

## John & Peggy Leonard To Be Featured in the Laingsburg Springtime Festival Parade

by Deb Price

The Laingsburg Lions Club will host the 42nd Springtime Festival which will begin on Thursday afternoon May 22nd and continue thru Monday (Memorial Day), May 26th in downtown Laingsburg. The Lions have named John and Peggy Leonard as the 2025 Parade Marshals.

Peggy met John her Sophomore year in high school, they both graduated from Laingsburg, John in 1969 and Peggy in 1974. They began their married life together in 1976. Peggy worked for Sparrow Hospital, the family business, Leonard Hardware, and for the Laingsburg School District as an Administrative Assistant for 20 Years. John and Ken Koonter started K&L Enterprise in 1979, fixing cars out of their garages. In 1984, John built All-Tech Automotive and continued for the next 42 years, repairing automobiles and operating a wrecker service at the Round Lake Road location. He sold that business in 2021 but kept the wrecker service, which he still operates today.

When it comes to community service, John and Peggy were all in. They understood the importance of taking part in the community and giving back of their time. They were active in the LBA (Laingsburg Business Association), Sports Boosters, Lions & Lioness Clubs and Little League, just to name a few. John also served on the LEAF (Laingsburg Educational Advancement Foundation) board and Peggy is a member of the Mitten Makers at St Isidore's, making mittens for the homeless.

In their spare time, they enjoy Off-Road 4x4 activities, including camping with friends and cruised the Silver Lake sand dunes. Peggy enjoys flower gardening, she's known for her perennial seedlings that she shares with others. John enjoys restoring cars. They also enjoy spending time with their sons Dan (Katie) and Dustin (Melanie) and their 5 grand children, Parker, Kendall, Logan, Wyatt and Maverick.

John and Peggy will be introduced on Friday evening at 6:15pm at the Amphitheater, located ant McClintock Park along with the Sr. King and Queen, Alberto and Sandra Chavez. Both couples will be in the Parade on Saturday at 11am.



Cheyenne is pictured here with her parents: Doug and Tammy Kline, brother Chase Kline, grandparents, friends and FFA Teacher Ms. Hoffman.

## Ovid-Elsie Senior Signs Professional Development Program

submitted by Sarah Morehouse

The Keystone Cooperative is excited to announce the selection of the second class of SEED (Securing Experience & Employee Development) Professionals. Senior Cheyenne Kline from Ovid Elsie High School, signed her letter of intent on April 25th to become a member of the SEED Class of 2025. Expanding from six in 2024 to 18 development professionals for 2025, the SEED Class encompasses high school graduates residing in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana—Keystone's three state footprint.

SEED is a two-year developmental program where recent high school graduates are hired full-time at Keystone to explore the diversity of the business resulting in a rewarding and fulfilling career in agriculture and energy. The program allows high school graduates to explore Keystone's diversified businesses – Grain, Energy, Agronomy, Swine & Animal Nutrition and Corporate – ultimately learning what areas interest them the most as a full-time employee.

This boots-on-the-ground learning experience is ideal for high school graduates more interested in getting to work, rather than sitting in class. SEED Professionals receive full-time benefits, including professional accreditations and trainings, and at the end of the program, successful participants will find opportunities for full-time careers that match their interests and abilities.

The program officially kicks off at Keystone's corporate office on June 9th, where professionals will learn the business while engaging with internal and external experts. Applications for the Class of 2026 are now available on Keystone's website.

To learn more about Keystone's SEED Program, visit [www.keystonecoop.com/SEED](http://www.keystonecoop.com/SEED).

## Village of Elsie Council Meeting

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Elsie Village Council was held Tuesday, May 13, 2025. Officials addressed a variety of agenda items, and members of the community are stepping up to improve the Village Parks.

Dorothy Ornelas reported that Heroes Park is moving forward with the following activities: June 7, 2025 there will be a work day at the park, and August 23, 2025 a car show on site with the goal to raise funds to maintain the park. There is also a goal to raise funds for a Viet Nam Veteran statue the cost is \$5,000. The community-based committee has a goal of raising \$2,500 noting that Modern Woodsman Financial Group will match funds raised for the project. Mike White is assisting with installing bricks at the park and organizing fund raising activities to maintain the site.

Ed White updated officials on the status of the Elsie Village Park improvements. The concrete has been pulled, and new cement will be delivered and poured this week. Next, new lights have been installed and the timers will be set soon and painting will begin soon. Future plans were discussed and the need for additional funds to maintain the park. At this time there are no village funds allocated for the park. Discussion followed regarding the purchase of new soccer nets. It should be noted that White is assisted by the IBEW.

Jason Freeman, village president, gave a brief business update. The Elsie Lions Club donated \$3,000 for the fence at Heroes' Park and the village contributed \$4,000 to complete the fence, the agreement was that the village would install a plaque recognizing fallen Lions members. Officials discussed the plaque noting that it cannot be completed in two-weeks or by Memorial Day. "This is a difficult decision because promises were made," commented Jason Freeman. The plan for future memorials will be developed. Doug Sturgis, Lions Club member, will discuss the situation with the Lions Club because there may be an understanding of approval by club members for the plaque. More to come.

Freeman also reported that the Emergencies Services Building appraisal should be completed by the Fire Board meeting May 21, 2025.

Destinee Bryce, interim manager, reported that the revenue sharing payments should be received as scheduled and the Act 51 or Michigan Transportation Funds money will be received and the village will be working with the Clinton County Road Commission regarding N. Ovid Street. State Bank accounts have been established, one bank account which reflects the designated line items has been established. In addition, Monday, May 12, 2025 the first monthly deficit elimination plan report was filed with Michigan Department of Treasury.

Bryce further updated officials on the status of BS & A in the cloud. The accounting program is scheduled for data extraction to begin August 5, 2025 with final data extraction August 20, 2025. The Woodhill Group will be facilitating the transition.

Next, Bryce presented the monthly police report. The department addressed 12 traffic stops for the month. It was noted that complaints increased for the month of April, EPD addressed fifty-six complaints that included – traffic, fraud complaint, assault, missing person, one mutual aid and weigh master. The current COPS grant will be filed in the very near future.

The Village of Elsie received a Financially Distressed Community grant from Michigan Treasury for approximately \$148,000 to replace all water meters (417), with smart meters. Deadline for installation will be established as outlined within the grant. Water meters will be ordered as appropriated by the grant.

Related action, officials took formal action to approve the resolution to accept the FDCVT grant for water meter replacement. Unanimous roll call vote.

Bryce further reported that the Woodhill Group is working five days a week on billings and finances to meet BS & A deadlines. Finally, Consumers Energy is providing a list of street lights to be is evaluated so officials can determine if there are lights that are on during the day or lights that can be eliminated. The lights are costing the Village approximately \$2,200 per month.

Officials voted to go into closed session for the purpose of completing the sixth month evaluation of the interim manager, 7:47 pm. Officials returned to open session at 8:46. Action was taken to designate Destinee Bryce as Elsie Village Manager for the remainder of her contract.

Chris Ormes, DPW, presented a brief monthly report. The department applied cold patch for the pot holes within the village. Again, will be discussing North Ovid Street with the Clinton County Road Commission. The panel at the life station is in progress. Peerless has been on site to finish the damaged panel. This is an insurance claim, due to the recent storm. The Village will only be paying the deductible.

Next, action due to water meter installation and the time involved a schedule will need to be developed to leaf and brush pick-up. Discussion followed. Moving forward leaf bags and brush pick-up will be every Monday beginning May 19, 2025.

Fall Festival October 4, 2025, 10 am-4 pm.

Public comment: Nicole Fickes, County Commissioner, reported that Ways and Means met May 15, 2025; RESA career fair is slated for November 6, 2025. There has been a rise in youth with issues within the county. Next, May 20, 9 am infrastructure meeting at the County Commissioners chambers in St. Johns, the discussion will be regarding the state of the jail. Should they pursue a millage to build a new jail at an estimated cost of 91 million dollars or continue to maintain current facility. Questions followed.

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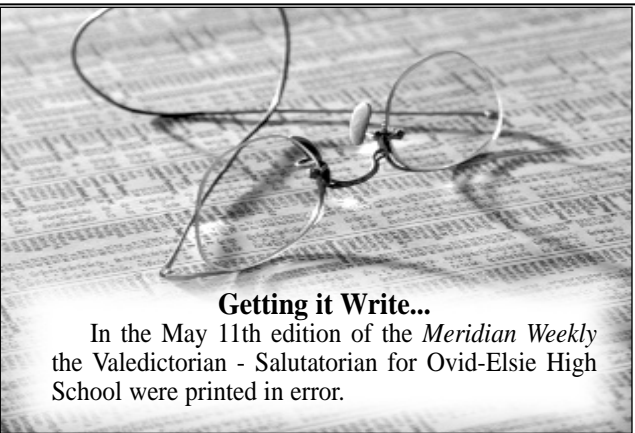
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Getting it Write...

In the May 11th edition of the *Meridian Weekly* the Valedictorian - Salutatorian for Ovid-Elsie High School were printed in error.



**Joseph Zuniga**  
**GPA: 4.41**  
**Valedictorian**  
Parents: Rebecca &  
Anthony Zuniga  
Joseph plans to attend  
Saginaw Valley State  
University to study  
Accounting



**Kathryn Thornton**  
**GPA: 4.38**  
**Salutatorian**  
Parents: Jennifer & Kyle  
Thornton  
Kathryn plans to attend  
Central Michigan University  
to study Exercise Science:  
Kinesiology

Ovid Public Library  
Holiday Hours

The Ovid Public Library will be closed on Saturday, May 24 and Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, May 27 at 10:00. We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend.

