliver, Emmylou, Griffin, Mitchell, Grace, and Ian. He was predeceased by his parents, and twin daughter, Darlene.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, MI, on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, with Pastor Mona Kindel officiating. Burial has taken place at Fairfield Township Cemetery, Elsie, Michigan.

Memorials may be made to Ovid-Elsie Sports Boosters. 8989 East Colony Road, Elsie, Michigan 48831 or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Online condolences can be sent to [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan.



Carolyn Joyce Blemaster

Carolyn Joyce Blemaster, a resident of Ovid, passed away peacefully at home on November 6, 2024, at the age of 77. She was born on May 12, 1947, in Dearborn, Michigan to Stanley and Ernestine (Sheldon) Stroub, and grew up in Durand, where she attended Durand High School.

Carolyn met Robert "Bob" Blemaster in the most natural way: during her frequent stops at the gas station where he worked, and later when she found him again at a restaurant in Maple Rapids where she was waitressing. Their paths continued to cross, and after a short courtship, they eloped to Florida, marrying on October 1, 1976. With their union, Bob embraced Carolyn's two young sons, Ernie and Paul, and together they grew their family to include two more children, Robin and Bobbie. They eventually settled in Ovid, creating a home filled with love, laughter, and resilience.

A hardworking woman, Carolyn spent years as a cook in local establishments, including Poor Man's Ponderosa, Lori's Diner, and finally retiring from Jumbo's in Owosso after 12 years. Cooking and baking were her love language; she delighted family and friends with her famous ranch-style beans, venison stew, and potato salad. At Christmastime, each grandchild received a package of homemade treats, including banana bread, caramel puffs, famous sugar cookies and puppy chow, crafted with her trademark warmth and care.

Carolyn cherished life's simple pleasures. She spent hours in the store, lending a hand, talking with anyone and everyone, and making new friends along the way. She loved browsing thrift stores and antique festivals, where she collected strawberries and teapots, and was passionate about family camping trips, her Jeep Liberty, and, most especially, her five beloved cats, who became her close companions after Bob's passing in 2021. Most of all, Carolyn cherished time spent with her family.

She is survived by her children, Ernie (Tracey) Bannister, Paul (Ronda) Bannister, Robin (David Malenfant) Blemaster, and Bobbie (Chris) Orweller; her cherished grandchildren, Nichole, Samantha, Brittany, Jacob, Destony, Paula, Thomas, Dylan, Heather, Kaytie, Jasmine, and Ethan; as well as numerous great-grandchildren; siblings, Dianna (Larry) Oldham, John Stroub, Tim (Michelle) Haskins and Cheryl (Larry Sampson) Stroub; sister in law, Connie Stroub, extended family, and dear friends, including Carol Batterbee and Judy Woodbury. Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents, Stanley and Ernestine Stroub; brother, Charles "Chuck" Stroub and her beloved husband, Bob.

A Funeral Service will be held at McGeehan Funeral Home, 1500 Waterford Pkwy, St. Johns, on Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 1 PM. Burial will follow at Middlebury Township Cemetery. Friends may visit the funeral home on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, from 4-8 PM and on Thursday from 12 PM until the time of the service.

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



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# Editorial



## A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

This morning Prudence is trying to get me back into relax mode. I woke up at 11:30 PM and have been updating price sheets for MG's. I then had to laminate them. In between I watered my various house plants. I'm thrilled because my baby red Christmas cactus that Therese gave me is blossoming. At one time I thought that I had decimated its existence. I only have three of the white ones left (she gave me six starts) and none of them are getting ready to blossom. It is now 1:30 AM, I keep hearing this soft little 'woof' and Prudence keeps pacing between my desk and the recliner where I could sit and hold her. On Monday I had taken Pru to the groomers so she is ready to start the holiday season. Me not so much and yet I'm looking forward to several activities.

I stopped to see Karen on my way home from the doctor's office. Poor gal has a nasty cold that she is nursing. It never ceases to amaze me on how long it takes to coddle a cold. Especially if it seems like you are coughing up a lung constantly. I do hope that my immunity factors are up and working well this year. Good news while at the doctor's office I was told that my blood pressure was normal, my oxygen content was 97% and pulse rate right on. Of course he was pleased that I had lost six more pounds. It is peculiar how it the weight just sneaks up on us and takes forever to leave. And yes I need to stop by for a fasting blood letting on Monday or Tuesday morning to see how my various levels are doing.

