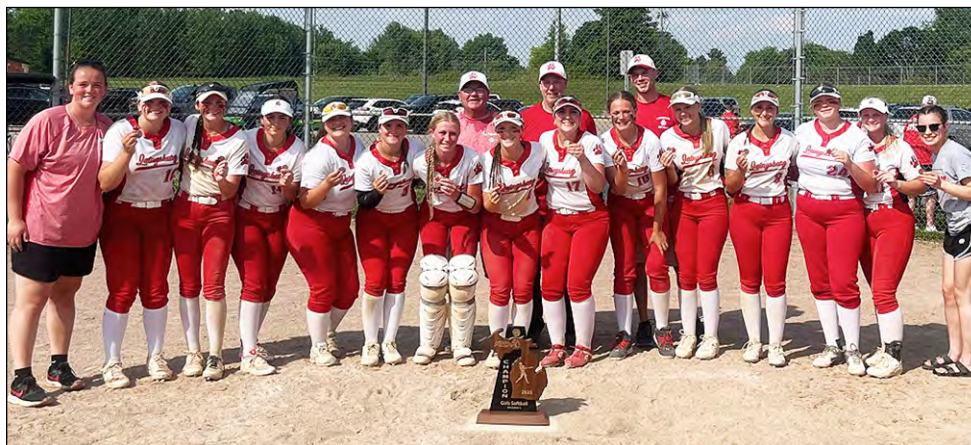




## Wolfpack Softball Regional Champions



### Laingsburg Varsity Softball Team

Team includes: Alayna Merrell, Alaina Asher, Juliette Latuszek, Harper Strouse, Bella Latuszek, Savvy Stirm, Morgan LaMacchia, Skylar Stiff, Willow Patterson, Kali Spade, Addyson Buchin, Jaylynn Smith, Peyton Stahr, Makenna Johnston, Coach Jeff Cheadle, Coach Madisyn Rawza.

Photo by Burg Sports

## Marathon Champions: Wolfpack Outlasts Titans for Regional Crown

LESLIE — At Laingsburg High School, they open up the weight room every morning at 6 a.m.

Half of the varsity softball roster regularly shows up.

That kind of stamina and endurance training paid off nicely for the Lady Wolfpack here at the MHSAA Regionals -- a two-game challenge that turned into a marathon.

First, Jeff Cheadle's Wolves outlasted Bronson, 5-3, in 7 innings in the Regional semifinal. Then, they logged a nerve-racking 11 innings to wrap up the Regional title, 5-4 over Jackson Lumen Christi.

"The girls deserved it," Cheadle explained. "They worked hard, all season long, and you could tell, going back-to-back. I thought they gritted it out and fought to the very end."

Bronson saw its season come to an end with the 5-3 loss. The Wolfpack scored all five of their runs in the third inning on six hits, a sacrifice fly, and a bases-loaded walk, forcing the Vikings to play catch-up the rest of the contest. Bronson picked up two runs in the third and one in the fifth. They had a golden opportunity to tie the game in the sixth, but a two-out groundout stranded the tying run off Laingsburg starter and winner Addy Buchin. She allowed three runs on 10 hits, striking out five hitters and walking none.

The Vikings closed out their season with a record of 29-10. Laingsburg, at 23-11-1 and ranked 5th in Division 3, moved on to challenge Lumen Christi for the Regional championship.

It would be the Wolfpack's second Regional crown in three years.

Junior standout Bella Latuszek was once again the Wolves' dramatic late-game star, lofting a sac fly that plated Savvy Stirm with a walk-off, 5-4 win in the bottom of the 11th for the title. Stirm was placed on second base in the bottom of the 11th and moved to third on an another fly-out near the rightfield foul line.

Under MHSAA rules, a runner is placed at second base to start each inning after the 10th, if a game is still tied. Home team was decided by a coin flip before the game at Leslie High School.

Lumen Christi's Erin O'Dowd opened the scoring with a home run in the opening inning. Laingsburg then chased Titans' starter Bella Wrozek with a 4th inning uprising that ended with a 4-1 lead. Latuszek singled, then the Titans booted an error that tied the game at 1-1.

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## Special Board of Education Meeting - Administrators as Coaches Debate

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE — A special meeting of the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education was held Wednesday, June 11, 2025. There was one agenda item – Administrative Coaching Policy discussion. A full house of students, parents and community were present in support of the administrators coaching.

Jason Tokar addressed the board with a thoughtful and informational message to the members of the school board. He addressed legal consequences regarding discussing disciplinary events of specific students, parents are concerned. He provided information for officials, identifying the roles and responsibilities of staff, conflict of interest and a resolution process. Parent complaints should be forward to administration.

Public comment was extensive and emotional at times. It was noted that the letters received from individuals who requested that they be read and were shared. The letters were in support of administrators coaching – who better to lead us than those who are invested in our students, many are skilled, we want what is best for our teams and our students. The letters over whelming were in support of administrators as coaches. Additional public comment included the following. The visibility of administrator's builds a stronger community, enriching our school communities, impactful mentors, allow them to lead both in the office and on the field. Strong leaders also serve as life coaches. Many provide strong leadership, the trending of qualified administrator] coaches leaving this district; there are shortages and the administrators fill this gap. Coach/AD McKinney was the focus. Some concerned about the board's recent actions, the culture has developed a bad reputation because of attitudes by officials, what is the purpose a goal of board officials. Overwhelming support for administrators. Challenge, make decisions based on coaches that will prepare these students for life, figure it out. Do what is best for kids. Is this a topic once again, when does it end. They keep leaving why? It is amazing that key people are unable to attend because they are at events with kids.