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Community Cares -  
Community Forum

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE - Our community has recently suffered some painful losses, and we know that many people are quietly struggling. We aren't alone in this. Neither are you. We are taking steps to help make sure everyone is able to get the support, resources, and information they need by starting a new campaign of support for the Ovid Elsie area. We are calling it "Community Cares: Conversations of Support."

In partnership with CMHA-CEI, we are bringing in Jody Nelson, LMSW, a therapist and engaging speaker who has been helping people and communities navigate tough conversations about mental health for the past 25 years to help us launch our Community Cares campaign. Mr. Nelson is the leader of the Tri County Lifesavers youth suicide prevention coalition, helps manage Children's Crisis Services, leads the Critical Incident Response Team at CMHA-CEI, and was an Elsie resident himself years ago. (He admits, however, that it has been a while since he was up on a horse while growing up in Nebraska.)

Please join us for our first Community Cares: Conversations of Support talk on Tuesday, May 20th, from 6:30-7:30pm at the Elsie United Methodist Church. Refreshments will be served.

In this talk you will have the opportunity to give and receive support, learn about common responses people have to traumatic events and how to find mental health support and resources for yourself and the people you love. You have the chance to ask any questions you might have about mental health and also have the chance to let us know what topics or issues you would like to hear more about in future community conversations."

BID NOTICE

The Village of Ashley will be accepting bid proposal for a Wraparound Porch around the Village of Ashley's building The Depot doing the following:

- Porch will be 8' x 120'
- Concrete will be 10' x 120'

Please call DPW Supervisor Paul Beck for bid specifications at (989)640-4314 Bids will be accepted through June 3, 2025 at 4pm and can be received at the Ashley Village Office, P.O. Box 158, Ashley, MI 48806 or request by email to [villageclerk@ashleyvillage.net](mailto:villageclerk@ashleyvillage.net)

The Village of Ashley reserves the right to accept and/or reject any and all proposals, and to make the award in the best interest of the Village.

President, Robert Studt



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## 2024 Water Quality Report for Bingham Township

Water Supply Serial Number: 6300

This report covers the drinking water quality for City of St. Johns for the 2024 calendar year. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you in 2024. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and state standards.

Your water comes from 5 groundwater wells, each over 488 feet deep. The State performed an assessment of our source water to determine the susceptibility or the relative potential of contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very-low" to "very-high" based on geologic sensitivity, well construction, water chemistry and contamination sources. The susceptibility of our source is: Well #2 Moderate, Well # 3 High, Well # 4 High, Well # 7 Moderately low, Well #8 Moderately Low.

There are no significant sources of contamination in our water supply. We are making efforts to protect our sources by participating in the Well Head Protection Program and continuously monitoring our water supply through testing and sampling recommended by EGLE.

If you would like to know more about this report, please contact: Calvin Galecka 989-224-8944 ext. 235 cgalecka@stjohnsmi.gov

**Contaminants and their presence in water:** Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the **U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791)**.

**Vulnerability of sub-populations:** Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. U.S. EPA/Center for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the **Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791)**.

**Sources of drinking water:** The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

**Contaminants that may be present in source water include:**

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. EPA prescribes regulations that limit the levels of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Federal Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which provide the same protection for public health.

### Water Quality Data

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2024 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 through December 31, 2024. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

Terms and abbreviations used below:

• **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

• **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

• **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

• **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

• **Treatment Technique (TT):** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

• **N/A:** Not applicable

• **ND:** not detectable at testing limit

• **ppm:** parts per million or milligrams per liter

• **ppb:** parts per billion or micrograms per liter

• **ppt:** parts per trillion or nanograms per liter

• **pCi/L:** picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

• **Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

• **Level 1 Assessment:** A study of the water supply to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

• **Level 2 Assessment:** A very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

**Information about lead:** Lead can cause serious health effects in people of all ages, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and parts used in service lines and in home plumbing. The City of St. Johns is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in the plumbing in your home. Because lead levels may vary over time, lead exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time. You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Using a filter, certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead, is effective in reducing lead exposures. Follow the instructions provided with the filter to ensure the filter is used properly. Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water. Before using tap water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. If you have a lead service line or galvanized requiring replacement service line, you may need to flush your pipes for at least 5 minutes to flush water from both your home plumbing and the lead

service line. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact City of St. Johns Water Department at 989-224-8944 ext. 235 for Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>. Infants and children who drink water containing lead could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor.

Our water supply has 92 lead service lines and 614 service lines of unknown material out of a total of 3117 service lines.

Monitoring and Reporting to the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE)

Requirements: The State of Michigan and the U.S. EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We met all the monitoring and reporting requirements for 2024.

We met all the monitoring and reporting requirements for 2024. We will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. Copies are available at City of St. Johns Offices 100 E State St, St Johns, Michigan. This report will not be sent to you. We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. City Commission meetings are held the 4th Monday of every month at the Clinton County Courthouse. For more information about your water, or the contents of this report, contact Justin Smith Director of Public Services at 989-224-8944 ext. 281. For more information about safe drinking water, visit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at [www.epa.gov/safewater/](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/).

On January 1, 2025, the action level for lead in Michigan dropped from 15 ppb to 12 ppb. All monitoring conducted on or after January 1, 2025, will be evaluated against the 12 ppb action level for lead. Please keep this in mind as you receive laboratory results in 2025.

A 24-hour Tier 1 Public Notice is now required for lead action level exceedances (ALE)s. EGLE recommends having a plan in place to meet the 24-hour Public Notice requirement in the event of an ALE.

Table 1: Monitoring Data for Regulated Contaminants

Regulated Contaminant	MCL, TT, or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Arsenic (ppb)	10	0	N/A	N/A	2018	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.13	N/A	2018	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge of metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	N/D	N/A	2024	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.38	N/A	2024	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Sodium <sup>1</sup> (ppm)	N/A	N/A	39	N/A	2024	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
THM Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	.08	N/A	.0262	N/A	2024	NO	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
HAA5 Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	.06	N/A	N/D	N/A	2024	NO	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Chlorine <sup>2</sup> (ppm)	4	4	.AB	.05-.80	2024	NO	Water additive used to control microbes
Alpha emitters (pCi/L)	15	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined radium (pCi/L)	5	0	4.9	N/A	2019	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
Total Coliform	TT	N/A	0	N/A	2024	NO	Naturally present in the environment
E. coli in the distribution system (positive samples)	See E. coli note <sup>3</sup>	0	0	N/A	2024	NO	Human and animal fecal waste
Fecal Indicator - E. coli at the source (positive samples)	TT	N/A	0	N/A	2024	NO	Human and animal fecal waste

<sup>1</sup> Sodium is not a regulated contaminant.

<sup>2</sup> The chlorine "Level Detected" was calculated using a running annual average.

<sup>3</sup> E. coli MCL violation occurs if: (1) routine and repeat samples are total coliform-positive and either is E. coli-positive, or (2) the supply fails to take all required repeat samples following E. coli-positive routine sample, or (3) the supply fails to analyze total coliform-positive repeat sample for E. coli.

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)							
Regulated Contaminant	MCL, TT, or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid (HFPO-DA) (ppt)	370	N/A	N/D	N/A	2024	No	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities utilizing the Gen X chemical process
Perfluorobutane sulfonic acid (PFBS) (ppt)	420	N/A	N/D	N/A	2024	No	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; stain-resistant treatments
Perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS) (ppt)	51	N/A	N/D	N/A	2024	NO	Firefighting foam; discharge and waste from industrial facilities
Perfluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA) (ppt)	400,000	N/A	N/D	N/A	2024	NO	Firefighting foam; discharge and waste from industrial facilities
Perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA) (ppt)	6	N/A	N/D	N/A	2024	NO	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; breakdown of precursor compounds
Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) (ppt)	16	N/A	N/D	N/A	2024	NO	Firefighting foam; discharge from electroplating facilities; discharge and waste from industrial facilities
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) (ppt)	8	N/A	N/D	N/A	2024	NO	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; stain-resistant treatments
Inorganic Contaminant Subject to Action Levels (AL)	Action Level	MCLG	Your Water <sup>4</sup>	Range of Results	Year Sampled	Number of Samples Above AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	15	0	1	0-33	2024	0	Lead service lines, corrosion of household plumbing including fittings and fixtures; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.5	0-6	2024	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

<sup>4</sup> Ninety (90) percent of the samples collected were at or below the level reported for our water.

### Additional Monitoring

Unregulated contaminants are those for which the U.S. EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps the U.S. EPA determine where certain contaminants occur and whether regulation of those contaminants is needed.

Unregulated Contaminant Name	Average Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Comments
[Name of Unregulated Contaminant] (unit)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Results of monitoring are available upon request
[Name of Unregulated Contaminant] (unit)	N/A	N/A	N/A	Results of monitoring are available upon request



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- 7th Prize - \$200
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Noon-2pm - CRAFT SHOW SET  
UP (McClintock Park & Woodhull St.)

2pm until Dusk - ARTS/CRAFTS  
OPENS (McClintock Park & Woodhull St.)

4-11 p.m. - MIDWAY OPENS  
BRACELET RIDE  
(pay \$30 Ride All Day)

6:15 p.m. - INTRODUCTION OF  
PARADE MARSHALS & KING  
& QUEEN  
(At McClintock Park Amphitheater)

## SATURDAY, MAY 24th

10:00 a.m. - PARADE STARTS  
FORMING (N. Woodbury at Cemetery)

11:00 a.m. - SUPER PARADE  
STARTS  
(Parade ends at end of Midway)

Noon - 6 p.m. - ARTS & CRAFTS  
OPEN (McClintock Park & Woodhull St.)

