

Memorial Day Memories



Memorial Day Remembered in Elsie

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The Elsie American Legion Post 502 honored the soldiers that gave it all at an inspirational remembrance Memorial Day observance. Assisting the Elsie American Legion was Pastor Bryan Simon from United Church of Ovid; the Ovid-Elsie Marching Band under the direction of Jeanine Ignash; members Scott Hall, Commander Valentine and members of the Elsie American Legion and Ovid VFW. O-E Band members Piper White and Troy Haynie performed an echo of taps.



Remembering & Honoring Our Veterans

The Memorial Day celebration on Monday, May 26th in Ovid was well attended by the community. Owosso resident, Larry Thayer, VFW State Jr. Vice Commander, was the main speaker. He spoke on the meaning of Memorial Day. Ovid Post 8964 also honored two of its Veterans, Leonard Huyck, retiring Post Commander after 42 years at the helm and Bill Aldrich, Ovid's only surviving World War II Veteran, who will be celebrating his 100th Birthday this year on November 9th. Jack & Tess Clarkson, OE High School Band, Members of Elsie American Legion Post 502 also took part in the service. A luncheon was provided afterwards, complimentary of the Ovid Lions Club and Ovid Carriage Days Committee.



Tank's Tavern owners Frank McGillis and Jessica Keck

Tank's Tavern Opened in Laingsburg

by Deb Price

Laingsburg residents, Jessica Keck and Frank McGillis officially opened Tank's Tavern in downtown Laingsburg on April 19, 2025 in the former Boondock's location. The sports bar atmosphere features 18 flat screen televisions including a 100 inch tv behind the bar. The full bar features 12 beers on tap, a large wine selection and nonalcoholic beers and mocktails. The taverns motto is "In dog beers, I've only had one".

"We just got thru our first Springtime Festival event and are truly happy with how it went. Our staff was amazing and we got the chance to meet so many locals, we can't thank the community enough for the support," explained Jessica.

Tank's offers a full menu of Appetizers, Soups & Salads, Sandwiches & Handhelds, Burgers as well as Burritos, Nachos and Quesadillas. "Our house-made Crab Rangoons are a house specialty along with our house made sauces," explained Frank. Tank's also offers a "Tiny Tank" menu for the kids and a "Late Night Menu" from 9pm -close.



Kids can choose from the Tiny Tanks menu which also doubles as a coloring project featuring a cute little dog. The colorings are then hung as a wall decoration

If you are looking for some entertainment, Tank's has live music every Friday & Saturday nights and Karaoke a couple times a month. The bar also offers an ATM, a Touch-Tone jukebox and Patio dining.

Tank's is open 11am-midnight, seven days. Jessica and Frank have a 13 year old daughter, Ava. Frank also has the McGillis Group, a ReMax Real Estate office also in downtown Laingsburg. The couple invite you to stop in and say hello to Laingsburg's newest business.



Ovid-Elsie FFA Chapter Acquires Vehicle and Livestock Trailer Through State and Foundation Grants

submitted by Tracey Hoffman

The Ovid-Elsie FFA Chapter is proud to announce the purchase of a Chevrolet Tahoe and a gently used livestock trailer made possible through two generous grant programs: the State of Michigan Career and Technical Education (CTE) 61s Grant and the Michigan FFA Foundation's Glassbrook Grant. Remarkably, this capital investment was made at zero cost to the school district, thanks to the full funding provided through the grants and donations.

These vital additions to the chapter's resources will greatly expand the capacity for hands-on agricultural education and student involvement. The vehicle will serve as a dependable way to haul the chapter livestock trailer, enabling the chapter to safely transport school-raised animal projects and essential materials to FFA leadership and skills contests and other agricultural

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DATE CHANGE

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Burger Night is Back

The American Legion Post 248 in Laingsburg will be doing burger night on Wednesdays, from 5:00 - 7:30p.m. through July. There will be burgers and hand cut fries. Bring the family out for a delicious meal.



American Flags Placed in Ovid Cemetery

submitted by Aaron McClung

On Thursday, May 22nd, members of the Ovid Memorial Post 8964 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States placed American flags at the gravesites of all veterans in the Ovid Cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day. They were joined by members of the 2025 Ovid-Elsie JV Softball team, the Ovid-Elsie Marauder Athletic Council, other Ovid-Elsie elementary and middle school students, and supportive family members. The Ovid Memorial VFW Post 8964 extends heartfelt thanks to everyone who volunteered and contributed to the success of this annual project.

For questions about Veterans of Foreign Wars eligibility or to learn more about VFW membership and activities, please contact Aaron McClung, Ovid Post 8964 Quartermaster, at 904-864-3910.

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Memorial Healthcare Host Blood Drive June 13

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso — Memorial Healthcare will host an American Red Cross blood drive on Friday, June 13 from 10 am to 3:45 pm at the Memorial Healthcare Auditorium, located at 826 W. King Street, in Owosso.

Did you know, every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood, which means more than 36,000 blood donations are needed every day. With each blood donation this can potentially save up to three lives.

There's a critical shortage of blood and blood products, so if you've been putting off being a donor, now is the time. To schedule an appointment, please contact Carrie Farr, Volunteer Coordinator at (989) 729-4818, by email cfarr@memorial-healthcare.org or on the American Red Cross website at www.redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins are welcome, but pre-registration is preferred.

Ovid Historical Society Fundraiser

submitted by Karen Anderson, Ovid Historical Society Secretary

OVID – Restoration is in progress for the Mary Meyers Museum, with long-awaited plans are moving forward. After much membership discussion, committee meetings, and estimates, as well as generous donations from the community, projects are underway.

Exterior repairs are being made, and the interior is getting organized with a new facelift, along with a spring cleaning. A committee is currently working on the grounds to give more curb appeal to the house and a venue in a gazebo for events. Another Committee is purging duplicate items and identifying historical artifacts with related significance to the Museum and the History of Ovid. This ongoing project is open to anyone who would like to volunteer to help.

Donation containers in the Ovid area businesses for your convenience, are available for you to help with part of this endeavor. Every dollar counts. If your business or an individual would like to make a financial donation, please send a check to the Ovid Historical Society, PO Box 94, Ovid, MI 48866.

To volunteer your talents or time for upcoming projects, please join the members at a meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at the Mary Meyers Museum, located at 131 West Front St., a block from the Ovid Library. If you want or need any Ovid History, a Historian is available in the History room on Tuesday afternoons at 2:00, located in the City of Ovid Library. The committee is in the process of scanning all documents with a projected date of October 1, 2025 for completion. The History Room is available to the public at any time the library is open or by appointment.