I also got to visit with Rolayne this week. I do know that it was an afternoon visit, it might have been on Monday after Terry stopped at the shop to see why the oven was burning baked goods on the left side. I enjoyed chatting with Terry when the oven was fixed and while we waited for the rain to slow down, no point getting drenched while walking six feet from the shop door to the curb. I think that's what got me to take the time and see Rolayne. After all it was my day off. I had a good cup of tea while visiting her. I have to admire her, she has more staying power than I have ever exhibited.

Last Saturday Diane told me to stay home, so I slept in. I decided that I should go up to the shop and have a morning cup of coffee. When I got there my long, lost cousin John was sitting there enjoying his breakfast and laughing loudly. He really wasn't lost, just hadn't seen him for the past eight months. Busy man that now lives in a house full of women of all ages (three generations). John told us of his 'granddaughter/grandpa date'. It was hilarious!!! Just shows how little girls can wrap their Grandpa's around their little fingers. I know that I was one of my Grandpa's favorites even though or because I was a tomboy. I then got to go on a thrift store shopping spree with my daughter, granddaughter, and two of my great granddaughters. It was amazing.

Things that I need to remember before I walk out the door this morning. The thawed crushed bananas. The cooler filled with dishes that I need to return to Robin whom I will be having lunch with this afternoon. At the shop I plan on making banana nut bread and I am hopeful that I won't pitch three of the raw loaves on the floor like I did yesterday. Bless her heart, Diane cleaned up my mess. It was frustrating. I hate the waste. Things got better, and I did manage to deliver the twenty loaves of various quick breads to Connie for the Sunshine Club's baskets. It's one of those things, I belong to the club but can't seem to make the meetings which are fun and interesting, donating the bread was a good thing.

We just got a commercial mixer for MG's, and it makes life much easier when making yeast breads and double and triple sized cookie batches. Of course I no longer work up a sweat while kneading something that needs to be done for ten minutes. No doubt my upper arm wings will start to flap again. So much for progress. May God bless you daily and take time to enjoy those much needed visits.

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## Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn  
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Jonah is an Old Testament prophet who preached a warning message to the people of Nineveh.

Some say that the God of the Old Testament is only a God of hate and wrath. This is not true. Yes, God will enact judgment on people, but only after giving them an opportunity to repent. The above mentioned Jonah is one example. Here are a few more:

We can go all the way back to Genesis chapter 4, where just before Cain kills Able, God warns him saying, "If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it."

— Genesis 4:7

Another is the great flood, also recorded in Genesis. Using conservative figures, one can estimate that Noah had a good 50 years of building the ark, possibly more, with which to warn the people of the coming flood. At least two generations would have heard Noah's warnings and seen the building of the ark before the flood came.

Even with the Canaanites, yes, those Canaanites, God gave them 400 years to repent.

Time and again God sent His prophets to warn people of His judgment so they would repent and change their ways.

As Jesus says, "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing."

— Matthew 23:37

One may complain about God's judgment, but notice that His judgment comes with a warning and God's desire that the people repent and so avoid being judged. God is both a God of judgment and a God of grace and love and in this way, neither God's judgment nor His love are compromised.

Back to our Jonah example, where God's righteous judgment says that the Ninevites are due to be punished. Grace and love come along and say, "Okay. But let's give them a 40 day warning and see what happens. They may repent." And praise God, they did.

God's judgment and grace can lead even the most hardened heart to repentance and faith in Him.

I'd like to share a true story of how an atheist not only became a Christian, but a theologian.

Guillaume Bignon was an atheist in France who graduated from a respected engineering school and landed a job as a computer scientist in finance. In his mid-20's he started looking into Christianity with the goal of turning his then girlfriend away from the faith. But then something happened.

As Bignon says, "At the same time I had started my investigations, I had also come to commit a particularly sinister misdeed...Though I knew exactly what I had done, I had shoved it down inside. But God brought it back to mind in full force, and I finally saw it for what it was. I was struck with an intense guilt, crippled with chest pain, and disgusted at the thought of what I had done and the lies I had covered it with.

I was lying in pain in my apartment near Paris, when all of a sudden the quarter dropped. That is why Jesus had to die: me. He who knew no sin became sin on my behalf, so that in him I might become the righteousness of God (2 Cor. 5:21).