12 Noon - 11:00 p.m. - BRACELET  
RIDE Pay \$30 and ride all rides during  
this time

12 Noon - 11:00 p.m. - CORNHOLE  
TOURNAMENT AND BEER TENT  
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12 Noon - 3pm - 6pm - JUGGLING  
STUNT SHOW  
(Amphitheater at McClintock Park)



## SUNDAY, MAY 25th

8-11:00 a.m. - BREAKFAST AT  
AMERICAN LEGION

1-10:00 p.m. - BRACELET RIDES  
(Pay \$30 and ride all rides during this  
time)

12Noon- 6 p.m. - Arts & Crafts Open  
(McClintock Park & Woodhull St.)

### LINE DANCING SUNDAY!

Beginners instruction 2:00 to 3:00pm  
Intermediate dancing 3:00 to 4:00pm



## MONDAY, MAY 26th

11:00 a.m.-Noon - Post 248 American  
Legion Memorial Service at Cemetery

1-6:00 p.m. - BRACELET RIDES (Pay  
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3:00 p.m. - GRAND PRIZE  
DRAWING (McClintock Amphitheater)



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# NEW EVENTS!



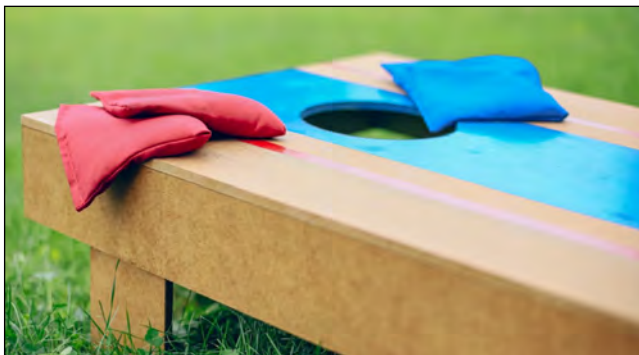
## Juggling/Stunt Show



A Juggling/Stunt Show will be held on Saturday, May 24th at the Amphitheater. Juggler, Clark Lewis will perform 3 shows, noon, 3pm and 6pm.



## Cornhole



## Beer Tent

The Laingsburg American Legion Post 248 will be hosting a Beer Tent near the tennis courts at McClintock Park on Saturday, May 24th from Noon-11pm. All proceeds will go towards their parking lot fund. The tent will feature Bud Light, Busch Light, Coors Light, Michelle Ultra, Miller Lite, PBR, Long Drink and White Claw. You must be 21 to purchase alcohol, ID's will be checked at the entrance.



## Line Dancing

Kick-N-Style Line Dancing will be held at McClintock Park on Sunday, May 25th with beginners instruction from 2pm-3pm and intermediate instruction from 3pm-4pm. Join us from some kicking up your heels fun!



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| PRIZE 6 | \$300 Cash                      |
| PRIZE 7 | \$200 Cash                      |
| PRIZE 8 | \$100 Cash                      |

Drawing Held on May 26th at McClintock Park Amphitheater

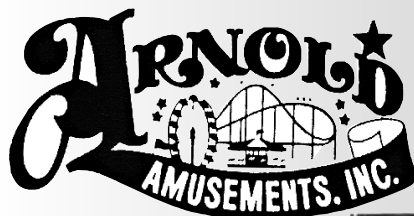
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## Village of Elsie... cont' from front

Members of the Elsie Area Fire Association board were present and requested information on the status of the EMS building. It was noted that Village officials hope to have the details of a lease agreement, rental and/or purchase agreement by the May 22, fire board meeting.

Doug Sturgis asked about the state of the village storage shed on Maple Street and sidewalks that were slated for repair this year. Officials noted that funds are tight at this moment. Sidewalks will be evaluated in the near future.

Other residents commented that giving one person so many responsibilities like full manager and police chief, why so many hats for one person, a slippery slope and past history has shown this not to be a good decision. Also, why is the village providing transportation for the police chief from her home to work. It was noted other employees also drive village vehicles to and from work. And it has been past practice that department heads may use village vehicles as part of the salary. Further noted that the dual role is saving the village \$40,000 per year. Police vehicle paid for by grant funding.

Addition details could not be provided due to a pending investigation which has not been completed.

Monthly action was taken to approve the meeting agenda with the addition manager/code enforcement six-month evaluation, the minutes of the April 8, 2025 regular meeting and the financial reports. In addition, action was taken to approve expenditures totaling \$52,850.58.



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## Obituaries

### Norma Jean Lee

Norma Jean Lee, a cherished matriarch known affectionately as mom, grandma, great-grandma, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully on May 13, 2025, at the Willows of East Lansing. Born on October 13, 1934, in New Era, Michigan, Norma's life was a testament to her loving, faith-filled, and thoughtful nature. Her journey through life was marked by her unwavering dedication to her family and the joy she found in the simple pleasures of farm living.

Norma's journey began as the heart of a close-knit family, where she grew up to be a pillar of love and support. After graduating high school in 1954, she married the love of her life, Robert Reid Lee, on June 26 of the same year. Together, they built a life filled with joy, hard work, and the laughter of children. Norma's family was her pride and joy, and she leaves behind a legacy through her family, son, Larry (Annette) Lee, daughters Holly (Douglas) Webster and Julie White, as well as her cherished 11 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind her son-in-law, Richard (Susan) Curtis. Norma was welcomed to heaven by her beloved husband, Robert Reid Lee, her parents, her brother George, her daughter Joy Curtis, and her granddaughter Jamie Curtis.

Norma's commitment to her community was unwavering. She served as a Sciota Township Board Trustee from 1992 to 2008 and represented Shiawassee County on the Shiawassee/Genesee Planning and Development Committee. Her passion for nurturing future generations was evident through her 20 years as a 4-H Leader. Norma also dedicated five years to the Laingsburg Lioness Club, sang with the Laingsburg Community Choir, and was a devoted member of the Laingsburg First Congregational Church, where she taught Sunday School and sang in the church choir.

Her work in her home and on the farm alongside Robert was one of Norma's greatest pleasures, this was a testament to her strength and her ability to create a warm and inviting atmosphere for all who crossed her threshold. She had a special love for raising pigs and even collected pig figurines, a charming hobby that brought her much joy. Norma spent many years raising laying hens and personally delivered delicious eggs to local businesses; she took great pride in delivering Lee's Ladies Eggs to the community. Norma's love for the outdoors was reflected in her beautiful flower and vegetable gardens, which were a testament to her care and dedication.

Norma's life was a tapestry woven with the threads of her interests and her love for her family. She relished the time spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, instilling in them the values of kindness, hard work, and faith. Her presence was a comforting constant, and her guidance was a compass for her loved ones.

As we remember Norma, we celebrate a life lived with purpose and grace. Her spirit, characterized by love and thoughtfulness, will continue to inspire those who knew her. Norma's legacy is one of unwavering faith and the unbreakable bonds of family, which will endure through the generations.

Norma's life will be honored and her memory cherished by all who were fortunate enough to know her. As we bid farewell to this remarkable woman, we take solace in the knowledge that her influence will live on in the hearts and lives of her family and friends. Norma lived the words of John 4:4 Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

Funeral service will be held on Sunday, May 18, 2025 at Laingsburg Congregational Church at 1:00pm. Rev. Tom Rundel will celebrate with burial to follow in Laingsburg Cemetery. The Lee family will receive friends at Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes, 203 E. First North St. Laingsburg, on Saturday from 2:00pm-4:00pm & 6:00pm-8:00pm.

Norma has requested that in lieu of flowers, you make a donation to the Laingsburg First Congregational Church, LSW Emergency Services, or the Shiawassee County Agricultural Society.

Online condolences and pictures may be shared with the family at, [WatkinsFuneralHomes.com](http://WatkinsFuneralHomes.com)



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## Ashley High School Forestry Team Headed to Indianapolis

submitted by  
Amber McAllister

The Ashley Community lined the streets of the Village Friday, May 9th to celebrate the Forestry Team heading to Indianapolis in October. Ashley Firefighter Mark Garritty escorted the Team through town with the Rescue Truck. The team was

pulled by Dave Osborn on a haywagon. Following the team was Ashley's Fire Truck driven by Jonathan McKendry. The town could not have been more proud of this team. Team Members included: Carson Litwiller, Gibson Jason, Seth Stahr, and Tristan Ringle. The team was Advised by Amber McAllister.







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### Morel Hunting Season Advice

Dear Andy,

I have walked all over my county and in upper Michigan over the years and I have never found a Morel Mushroom. Is there a trick to finding them? Any tips? The Huntress

Dear Huntress,

There are some great tips that have been shared with me over the years. It's not too late in the year, but most serious hunters are out the end of April and into May. The best time is after a night or early morning Spring rain at about 40 – 50 degrees. Followed by sunshine. It is tricky. Morels will not grow if it is too cold or too hot. The best temperature I have seen this fungi "pop up" was in the low 60"s. Some hunters use a soil thermometer.

Once you find a spot, do not tell anyone the exact location. Most patches will come back in the same area for a few years. The natural deterioration of the mushroom can take up to 2 weeks before it decays. Mushrooms are just waiting for someone to find them. It takes morel mushroom up to 3 weeks to fully extend their heads. Many are found under leaves near old Elm tree trunks that have decayed naturally. In a warm sunny area, usually on the sunny side of a hill.

The scientific name is *Morchella esculenta*; ie Morel Mushrooms which can grow into many shades of tan and brown to almost white in the same patch. Take a photo of the Morel Mushroom with you. Making a mistake can get you extremely sick. There are a few look-alikes hidden in the woods, as well. Be patient in your search. Take a phone, secure your keys, and use a compass and a paring knife. Always cut the stem of the mushroom; do not pull it out of the ground. It needs the root to regrow. Use recycled onion bags to carry your harvest with you. It allows the spores to spread as you hike through the woods. Deer hunting trails are a great place to start. The further north you travel, the later the season....all the way in to mid-June.