A number of the board members indicated that they received comments from community members both in favor of administrators coaching and those in opposition. Board members Susan Kadlek and Mary Thompson indicated that those in opposition were afraid to address the public. This comment did prompt a response from the public because of the individuals present had never addressed the Ovid-Elsie School Board before. Board members shared their ideas regarding a policy.

Mark Horak, soon to be O-E Area Schools superintendent, commented that he does not favor a policy prohibiting administrators and/or teachers from coaching but feels each situation should be handled on a case-by-case basis. He prepared a memo for board members regarding how he is proposing to address the issue, specifically addressing Mr. Shaun McKinney as athletic director and girls' varsity basketball. McKinney shows the ability and skills to address multiple responsibilities. He listed the potential benefits like continuity and proven leadership, and concerns that need to be monitored including conflict of interest, oversight structures, and time constraints. The full recommendations will be presented for formal consideration at the July 2025 board meeting. Horak noted that a one-size fits all approach would not be effective. There was a general consensus among the board members present that the proposal addresses the concerns they have presented.



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Social

Mint Country Garden Club

submitted by Cherie Delger

Mint Country Garden Club will be having a garden tour this month, June 26th, at 6:30 pm located at MI Lavender Patch Farms, 1949 W Taft Road, St. Johns , MI 48879. Annette Humphries will be our speaker and guide. Call or text Cherie at 989-277-7788 for more information. We would love to have you join us.



Walkers Celebrating 70th Anniversary

Leroy Walker married the love of his life Marilyn Perry on June 18, 1955, at the Hier home, Leroy's parents, and the reception was held at the Odd Fellow Hall. Together they had two daughters, Cindy and Michelle. The couple resided in Ovid all their lives until the last few years when they moved to Laingsburg to be closer to their daughter Michelle. Their whole marriage they enjoyed spending time in their RV and still do to this day. Their family includes daughters Cindy & Al Bulemore and Michelle & Steve Halm; 8 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren with one on the way. Cards can be sent to 8740 Hollister Rd., Laingsburg, MI 48848

107th Annual Ola Holiness Camp

submitted by Jerry Drummond  
Ola Holiness Camp Meeting will be held June 15th – June 22th, 7 p.m. each evening  
The camp is located at 7212 S Bagley Rd. (US-127), Ashley, MI 48806 (1/2-mile North of M57 on US127).  
This is the 107th year for Ola Camp. Camp meetings were common several years ago, but have become a rare occurrence in our day. I encourage you to take this opportunity to participate in these 8 days set aside for spiritual refreshing and a coming together of our community.  
The purpose of our camp meeting is for people to have a fresh encounter with the Holy Spirit. The speaker for the week is Reverend Dale Freed, who grew up in Alma and is serving as an evangelist to various denominations. Our worship leader is Freeman Yoder a member of the board. You can check us out on facebook at Ola Camp Ashley MI.  
Dress is casual and the atmosphere is peaceful.

Memorial Healthcare to Host Free Lunch and Learn on “What is Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine?”

submitted by Dianna Vsetula  
Owosso – Memorial Healthcare will be hosting a FREE community Lunch and Learn presentation on Tuesday, July 22nd from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm in Owosso.  
The topic of this educational presentation will be on “What is Osteopathic Medicine?” and will be presented by Dr. Reddog Sina from Memorial Healthcare Institute for Neuroscience.  
This presentation will be held at Memorial Healthcare’s Auditorium, 826 W. King Street, Owosso. Please RSVP to Becky Dahlke, Community Resource Manager at (989) 729-4856 or by email at RDahlke@memorialhealthcare.org. RSVPs are due by Tuesday, July 15th.  
For more information please visit, www.MemorialHealthcare.org



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Calling All Golfers

submitted by Lisa Jelenek  
It's that time of year again when The Clothesline/Connection have their annual golf outing at Pine Hills in Laingsburg. Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 12, 2025. Check in begins at 8:30 with shotgun start at 9:30. \$70 per person or \$280 for a team. Each team will receive a golf survivor pack and a welcoming goodie bag. Register by calling Greg Beavers at Pine Hills (517-651-9700) or visit our website for more information (www.laingsburgclotheslineconnection.org) First place prize is four 18 hole rounds of golf with cart and range balls at Eagle Eye!  
Food will be served at the turn and pizza at the conclusion as we raffle off wonderful prizes from Peacock Farms hayride, Bonnie Lucille, Propagation Station, Lakeside Garden, DG Hair Salon, Leading Edge, Little Hawk, Tammy's Bakery, and many more from local businesses.  
All funds raised will go toward continuing our free tutoring at The Connection which opened 2024 and replacing old carpeting and lighting in The Clothesline, which has served our community since 2006! Open Saturdays 10-2:00 and Wednesdays 3-6:00 offering high quality, gently used or new clothes for everyone at very low prices or free to those folks referred to us.  
Hope to see you there for this fun event which helps us make a big difference! Thanks!



## Elsie Village Council Proceedings

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Elsie Village Council was held Tuesday, June 10, 2025. Officials were updated on the annual Dairy Festival activities.

Mrs. Brook Wooley, Elsie Dairy Festival, presented an update. The festival is slated July 10, 11, and 12. The pageant has a lot of young ladies involved, the jail will be a fund raiser for the Elsie Area Fire Department. The committee decided to include two sets of grand marshals because there are so many couples to be honored. In addition, the Dairy Festival committee will assist with the cost of additional police protection provided by the Elsie Police Department.

Dorothy Orneas, trustee, reported on the Hero Park & Scripture Brick Committee. A work session was held Saturday, June 6, 2025. The park is coming together. The Elsie Masonic Lodge provided lunch and work assistance. Mike White is spear heading the activities at the park.