He took upon himself the penalty that I deserved, so that in God's justice, my sins would be forgiven—by grace as a gift, rather than by my righteous deeds or religious rituals. He died so that I may live. I placed my trust in Jesus, and asked him to forgive me in the way Scripture promised he would."

Salvation is available to anyone- self-satisfied atheist, spiritual wanderer, questioning skeptic, the one who grew up in a Christian home but then walked away from God, religious but without a relationship with God, follower of a different religion, you name it.

God welcomes everyone to His table.

## Thank You Supporters

I would like to thank all my supporters for the work put into my campaign for the Mayor of Ovid race. There is work to do and I am ready to start as soon as the election is certified by the board of canvassers. I want to acknowledge Mayor Lasher for his lengthy dedication and service to our Village/City. I think it is important to explain the role of the Mayor under our current City Charter.

The Mayor has no power to hire or fire and has no veto power. The Mayor directs and supervises administrative officers of the City (Clerk, Treasurer, DPW Supervisor and Police Chief), the assessor and city attorney answer to the mayor and council. The power rests with the council and all decisions require a majority vote.

To use a sports reference, a team (council) leads your City. The Mayor is merely the captain. I will encourage transparency, public participation and will always have an open-door policy. I want to hear from residents because it is the residents that we serve. I will also encourage civility. We can differ on our opinions, but we should be able to discuss them without hate and anger. There is no place for that in my world and should be no place for it in our City. Let's work together to make our community a better place.

I will not be quitting my day job anytime soon. I must keep the roles separate. I have changed my work hours to start earlier so I will be available every day after 1 pm. Please respect my day job and save any City issue talk for when I am of duty.

*Grateful to be elected,  
Mary K. Perrien*

## Rep. BeGole Tabbed for House Leadership Position for 2025-26 Term

submitted by Denny Schwarze

State Rep. Brian BeGole today was elected to a leadership role for the Michigan House of Representatives' upcoming legislative term.

BeGole, of Antrim Township, was elected by his House Republican colleagues as Assistant Floor Leader for the 2025-26 term when Republicans retake majority. BeGole will help lead legislative efforts for Republicans during House session and ensure parliamentary procedure and House rules are followed.

"It's an honor to be elected for this role by my colleagues," BeGole said. "Communities across our region and the state have been very clear on issues that matter to them. They expect action so that their cost of living burden is lowered, their neighborhoods are safer, and their government is working with them in mind. These are things I have consistently pushed for the past two years, and now this position will allow me to fight for reforms and bring results. I am incredibly excited to get rolling."

BeGole was recently re-elected to the Michigan House for a second term. He represents the 71st District which includes portions of Shiawassee, Saginaw and Genesee counties.



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## Ovid-Elsie FFA Members Shine at National FFA Convention Expo

*submitted by: Trinity Ziola, Chapter Parliamentarian*

Members of the Ovid-Elsie FFA Chapter proudly represented our community at the 97th National FFA Convention and Expo, held in Indianapolis, Indiana. This year's event celebrated leadership, agriculture, and education, with thousands of FFA members from across the nation gathering to showcase their skills and achievements.

Our chapter had the honor of participating or competing in several prestigious contests and events, including Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems, Dairy Cattle Evaluation and Management, National Talent, and the American FFA Degree.

**\*\*Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems\*\***

Cale Jones (Bronze Individual), Harris Evans (Bronze Individual), Joseph Kioski (Bronze Individual), and Jeremiah Stewart (Silver Individual) demonstrated their expertise in agricultural technology by tackling real-world challenges in the field. Their innovative approaches showcased the importance of technology in modern agriculture and highlighted their dedication to developing sustainable solutions. Overall the team received a Bronze Award.

**\*\*Dairy Cattle Evaluation and Management\*\***

In the Dairy Cattle Evaluation and Management competition, Willow Evans (Gold Individual), Cassidy Harris (Silver Individual), Abby Thelen (Silver Individual), and Abigail Lehman (Silver Individual) exhibited their knowledge of animal science and herd management. Their hands-on skills and critical thinking earned them recognition among the nation's top competitors. Overall the team received a Silver Award. Congratulations to Willow Evans on her 16th overall placing for the contest.