The next regular monthly Historical Society meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, June 3rd at 7:00pm. Visitors Welcome. Refreshments served.

Recycling Gets Creative

submitted by Ellen Link

Got (recyclable)

waste? Don't feed it to the landfills—bring it to the Greater Laingsburg Recyclers' facility at 7500 Woodbury Rd. As usual, we'll be open the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays (June 3 and 17), 4-6 p.m., and 2nd and 4th Saturdays (June 14 and 28), 9 a.m.-1 p.m. There is no charge, though donations are gladly accepted, and everyone is welcome; we even have a special program for business subscriptions.

We accept a wide variety of materials, from cans, glass and plastics (#1, 2 & 5) to dental products, electronics and even food waste. (Did you know it takes 10-12 years for cigarette butts to decompose? Make that 50 years for foam plastic cups and 450 years for plastic bottles!) Check us out on our website (see below).

If you haven't heard about recycled art, you'll get that opportunity at this summer's Pancake Breakfast, which will debut "Recycled Art in the Burg" on July 26, dreamed up not by us but by Gail Geasler and the LBCA. It invites creative folks to transform recyclable and other materials into inventive works of art (remember, beauty is in the eye of the beholder) and vie for prizes and recognition.

The Shiawassee Arts Center initiated "Upcycle Art in the Park" last year and, as it proved fun and successful, will hold it again on Aug 15-30 (see their website for details). The GLR will collaborate with them by allowing materials collected here to be taken in late August for their event. But first artists participating in Laingsburg's competition will have an opportunity to hunt through our collections—on 6/25 and 6/28, 1-3 p.m.—for the makings of their own creations. We can hardly wait!

For further details on recyclable items and other useful info, visit our Facebook page or website (<https://recyclelaingsburg.wixsite.com/mysite>). You can also call Terry or Ellen Link at (517) 651-2005 or Beth Lange at 651-6437. New volunteers of any age are always welcome, as are ideas for how we can do more and better. Reducing waste as much as we can will help create a sustainable future in our own backyard.

St. Johns Concert in the Park Series Set to Start the 2025 Season

submitted by Bill Tennant

The St Johns Concert in the Park series is set and ready to go. "This year's series is one of our best and includes 6 new groups this year" states Bill Tennant, concert coordinator. "Our committee has done a great job of selecting a diverse group of quality performers that I know our patrons will enjoy."

Leading off the series is the 126th Army Band on June 11th - ending with a tribute to Elvis on August 27th with Jake Slater and the Josh Ramses Band live on stage. Here is what's in store this summer - Concerts start at 7:00 p.m. Rain or Shine each Wednesday in the St Johns City Park - the Lion's Club Food Trailer will be available each week.

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| June 11 | The 126th Army Band: Grand Opening Concert |
| June 18 | The General Assembly Big Band: All About Jazz |
| June 25 | Miranda & The M80S: The Very Best of the 80's |
| July 2 | Lansing Concert Band: Our 4th of July Concert |
| July 9 | Fly2K: High Energy Nashville 90s 2000s Cover Band With Bear Mitchell & Rachel Thompson Mitchell |
| July 16 | Schrock Bros Band: An Americana/Blues Band Featuring Grammy Award winner Peter Madcat Ruth |
| July 23 | Toppermost: Wonderful Tribute to the Beatles |
| July 30 | Wilson Thicket: Acoustic - Folksy - Bluegrass |
| Aug 6 | On The Lash: Great Irish Band - Celtic Folk |
| Aug 13 | Detroit Retro Society: The Big Detroit Sound |
| Aug 20 | Audrey Ray: Nashville Recording Artist - Country |
| Aug 27 | Jake Slater/Josh Ramses Band: A tribute to Elvis |



Shiawassee County Fair Entries

submitted by Dawn Reha

Shiawassee County Fair, August 3-9, 2025, is only weeks away! There are endless opportunities for Shiawassee County residents of any age to showcase their talents at the Fair. Online entries from in-county residents are accepted June 1-15. The link to complete the online entries can be found on the website, www.shiawasseeffair.com. Need help with your online entry? Call the Fair office at 989-743-3611 to schedule an appointment and we can help you with the process!

Live outside of Shiawassee County and want to participate? We have you covered! Out of county residents are invited to enter projects in the still exhibit building or in the dog program. Out of County entry period is June 16-20.

Exhibitor Guide Books are available at the Fair Office, public libraries and at many businesses throughout Shiawassee and surrounding counties. You can also access the digital copy on the website.

Don't miss the best week of the year - Shiawassee County Fair - August 3-9.

Mid-Michigan College-Clinton County RESA Criminal Justice Students Achieve Excellence

submitted by Meghan Keen

For several years, Mid Michigan College (Mid) has proudly partnered with the Clinton County Regional Education Service Agency (Clinton County RESA) to deliver college-level criminal justice courses to local high school students. This partnership not only provides early exposure to careers in criminal justice but also offers students the opportunity to earn college credit that transfers directly to Mid after graduation.

"Students explore what it means to work in the criminal justice field and gain a head start on their college journey," said Rick Smith, Associate Dean of Off-Campus & K-12 Operations at Mid.

As part of the program, Clinton County RESA students annually compete against their Eaton County peers in a friendly, skills-based competition that tests their knowledge and physical capabilities developed throughout the school year.

This year, for the first time in seven years, Clinton County RESA students claimed the top spot—a testament to their hard work, dedication, and skill.

"We couldn't be more proud of these students and all they've achieved," said Brian Kelley, Criminal Justice Lectureship Instructor at Mid. "Their commitment to learning, teamwork, and personal growth truly paid off."

The competition featured a wide range of events, including · Written examination · Pushups, pullups, sit-ups · ½-mile run · Vertical jump · Traffic stop simulation · Warrant arrest simulation · Computer-simulated target shooting (MILO)

Notably, 11 students earned perfect scores on the written exam, and many others placed in the top three across multiple event categories. The team also took first place overall in both the military formation and written test events.

First-Year Students | Judah Bakaitis, Damion Misener, Clayton Powell, Lance Wiktorowski, Gavin Williams, Ally Drews, Owen Jones, Sydney Moon, Scarlet Morence, Greyson Osborne, Cole VanEtten, and Alyssa Weber.

Second-Year Students | Devin Kingsbury, Joseph Lyons, Holly Miller, Evie Moore, Nicholai Schafer, Norah Wilcox, Stacy Hernandez, and River Castle.

"Our partnership with Clinton County RESA demonstrates how collaborations like this can support student success and spark passion for meaningful careers," added Smith. "We're excited to see what the future holds for these exceptional students."



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events. Together, these tools will support real-world learning experiences and help students showcase their hard work and skills beyond the classroom.