Last time I went Morel hunting I lost my car keys and parked in an area I thought was a parking entrance where I have seen hunters by Sleepy Hollow Park. Turned out to be a off road jump for 4-wheelers and I was stuck. When I got towed out, my front bumper tore off. So advice... watch where you park, hunt, and walk. Bring the right tools and know exactly what you are looking for. If it sounds like too much work... Morels can be purchased at the tune of \$50 - \$60 a pound.

Cooking instructions: Soak clean in cold water to get the sand out completely. Save up to 3 days or use a food drier for eating at another time. (follow food drier directions). The best way is to slice and sauté in butter, sliced onion, and garlic until tender for about 5 -7 minutes and serve over burgers or steaks. I think I will go out today to look again, after I get an estimate on my bumper. Last time I only found 1 big one so I am motivated to find more.

Happy Hunting, askandyforadvice@gmail.com

## Thank You for Voting No

*Letter to the Editor:*

Dear Voters of St. Johns School District,

Thank you for voting No on the St. Johns School Bond. This financially responsible decision will set up our children for a great future!

*Citizens for Responsible School Financing*

## Thank You Laingsburg Mail Carriers and The Community

*Letter to the Editor:*

This past weekend, Laingsburg's local mail carriers went above and beyond, carrying not just mail but hope for many in our community. Laingsburg residents filled bags with non-perishable food items, which were collected by our dedicated postal workers during their regular mail routes and delivered to the Laingsburg Area Food Bank. Their extraordinary efforts, along with the overwhelming response from our residents, is a heartwarming example of our community's commitment to help our local residents in need.

*Cindy Dolan*



## A Little Common Sense

*by Crystal Mitchell*



# Editorial

## The Weekly Sportsman

*by Dan McMaster*  
theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com

I have been having a series of learning experiences... Such as I have forgotten how to stay limber and if you don't use it you will lose it. My upper back, neck and shoulders can attest to this fact. I believe that I should have not have stood under the hanging baskets to get it lifted off the horizontal pole. And I should not have repeated this process several times. FYI the pole was at least seven feet above my head. But I did... Hence I have very sorry muscles that are moaning and groaning. They have my acute attention and they will probably be sore for a couple more days. Of course in this day and age there is ibuprofen to ease the discomfort. My goal for this week is to be very functional, I plan on enjoying myself with our four generational outing on this Saturday. It should be very interesting...

I hope that all of the generations of Mothers had a wonderful day filled with family and friends. Diane had a cook out that spanned four generations. It was one of the best get togethers that I have been involved in for about the last eighteen months. Basically I am healing up well after sliding on ice under my pickup, (bodies were not meant to fold up like that). I hail my body as being a very masterful piece of engineering, God does good work. Occasionally I have a bit of pain but it is lovely because it is no longer a constant. I arrived at Diane and Brent's at 2:45 and ended up being the last to leave which was after nine. I watched the two little ones figure out who was in charge, sometimes Vanessa and sometimes Suzy (both are within the boundaries of the 'terrible twos'). I admired Isabella for being such a marvelous older sister, (she is ten). I enjoyed watching conversations and social interactions. I loved the laughter and the exchanges of political view got a bit loud. Equal representation of both liberals and conservatives. It was a good day. And the food was good, there were homemade venison brats and some fab salads. Good food, good friends and enjoyable families...

I'm excited because my clean top soil has been delivered and the strawberry patch will finally get planted. Of course the elevated garden beds are almost ready to be planted. Alas, the yard needs to be mowed again and it will have to wait until Sunday afternoon. Margie found some Marglobe seeds for me to plant so I should have my old fashioned tomatoes this year for canning. I have a dozen other tomato plants to get into the ground. My Candy Cane and Walla Walla onions are planted and I need to be transplanting some sweet potatoes. Just heard that it is supposed to rain up to two inches tonight. Too bad that I don't have my petunias potted yet.

Lately I have been visiting my friends when I can catch them at home. I fail to call ahead in some instances but still get a few good visits. Rolayne showed me her raised garden that has been made out of stacking two large tractor tires. She is looking forward to having fresh tomatoes this summer and so am I. I probably should have rototilled my potato patch. If the ground is dry tomorrow I may get the potato patch in place. I plan on making a run into Owosso to pick up a couple of new shirts and to pick up products at Allen Paper Company.

Amazingly the rain came, along with a tornado warning at 11:30 last night. I had just gotten to sleep when my phone went berserk... I was surprised that I hadn't paid more attention to the thunder and lightening show... it was spectacular. I won't get much gardening done today. I did have a wonderful visit with Renee and Dirk when I picked up my strawberry plants, good thing that they are happy in the refrigerator (for now). I have been blessed with kind neighbors, they all seem to be of the giving variety. So I am savoring the baked beans that Karen made, enjoying the white spotted petunias that Margie gave, and am happy with the rhubarb that has been given. What an amalgam of gifts given out of kindness. Be happy and may God bless you also.

Crystal Mitchell©2025

### WILD MEAT

The Weekly Sportsman loves pursuing new and used bookstores to add to an ever growing wild game cookbook collection. The best always seem to be some obscure and or out of print edition with a worn cover and low price. Sometimes the stars align and an old spiral one from the Ozarks or Appalachia surfaces and must be hauled home. The other day all the stars, moons, and planets must have aligned when walking past a clearance section and a cookbook titled WILD MEAT was spotted. After a quick skimming it looked of interest and was purchased.

Some people actually read cookbooks from cover to cover just like it is a must read best seller. The Weekly Sportsman is one that starts on the back cover or inside flap then moves to the title page and of course followed by the table of contents and finally chapter by chapter. This book seemed out of order as the title page and a page about the author were at the end. Upon close examination, this book was printed in London and the author, Ross O'Meara, who originally farmed and hunted in Australia has worked as a chef all over the world. To help American readers there is a glossary squeezed in between the introduction and recipes and if you are up for some tasty pigeon, possum, camel, wallaby and kangaroo then this book is for you. Most of the recipes look incredible and are well suited for substitution with many types of U.S. domestic meat.

Have ever wondered how to field dress a kangaroo and other animals found down under? If so, then be sure to read up and study the Guide to Field Dressing section found near the rear of the book. Funny story, sort of, the Weekly Sportsman's old college roommate and personal whetter, Marc Marry, is married to an Australian. There have been many discussions over the years on the proper method of dressing out a 'roo before throwing it on the barbie. Now, that almost thirty year old debate is moot thanks to this book.

This book is far better than any Ozark or Appalachian work and definitely deserves a permanent place on the Weekly Sportsman's shelf of wild game cookbooks. Maybe the Weekly Sportsman's personal whetter needs one also. -WS

**Ovid Township**  
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**April 24, 2025, Proposed Minutes**

Supervisor J. West called the regular meeting to order at 6 p.m., with the Pledge to the Flag. Roll Call: Supervisor Jennings West, Clerk Claudia Barrett Pluger, Treasurer Nancy Hughson, Trustees Bobby Byles & Kurt Wolf  
**Guests:** 10.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by N. Hughson to approve the agenda with discussed change, Seconded by K. Wolf. Carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by B. Byles to approve the minutes of March 27, 2025, Seconded by N. Hughson. Carried.

**Treasurer's Financial Report:** Motion by B. Byles to approve the Treasurer's report, Seconded by K. Wolf. Carried.

**Clerk's Report & Check Register-March 28, 2025-April 24, 2025:** Motion by B. Byles to approve the Clerk's disbursement report for a total of \$28,972.94, Seconded by K. Wolf. Carried.

**New Business -**

Hall Rental with a tent: No action taken.

Riley Township to join CAASA: Discussion. No objection.

Reports By: Assessor-Peggy Lidgard, Library-Trustee B. Byles, OMESA-Treasurer N. Hughson, CAASA-Supervisor J. West

**Public Comments:** Opened 7:11 p.m. Closed: 7:18 p.m.

**Board Comments:** Motion by B. Byles to post the proposed minutes on the website within 10 days of the meeting. Seconded by K. Wolf.

Roll Call Vote: C. Pluger-Yes, J. West-Yes, N. Hughson-Yes, K. Wolf-Yes, B. Byles-Yes. Carried. Public and Board Comments-back and forth.

Motion by B. Byles to post the proposed minutes within 10 days of the meeting to the Meridian Weekly. Public & Board Discussion. K. Wolf seconded the motion, with the understanding the Meridian is not going to have them in the paper 10 days after. Discussion.