**\*\*National Talent Competition\*\***

Our chapter was thrilled to be represented by Morgan Ryder in the National Talent competition. She captivated the audience with her vocal performances. She performed daily at various locations around the National FFA Convention and Expo.

**\*\*American FFA Degree Recipients\*\***

Special congratulations go to Dustin Anderson and Tori Maynard for achieving the prestigious American FFA Degree. This honor is awarded to FFA members who have demonstrated outstanding agricultural leadership, community service, and personal growth. Their commitment to excellence exemplifies the FFA's core values.

The National FFA Convention and Expo is not only a plat-

form for competition but also an opportunity for members to network, learn, and grow. Our attendees returned inspired and ready to apply their experiences in our local community and agriculture sector.

We are incredibly proud of our members for their hard work and dedication, and we look forward to their continued success in future endeavors.



(l-r): Bronze Team Ag Mechanics Harris Evans, Jeremiah Stewart, Cale Jones, and Joseph Kioski



(l-r): Silver Team Dairy Judging Abigail Lehman, Cassidy Harris, Willow Evans, Abby Thelen



Left (l-r): American Degree Recipients Tori Maynard and Dustin Anderson



Right: Talent Performer Morgan Ryder

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## Sports



Laingsburg Girls Cross Country Team included: Meriel Burley, Kiki Rusz, Samantha Gutzman, Lilli Morrill, Hazel Burley, Grace Knull, Madison Phillips, Jolie Larson, Evelyn Logghe, Emily Rathka, Addison Rusz

### Wolfpack Girls Bring Home 25th Place from MHSAA State Finals

BROOKLYN -- The Laingsburg girls cross-country team brought home top 25 statewide finish from the prestigious MHSAA Cross-Country State Finals at Michigan International Speedway.

Closing out the 2024 season for the boys team, Austin Hodges set a personal record in 17:54.00 in



Emily Rathka and Evelyn Logghe 4 time state qualifiers



Austin Hodges set a personal record at Regionals in DeWitt closing out the season

Regional action at DeWitt HS.

Veteran coach Shawn Baynes' Lady Wolfpack returned for back-to-back State Finals appearances after placing 3rd at the DeWitt Regional. They were led by 4-time state qualifiers Emily Rathka and Evelyn Logghe.

"Our girls team is a perfect combination of young talent and senior experience with super freshman Kiki Rusz and her senior sister Addi Rusz," said coach Baynes. "They are joined by sophomore Sam Gutzman, junior Hazel Burley and junior Nael Elguiz."

### MDARD Announces Request for Joint Evaluation Committee Volunteers

submitted by Jennifer Holton

LANSING--The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) is seeking experts to serve as Joint Evaluation Committee (JEC) members for the review and evaluate agriculture economic development grant applications submitted to the department for funding.

Joint Evaluation Committee Members serve on a panels that evaluate and analyze grantee applications based on published program criteria for each grant program. These JEC members bring critical perspectives and subject matter expertise to the review process, ensuring grants are awarded based not just on objective scoring criteria, but also in keeping with the intent of programs.

Current programs seeking JEC members include:

Rural Development Fund  
Underserved, Value Added, and Regional Food Systems  
Specialty Crop Block Grant

Reviewers should have knowledge or experience in food or agricultural systems, including but not limited to marketing, processing, distribution, production, economic development, finance and/or local and regional food systems. JEC panels meet remotely, so while reviewers are required to reside in Michigan, travel is not required for participation.

Applications for volunteers will be open from November 6, 2024 to December 6, 2024 at 5 p.m. EST. Applicants will be chosen to serve on the committee by the Grants Program. For additional information, and to apply, complete this form.

For more information on the MDARD Grants Program, visit [www.michigan.gov/mdardgrants](http://www.michigan.gov/mdardgrants) or email us at [MDA-Grants@michigan.gov](mailto:MDA-Grants@michigan.gov).

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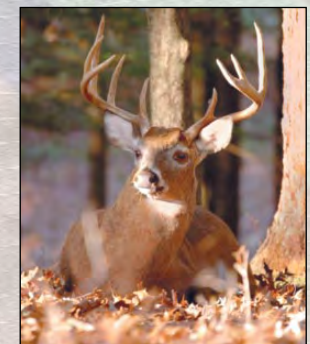
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# Sports



Kyden Ehle sets up Kortlynn Loynes (15) for a spike during District action vs. Bath.