"The support of both the State of Michigan and the Michigan FFA Foundation has been transformative," said Tracey Hoffman, advisor for the Ovid-Elsie FFA. "These investments allow our students to experience agriculture beyond the classroom and gain the skills and confidence they need to become future leaders in the industry. I would like to personally thank the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools administration team and transportation department for all of their help and support to see this project complete."

The CTE 61s Grant, administered by the Michigan Department of Education, supports the expansion and improvement of career and technical education programs across the state. The Glassbrook Grant, awarded through the Michigan FFA Foundation, is designed to support local chapter initiatives that promote growth in agricultural education and student leadership.

Ashlyn Fabus, Ovid-Elsie FFA Chapter Officer states: "This can positively impact our FFA chapter by providing us with more opportunities to attend activities, connecting us with other people to foster new friendships, and enhancing our leadership skills."

The Ovid-Elsie FFA Chapter remains committed to preparing the next generation of agricultural leaders through hands-on learning, community service, and career development experiences.

MDARD Awards Nearly \$1.6 Million of Grant Funding to County Fairs and Expositions

submitted by Lynsey Mukomel

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) today awarded 29 grants worth nearly \$1.6 million to fund capital improvements at county fairground facilities and to support expositions featuring livestock and commodities.

"MDARD is proud to support county fairs as indispensable forums for agricultural education, local commerce and civic engagement," said MDARD Director Tim Boring. "Today's grants will help build infrastructure and programs that connect Michiganders to the food they eat and to our state's rich agricultural heritage."

Following a rigorous application and review process, MDARD awarded County Fairs Capital Improvement Grant to Clinton County 4-H & Youth Fair – \$24,000 for small animal barn improvements

MDARD also awarded Livestock and Commodity Exposition Competitive Grants to the Shiawassee County Agricultural Society – \$3,500 for marketing and advertising

Since Fiscal Year 2019, MDARD has awarded more than \$5.3 million in County Fairs Capital Improvement Grants. The grants were part of more than \$184 million of funding MDARD delivered over the past seven years to help Michigan communities build infrastructure, promote agricultural development and create jobs.

MDARD's County Fairs Capital Improvement Grants help fund safety and infrastructure enhancements at county fairground facilities, including structural improvements and other building renovations. To be eligible for these grants, prospective applicants must:

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Elsie Library
Historical Society
Searching for
Photos from 50's
and 60's

submitted by Janet Swanson

The Elsie Library Historical Society is searching for photos of Elsie in the 50's and 60's. Please drop by the Historical Society 2-5 any Wednesday afternoon to help us search or, if you have a photo we can copy. We appreciate the community's input and interest.





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Obituaries

Ruth Ann Draper

Ruth Ann Draper, Age 82, of Elsie, Michigan, passed away peacefully at her home after a 2 year battle with lung cancer on Monday, May 26, 2025 surrounded by her family.

Ruth was born on May 5, 1943 to Frank and Barbara (Schmitz) Rutkowski in Steiger, Illinois. She married the love of her life, Kenneth Draper, on July 12, 1963. They shared 60 years of marriage together before he passed away in 2023. She worked at Lear Corporation for 32 years before retiring.

Ruth was an avid outdoorswoman. She was an avid outdoorswoman who loved bird watching, planting flowers in her garden, watching planes fly in and hot air balloons take off. She loved to be busy, whether it was working, being outside, spending time with her many friends, or spending time with her grandson, Heath.

Those left to cherish Ruth's memory is her daughter, Kim Draper; grandson, Heath Puckett; son, Michael (Kathy) Draper; 6 great grandchildren, 1 great great grandchild; as well as many other loving family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth; parents; brother, Butch Rutkowski; and sister, Barbara Robinson.

She will be buried at Ford Cemetery in Elsie, Michigan. No services are scheduled.



Consumers Energy's Summer Energy
Forecast: Michigan's Grid Ready to Weather
the Heat

submitted by Trisha D. Bloembergen

JACKSON – As temperatures rise and energy demand increases, Consumers Energy is prepared to deliver safe, reliable and affordable power to customers across the region throughout the summer. Our integrated energy strategy—featuring a balanced mix of generation sources, preparation and customer programs—ensures that homes and businesses stay powered during peak demand periods.

“Our priority is always to keep the lights on, especially when our customers need us most,” said Sri Maddipati, vice president of electric supply. “Thanks to our diversified energy portfolio and proactive grid planning, we are entering the summer season confident in our ability to provide reliable power.”

Consumers Energy's forward-looking supply plan features a robust mix of flexible generation resources that continue to evolve through strategic investments, like the acquisition of the Covert facility and recent expansion of the Zeeland Generating Station. We will also continue the operation of the Jackson Generating Station and the Karn 3 and 4 combined cycle units.

“Our energy future is built on careful planning, smart investments and a flexible, reliable grid. Not only are we already seeing these investments pay off, but we'll continue to see dividends for generations to come,” said Maddipati.

Strategic investments in our facilities are critical to our long-term strategy to strengthen the grid, reduce outages and prepare for the energy needs of the future as outlined in the company's Reliability Roadmap. These investments helped to reduce customers' average time without power by over 20 minutes last year.

In addition to our robust generation supply, Consumers Energy maintains ongoing grid monitoring and communications efforts. Control centers survey the grid 24/7 to respond quickly to any issue that may arise and there is daily coordination with MISO as part of a highly connected regional network featuring integrated transmission and distribution systems.

Consumers Energy rewards customers financially for shifting energy use to early morning, evening and overnight times in the summer. Customers can lower their bills even more through programs that encourage households to use smart thermostats and agree to use less energy at peak times on a few days each summer. Customer programs combined with the diversified, flexible and prepared approach allow Consumers Energy to meet Michigan's energy demand while continuing to advance.

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, flexible, and affordable energy to our customers 24/7.

Retired School Personnel to Meet

submitted by Peg Zink

The Clinton-Shiawassee MARSP Meeting will be held on Monday, June 6, 2025 at 12:30 p.m. at Clinton County RESA, 1013 Old US 27, St. Johns, MI. Luncheon (\$12) is payable at the door. Our program is Bob Hoffman, Good Neighbor series. For reservations, leave your name and number attending by email to rzick5039@gmail.com or call Peg at 517-282-8350 and leave a message by Friday, June 6, 2025 by noon.

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Religious Thoughts

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"Formerly, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those who by nature are not gods. But now that you know God—or rather are known by God—how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable forces? Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again? You are observing special days and months and seasons and years!"

- Galatians 4:8-10

Paul in this passage lays out the damaging effects of legalism. We see here that legalism is not from God. It is a "weak" and "miserable" force that enslaves people.