Roll Call Vote: K. Wolf-Yes, N. Hughson-Yes, J. West-Yes, B. Byles-Yes, C. Pluger-No. Carried. Adjournment: Motion by Supervisor J. West to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by B. Byles. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM

*Claudia Barrett Pluger, Clerk*



# Laingsburg



# 2025

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# Honor Students



**Reagan Gentner**  
**Co-Valedictorian**  
Parents: Robert Gentner and Jennifer Gentner  
Reagan plans to attend Michigan State University to study Physics or Intelligence Analysis



**Kaitlyn Laing**  
**Co-Valedictorian**  
Parents: Jeffrey Laing and Monika Laing  
Kaitlyn plans to attend Lansing Community College to study Marketing and Buisness



**Evelyn Logghe**  
**Co-Valedictorian**  
Parents: Patrick Logghe and April Hoke  
Evelyn plans to attend University of Michigan to study Biology on a Pre-Med Track



**Andrew Park**  
**Co-Valedictorian**  
Parents: Aaron Park and Rebecca Park  
Andrew plans to attend Central Michigan University to study Biochemistry



**Felix Ramirez**  
**Co-Valedictorian**  
Parents: Gilbert Ramirez and Melissa Ramirez  
Felix plans to attend Alma College to study Business



**Emily Rathka**  
**Co-Valedictorian**  
Parents: Daniel Rathka and Kathryn Rathka  
Emily plans to attend University of Michigan to study Nursing



**Audrey Sieben**  
**Co-Valedictorian**  
Parent: Mary Sieben  
Audry plans to attend Michigan State University to study Animal Science with a Pre-Veterinary Preference




**Emma West**  
**Co-Valedictorian**  
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Emma plans to attend Michigan State University to study Interior Design



**Addison Rusz**  
**Salutatorian**  
Parents: Mark Rusz and Christin Rusz  
Addison plans to attend Michigan State University to study Biomedical Sciences




**Tucker Dunn**  
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Sophia Cisneros  
Ivy Collier  
Anthony Dellvon  
William Derrick  
Claire Dhaseleer  
Ethan Douglas  
Tucker Dunn  
Emma Elliott  
Jayden Erickson  
Aydyn Fields  
Emilio Garcia Jr.  
Dominic Garcia  
Raymundo Garcia  
Reagan Gentner

Mitchell George  
Brianna Gousetis  
Marlon Graham  
Alexander Grandy  
Ally Grettenberger  
Colin Hart  
Mya Helmer  
Dylan Hoard  
Logan Holm  
Noah Hunt  
Emily Hutchinson  
Cora Jorae  
Riley Kiffer  
Samantha Knoblauch  
Kacey Kramer  
Benjamin Krot  
Kaitlyn Laing  
Jolie Larson  
Christopher LePard  
Evelyn Logghe  
Javen Loudenbeck  
Levi Loudenbeck

Kyleigh Luna  
Rylee Martindale  
Emerson Massey  
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Emilee Mertens  
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Brooklynn Miller  
Justine Miller  
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Willow Patterson  
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Maxwell Powers  
James Pratt  
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Kaleigh Rann  
Emily Rathka

Gracie Roumpz  
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Addison Rusz  
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# Sports

## City of Ovid Regular Meeting Draft May 12, 2025

**Open Regular Meeting:**

Mayor M. Perrien called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers located at 114 E. Front Street, Ovid, Michigan.

**Roll Call:**

M. Soliz, L. Perrien, M. Olger, M. Perrien, E. Brown, M. Jones, E. Starn  
**Guests:** There were 10 people in attendance.

**Agenda:**

Council Member L. Perrien motioned to approve the agenda as presented.  
Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote

**Minutes:**

Council Member E. Brown motioned to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2025 Regular meeting as presented. Council Member M. Soliz seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote.

**Invoice/Check Register:**

Council Member E. Brown motioned to approve the invoice/check register from April 16, 2025 through May 13, 2025 for a total of \$73,712.24. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote.

**County Commissioner:** 7:03 PM- 7:05 PM

**Audit Presentation:** 7:05 PM to 7:21 PM

**Open Public Comment:** Opened 7:22 PM Closed: 7:47 PM

Report Motion:

Council Member M. Olger motioned to accept receipt of the reports from Treasurer, Attorney, Police and DPW. Council Member M. Soliz seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote.

**New Business:**

a. Acceptance of FY 2024 Audit: Council Member E. Brown motioned to accept the audit for fiscal year 2024 from Maner Costerisan.

Council Member E. Starn seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote.

b. Sewer Cleaner Council Member E. Brown motioned to purchase a sewer cleaner from Spartan in an amount of \$5,225.19. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion Carried on Voice vote.

c. Tires for backhoe- Council Member E. Brown motioned to purchase backhoe tires from ATS Fleet Service in amount of \$2,385.00. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote

d. Fence for Ball field and Tennis court - Council Member E. Starn motioned to accept the bid from Ludwick Fence LLC to repair the fence at the Little League Field in the amount of \$1,200.00. Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

e. Memorial Day-

Council Member L. Perrien motioned to close Main St. from Clinton St. to Oak St. from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on May 26, 2025 for Memorial Day services.

Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion.

Carried on voice vote.

**Old Business:**

a. Fall Clean Up Council Member E. Brown motioned to approve Fall Clean-Up with Granger at the 2025 rates as presented and set the clean-up date in September after Carriage Days.

Council Member E. Starn seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote.

**Committees:**

a. DPW- Council Member E. Brown motioned to expand the leaf pick-up and limited yard waste (no grass or sod) in paper bags and will be picked up on Mondays with brush on a trial base. Council Member M. Jones seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote.

Council Member E. Brown motioned to contract to have mosquito spray and tick treatment for no more \$545.23 per application. Council Member M. Soliz seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote.

Boards and Commissions:

a. CAASA- Riley Township wants to join CAASA. Council Member L. Perrien motioned to allow Riley Township to join Clinton Area Ambulance Service Authority (CAASA). Council Member M. Soliz seconded the motion. Carried on voice.

**Adjournment-**

Council Member M. Soliz motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 PM.

Council Member M. Jones seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote.

*Respectfully submitted by  
Susan Tomasek Swan  
Clerk*

## Pirates Walk Off Wolfpack in 7th Inning for CMAC Win

LAINGSBURG -- Back-to-back doubles by Nolan George and Brandt Kramer plated the winning runs as Pewamo-Westphalia outlasted Laingsburg, 5-3, in CMAC baseball action here May 8.

The Pirates had tied the game in the top of the sixth, 3-3, thanks to an error, and a triple by Alex Drysdale. That was after a sacrifice bunt by Paxton Rodriguez gave Laingsburg the lead, 3-2, in the bottom of the sixth.

Trey Nurenberg earned the win for P-W. The hurler surrendered three hits and three runs (one earned) over six innings, striking out 12 and walking four. Dom Garcia took the loss for Laingsburg. The starter went five innings, allowing zero runs on three hits, striking out five and walking five.

LHS got on the board in the bottom of the fourth inning after Pewamo-Westphalia committed an error, and Rodriguez walked.

Rodriguez, the number eight hitter for the Wolfpack, led the way with two runs batted in. Garcia, Liam Esch, and Meo Garcia each collected one hit.

The nightcap ended in a 3-3 tie, leaving the Wolves with a 3-4-1 league record, 10-6-1 overall. Pewamo-Westphalia improved to 10-3-1 in the CMAC, 11-9-1 overall.

### Wolfpack nips Coloma, 6-5

GRANDVILLE -- Dom Garcia showed a strong eye at the plate, walking three times while leading Laingsburg to a 6-5 non-league victory over Coloma in the opening game of the Calvin Christian Baseball Invitational.

Todd Randall's Wolfpack built a 5-run lead in the second inning and then held off the Comets' charge. Coloma (5-13) closed the gap by scoring on a double, a line out, a hit by pitch, and a base hit.

LHS opened the scoring in the bottom of the first thanks to two singles. RJ Garcia singled in a RBI. The Wolves then added to their early lead in the bottom of the second inning after Coloma bottled two errors, and Garcia lined out.

A double by Garcia extended the lead to 6-3 in the bottom of the third inning.

Everett Rodriguez earned the pitching win, surrendering three hits and five runs (four earned) over four innings, striking out three and walking three. Logan Wilkins took the loss for

Coloma. The righty surrendered three hits and six runs (two earned) over six innings, striking out four and walking six.

Quintin Garcia tossed three innings of no-run ball for Laingsburg in relief. He allowed one hit, striking out five and walking two.

The Wolves were sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. Ethan Smith had the most chances in the field with seven.

-- CALVIN CHRISTIAN 4, LAINGSBURG 2: Laingsburg fell to Calvin Christian 4-2 on Saturday the second game of the tourney.

The Squires took the lead, 1-0, with a double in the second inning and extended their early lead with two runs in the top of the third thanks to RBI walks.

Colton Heaton stepped on the mound first for LHS. The right-hander allowed five hits and four runs (one earned) over four innings, striking out one and walking four. Squires starting pitching surrendered one hit and zero runs over two innings, striking out five and walking one.

Liam Esch went 1-for-2 at the plate and led the Wolfpack with one run batted in. Dom Garcia, Meo Garcia, and Quintin Garcia each collected one hit. Garcia stole two bases.

## Lady Marauders Sweep No. 1 Matches, Nip Lansing Christian 5-3

OVID-ELSIE -- The number '1' came up solid for Ovid-Elsie, setting the tone for a 5-3 girls tennis victory over Lansing Christian School.

Buoyed by straight-set wins at #1 singles and #1 doubles, the Lady Marauders were able to secure a hard-fought non-league triumph.

Match-by-match results included:

Singles: No. 1 - Ellyanna Carman, Ovid-Elsie def. Evelyn Maher, 6-4 , 6-1. No. 2 - Sophia Nielsen, Lansing Christian School def. Jenna Tomasek, 6-0 , 7-6 (3). No. 3 - Avery Hartzler, Lansing Christian School def. Evaley Swender, 6-4 , 6-1. No. 4 - Autumn Baczkiewicz, Ovid-Elsie def. Esther Lee, 6-3, 6-1.

Doubles: No. 1 - Hailie McCreery and Mikayla Bashore, Ovid-Elsie def. Leah Klan, and Isabella Stephenson, 6-2, 6-1. No. 2 - Jolene Hebler, Ovid-Elsie and Lauren Phillips, Ovid-Elsie def. Layla Izzat and Carly Crawford, 6-2 , 6-1. No. 3 - Emmylou Blaha and Alexis Chadwick, Ovid-Elsie def. Claire Haviland, and Madeline Seifferlein, 1-6 , 6-4 , 10-2. No. 4 - Allison Luginbill and Leecy Dittmer, Lansing Christian School def. Alison Kozlowski and Meadow Evans, 6-2, 6-7 (3), 10-7.