Next, Ed White updated officials on the status of the Elsie Park improvements. The weather has not been cooperating, painting on the pickle ball court will take place when the rains stop. Duplain Township donated funding for, four soccer nets, and additional were donated so a total of six. The goal is to bet more activity at the Village Park.

Business update, Jason Freeman, village president. The Elsie Lions Club would like to purchase pole flags for the light polls, sixteen in all. There is some question whether the fiberglass polls could sustain the flags. More research will be completed before a decision is made. Discussion followed. Freeman and Bryce met with Capital Catalyst Tim Fear to discuss renewal in the organization, The renewal was put on hold and it will be reevaluated in January. Brief discussion on a possible lease and/or land contract regarding the Emergency Services Building and the Elsie Area Fire Department. Decisions on the matter are open ended while negotiators take place.

Destinee Bryce, village manager, reported that an applicant was interviewed for a part-time clerical position with the village. The initial job description would be to collect water bills and to become familiar with BS & A. Now waiting for background check to be completed.

Chief Bryce presented the May 2025 Elsie Police Department report, noting that there was a decrease in complaints. There were eighteen traffic stops. In addition, there were twenty-one calls for service including traffic enforcement, motor carrier enforcement, two suspicious situations, assist to another agency, and one mdop complaint.

One zoning application has been requested for the month and letters for blight enforcement have been sent and twelve certified letters regarding lawn issues. Over the weekend there were issues with side by sides, four wheelers and dirt bikes. The issue is being addressed.

In addition, road detours and designated parking areas have been established with the Elsie Dairy Festival committee, as well as, scheduling for officer details and adequate police coverage.

Managers report, the flags have been an issue at the cemetery, 432 flags (ten extra) cost is approximately \$538, this is not possible this year. Perhaps a community organization could assist with the purchase. The Village office firewall on the server is non-compliant and would cost \$5,000 to replace; the lien portion must be protected. However, the base work could possibly be stored in the cloud. This topic will be researched further. Bryce discussed issuing work/village related business emails to reduce the paper consumption.

DPW – Clinton County Road Commission provided an estimate for chip seal it, is expensive \$44,000. Bryce reported that the Act 51 funds received have been received for the year. Crack sealing is a band aid for road problems. Officials discussed the options. Officials opted to wait the storm, for one year. So, there are additional funds to do the work right. Bryce commented that, “We need a strategic or master plan before we start the process.”

Officials took action to approve the L-4029 – 2025 tax rate request. The L-4029 was approved as presented.

Public Contact Dan Fabus commented on a number of issues. He noted that First Street is in bad shape, the motor bike issues and the speeding vehicles. In addition, he requested that the village consider allowing him to purchase the property owned by village in front of his residence it is just under a half-acre. It was recommended that he talk to his neighbors who may also want the same consideration. The properties are located on Frist Street. The request will be researched further.

Nicole Fickes County Commissioner, – reported on the ticks, bats, bird flu issues as directed by the Mid-Michigan Health Department. In addition, the county belongs to LEAP a service that is available for economic development and a service provided by Clinton County Commission. He infrastructure committee met to discuss the direction of the jail, the timing is not right for a new build; looking at detailed renovation of the current building, this is being evaluated at a cost of \$50,000. Also, at the infrastructure committee is looking the at the Clinton County Fair Grounds evaluating the renovation needs, the next step will be to develop a master plan.

Monthly action was taken to approve the meeting agenda, approval of the May 13, 2025 regular meeting minutes and the May 13th closed session minutes and the financial reports. Expenditures totaling \$74,090.41 were approved.

## Music in the Streets and in the Park This Summer in Laingsburg

### LAINGSBURG

-- Popular entertainment events are returning for summer, 2025 in the City of Laingsburg.

Twilliger's Music In the Streets series is featured on Wednesday nights, starting at 6:30 p.m. with the Clarkson Band. The series runs through October.

A variety of bands will be showcased during the Music in the Park, at McClintock Park Amphitheater by the Laingsburg Business and Community Association (LBCA). Thursdays begin with Open Mic -- for anybody to perform -- from 6:00 -7:00 p.m. The concerts follow from 7:00-9:00 p.m. The Summer 2025 lineup includes:

June 19th Atomic Annie  
June 26th Tad & The Fat Kats  
July 10th Electric Flower Co  
July 17th Mixed Flower  
July 24th Sudden Impact  
July 31st Madison Olivia Band  
August 7th Universal Band  
August 14th JP & the Energy

Residents are also reminded to get Summerfest 2025 on their calendars, scheduled for July 25th – 26th.

The annual Pancake Breakfast will be presented again by the LBCA on July 26th from 8-11 a.m. The annual Car Show also makes it appearance that day.



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### OID TOWNSHIP

#### DRAFT MINUTES - Thursday, May 22, 2025 1015 Baese Ct., Ovid, MI

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 Plugger, Treasurer Nancy Hughson, Trustee Bobby Byles

**Absent:** Trustee Kurt Wolf Guests: 9

#### Approval of Agenda:

Motion by N. Hughson to approve the agenda, Seconded by B. Byles. Carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Moved by B. Byles to approve the minutes of April 24, 2025, Seconded by N. Hughson. Carried.

**Treasurer's Financial Report:** Moved by B. Byles to approve the Treasurer's report, as read, Seconded by J. West. Carried.

**Clerk's Report & Check Register:** April 25, 2025-May 22, 2025, \$47,026.88: Moved by B. Byles to approve the Clerk's report and register, Seconded by N. Hughson. Carried.