Stated in basic terms, legalism is a way to try to earn or merit God's love and approval through good works. In effect we're saying, "Thank you, Lord, for your grace, but I can take it from here."

When we engage in legalism, we take our focus off of God, off of the cross, and put it onto ourselves. We try to become good enough in God's sight; to do more so He will love us more. We go to church, get baptized, say prayers. All good things, but with the wrong motives. We worry that we aren't doing enough or aren't good enough. Legalism robs us of our joy in the Lord that we should have and does so every time.

How are some ways to break the bondage of legalism? To escape it's evil clutches? Here are two things we can do:

1. Remember that you have received Christ's righteousness, through faith alone, and this makes you clean and guilt-free before God.

Paul says that Jesus Christ "...has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption."

1 Corinthians 1:30

2. Rest in God's love, knowing that you are His beloved son or daughter.

1 John 3:1-2 says, "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!...Dear friends, now we are children of God."

You don't earn the right to become a child of God; it, like salvation, is a free gift from God. It is received by faith in Christ's death on the cross and bodily resurrection from the dead as a full payment for all of your sins.



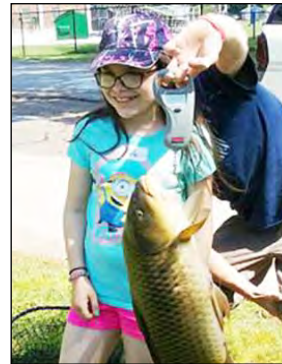
The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
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Curwood Youth Fishing Derby

Next Sunday, June 8th, the Curwood Festival will be hosting the annual youth fishing derby. Registration is from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the corner of Jerome and S. Dewey. Look for the old blue bridge. The derby runs from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 and there will be some awesome prizes. The Weekly Sportsman will be there offering assistance and advice to any youth interested in listening. Come for a fun-filled Sunday morning in Owosso along the Shiawassee River!

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Shiawassee County Democratic Party Sponsored Environmental Presentation

submitted by Marcia Bird

The Shiawassee County Democratic Party is hosting a presentation titled "People and the Environment" on June 11, 2025 from 5:30 to 6:30 PM at DeVries Nature Conservancy on N M52 in Owosso.

Nationally recognized Environmentalist from Midland, Peter Sinclair, will discuss climate change, farming concerns and adaptations, and tips for rural citizens. A member of the DeVries Nature Conservancy will also discuss environmental issues, including the Shiawassee River banks and tributaries.

Members of local composting and recycling centers will be in attendance to discuss issues related to Shiawassee and Clinton Counties and services that are available or being developed.

The presentation and question & answer session is FREE to the public and will include a light dinner. Community members are encouraged to bring their own nonalcoholic beverage.

RSVP to vicechair@shiawasseedems.org by June 6, 2025 so sufficient food and seating can be provided. Additional information about the Shiawassee Democratic Party or surrounding county parties can be found by emailing chair@shiawasseedems.org.

We encourage all community members to attend the presentation, Q & A, dinner and discussions.

Rep. BeGole: Oral Fluid Screen Discussion Shows Testing Technology is Needed on Michigan Roads



State Reps. Brian BeGole and Julie Rogers testify on their oral fluid screening bills before the House Government Operations Committee.

submitted by Denny Schwarze

House Government Operations Chair Brian BeGole recently led a hearing on the dangers of driving while impaired and bipartisan plans that will give law enforcement officers tools to help keep Michigan's roadways safe.

BeGole's measure, House Bill 4390, allows oral fluid screening as a means for law enforcement to determine if people have controlled substances in their body and are operating a vehicle while impaired. A total of 32 states use oral fluid screening to detect impaired drivers, and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has recommended that Michigan adopt this testing method to address a significant, nationwide public safety issue.

"This plan will improve roadway safety, reduce serious injuries and save lives here in our state," said BeGole, of Antrim Township, when testifying before the committee. "Of the 1,021 fatal crashes that occurred in Michigan in 2023, nearly 25 percent of all deaths on our roads were drug-related. One death from an impaired driver is one too many. With these heartbreaking statistics, it's time we strengthen our efforts to keep our roads safe and this emerging technology and testing capability will allow us to do that."

"Given the added complexities of detecting drug-impaired driving, it is important that state laws facilitate and do not restrict law enforcement from using all available and proven tools," said NTSB board member Thomas Chapman following BeGole's testimony. "Although some states restrict alcohol and other drug testing to samples of blood, breath or urine, our 2022 Safety Research Report found that oral fluid is a valuable, but underutilized biological specimen for detecting a driver's drug use – and it can help support enforcement of impaired driving laws."

Oral fluid collection is non-invasive and simple. It provides results for common drugs such as cocaine, amphetamines, methamphetamines, THC, and opioids and shows recency of

drug use as opposed to historical use. Updates in the technology behind the collection devices will also soon let law enforcement detect for fentanyl.

"Michigan is a zero-tolerance state," BeGole said. "We do understand that there are legal prescriptions that people take and they may use marijuana recreationally, but that doesn't excuse the fact that once they do, they shouldn't be operating a vehicle. When an officer has probable cause to suspect someone may be driving while impaired by drugs, they need every tool available to help corroborate that."

Oral fluid screening occurs at the tail-end of an impaired driving investigation following the administration of field sobriety tests and preliminary breath testing to see if there is probable cause for a drug-impaired arrest. To take a test, a person places a sterile swab in their mouth and rubs it under their gums and tongue, as well as on the inside of their cheek. The test sample is then placed into a handheld screening machine that can perform an analysis within five minutes.

Others who testified in support of the legislation included Troy Meder, who is nearly a 25-year veteran of the Michigan State Police and serves as Chief of Police in the village of Chesaning in BeGole's House district, and Brian Swift, of Escanaba. Swift's mother and father were killed in 2013 after an impaired logging truck driver ran a stop sign and struck their vehicle. The truck driver tested positive for THC and was sentenced to prison.

In the years following, Swift took the lead in getting the first legislatively mandated statewide oral fluid drug testing program in the country signed into law in Michigan. The 2016 pilot program began in five counties run by the Michigan State Police and was expanded a year later to include every county in the state. Data collected from the program supported the use of this technology and showed it was easy to use, reliable and accurate for the purposes of preliminary roadside testing. Other states have established their own programs or proposed legislation modeled on what Michigan did with its pilot program.

"It's hard to put into words the uncertainty, the doubt and the anger you feel in a time of tragedy – especially with an event that was 100-percent preventable," Swift said during testimony. "I've worked with many in the state to determine what was needed to help proactively curb this public health and safety crisis that we have going on here. The use of this technology proactively can prevent another tragedy like mine before it happens again."