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# Sports

## Marauders Go Toe-to-Toe with State Ranked Fulton, Drop Doubleheader

OVID-ELSIE -- A rocky opening inning set the tone, but Ovid-Elsie's varsity baseball team showed its grit despite a non-league doubleheader loss here May 8.

Mike Loynes' Marauders dropped 15-5 and 11-9 counts to the Fulton Pirates, the #8 ranked MHSBCA team in Division 4.

"After a tough first inning we battled back and went toe to toe with them the rest of the night," explained the O-E coaching staff. The Pirates improved to 16-5, with the Marauders falling to 5-6 overall.

The Marauder quartet of Janes-Kelly-Fabus-Herblet surrendered the loss in the opener, after spotting the Pirates a 9-0 advantage in the top of the 1st. Parker Billings was a wrecking ball for the visitors, going 4-for-5 with four RBI for the game.

O-E got within 10-4 with four runs in the bottom of the 3rd. Fulton scored 3 in the 5th and 2 in the 6th to win going away. Bryson Sattler and Robert Kral combined for a four-hitter to stymie the Marauders. Luke Wiktorowski, Clayton Fruchey, Dan Topping and Jake Bowen collected the hits for O-E, all singles.

The Marauders led in the second game, 3-2 and 6-4, before the Pirates broke through for 3 in the 6th and 2 in the 7th -- then held off O-E's 7th inning rally. The Pirates used four pitchers, allowing 10 hits, before finally retiring the hosts for a tight 11-9 win.

Wiktorowski and Brody Howard teamed up for a 9-hitter for O-E, fanning 8 and walking 7. Bowen, Howard, Javen Belill, Topping and Jayse Herblet collected the Marauder hits, Bowen leading the way with a 3-for-4 plate performance.

### Marauder baseballers split with Lakeville in MMAC pair

OVID-ELSIE -- The Marauder varsity baseball evened its league record at 4-4 with a MMAC split opposite Otisville-Lakeville here.

Mike Loynes' Marauders overcame a 12-hit attack by the Falcons in the opening contest to win, 6-3. The Falcons booted away a 3-3 tie with four errors. O-E scored the winning runs in the bottom of the 6th frame. O-E's four hits were divided evenly among Jake Bowen, Corbyn Janes, Javen Belill and Dan Topping. Howard drove in a pair of RBI, with Bowen, Janes and Topping also swatting run-producers. Janes and Howard shared the mound duties, striking out six and walking just one. Braden Blogg and Logan Lang pitched for Lakeville, with Lang taking the loss.

The Falcons knocked around Marauder pitching in game two to the tune of 9 hits and five walks to overcome an early 4-2 deficit. Lakeville scored four in the 3rd, 3 in the 5th and 5 in the 6th to bust open a tight game -- and overcome 6 errors in the Falcon field. Lance Wiktorowski, Howard, Janes and Topping all hit safely for O-E, with Janes going 3-for-4 with a pair of RBI. Howard and Janes each ripped doubles for the hosts.

-- IONIA TOURNAMENT -- On May 10 the Marauders traveled to the Ionia Bulldog Baseball Classic, losing game one to Ionia 10-5, and then falling in the consolation game, 18-3, to Greenville.

The trio of Bowen-Brown-Fabus tossed the opener for O-E, yielding 10 hits and 9 earned runs as the Marauders fell to 8-11 overall. The Marauder bats managed 7 hits off the slugging of Wiktorowski (2 hits), Fruchey (2 hits), Howard, Janes and Belill. The Marauders led 3-0 after one inning, before coughing up 3 runs in the 3rd, 4 in the 5th and a final Bulldog tally in the 6th. Ionia improved to 7-5 with the win.

In the loss to Greenville, the Yellowjackets buzzed to an early 6-1 lead, then busted the contest by batting around and scoring 12 runs in the bottom of the 4th to mercy the Marauders. O-E was limited for four hits: Wiktorowski, Bowen (2 hits) and Matt Fabus. Bowen drove in three RBI in support of the mound triumvirate of Herblet-Kelly-Belill, who surrendered 12 hits and 13 earned runs. The Jackets (16-13 overall) struck out just twice, and committed only one error in the field as O-E dipped to 8-12 overall.

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## Lady Wolfpack in Dramatic Split with Highly-touted Owosso

OWOSSO -- A battle of two iconic softball coaches ended in a split decision here May 5.

Laingsburg's Jeff Cheadle and Owosso's JoEllen Smith have both surpassed the 900-win career total. As they march toward 1,000, area softball fans were treated to some great drama in a non-league doubleheader.

Owosso (9-4 overall) prevailed in the opener, 8-4, before LHS (10-3) held off the Trojans in the 7th inning of the nightcap, 7-6.

Wolfpack ace Addy Buchin took the loss in game one, allowing 8 hits while striking out six and walking one, while she closes in on the LHS career strikeout record.

Hailee Caswell earned the win behind a solid 9-hit, 6 strikeout, 3 walk performance. Wolfpack catcher Harper Strouse ripped a double off Caswell as one of her three hits; Savvy Stirm had a pair of safeties, as did Peyton Stahr. Alayna Merrell and Makenna Johnston had the other Laingsburg hits.

In a see-saw second game, the Wolves rallied from a 4-3 deficit in the bottom of the 4th with 4 runs. JuJu Latuszek ripped a triple, and Johnston and Stirm added doubles, as the big blows for LHS. Merrell had two hits, as did Buchin, in support of pitcher Stahr, who went the distance in a 6-hitter, striking out 4 Trojans. Stahr helped her cause with a RBI base hit.

Bella Harris took the loss for Owosso, yielding 9 hits in 6 frames, striking out 5 and walking just one.

### Cheadle chalks up win #937, Lady Wolves 1-2 at Holt Classic

HOLT -- Laingsburg's varsity softball team stood 17-5 overall following a 1-2 showing at the Holt CMAC/TVC Softball Challenge here May 10.

Veteran coach Jeff Cheadle won for the 937th time when the Wolfpack romped past Brooklyn Columbia Central, 11-2. The loss was just the 3rd in 14 games for the Golden Eagles, who were limited to 6 hits by Wolfpack ace Addyson Buchin. Buchin fired all 7 innings, striking out 8 and walking 4. The Pack led 1-0 after two innings, then opened up a 6-2 in the third frame. JuJu Latuszek enjoyed a perfect 3-for-3 game at the plate, with Savvy Stirm, and Bella Latuszek helping lead the bats with 3 hits (5 at-bats). Alayna Merrell (2-for-5), Buchin (2-for-4), Harper Strouse (2-for-5), Peyton Stahr, Makenna Johnston and Alaina Asher also hit safely for the Pack.

Moving up a couple of classes in competition, Cheadle's Wolfpack dropped a 15-5 nod to Midland Dow. The Chargers touched the pitching duo of Buchin-Stahr for 21 hits, adding a walk and striking out just six times. Dow opened up a 5-5 deadlock by scoring in every inning, including four tallies in the 3rd and four more in the 4th. Merrell, Buchin, Stahr, Johnston and Asher and JuJu accounted for Laingsburg's 9 hits, with Bella and Buchin both driving in a pair of RBI.

Still squaring off against Division 1 talent, the Wolves suffered a 9-4 setback to the host, Holt Rams. Buchin and Stahr again combined for the circle duties, allowing 9 hits, 7 earned runs and two walks, while whiffing four Rams. Holt built a 7-1 lead by the bottom of the 3rd, then held off rally attempts by LHS to improve to 10-5 overall.

Laingsburg's 8-hit scoreboard was led by Bella with 2 hits, Buchin a pair, Strouse a pair, and additional safeties by Johnston and Stahr. Strouse ripped a home run as a highlight for the red-and-white.

### Rambler softballers shutout Wolves, lengthen CMAC lead

LAINGSBURG -- Perry came to town with a keen eye on the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) softball lead -- and the Ramblers kept it, with a clutch 7-0 shutout of the host Wolfpack.

The two-time defending champs from LHS fell to 6-2 in the league, 16-5 overall, while the Ramblers -- behind ace pitcher Sara Austin -- stayed unbeaten in the CMAC at 11-0, 24-1 for all games.

Austin, a hard-throwing righthander, struck out 10 and walked just two as she limited the Wolfpack to two hits. At the top of the order for LHS, Savvy Stirm and Alayna Merrell had the lone hits off Austin.

At the plate, Austin went 3-for-4 with a double and three RBI to push the Ramblers to the key win. Teagan Hallock picked up a double and four RBI and Bella Hamel tacked on a triple

and a run scored for Perry off Laingsburg ace Addy Buchin. The Wolfpack senior struck out 7, walked two and allowed 9 hits, while the Wolves played nearly errorless defense behind her.

With the Wolfpack now trailing by two games in the league race, the second game of the twinbill became even more critical -- but was postponed due to rain. It will be continued at a later date unless the Ramblers can wrap up the crown in the next two weeks.

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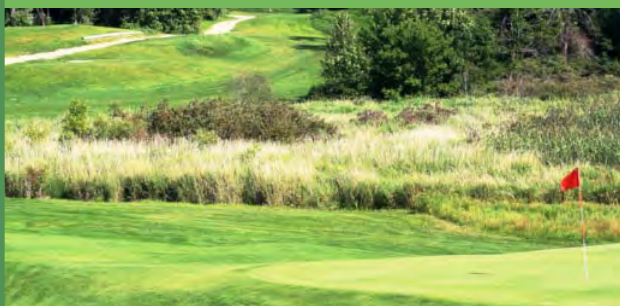
## Wolfpack's Golf Team Falls to Lansing Christian

OKEMOS — Laingsburg lost to Lansing Christian, 173-200, in a Central Michigan Athletic Conference dual meet at College Fields GC.