Photo by Denise Burgess

## Lady Marauders Reel Off District Volleyball Win Over Bath, Advance to Tournament Final

OID-ELSIE -- The volleyball Marauders won in straight sets over Bath, 25-18, 25-19, 25-15 to advance to the MHSAA District Finals here November 7.

Coach Angela Ehle's Marauders advanced their overall record to 18-15-2. The win moved O-E in tournament action opposite Byron for the District championship.

Stat leaders in the big win over the Lady Bees were:

Kyden Ehle - 31 Assists, 2 Aces, 2 Kills, 2 Digs; Ashton Ehle - 21 Kills, 2 aces, 1 block, 12 Digs; Isabelle Ryal - 12 Digs; Tava Kvalevog - 7 kills, 1 block, 1 dig; Ellyanna Carman - 3 kills, 1 block, 6 digs; Lillian Bates - 1 kill, 1 ace, 1 block, 8 digs; Olyvia Coon - 1 Ace; Kortlynn Loynes - 1 block.

## Ovid-Elsie Girls Fall to Byron in District Final

OID-ELSIE -- The host Marauders concluded a solid 18-16-2 season with a four-set loss to Byron here Thursday night in the District Championship game.

O-E went down by two sets, 25-17 and 25-19, before bouncing back with a 25-17 win in the third set. The Eagles wrapped up the MHSAA District crown with a 25-19 victory in the fourth.

The MMAC rivals met multiple times this season, coach Angela Ehle's Marauders finishing 5-3 in the circuit. Byron improved to 22-10-7 overall, despite a middle-of-the-pack 4-4 campaign in the MMAC.

Watch next week's Weekly for more information.

## Marauder Stun #1 Rated Almont in Football District Semifinal, Advance

ALMONT -- Horns up? Horns down!

Through the past few seasons of exceptional Ovid-Elsie football under coach Travis Long, each team has developed its own, special ... uh ... "quirks." Traditions or, maybe, even superstitions.

In the hallways at O-E HS this fall, teammates started giving the "horns up" sign. It's easy. You fold down your middle finger and ring finger, hold those with your thumb, with your index finger and pinky representing horns. Like the horns on the Marauder mascot's helmet.

Coach Long changed it up, however. He exchanges the gesture "horns down", with the horns pointing toward the floor. Translation: aggression, ready to go into battle.

In their opening playoff game against #1 state-rated Almont, on the unbeaten Raiders' home turf, the Marauders took no prisoners with a statement win. In arguably O-E's best performance in years -- and there have been several good ones -- the visitors advanced with a dominant 44-21 victory.

Long's charges, at 8-2, earned a shot at the District title opposite Lansing Catholic, which shocked unbeaten Chesaning 36-29 in the other Division 6 semifinal contest.

The Marauders pulled off the first-round upset in what was a rematch of last year's Division 6 state semifinal, that they lost 45-21. Ovid-Elsie won by a nearly identical score; the 44 points scored by the Marauders were the most allowed by Almont this fall.

Tryce Tokar was honored as the Lansing State Journal Area Athlete of the Week for his performance. The senior QB had 30 carries for 208 yards and three touchdowns and was 15 of 17 passing for 193 yards and a touchdown.

The Marauders were also named the LSJ's Area Team of the Week for their heroics at Almont.



#20 Tryce Tokar had 30 carries for 208 yards, 3 touchdowns, and was 15 out of 17 passes for 193 yards and a touchdown. #11 Clayton Fruchey had 5 tackles and 1 TFL.

Photo by Michelle Ladiski

Almont to punt, and O-E went on another long scoring drive, culminating at 2:09 before half-time. Tokar scored on another one-yard blast, and though the PAT kicked failed, the visitors were on top at the intermission, 20-14. An Owen Long interception ended the final Raider drive of the half.

The Marauders took the 2nd half kickoff and again marched smartly, this drive ending in a 23-yard Campbell field goal for a 23-14 lead.

Tokar's strong right arm took the contest over from that point. Howard caught two big tosses, the last one for an 18-yard TD strike from Tokar, and Campbell's PAT kick put the guests in complete command, 30-14.