#### New Business:

Great Lakes Asphalt - Parking lot update:

Moved by B. Byles that we go ahead and pay \$1,400 for the second coat of seal coating, as recommended by the asphalt company, Seconded by C. Plugger.

Roll Call Vote: N. Hughson-Yes, J. West-Yes, B. Byles-Yes, C. Plugger-Yes.

Carried. Rotary Glass, LLC - Door sweeps & stripping:

Moved by J. West to spend the \$779.12 and have Rotary Glass come and fix it all, Seconded by B. Byles.

Roll Call Vote: N. Hughson-Yes, C. Plugger-Yes, J. West-Yes, B. Byles-Yes.

Carried. Hall Rental of May 17, 2025. Board discussion regarding violations and charges: Motion by B. Byles to keep the deposit, and refund the remainder after repairs, Seconded by J. West.

Roll Call Vote: N. Hughson-No, J. West-Yes, B. Byles-Yes, C. Plugger-No. 2-Yes, 2-No. Board discussion.

Motion by N. Hughson to withhold \$110 from the deposit, Seconded by J. West. Roll Call Vote: N. Hughson-Yes, J. West-Yes, B. Byles-No, C. Plugger-No. 2-Yes, 2-No. Board discussion.

Motion by N. Hughson to withhold the entire \$250 deposit, Seconded by B. Byles. Roll Call Vote: J. West-Yes, N. Hughson-Yes, B. Byles-Yes, C. Plugger-Yes. Carried. Reports By:

County Commissioner - Nicole Fickes CAASA - Supervisor Jennings West

**Public Comments:** Opened 6:48 p.m. Closed 6:53 p.m.

**Board Comments:** None.

Adjournment: Motion by B. Byles to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by C. Plugger. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

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# Ovid Historical Society Fundraiser Ongoing

*submitted by Karen Anderson, Ovid Historical Society Secretary*

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

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

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

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

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## Temporary Pet Foster Homes Needed

*submitted by Kelly Schafer*

Giving Paws, headquartered in St. Johns, has partnered with SafeCenter who serves domestic and sexual violence victims in Clinton and Shiawassee Counties. Together the nonprofit organizations are working together to ensure the pets of those who experience domestic and sexual violence have care.

We know abusers use pets as one way to control their victims in ways that will create a barrier to families living in safety. Some methods include threatening to harm or kill pets, financial abuse that doesn't allow the pets to have needed veterinarian care and blaming the victim for behaviors that may harm a pet. Together, Giving Paws and SafeCenter are ensuring adults and children do not have to make the impossible decision of leaving pets behind.

Giving Paws is currently seeking temporary pet foster homes. Foster homes can expect to have a comprehensive background check, training and support. With grant funding and our generous community, Giving Paws anticipates providing for all needs of pets being fostered. Volunteer foster homes can choose what type of pet(s) work best in their home; we anticipate pets being fostered for 60-90 days.

For more information, please contact Giving Paws at [GivingHappyPaws.org](http://GivingHappyPaws.org), [ExecutiveHandler@gmail.com](mailto:ExecutiveHandler@gmail.com) or stopping in to see us at 312 N. Clinton Avenue in St. Johns

## MDARD Offers Summer Safety Tips to Help Owners Keep Their Animals Happy and Healthy

*submitted by Lynsey Mukomel*

LANSING, Mich. — As Michiganders begin to enjoy the warmth of the summer season, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) is sharing some of the best ways to keep animals healthy and safe.

Keep animals safe this summer by following these seven easy tips:

Travel Smart: Make sure animals have everything they need to travel safely

Be sure your animals have all the documentation, vaccinations, tests and treatments they need to reach their destination. Vaccinations are central to animals' preventative care as the vaccines can protect them against common diseases, such as rabies, leptospirosis and distemper. Talk to your veterinarian to ensure your animals have everything they need to be ready to go! More information can also be found on MDARD's Animal ID and Movement page and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Pet Travel website.

Let it Flow: Provide unlimited cool, clean, fresh water

Just like people, animals can quickly get parched in hot temperatures. No matter the species, animals should have access to an abundant supply of cool, clean, fresh water to prevent dehydration.

Happy Tummies: Avoid feeding animals people foods

While it may be tempting to toss your animals a few crispy nuggets from the grill, they cannot enjoy all the same foods and treats as we do. Salty, fatty, and/or highly seasoned foods (like chips, nuts and meat fat) can cause digestive upset. Also, chocolate, grapes/raisins, onions and xylitol (an artificial sweetener found in many candies and gum) can be poisonous to animals; and bones can cause injury and illness.

Know Their Limits: An animal's ability to tolerate heat varies

An animal's age, breed, type of coat, and health history can all play a role in their ability to tolerate the heat. Keep an eye on them for signs of heat stress—like increased panting or drooling and being more lethargic. If they are showing these signs, it is time to immediately move them to a cooler area.

Look Before They Splash: Avoid harmful algal blooms (HABs) in bodies of water

HABs form due to a rapid growth of cyanobacteria, also called blue-green algae, which are naturally found in lakes, rivers and ponds. To prevent illness in animals, keep them out of areas with scums or discolored water, rinse them off after contact with any lake water, and bring clean, fresh water for them to drink. If an animal becomes sick after contact with a suspected HAB, call your veterinarian right away.

Also, animal illness due to HABs is reportable to MDARD. To report cases, submit a Reportable Disease Form or call 800-292-3939. To report any suspicious looking algae, email [algaebloom@michigan.gov](mailto:algaebloom@michigan.gov).

Search No More: Make sure animals have proper identification

With all the fun outdoor activities, it can be easy for animals to sneak away and become lost. Make sure they have identification tags and/or microchips that are up to date with your current contact information, ensuring a better chance they can be returned home.