Kade McLean led the Wolfpack with a 43, good for second overall. Colin Hart (50), Jack Buckland (53) and Hudson Yates (54) finished sixth, seventh and eighth, respectively.

Rounding things out the score for Laingsburg was Gauge Ream, who carded a 58 and finished 11th overall.

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## Buchin Shatters Strikeout Mark: Wolfpack Sweeps Past P-W Pirates

LAINGSBURG -- Senior fireballer Addyson Buchin eclipsed the LHS career strikeout record, and the Wolfpack softball team stayed focused on another CMAC title with a sweep of Pewamo-Westphalia here May 8.

Buchin celebrated with her batterymate, Harper Strouse, and the rest of coach Jeff Cheadle's Wolfpack after fanning the 667th batter of her 4-year tenure in the circle as the Wolfpack ace.

Margaret (Antcliff) Woodbury (1989-92) held the previous record of 666.

The Lady Wolves romped to 11-6 and 13-0 wins over the Pirates.

In support of Buchin, the red-and-white rolled to a 8-0 lead in the opener before P-W plated three runs in the top of 5th and 3 more in the 7th. By that time, LHS led 11-3 behind RBI from Savvy Stirm, Alayna Merrell, Bella Latuszek, Buchin, Harper Strouse Alaina Asher and JuJu Latuszek. Peyton Stahr and Latuszek each went 3-for-4 to lead the Laingsburg hit-makers.

Buchin fanned 12 and walked two in a sterling 7-hitter for the win.

In the 13-0 romp in the nightcap, Buchin and Stahr combined on a 5-hit shutout, striking out 6 and walking just one Pirate. Stirm, B. Latuszek, Buchin, Stahr, Strouse and Makenna Johnston all hit safely, with Strouse stringing together a 4-for-4 game. Johnston was good for three hits and four RBI. Buchin also drove in three runs.

The wins gave Cheadle 936 over his iconic 40-year career.



Addyson Buchin (left) and catcher Harper Strouse celebrate the new career softball strikeout record at Laingsburg High School.

## Powell Shatters 800 Record as Local Tracksters Get 'Last Chance'

PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA -- Clay Powell snapped a 49-year-old record in the 800 m run, and prep tracksters from Ovid-Elsie and Laingsburg gave it their all at the annual "Last Chance" track and field meet here May 12.

The purpose of this meet is to give athletes a "Last Chance" to hit qualifying standards for the MHSAA State Meet, or to improve their season best.

Powell completed the 800 m oval in 1:57.56, shattering the previous record of 1:58.90.

Also garnering top spot for the Marauders were Travis Milner in the 400 m (:51.18) for a personal record; Tryce Tokar in the pole vault (14'6") and the 4x400 relay team (Tokar, Marshall Leavitt, Powell, Milner), 1st in 3:35.35. Joe Bancroft placed 16th in the discus (104'8") and Dylan Witgen 3rd in the pole vault (11'0").

The Wolfpack's Caiden Nidefski clocked 9th in the 110 m hurdles (:20.14).

On the girls side, Laingsburg's Madison Phillips placed 3rd in the pole vault (9'0"), Jolie Larson 9th in the vault (7'0") and Annika Stahl 11th in the 100 m hurdles (:20.48).



Clay Powell broke the 49 year record in the 800m record with a 1:57.5

## Marauder Golf Team 47 Stokes Better than Mount Morris Panthers

ST. JOHNS — Ovid-Elsie's varsity golf team defeated Mt. Morris, 181-228, in a Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) dual meet at Emerald Golf Course.

Tayton Kline was the medalist with a 42 for O-E while Michael Bancroft (43) and Jayce Herblet (45) finished second and third. Ryker Parsons (51) was fourth and Tucker Loynes (55) sixth to round things out for the Marauders.



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# Sports

## Local Thinclads Shine at Jon Nugent Invitational

BATH -- Thinclads from Ovid-Elsie and Laingsburg competed in one of top prep track and field events in the area, at the annual Jon Nugent Invitational at Bath HS.

Chesaning topped the boys' field, with O-E finishing a strong fourth. Team by team points went like this: Chesaning 128.5, DeWitt 94, Fowler 68, Ovid-Elsie 66, East Lansing 50, Portland 45, Bath 44.5, Laingsburg 30, Pottersville 28, Charlotte 25, Olivet 24, Perry 22, Hastings 17, Almont 12 and Portland St. Patrick 9.

Clay Powell won the 800 run for the Marauders in 1:58.95. Noah Devereau from LHS ran 3rd in 200:62. O-E's Travis Milner broke through for a 2nd place finish in the 400 m (:52/38), with Laingsburg's Logan Robinson 7th (:53.76).

Felix Ramirez clocked 10th in the 1600 m (4:57.78) for the Wolfpack. Keaton Dietz hurdled to 6th place in the 300 m hurdles (:42.40). Brock Spitzley won the discus (166'0") and was 5th in the shot put (43'11").

Tokar won the pole vault at 14'0," with Laingsburg's Dylan Witgen 9th with a 11'0" effort.

Laingsburg's Mitchell George was runnerup to Chesaning's Eric Barancik, though both leapt 6'2." Milner was 7th in the long jump (19'3").

In the hurdle events, O-E won the 4x200 (1:30.48, Tokar, Lover, Long, Milner); was 4th in the 4x100 (9:44.74, Tokar, Aekvorathongchai, Lover, Long) and in the 4x400 (3:32.89, Tokar, Leavitt, Powell, Milner).

Fowler outdistanced the girls field with 112.5 points, followed by Olivet 98, East Lansing 80, DeWitt 62, Charlotte 58, Bath 39.5, Portland St. Patrick 39, Chesaning 36.5, Portland 26.5, Hastings 26, Almont 24, Pottersville 19, Laingsburg 17, Perry 8, Byron 8 and Ovid-Elsie 7.

Top local finishers were O-E's Clarissa Baese 8th in the 800 m (2:38.93), Tava Kvalevov 11th in the 400 m (1:05.40), Alizabeth Throop 14th in the 3200 m (16:22.04), Kendal Tokar 7th in the 300 m hurdles (:50.84), Kortlynn Loynes 9th in the shot put (29'10") and 11th in the discus (82'1"),

Laingsburg's Evelyn Logghe was 10th in the 800 m (2:41.09), Emily Rathka 6th in the 1600 (5:48.54), Sophia Hughes 10th in the shot put (29'5"), Hailey Magley 12th in the high jump (4'5") tied with Mallory Woodbury (4'5"), Madison Phillips (9'0") and Kendall Michels (8'6") 4th and 6th in the pole vault, and Lilli Morrill 4th in the long jump (15'6.5").



(l-r): Travis Milner, Owen Long, Tryce Tokar and Wyatt Lover broke the school record for the 4x200 with a 1:30.48



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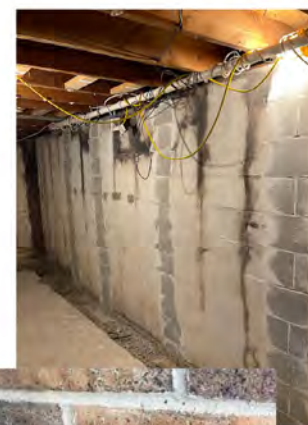
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**AMMENDED PUBLICATION  
OF NOTICE OF HEARING  
REGARDING PETITION FOR  
NAME CHANGE  
STATE OF MICHIGAN  
29TH JUDICAL CIRCUIT -  
FAMILY DIVISION  
COUNTY OF CLINTON**

CASE NO: 25-32380-NC  
In the matter of  
**Bobbi Jo Pierce**  
TO ALL PERSONS, including: (speci-  
fy non-custodial parent's name here,  
if applicable) whose address is  
unknown and whose interest in the  
matter may be barred or affected by  
the following:  
**TAKE NOTICE:** Bobbi Jo Pierce has  
filed a petition for name change.  
A name change hearing will be held  
on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at  
11:30 a.m. at 100 E. State Street, 4th  
Floor Courtroom St. Johns, Michigan  
48879, before Judge Lisa Sullivan to  
change the name of  
Bobbi Jo Pierce to Bobbi Jo  
Dershem

(05-18)

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

Estate of **NORMA JEAN PHELPS**  
Date of birth: May 20, 2032  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**  
The decedent,  
**NORMA JEAN PHELPS**  
died February 25, 2025.  
Creditors of the decedent are notified  
that all claims against the estate will  
be forever barred unless presented to  
Todd Phelps, personal represen-  
tative, or the probate court at 100 E.  
State St. Ste. 3400, St. Johns, MI  
48879 and the personal representa-  
tive within 4 months after the date of  
publication of this notice.

Todd Phelps  
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(05-18)

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

CASE NO: 25-32504-DE  
Estate of **WILLIAM H. FRITCH**  
Date of birth: March 30, 1950  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**  
The decedent,  
**WILLIAM H. FRITCH**  
died April 7, 2025.  
Creditors of the decedent are notified  
that all claims against the estate will  
be forever barred unless presented to  
Stacy Newman, personal repre-  
sentative, or the probate court at 100  
E. State St. Ste. 3400, St. Johns, MI  
48879 and the personal representa-  
tive within 4 months after the date of  
publication of this notice.