Several groups submitted support for the plans, including the Michigan State Police, the Michigan Sheriffs' Association and the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police. BeGole's bill, HB 4390, and HB 4391 sponsored by state Rep. Julie Rogers (D-Kalamazoo) remain under consideration in the House Government Operations Committee.

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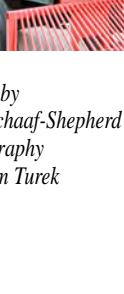
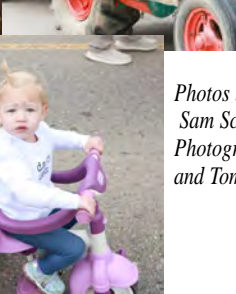
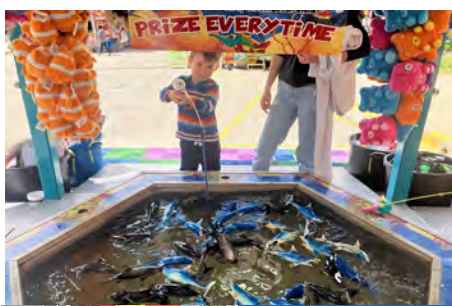
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A surge in raffle ticket sales, and some needed help from Mother Nature, helped send the Laingsburg Lions' 42nd annual Springtime Festival soaring to new heights. The weekend of May 23 thru 26 was predicted to be cold and rainy, but instead turned out cool and sunny as festival-goers jammed the downtown midway to enjoy the popular regular features of carnival rides and foods, a big arts & crafts fair, games for all ages -- and new features like a daredevil juggling act, American Legion cornhole tournament and beer tent, and Sunday afternoon line dancing. The festival, first started in 1983, is the major fundraiser for a variety of Lions Club community projects.

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Sports

Marauder Soccer Girls Advance in MHSAA District, 6-0 Over Corunna

OID-ELSIE — Madalynn Bushard popped in three goals in a span of 3:40, and Ovid-Elsie advanced in divisional play of the MHSAA Girls Soccer post-season with a 6-0 shutout of Corunna.

Jerome White's Lady Marauders (13-4-1) advanced to take on the winner of the other first round district game between Durand and Eaton Rapids in the district semifinals.

Corunna closed its season at 1-19-1.

The Marauders got things started with 28 minutes left in the first half with a goal from McKenzie Keck, assisted by Dannika Campbell.

Then, the Marauder sparkplug -- Bushard -- struck. She found the back of the net three times in about a four-minute span, assisted by Kendal Tokar, Sophia Sweet and Campbell.

"We've got a spark plug off the bench," White said. "(Bushard) doesn't start, but she led our team in goals on the year. When she comes in, she's instant offense."

The Marauders scored again at the 30:48 mark in the second half when Claire Fruchey got one through off an assist from Bushard. O-E didn't score again until the very end of the game



OE's McKenzie Keck moves the ball downfield against Corunna.

Photo by Jody Thornton

Wolfpack Walks-Off Pewamo-Westphalia to Advance in Division 3 District Tourney

LANSING --It came down to the wire here May 27, as Laingsburg's varsity baseball team grabbed victory in walk-off fashion, 4-3, over Pewamo-Westphalia.

The game was tied at three in the bottom of the ninth when Everett Rodriguez singled, plating the winning run for LHS (14-9 overall) in the first game of pre-District action at Lansing Catholic Central.

Todd Randall's Wolfpack got on the board in the bottom of the first inning after Rodriguez was struck by a pitch, and Quintin Garcia singled down the right field line.

Nolan George laid down a sacrifice bunt, which helped Pewamo-Westphalia (16-15 overall) tie the game at three in the top of the seventh.

Meo Garcia earned the win in relief for the Wolfpack. The hurler allowed five hits and three runs (two earned) over five innings, striking out five and walking one. His brother, Dom Garcia, stepped on the mound first for Laingsburg. The lefty surrendered one hit and zero runs over four innings, striking out eight and walking three.

Trey Nurenberg took the loss for the Pirates, firing six innings, allowing three runs (two earned) on six hits, striking out 12 and walking one.

The 'Pack accumulated 10 hits in the game. Rodriguez drove the middle of the lineup, with two runs batted in. The outfielder went 2-for-3 on the day. Liam Esch led Laingsburg with three hits in five at bats.

Randall's club advanced to Saturday District semi-final play, opposite the host LCC Cougars.

Wolfpack Drops Non-League Doubleheader to Swan Valley

LAINGSBURG -- Laingsburg's varsity baseball team fell to 13-9 overall by dropping a non-league doubleheader to the Swan Valley Vikings here.

The opener was a 6-3 heart-breaker for Todd Randall's LHS club. The Wolves got on the board in the fourth inning after Dom Garcia doubled, scoring three runs.

Swan Valley made the score 4-3 in the top of the fifth after Jack Lagan homered to center field, scoring three runs, and Brady Stephens singled, scoring one run.

Meo Garcia started on the hill for the Wolves. The hurler allowed six hits and four runs over five innings, striking out two and walking two.

Colton Klein started for the Vikes, giving up six hits and three runs over three and two-thirds innings, striking out three and walking five.

Number eight hitter, Paxton Rodriguez, showed the depth of the Wolfpack's lineup, by leading them with two hits in three at bats. Garcia went 1-for-3 at the plate and led the team with three runs batted in. Everett Rodriguez and Jake Rivet led the team with two walks each.

Laingsburg had trouble keeping up with Swan Valley in an 11-3 loss on in the second game.

The Vikings opened the scoring in the first after Brady Stephens singled, scoring two runs. Laingsburg tied the game in the bottom of the first thanks to a single by Quintin Garcia, and an error.

A passed ball gave Swan Valley the lead, 3-2, in the top of the second. A double by Colton Klein, a walk by Chas Malacos, and an error helped the Vikings extend their early lead in the third.

Harrison Dorman started on the hill for Laingsburg, surrendering four hits and seven runs (five earned) over two and one-third innings, striking out two and walking five. Jaxon Hartley led things off on the hill for SVHS (14-7 overall). The righthander surrendered two hits and two runs (one earned) over three innings, striking out six and walking two.

Liam Esch, Garcia, and Cavin Ream each collected one hit for Laingsburg. Garcia led LHS with one run batted in. The infielder went 1-for-3 on the day.

Baseball Wolfpack romps past Perry in game #2 of CMAC twinbill

LAINGSBURG -- Renewing a suspended second game of a CMAC doubleheader, the host Wolfpack completed its sweep of Perry.

After winning the opener, 10-0, the second game was called due to weather. When it started up again, Todd Randall's crew cruised to a 16-3 win.