Small Circle of Friends: Keep animals away from wildlife, ill animals and animals of unknown health status

Any animal, domestic or wild, has the potential to carry disease. Even if an animal looks healthy, it could still be ill and pass unwanted germs to your animals. Protect your animals by keeping them away from any unfamiliar creatures.

These tips can help keep your animals safe and healthy throughout the summer. If there are any concerns about your animals' health now or throughout the year, please talk to your veterinarian.









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Back row: Wyatt Boots, Mike Tribley, Reagan Gothop, Emmie Smith, Aubrey Smith and Mrs. Palen  
Front row: Paige Boots, Katie Tribley, Clara Kibby and Addison Reha  
Not able to perform was Leighton Latz.



Back row: Scout Pattison, Elijah Doyle, Rachel Ladiski  
Front row: Macyn Orth, Lincoln Peterson, Harper Peterson and Vivian Platte



**Big Band Jazz Coming to  
St. Johns on June 18th**

submitted by Bill Tennant

Get ready to tap your toes – snap your fingers - move in your seats –and eventually get up and dance – you won't be able to sit still as The General Assembly Big Band, with vocalist Paula Jury Jarvis, rolls into the beautiful St Johns City Park for an unforgettable evening of Big Band Jazz. This concert will take place on Wednesday evening, June 18 starting at 7:00 in the William E. Tennant Performance Shell.

The Big Band sound that gained popularity in the 40's has continued to maintain a following as it continues to grow, creating new sounds, while continuing to honor the major bands of the past. You'll hear songs from the likes of Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman, etc., combined with more contemporary tunes written in the big band format on this Wednesday concert.

"This 17-piece band will totally blow you away with their great iconic sound," states Bill Tennant, series coordinator. "Since its founding in 1972, The General Assembly Big Band has been entertaining audiences on the west-side of the state, fulfilling their mission to keep the big band sound alive for future generations. Whether you're a jazz aficionado or simply looking for an enjoyable summer evening, this concert is not to be missed."

The Concert in the Park series is co-sponsored by the Clinton County Arts Council and the City of St. Johns. As the committee continue to raise funds for the much-needed addition to the back of the Shell, we have a third sponsor for each concert this year. The sponsor for this wonderful concert is the William and Rosemary McCarthy Living Trust. Bill and Rosemary were regular attendees of the Concert in the Park series for many years and will be recognized at this concert.

Bring a chair or blanket – visit the Lion's Club Food Trailer - the concert takes place rain or shine. The concert is free, but donations are greatly appreciated and needed to support the series each year.

So, set your GPS to 801 W Park St, and enjoy an evening of music you won't soon forget! The CCAC receives funding from the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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Speakers at the event included those who had vital roles in bringing the new hospital to fruition or who help operate the current UM Health-Sparrow Ionia. Speakers were (from left) Bill Roeser, former hospital president; Linda Reetz, current president; Connie O'Malley, regional chief operating officer, U-M Health; U-M Health board member and former Ionia Mayor Dan Balice; and current Mayor and board member John Milewski.

## UM Health-Sparrow Ionia Celebrates 10 Years of Rural Care

submitted by John Foren

IONIA, MI – Dozens of community leaders and team members celebrated the 10th anniversary of the advanced new University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Ionia hospital on Monday, honoring a decade of growth and improved access to health care for rural residents.

At an event at the hospital, 3565 S. State Road, speakers noted the additional health care services UM Health-Sparrow Ionia has brought to the community and the vital role it plays in Ionia County and surrounding areas.

"We are the only hospital in Ionia County, so we have a purpose here, a strong purpose," said Linda Reetz, president of UM Health-Ionia and Eaton. "Thank you for supporting rural health care. It's a need, it's a necessity."

The hospital was dedicated on June 4, 2015, after the original Ionia County Memorial Hospital nearly closed as it aged beyond repair. The new 65,000-square-foot hospital was built for \$25 million and included all-new technology, along with LEED certification for meeting strict environmental standards.

Ten years later, "Growth is happening across the region," noted Connie O'Malley, regional chief operating officer for U-M Health, including a pain center, cardiac rehabilitation, urology and pulmonology services.

For more information on UM Health-Sparrow Health Care Scholarships, go to [UofMhealthsparrow.org/our-hospitals-services/um-health-sparrow-hospitals/ionia](http://UofMhealthsparrow.org/our-hospitals-services/um-health-sparrow-hospitals/ionia).

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Elsie Lioness Club serving up sno-cones at OE Field Day

## Ovid-Elsie Field Day

submitted by Carolyn Long

We were fortunate to have nice weather for field day this year and a large crowd. It was bitter-sweet for Mr Doug Long for his last field day.

He puts a lot of time and energy into this day. His students are always excited and look forward to it each year.



Doug Long enjoying his last field day as he is retiring from OE Schools.

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The Elsie Lioness Club again this year sold snow-cones during field day. Thanks to all those Lioness that took the time to work and those that shaved ice also. The Lioness Club sold over 750 sno-cones. As you can see some have more than 1-2-3 or 6!

Dave O'Bryant had his food trailer out for the event and was elated by how busy he was also. His trailer made a good place for the parents and other guest that were out watching to eat. Dave said he ran out of almost everything!

Thank you Mr Long for your patience and time with our children. May you enjoy your retirement and the next chapter in your life.

## Catch the Clarkson's Every Wednesday

Now thru October, Jack & Tess Clarkson will appear on the patio outside of Twilliger's Tavern in downtown Laingsburg from 6:30pm-9:00pm every Wednesday evening. Gather up your friends and enjoy some great music.