Into the final quarter, Tokar found Javen Belill for 30 yards to the Almont 30. Tokar capped that drive himself with yet another one-yard touchdown, Campbell kicking the PAT for a 37-14 bulge.

The Marauders still weren't done with their domination. Fruchey ended the scoring assault with 2:01 left in the contest on a 4-yard run and Campbell's final extra-point kick.

Battani put the finishing touches on an outstanding Almont career with a 49-yard sprint to the promised land with 1:42 remaining. O'Neil's kick wrapped things up at 44-21.

Long's defensive charges were led by Ben Wildes (5 tackles, 2 TFL), Bryce Krueger (5 tackles), Fruchey (5 tackles, 1 TFL), Tokar (5 tackles), Belill (5 tackles, 1 sack), Bowen (3 tackles, 1 TFL, 1 sack) and Owen Long (3 tackles, 1 interception).





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# Sports

## LHS Bows out of District Volleyball Tournament with Three-Set Loss to Perry

OVID-ELSIE -- First-year coach Mickey Fox and the Laingsburg girls varsity volleyball team wrapped up a 15-21-5 season with a hard-fought, three-set loss to Perry in the MHSAA Division 3 District 94 tournament here November 4.

The Lady Wolfpack, which finished 5-8 in the CMAC, fell to conference foe Perry, 23-35, 23-35 and 17-25, despite 32 digs and two aces from Lia Soeltner.

"We steadily improved as the season progressed and while I am disappointed in our season ending so soon, I am so proud of our girls and how they competed this season," said coach Fox. "They put in a ton of extra work this season to get better, and every single player made progress."

Harper Strouse added 9 kills and 2 blocks; and Mallory Woodbury 18 digs, 1 ace for the red-and-white.

"We are so grateful to our seniors for their leadership and positivity," Fox explained. "They all grew as leaders and became great role models for our underclassmen. We are going to miss them next season, and am so appreciative of the work they put into the program."



### Great Gobbler Giveaway

is coming. Merchants will have their turkeys pails.

On Sunday, November 17th, the Meridian Weekly will publish the annual Great Gobbler Giveaway Entry Blanks

## GRIDIRON GURUS GOING INTO NOVEMBER 10 WEEKEND

### THIS WEEKS WINNERS

PIZZA -- Joyce Gomez

SUB SANDWICH -- Edith Lagunas

BREADSTICKS -- David Keener



## GRIDIRON GURUS

by Tom Turek  
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It is amazing to The Wolfman the consistency of some of our weekly Gridiron Gurus.

You wouldn't exactly call some of these picks ... uh ... um ... "brilliant;" yet like the tortoise vs. the hare, they just keep moving forward. We won't mention names, but 7-5, 7-5, 7-5, 7-5 records over the weeks start to add up. These Gurus may not break the weekly food-prize column, but they also don't stumble and fall very often. Let's see how they add up at the end of this colossal competition -- which this week enters the home stretch.

Joyce Gomez of Perry dominated the Guru grid the weekend of November 2, executing a feat that isn't "consistent" at all. It doesn't happy very often folks: a perfect 12-0 record! Can you say "Pizza Time," Joyce?

Ol' Wolfie saw five other peerless prognosticators tie with sterling 11-1 records: Edith Lagunas, David Nixon, Luke Nixon, Russ Ginther and Don Coe. The tie-breaker was 54 points (Florida at Georgia), with Edith and David both picking that number exactly. The tie-breaker between those two was Lagunas' better season-long record, meaning she takes home a bodacious sub sandwich and Keener some zesty breadsticks.

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Wolfie bounced back to fashion a solid 10-2 record -- but then so did Jared Campbell, the newbie now owning a razor-thin .687 to .683 lead over the experienced moon-howler. Yikes!

We will be running the contest every week until the end of the regular college football season (no bowls). The picks will include some NFL games, most weeks.

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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.

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Justin Keibler, an unmarried man  
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns  
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): PennyMac Loan Services LLC  
Date of Mortgage: March 5, 2021  
Date of Mortgage Recording: March 9, 2021  
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$161,117.23

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of St Johns, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 31, Briggs-Stoller Subdivision, City of St. Johns, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 6, Clinton County Records.  
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Original Mortgagee: First Heritage Financial LLC  
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None  
Date of Mortgage: January 22, 2021  
Date of Mortgage Recording: February 1, 2021  
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$77,638.04

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