The Wolfpack scored six runs on two hits in the top of the second inning. An error scored one run, Liam Esch drew a walk, scoring a run, RJ Garcia singled, scoring two runs, Garcia grounded out, scoring one run, and Paxton Rodriguez grounded out, plating another tally.

The Wolves added two runs in the third after Garcia singled down the left field line.

Meo Garcia stepped on the bump first for Laingsburg, allowing zero hits and no runs over one inning, striking out one and walking one.

Brady Burns toed the slab first for Perry. The starter allowed three hits and seven runs (six earned) over one inning, striking out one and walking four.

Everett Rodriguez, Paxton Rodriguez and Evan Lefevre each came on in relief for LHS and shut down Perry.

Laingsburg collected nine hits in the game. Garcia drove the middle of the lineup, leading the way with four runs batted in. The infielder went 2-for-3 on the day. Garcia and Garcia each collected two hits and Esch paced the team with three walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, piling up eight walks for the game. Dom Garcia, Garcia, and Calvin Stier each stole multiple bases.

Burns, Dylan DeFeyer, and McConnell each drove in one run for Perry. McConnell led the Ramblers with one hit in two at-bats.

Ovid-Elsie Boys 2nd at MMAC Championships; Kozlowski Shines for Girls

NEW LOTHROP — Ovid-Elsie's varsity boys track and field team ran runner-up to a familiar 2025 nemesis -- Chesaning -- at the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference Championships here May 21.

Chesaning and New Lothrop split the titles between male and female teams.

The MMAC combines both the championship meet and dual-meet records to determine a conference champion.

Doug Long's Ovid-Elsie boys (135 team points) ran second in the MMAC to Chesaning's 23, as the Indians went undefeated during the conference season.

The New Lothrop girls team placed first Tuesday with a score of 187, ahead of second-place Chesaning (163.5). Chesaning had the best dual-meet record, meaning their are co-champions this year. Nick Hufnagel's O-E contingent was fourth (74), Durand placed fifth (41.5) and Byron took sixth (41).

The Ovid-Elsie boys were paced by the 400-relay team of Tryce Tokar, Alex Aekvorathongchai, Wyatt Lover and Owen Long, which took first with a time of :45.29. Brock Spitzley captured the discus (164'7"); Tokar won the pole vault (12'6") for the Marauders.

Jessica Kozlowski won the 100 hurdles (:17.16) for Ovid-Elsie.

Tokar, Spitzley continue sterling senior seasons at MITCA State Finals

CLARE — Tryce Tokar is back on familiar ground following the MITCA State Track and Field Finals.

Brock Spitzley continued his record-setting senior season.

The setting was Clare High School. MITCA is separate from the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA). To qualify for the MITCA state meet, a school must participate in the organization's power rankings, and be in the top 16, or be a regional champion.

Veteran coach Doug Long's Marauders got first place finishes from Spitzley in the discus (156'3") and Tokar in the pole vault (15'0").

Tokar has been a four-year standout in the pole vault event.

In the team competition, the Chesaning Indians -- MMAC league champions -- captured second as a team with a score of 1,718. Ovid-Elsie finished 15th (1,013.5) out of 18 teams. Traverse City St. Francis won the meet with a score (1,735.5).

Pewamo-Westphalia Wraps Up CMAC Track Crowns; LHS Teams Run 3rd and 4th

PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA -- Track teams from Laingsburg High School ran 3rd (boys) and 4th (girls) to league champion Pewamo-Westphalia here May 21.

The Pirates, hosting the annual CMAC Championships, scored 178.5 team points in the boys competition, 221 in the girls, to wrap up a league they dominated in 2025.

Laingsburg's boys scored 91 points, behind P-W and Fowler (124). The Lady Wolfpack finished with 41 points, behind P-W, Fowler (197) and Saranac (45).

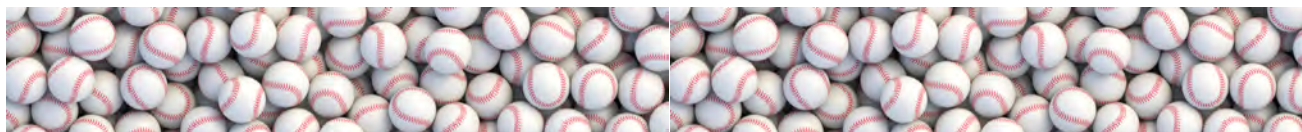
The Wolves' top event came in the high jump, where Mitchell George (6'1") and Leandro Dolega-Caceres (5'11") captured the 1st and 2nd places. Noah Devereux topped the 1600 m race in 4:37.2.

Shun Mills was runner-up in the shot put (42'5") and the 3x100 relay team (Dolega-Caceres, Carson Helmer, George, Grey Sequin) clocked 2nd in :44.90.

Top places for the Lady Wolfpack came from Madison Phillips, 2nd in the pole vault (9'6") and Lilli Morrill, 3rd in the long jump (14'11.75").



Jessica Kozlowski won the 100 hurdles for OE with a 17.16



Sports

Ramblers Rally in Late Innings, Beat Wolves for CMAC Crown

LAINGSBURG — It took two days and some late-inning heroics, but Perry wrapped up the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) softball crown.

Moving to 25-1 overall and a perfect 12-0 in CMAC play, the Ramblers knocked off two-time defending champion Laingsburg, 7-6. Jeff Cheadle’s Wolfpack, ranked fifth in the MHSAA’s Division 3, fell to 8-3 in the CMAC and 17-7 overall.

Perry’s comeback victory in extra innings came in Game 2 of a doubleheader that began on Wednesday.

The game, which was suspended on Wednesday due to rain, picked up in the bottom of the third with the Wolfpack ahead 3-2. Laingsburg was ahead 4-2 entering the bottom of the fifth when the Ramblers began to chip away at the lead, scoring at least one run in each of the final four innings.

The game was tied at 5-all after seven innings, meaning extra innings were needed to determine a winner. The Wolfpack tacked on a run in the top of the eighth.

Perry answered with two runs of its own in the bottom of the inning to walk it off and take home the CMAC crown.

Sara Austin pitched all eight innings for the Ramblers, allowing five runs (three earned) on six hits with one walk and 11 strikeouts. Teagen Hallock went 3-for-4 with a dinger and Madison Ralston went 2-for-4 with a double and two RBI.

Peyton Stahr pitched six innings and allowed four runs on nine hits with a walk and three strikeouts for Laingsburg. Addyson Buchin pitched the final 1 and 2/3 innings and took the loss, allowing two runs on four hits with three walks.

Bella Latuszek went 2-for-4 with a pair of runs driven in and Stahr drove in a run as well for the Wolfpack.