## LCC Performing Arts Presents A Midsummer Night's Dream

submitted by Laura Paige Tufford-Dunckel

LANSING—Lansing Community College's Performing Arts program kicks off its 2025 summer season with one of the most popular and



widely performed Shakespearean comedies, A Midsummer Night's Dream. All performances begin at 7 p.m. at the outdoor amphitheater. In the event of rain or extreme heat, performances will move to the Dart Auditorium. All performances are free. Donations will be accepted. For more information, go to [www.lcc/showinfo](http://www.lcc/showinfo)

June 25-29 @ 7 p.m., A Midsummer Night's Dream, by William Shakespeare, Directed by Mary Job.

A story of order and disorder, reality and appearance and love and marriage, A Midsummer Night's Dream tells the twisted and humorous tale of four love-swept Athenian youths escaping parental and royal matchmaking, a bickering fairy king and queen, a royal wedding, and a rambunctious group of working-class citizens aspiring to perform in the roles of their lifetimes.

Pictured: Storm Hawthorn (Helena), Lukas Nowak (Demetrius), Logan Natvig (Puck), Sarah Lehman (Cobweb), Dinah DeWald (Moth) and Carlisle Shelson (Mustardseed).

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# Sports

## Champions cont’ from front

The next three runs came quickly: Peyton Stahr singled in Latuszek. MaKenna Johnston and JuJu Latuszek each drew RBI walks with the bases loaded, and it was 4-1.

Lumen Christi tied the contest in the 5th, after Lily Ganton stole home on a double steal and Wrozek singled to right, scoring two RBI assisted by a Wolfpack error.

Talk about endurance. Wolfpack ace Buchin threw all 18 innings on the day. Against Bronson, she allowed three runs on 10 hits, striking out five hitters and walking none. In the regional final, she surrendered four runs — three earned — on 10 hits, tallying 11 strikeouts and three walks.

Ollie Powers took the loss for Lumen Christi, after coming on in relief in the 4th frame. She wiggled out of a jam in the bottom of the eighth inning with Laingsburg having the winning run at third with one out.



Photos by Burg Sports

## Another Heartbreaker: Lady Wolves Come Oh-So-Close, But Drop 10-9 Nod to Grass Lake in Softball Quarterfinals

JACKSON -- Another nail-biter. Another heart-breaker.

Laingsburg High School's red-hot varsity softball team cooled off just enough to suffer a one-run loss that ousted team from the MHSAA post-season tournament, just two wins short of the State Finals.

Grass Lake (35-5 overall) outlasted Laingsburg, winning 10-9 to advance to the state semi-finals for the first time in the Warriors' school history. Jeff Cheadle's Wolfpack closed the books on another fine season at 24-12-1. Too, the Wolves bid a fond farewell to graduating seniors Addy Buchin and Willow Patterson -- who have given so much to a program that qualified for the State Quarterfinals two of the last three years and make the MHSAA D3 Semifinals in 2023.

"We played tough against a very good hitting team. We played well, basically we came up maybe one hit from advancing," explained Cheadle, who has skippered the LHS program since 2005.

For softball afficiendos, this game had it all. Great defensive plays, including a pair of 6th inning gems by Makenna Johnston in rightfield for LHS, which held it to a one-run game. Timely pitching in spots by both Buchin and Grass Lake winner Morgan Conrad, logging key outs.

But mostly, outstanding hitting. At times, this was a slugfest. Offense wasn't hard to come by; Grass Lake and Laingsburg traded the lead back and forth and combined for 19 runs and 23 hits in the game, and each team had an inning in which they batted around.

To open the first inning, Laingsburg's Bella Latuszek got an RBI double off ball hit deep into right field. Then Buchin hit Latuszek home while getting thrown out at 1st to take a 2-0 advantage.

In the bottom of the first, the Warriors knotted the score at 2-2. The bases were loaded after a double by Leilah Smith and a single off a bunt by Makenzie Hilberer. Conrad was thrown out at first, but was able to send Bree Salts home to end the first inning at 2-2.

The Wolfpack responded with a big 3rd inning. With two out, Latuszek got things going when GL third-sacker Kennedy Collins booted a grounder. Peyton Stahr hit a grounder past the shortstop for an RBI single, before Harper Strouse sent a ball to deep center field for a 2-RBI double that got the Wolfpack the lead at 5-4. Alaina Asher topped off the inning with an RBI single to extend the lead 6-4. The Wolfpack's momentum carried over into the 4th as Latuszek sent a line drive to centerfield for a single as LHS led 7-4 in the 4th.

The storyline also featured redemption. Collins bounced back from her costly error, drilling a RBI triple after big hits by Emily Brown and and Bree Salts. The Warriors stormed back to take a 8-7 advantage in the bottom of the 4th.

Grass Lake eventually chipped away to add two more runs for a 10-7 lead. Buchin hit a 2-RBI double for the Wolfpack to make it 10-9 entering the 7th inning. The Wolves got runners into scoring position at 2nd and 3rd with two outs, but a pop-out foul to Collins ended the roller-coaster contest.

Grass Lake catcher Salts went 3-3 with two doubles, two runs, and three RBI. Leliah Smith, Collins and Reese Lape each added two hits. Conrad earned the pitching win, throwing all seven innings and 126 total pitches.

Bella Latuszek batted 3-for-4 to lead Laingsburg. Buchin plated four RBI while going 2-for-3. Savvy Stirm and Strouse also had a pair of hits, Strouse -- the junior catcher -- driving in two runs. Alaina Asher and Peyton Stahr hit singles, while Alayna Merrell, Buchin and JuJu Latuszek drew tough walks off Conrad.