Stacy Newman  
1060 Aaron Dr., Apt. 201  
DeWitt, MI 48820  
(989) 224-9449  
Alexa B. Pratl P83426  
210 E. State St.  
St. Johns, MI 488879  
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(05-18)

CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE  
ATTENTION HOMEOWNER:** IF  
YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE  
MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF  
YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY  
HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90  
DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE  
BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE  
DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE  
ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY  
FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE  
AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER  
STATED IN THIS NOTICE. NOTICE  
OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVER-  
TISEMENT. 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 cir-  
cuit court in Clinton County, starting  
promptly at 10:00 a.m. on June 11,  
2025. The amount due on the mort-  
gage may be greater on the day of the  
sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale  
does not automatically entitle the pur-  
chaser to free and clear ownership of  
the property. A potential purchaser is  
encouraged to contact the county reg-  
ister of deeds office or a title insur-  
ance company, either of which may  
charge a fee for this information.  
DEFAULT having been made in the  
conditions of a certain Mortgage made  
on May 23, 2023, by Big Duck  
Leasing, LLC, a Michigan limited lia-  
bility company, given by it to  
Michigan State University Federal  
Credit Union, of 3777 West Road,  
East Lansing, Michigan 48823, as  
Mortgagee, and recorded on May 23,  
2023, in the office of the Register of  
Deeds for Clinton County, in  
Instrument Number 5335514; on  
which Mortgage there is claimed to be  
due and unpaid, as of the date of this  
Notice, the sum of One Million Two  
Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Seven  
Hundred Twenty-Five and 35/100  
Dollars (\$1,266,725.35); and no suit  
or proceeding at law or in equity hav-  
ing been instituted to recover the debt  
or any part thereof secured by said  
Mortgage, and the power of sale in  
said Mortgage having become opera-  
tive by reason of such default;  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on  
Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 10:00  
o'clock in the forenoon, at the South  
entrance to the Clinton County  
Courthouse, 100 E. State Street  
(M21), St. Johns, Michigan, that being  
one of the places for holding the

Circuit Court for Clinton County,  
there will be offered for sale and sold  
to the highest bidder or bidders at  
public auction or venue for purposes  
of satisfying the amounts due and  
unpaid on said Mortgage, together  
with all allowable costs of sale and  
includable attorney fees, the lands and  
premises in said Mortgage mentioned  
and described as follows: SITUATED  
IN THE CITY OF SAINT JOHNS,  
COUNTY OF CLINTON, STATE OF  
MICHIGAN: A parcel of land in the  
Southwest 1/4 of Section 4, Town 7  
North, Range 2 West, Clinton County,  
Michigan, the surveyed boundary of  
said parcel described as: Commencing  
at the South 1/4 corner of said Section  
4; thence North 89 degrees 02' 51"  
West along the South line of said sec-  
tion 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 BEGIN-  
NING 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 mort-  
gagor(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 dur-  
ing the redemption period. This notice  
is from a debt collector. Dated: May  
1, 2025 MICHIGAN STATE UNI-  
VERSITY 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

(05-11)(06-08)

**Attention homeowner:** If you are a  
military service member on active  
duty, if your period of active duty has  
concluded less than 90 days ago, or if  
you have been ordered to active duty,  
please contact the attorney for the  
party foreclosing the mortgage at the  
telephone number stated in this notice.  
Notice of foreclosure by advertise-  
ment. 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 bid-  
der 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 18, 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 prop-  
erty. A potential purchaser is encouraged  
to contact the county register of deeds  
office or a title insurance company,  
either of which may charge a fee for  
this information.  
Default has been made in the condi-  
tions of a mortgage made by Leon A.  
McAdams, an unmarried man, to  
Mortgage Electronic Registration  
Systems, Inc., as nominee for  
Anderson Financial Group Inc., The, a  
Illinois corporation, Mortgagee, dated  
February 22, 2013 and recorded  
March 2, 2013 in Instrument Number  
5197191 Clinton County Records,  
Michigan. Said mortgage is now held  
by Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, by  
assignment. There is claimed to be due  
at the date hereof the sum of One  
Hundred Two Thousand Six Hundred  
Seventy-Nine and 71/100 Dollars  
(\$102,679.71).  
Under the power of sale contained in  
said mortgage and the statute in such  
case made and provided, notice is  
hereby given that said mortgage will  
be foreclosed by a sale of the mort-  
gaged premises, or some part of them,  
at public venue at the place of holding  
the circuit court within Clinton  
County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on  
JUNE 18, 2025.  
Said premises are located in the  
Township of Dewitt, Clinton County  
Michigan, and are described as:  
Lot 44, WALNUT ESTATES NO. 3,  
DeWitt Township, Clinton County,  
Michigan, according to the recorded  
plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4 of  
Plats, Page 28, Clinton County  
Records.  
13056 Tucker Dr, Dewitt, Michigan  
48820  
The redemption period shall be 6  
months from the date of such sale,  
unless determined abandoned in accor-  
dance with MCLA §600.3241a, in  
which case the redemption period shall  
be 30 days from the date of such sale.  
If the property is sold at foreclosure  
sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the  
borrower will be held responsible to  
the person who buys the property at  
the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the  
mortgage holder for damage to the  
property during the redemption period.  
Dated: May 18, 2025  
File No. 25-006600  
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC  
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver  
Road, Troy MI 48084  
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90  
DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE  
BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE  
DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE  
ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY  
FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE  
AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER  
STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Notice of  
Foreclosure by Advertisment –  
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 auc-  
tion sale to the highest bidder for cash  
or cashier's check at the place of hold-  
ing the circuit court in Clinton County,  
starting promptly at 10:00 AM  
a.m./p.m. on May 28, 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 prop-  
erty. A potential purchaser is encouraged  
to contact the county register of deeds  
office or a title insurance company,  
either of which may charge a fee for  
this information. Default having been  
made in the terms and conditions of a  
certain mortgage made by Scott R.  
Jubeck and Tamara M. Jubeck of  
Clinton County, Michigan, Mortgagor  
to Fifth Third Bank (Western  
Michigan) dated the 20th day of  
October, 2006, and recorded in the  
office of the Register of Deeds, for the  
County of Clinton and State of  
Michigan, on the 13th day of  
November, 2006, in Document No.  
5108844 of the Clinton County  
Records on which mortgage there is  
claimed to be due, at the date of this  
notice, for principal of \$31,591.78  
plus accrued interest at 9.50000% per-  
cent per annum. Which said premises  
are described as follows: All that cer-  
tain piece or parcel of land situated in  
the Township of Dewitt, in the County  
of Clinton and State of Michigan and  
described as follows to wit: Lot 103  
Northway Hills No. 4, according to the  
plat thereof as recorded in Liber 7 of  
Plats, Page(s) 91-92, Clinton County  
Records. Commonly known as: 12916  
Menominee Drive, Dewitt, MI 48820  
Tax ID: 050-376-000-103-00 If the  
property is sold at a foreclosure sale  
the borrower, pursuant to MCLA  
600.3278 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.  
The redemption period shall be six  
months from the date of such sale,  
unless determined abandoned in accor-  
dance with MCL 600.3241a, in which  
case the redemption period shall be 30  
days from the date of such sale. Dated:  
April 27, 2025 By: Benjamin N. Hoen  
#P-81415 Weltman, Weinberg & Reis  
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Telephone: 216-739-5100 Fax: 216-  
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[bhoen@weltman.com](mailto:bhoen@weltman.com) WWR#: 25-  
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# Ashley ~ Class of 2025 Graduates



## Graduation Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 7 p.m. In the High School Main Gym

Michael Kiefer  
Valedictorian  
Mother: Amanda Kiefer  
Michael plans to become an EMT and FireFighter and eventually become a Michigan State Police Officer



Back Row: Zander Schneider, Owen Crumbaugh, Lee Follett, Carson Litwiller, Gavin Malek, Seth Stahr, Michael Kiefer  
Front Row: Zoe Schneider, Gabryel Rogers, Hanah Tessman. Missing Jon Snider.

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## An Opportunity to "Get-R-Done"

On Monday, June 2, 2025, the St Johns Knights of Columbus along with the Dershem Family, is hosting a Blood Drive in Honor of Roger. He was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma in August of 2021. On May 25th he will have been gone 3 years.

Roger Dershem was the example of a person dedicated to the community. "He would literally give you the shirt off his back, and never expect anything in return," explained his daughter, Diane. Roger had his helping hands in many things, from being the rental agent for the Knights, helping with the Fish Fry's to handling things at the Lions Club Recycling Center and helping with the Lions Food Wagon during the summer Music in the Park series. These are just a few of the ways he gave back to his community.

Another one of Roger's passions was to donate blood, over his lifetime he rolled up his sleeve and donated 117 Units. On Monday, May 2, you can show Roger's family, fellow Knights and the community in appreciation for all he did by donating blood in his Honor.

The drive will be held at the Knights Hall, from 10:45am-5:30pm on Monday, May 2nd. The Hall is located at 1108 N. US-27, St Johns. To schedule your appointment log onto RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code StJohnsKofC) or call 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767). Roger was truly a "Ger-R-Done kind of guy, nothing would make him happier that to have his community answer the call on Monday, May 2nd.



## Ovid Carriage Days Meeting

The Ovid Carriage Days Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 21 at City Hall at 6pm. Plans for the one day September 6th Festival have begun. Bring your ideas and share in the planning.

## Laingsburg Public Library Annual Miniature Art Exhibit

*submitted by Sara Danford*

Laingsburg Public Library is hosting its second annual Miniature Art Exhibit called "Color Your World" and we need YOU to come and vote for your favorite artists by May 24th. Voting hours are Library hours: Mon: 3-8; T-Th: 9-6; Fri: 9-5.

## Elsie Historical Society Meeting

The Elsie Historical Society will next meet on Wednesday, May 21 at 7pm. The staff is enjoying their home school student, Braylin, who assists each Wednesday in the Historical room at the Elsie Library from 2pm-5pm. The Society is looking for photographs of businesses in the 60's and 70's, bring them to the meeting if you have any. As always the community is always welcome to attend our monthly meetings.



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