Shamrocks rally for CMAC softball split opposite Wolfpack

PORTLAND -- The host Shamrocks rallied with three-straight innings of run-scoring offense to earn a CMAC softball split vs. Laingsburg.

Jeff Cheadle's Wolfpack (16-8-1 overall, 7-3 CMAC) pitched a shutout in the opening game, 7-0, before St. Patrick eeked out a 4-3 victory in game two.

LHS senior ace Addy Buchin was absolutely lights-out in the opener, striking out 13 while allowing just two hits and zero walks. Makenna Johnston plated three RBI in support of Buchin, ripping a pair of hits in three at-bats. The Wolves ran like crazy on the basepaths, stealing 10 bases, with Bella Latuszek swiping 5 all by herself. Latuszek drilled 3 hits in 4 at-bats, with Peyton Stahr and Buchin adding hits for LHS. Alaina Asher, Morgan LaMacchia and Harper Strouse all drew walks off St. Pats' starter and loser Mattie Honsowitz.

Johnston, Stahr and Savvy Stirm all drove in Wolfpack runs in the nightcap, but it wasn't enough as the Shamrocks (6-9 overall, 2-7 CMAC) scored single runs in the 4th and 5th, and two in the top of the 6th inning -- then held on for dear life in a 4-3 victory. Stahr started in the circle and allowed three earned runs, striking out 7 and walking just one, in six innings of work. Buchin came on in relief for the 7th stanza. Honsowitz again handled the pitching duties for St. Patrick, firing a six-hitter and striking out 2 (walking 6) for the win. Stirm, Alayna Merrell, Buchin (two), Stahr and Johnston all hit safely for the red-and-white. JuJu Latuszek, Kali Spade, Strouse, Stahr, Bella Latuszek and Stirm all drew free passes off Honsowitz.

Lady Wolfpack Advances in Division 3 Girls Soccer Tournament, Eliminating Aggies

DANSVILLE -- Erin Pohlاد turned away four shots in goal, racking up another shutout with Laingsburg advancing in the MHSAA Division 3 girls soccer tournament here May 27.

The Aggies (8-10-2) were eliminated, 5-0, watching Laingsburg climb to 13-6 with a 5-0 triumph. The Wolfpack (13-6 overall) swept the Aggies in three matches this season, never allowing a goal in 3-0, 4-0 and 5-0 shutouts.

Paige Erickson, Kierra Rusz, Payge Woodworth, Hayden Wilson and Gwenith Clark all supported Pohlاد with goals. Rusz, Woodworth and Clark each totaled three points on the day, including assists.

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to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or venue for purposes of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Mortgage, together with all allowable costs of sale and includable attorney fees, the lands and premises in said Mortgage mentioned and described as follows: SITUATED IN THE CITY OF SAINT JOHNS, COUNTY OF CLINTON, STATE OF MICHIGAN: A parcel of land in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 4, Town 7 North, Range 2 West, Clinton County, Michigan, the surveyed boundary of said parcel described as: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 4; thence North 89 degrees 02' 51" West along the South line of said section 987.15 feet; thence North 00 degrees 57' 09" East 449.63 feet; thence North 01 degrees 21' 14" West 337.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence North 89 degrees 02' 51" West parallel with the South line of said section 19.30 feet; thence North 01 degrees 21' 14" West parallel with the North-South 1/4 line of said section 565.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 02' 51" East parallel with said South line 565.00 feet; thence South 01 degrees 21' 14" East parallel with said North-South line 540 feet; thence South 44 degrees 47' 57" West 34.64 feet; thence North 89 degrees 02' 51" West parallel with said South line 520.70 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as: 203 E. Tolles Drive, Saint Johns, Michigan 48879 Tax Parcel Number: 300-004-300-080-00 The period within which the above premises may be redeemed shall expire six (6) months from the date of sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector. Dated: May 1, 2025 MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION of East Lansing, Michigan, Mortgagee FOSTER, SWIFT, COLLINS & SMITH, P.C. Benjamin J. Price Attorneys for Mortgagee 313 S. Washington Square Lansing, MI 48933 (517) 371-8253

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CLINTON
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate**

CASE NO: 2025-32541-DE
Estate of
PATRICK J. KADLEK
Date of birth: September 7, 1957
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent,
PATRICK J. KADLEK
died June 20, 2023
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Michael Kadlek, personal representative, or the probate court at 100 E. State St. Ste. 3400, St. Johns, MI 48879 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Michael Kadlek
301 Corunna Ave., Apt. #1
Owosso, MI 48867
(989) 627-1984

Donald R. Visser P27961
2840 44th St. SE. 150
Kentwood, MI 49512
(616) 531-9860

(06-01)

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CLINTON
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate**

CASE NO: 2025-32546-DE
Estate of
PAMELA SUE ALLEN
Date of birth: October 11, 1947
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent,
PAMELA SUE ALLEN
died January 6, 2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Richard Scott Allen, personal representative, or the probate court at 100 E. State St. Ste. 3400, St. Johns, MI 48879 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Richard Scott Allen
10571 N. Royston Rd.
Grand Ledge, MI 48837
(517) 896-4818

Nicholas D. Garlinghouse P72150
612 S. Creyts Rd. Suite C
Lansing, MI 48917
(517) 342-4249

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CLINTON
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate**

CASE NO: 2025-32476-DE
Estate of
LOVELLA LOUISE LOVELL
Date of birth: March 21, 1944
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent,
LOVELLA L. LOVELL
died February 8, 2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Judith A. Minich, personal representative, or the probate court at 100 E. State St. Ste. 3400, St. Johns, MI 48879 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Judith A. Minich
1014 Fairway Lane
Lansing, MI 48912
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O-E Girls Bounce Back in Nightcap Improve Softball Record to 8-6 in League

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STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF GLADWIN
CASE NUMBER: 2025-12456-CH
HON: Ambrozaitis

HOLLY ALLEN, an individual
CHARLES ALLEN, an individual
Plaintiffs

vs
ESTATE OF JOHN J. KESSLER, JR.,
And ESTATE OF EILEEN F. KESSLER

Defendants

LEFEVRE ASSOCIATES, PLLC
By: William Z. Kolobaric (P49466)
Attorneys for Plaintiff
6120 Trumbull
Detroit, MI 48208
PH: (313) 583-4121
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julia@shsgrp.com

ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFFS' VERIFIED EX-PARTE MOTION FOR ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

At a session of said Court in Gladwin, Gladwin County, State of Michigan
On: May 12, 2025
PRESENT: HON:
Michelle J. Ambrozaitis, Circuit Court Judge

This matter having come before the Court upon Plaintiffs Verified Ex-parTE Motion for Alternative Service and the Court being otherwise fully advised in the premisses:
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:
A. Service is allowed on the Defendants by publication in the legal newspaper for Clinton County for three consecutive weeks.
B. Defendants are required to file an Answer or otherwise respond no later than 28 days from the date of the third publication.
C. Plaintiffs are entitled to default all Defendants who have failed to file and serve an Answer or otherwise responded within the specified time period. This order is neither an final order nor closes the case.