Buchin fired 142 pitches, striking out 7 and walking five while allowing 13 hits.

"I thought the season was very successful," explained Cheadle. "We played an extremely hard schedule to challenge us. I think it paid off for the state playoff run. We were District Champs and Regional Champs, and made a Quarterfinal appearance. Our players played with a lot of grit and competed everyday. I had a fun time coaching this group."

Said Grass Lake coach Roger Cook, "We were the home team today, so getting to move on to the next round for the first time makes this season even more fun. This win represents not just Grass Lake as a community but all of Jackson County. It'll be exciting to step onto the field at MSU for the first time and hopefully we can keep this rolling."

The Warriors advanced to face Algonac (24-14-1) in the MHSAA D3 State Semifinals on Friday at Secchia Stadium at Michigan State University.

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## Laingsburg & Ovid Lions Clubs

### 2025 Golf Outing - 4 Person Scramble

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## MDARD Launches Interactive Dairy Map for National Dairy Month

submitted by Lynsey Mukomel

LANSING – The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) unveiled an interactive artisanal dairy products map today to mark National Dairy Month this June.

“Dairy is a leading sector of Michigan's agriculture industry and has a significant impact on the state's economy,” said MDARD Director Tim Boring during a visit to Verdant Hollow Farms in Buchanan earlier today. “National Dairy Month provides a perfect opportunity to celebrate the contributions of dairy farmers and processors to Michigan's economy and encourage dairy consumption to promote healthy eating habits.”

Since 1939, National Dairy Month has encouraged families to celebrate milk as their beverage of choice based on its nutritional value. As part of this year's Dairy Month celebration, MDARD created the virtual Michigan artisanal cheese, milk, and ice cream map to help consumers find delicious, locally produced specialty products throughout the state. The map features 11 Michigan dairy farms and processors from across the state specializing in small batch production of dairy cow and dairy goat products.

Michigan's robust dairy industry includes nearly 850 dairy family farms and over 444,000 cows, which produce enough milk to supply our entire state while meeting increased consumer demand nationally. From milk and cheese to yogurt, ice cream, and more, dairy farmers provide consumers with an abundant selection of healthy, safe and nutritious food.

Michigan dairy businesses use a range of technologies, from large dairy processors with automated ‘robotic’ milking systems to smaller on-farm artisanal cheese makers making cheese in small batches. MDARD is committed to supporting unique, diverse agricultural practices that support farms of all sizes, which in turn helps Michigan's economy continue to thrive.

For nutrition information about dairy products, visit USDA's MyPlate page.

More Michigan Dairy Facts

To identify which dairy products are produced in Michigan, look for Michigan's state code, 26, on the package. Each dairy container is identified by a 5-digit code. The first two numbers are the state code; the last three indicate which processing facility produced the dairy products.

Michigan's dairy industry ranks 6th nationally in total pounds of milk produced, with a production of 12.1 billion pounds of milk in 2024.

Michigan dairy farms produced more than one billion pounds of milk in nine of the last 12 months, as part of an elite group of five other states to hit this mark.

Michigan milk production averaged 27,580 pounds of milk per cow in 2024, leading the nation.

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There are a total of 828 Grade A dairy farms and 20 Manufacturing Grade dairy farms in Michigan, for a total of 848 permitted dairy farms.

Michigan has 327 robotic milking units (automated milking installations) on 70 farms, and 133 pasteurizer units in use statewide.

## MDARD Seeks Proposals for Food Safety Education, Training Grants

submitted by Lynsey Mukomel

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) is seeking proposals for food safety education and training as part of the annual Food Safety Education Fund grant program. The grant cycle for 2025-2026 runs from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026.

“Protecting Michigan's food supply is one of MDARD's top priorities,” said MDARD Director Tim Boring. “Grants from the Food Safety Education Fund help deliver training that local governments and food service businesses depend on to help keep Michiganders and their families safe.”

The Food Safety Education Fund was established under Section 4117 of the Michigan Food Law of 2000, as amended, and is funded through assessments of \$3.00 to \$5.00 from each Michigan food establishment license.

Up to \$356,600 is available during the 2025-2026 grant cycle for projects focused on food safety training and education. Of the total budget, \$242,500 will be available for consumer food safety education and \$114,100 for education to food service establishment employees and agents of the MDARD director.

Grants from the Food Safety Education Fund are competitive and designed to provide food safety training and education to consumers, food service establishment employees, and staff from state and local government agencies who enforce the Michigan Food Law of 2000. Those eligible to receive grants include Michigan governmental and non-profit organizations and entities. Producers, manufacturing processors, marketers and growers are NOT eligible for this grant opportunity.

Proposals with sub-grantees will be considered. Proposals should not include funding for required routine training such as HACCP or manager certification such as ServSafe.

An electronic copy of the Request for Proposals, including grant criteria and the new application form, are available on MDARD's website.

MDARD will score and select proposals based on the following criteria:

- Goals/objectives to improve food safety
- Statewide need and audience
- Measurable outcomes
- Partnering with other organizations
- Matching funds
- Opportunities to build upon previously funded projects

Applicants are encouraged to submit grant applications electronically. Applications should be sent to: MDARD-FSEF@michigan.gov. Electronic submissions are due no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, June 16, 2025, and will be confirmed via email receipt. If you have not received a confirmation email within five business days of submission, please email MDARD-FSEF@michigan.gov.