APPROVED AS TO SUBSTANCE AND FORM:

Michelle J. Ambrozaitis,
Circuit Court Judge

William Z. Kolobaric (P49466)
Attorney for Plaintiffs

(06-01)(06-15)

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

CASE NO: 2025-32539-CA
In the matter of
ORVILLE STEVENSON
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: Tim Stevenson, Orville Benjamin Stevenson, Michael Stevenson, Catherine Delong whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at Probate Family Court, Courthouse, Ste. 4300 before Judge Lisa Sullivan (P51265) for the following purpose:
Petition for appointment of a conservator

Tammy Proctor
9480 E. M-21
Ovid, MI 48866
(989) 834-2228

(06-01)

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 July 2, 2025. 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 Maria E. Soliz, a single woman, whose address is 108 Floral Avenue, Saint Johns, Michigan 48879, as original Mortgagors, to **MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR MERCANTILE BANK OF MICHIGAN**, being a mortgage dated October 29, 2019, and recorded on November 18, 2019 with Document Number 5286207, Clinton County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated July 19, 2023 and recorded on July 19, 2023 and given document number 5337111 in Clinton County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of **SEVENTY-SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR AND 90/100 DOLLARS (\$76,924.90)**. Said premises are situated in the City of Saint Johns, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, and are described as: **THE EAST 30 FEET OF LOT 5 AND THE WEST 9 FEET OF LOT 4, AVENUE ADDITION BLK 4, CITY OF ST. JOHNS, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 8, CLINTON COUNTY RECORDS.** Street Address: 108 Floral Avenue, 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: June 1, 2025 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Robert A. Blumberg (P87490), Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 509, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Telephone: (312) 541-9710. File No.: MI 25 6511

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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - CLINTON COUNTY
Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on June 11, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. **MORTGAGE:** Mortgagor(s): **KIMBERLEY L MCGUIRE** Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns Date of mortgage: February 21, 2006 Recorded on March 3, 2006, in Document No. 5096178, and re-recorded via Affidavit of Correction on April 17, 2025, in Document No. 5353307, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2006-HE4, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-HE4 Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-One and 50/100 Dollars (\$126,861.50) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clinton County, and described as: Unit 4 of Country Meadows Condominium, according to the Master Deed as recorded in Liber 375, Page 864 through 911, inclusive, Clinton County Records and any amendments thereto and designated as Clinton County Subdivision Plan No. 1, together with the rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed, and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. Commonly known as 13037 Appletree Ln, Dewitt, MI 48820 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2006-HE4, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-HE4 Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Trust and Estate

Trust and Estate of
EDITH J. HAYNER
Trust dated October 10, 1996
Date of birth: December 28, 1931
To All Creditors:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent,
EDITH J. HAYNER
who lived at 415 East Main Street,
DeWitt, MI 48820
died October 2, 2024
The decedent, Grantor, established the **EDITH J. HAYNER TRUST, DATED OCTOBER 10, 1996.**
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate and trust will be forever barred unless presented to **DEBORAH JEAN KIRCHEN**, Trustee and Nominated Personal Representative of the Estate, at 501 East Main Street, DeWitt, MI 48820, (517) 896-5841 or the Attorney for Trustee at 30500 Van Dyke, Suite 100, Warren, MI 48093, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Trustee/Nominated Personal Representative:
DEBORAH JEAN KIRCHEN
501 East Main Street
DeWitt, MI 48820
(517) 896-5841

Attorney for Trustee/Nominated Personal Representative: Law Offices of Benjamin T. Vader
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Installation of new officers for Ovid VFW Post 8964. (left to right) Chaplain Mark Darling, Senior Vice Commander Dean Acre, Post Commander Arthur Jones, Adjutant/Quartermaster Aaron McClung, Department of Michigan Junior Vice Commander Larry Thayer, Past Commander Leonard Huyck.



Arthur Jones (left) takes over as Post 8964 Commander. Leonard Huyck has been Commander of the Post for the past 42 years, congratulates Jones as new Post Commander.



Leonard Huyck receives a Proclamation of Appreciation, for his 42 years of service as Commander of the Post, from the office of Congressman, Tom Barrett. Trevor Pittsley, Director of Constituent Relations, presented Huyck with the award on Tuesday, May 27th, during the monthly meeting of Ovid VFW Post 8964.



The Ovid & Elsie Lions Clubs are proud supporters of the T.E.A.M. project for E.E.Knight fifth grade students. Taught by Deputy Barber from the Clinton County Sheriff's Office, this school liaison program is focused on teaching, educating, and mentoring the students. The Ovid and Elsie Lions Clubs both donated totaling \$680 total for the program!

OE Junior Varsity Softball Recap

The Ovid-Elsie Junior Varsity Lady Marauders Softball team capped off a thrilling and successful season with a 10-7 victory against Stockbridge on Tuesday. This year, the team achieved an impressive winning record of 16-5. It was a season marked by remarkable growth and development, with every player making significant contributions. The JV Lady Marauders scored a total of 306 runs, outscoring their opponents by 129 runs.



The team's overall stats were outstanding, boasting a batting average of .420, an on-base percentage of .592, an OPS of 1.159, and a slugging percentage of .567. Defensively, they excelled with a fielding percentage of .876 and a total of 136 strikeouts, proving themselves to be a formidable force both offensively and defensively.

The Ovid-Elsie JV Lady Marauders have set a high standard for the future of the Ovid-Elsie softball program. These young athletes exemplified the true spirit of student-athletes, maintaining their academic focus while managing the demands of a rigorous schedule. Their hard work, trust, confidence, and dedication to both their studies and athletic development will be invaluable as they face new challenges in the future.

The 2025 team roster includes (pictured from left to right) Assistant Coach Stephanie Levey, Marlee O'Bryant (fresh), Sierra Rings (junior), Haylee Arnett (fresh), Brooke Pugsley (soph), Kyra Witt (fresh), Adalyn Polash (fresh), Ashlyn Fabus (soph), Reagan Fields (soph), Danica Levey (fresh), Dakota Lott (fresh), Allie Barnhill-Minarik (soph), and Head Coach Aaron McClung.

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Second session starts at 11am to 1pm and is geared for more competitive play. Clinic teaching and the group will play up to 9 holes.
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