Hard copy submissions must be postmarked no later than Tuesday, June 12, 2025, to allow time for delivery. Hard copies should be mailed to:

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

Bureau of Food Safety and Animal Health, Human Food Division

P.O. Box 30017 Lansing, Michigan 48909

The Joint Evaluation Committees will convene in July and August 2025 to review and make recommendations to MDARD on the proposals to be awarded. MDARD will announce grant awards in September 2025 for projects that run from October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026. MDARD considers multi-year proposals on an individual basis, contingent on future year funding.

## Shiawassee County Fair Entries

submitted by Dawn Reha

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

Live outside of Shiawassee County and want to participate?

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

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

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

## Sports



Ellie  
Drummond

Robert  
Kral

Carson  
Litwiller

## 24-25 MSAC All-Conference Softball and Baseball

by Ashleigh Kaufmann

Ashley had some athletes honored this season for their accomplishments on the field. Ellie Drummond received MSAC all-conference honorable mention team for her performance this season.

Carson Litwiller received first team all-conference, and Robert Kral received honorable mention. Congratulations to these athletes on their hard work and dedication

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# CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
IN THE FAMILY DIVISION  
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FOR THE COUNTY  
OF SHIAWASSEE**

In the Matter of  
**ABBIGAIL ELIZABETH AUGUSTA**

**EX-PARTE ORDER FOR  
ALTERNATIVE SERVICE**

At a session of court held in the courthouse in Corunna, Michigan, on June 9, 2025  
Present: Honorable Thomas Dignan  
Family Court Judge

Petitioner filed an ex parte motion for service of process by publication. After reading the motion and exhibit, the court finds that petitioner has shown that service of process cannot reasonably be made on Bryan Augusta by the methods provided in MCR 2.105. The court further finds that service of process by publication is the best available method of service of process reasonably calculated to give Bryan Augusta actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Petitioner may serve process on Bryan Augusta by publishing the following notice once each for a period of three consecutive weeks in The Meridian Weekly (a newspaper in Clinton County, Michigan.)

"In the matter of Abigail Elizabeth Augusta, adoptee, TO: Bryan Augusta: TAKE NOTICE on Tuesday, July 15,2025 in the Shiawassee Circuit Court, Family Division for the State of Michigan, located at 110 East Mack Street, Corunna, MI 48817, a hearing will be held on the PETITION FOR HEARING TO IDENTIFY FATHER AND DETERMINE OR TERMINATE HIS RIGHTS. The law provides that you should be notified of this hearing. If you fail to appear at the hearing YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS MAY BE TERMINATED."

2. The address of Bryan Augusta is currently unknown.

Thomas Dignan P42382  
Family Court Judge  
June 9, 2025

(06/15-06/29)

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Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in CLINTON County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on July 2, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Maria E. Soliz, a single woman, whose address is 108 Floral Avenue, Saint Johns, Michigan 48879, as original Mortgagors, to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR MERCANTILE BANK OF MICHIGAN, being a mortgage dated October 29, 2019, and recorded on November 18, 2019 with Document Number 5286207, Clinton County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated July 19, 2023 and recorded on July 19, 2023 and given document number 5337111 in Clinton County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR AND 90/100 DOLLARS (\$76,924.90). Said premises are situated in the City of Saint Johns, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, and are described as: THE EAST 30 FEET OF LOT 5 AND THE WEST 9 FEET OF LOT 4, AVENUE ADDITION BLK 4, CITY OF ST. JOHNS, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 8, CLINTON COUNTY RECORDS. Street Address: 108 Floral Avenue, Saint Johns, Michigan 48879 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: June 1, 2025 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Robert A. Blumberg (P87490), Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 509, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Telephone: (312) 541-9710. File No.: MI 25 6511

(06-01)(06-22)

**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 advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM on JULY 16, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Sylvester Eugene Sherrill and Carol J. Sherrill, formerly Carol J. Arrell, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Newrez LLC, Mortgagee, dated August 18, 2022 and recorded August 29, 2022 in Instrument Number 5328560 Clinton County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand One Hundred Eight and 64/100 Dollars (\$124,108.64).

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 mortgaged 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 JULY 16, 2025.

Said premises are located in the Township of GREENBUSH, Clinton County Michigan, and are described as: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTH SECTION LINE DISTANT 757.62 FEET NORTH 87°32' WEST FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 8 AND EXTENDING THENCE SOUTH 02°15' WEST 150 FEET, THENCE NORTH 87°32' WEST 80 FEET, THENCE NORTH 02°15' EAST 150.00 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 87°32' EAST 80 FEET, ALONG THE NORTH SECTION LINE (MAPLE RAPIDS ROAD) TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. ALL IN SECTION 8, T8N, R2W.

2119 W Maple Rapids Rd, Saint Johns, Michigan 48879  
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. Dated: June 15, 2025  
File No. 25-007693  
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC  
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084  
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

(06-15)(07-06)

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE** Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on August 13, 2025. The amount due on the Mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Josephine G. Freund to Longbridge Financial, LLC dated January 10, 2025 and recorded January 21, 2025 as Instrument No. 5350898, Clinton County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by Longbridge Financial, LLC by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$114,236.95. Said premises are located in Clinton County, Michigan and are described as: THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERTOWN, COUNTY OF CLINTON, STATE OF MICHIGAN, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LANDS AND PREMISES SITUATED IN THE OF TOWNSHIP WATERTOWN COUNTY OF CLINTON AND STATE OF MICHIGAN, VIZ: COMMENCING ON THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 17, TOWN 5 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, WATERTOWN TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AT A POINT 550 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION, THENCE WEST 270 FEET, THENCE NORTH 200 FEET, THENCE EAST 270 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 200 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Parcel ID: 150-017-400-035-00 Said property is commonly known as 13752 Forest Hill Road, Grand Ledge, MI 48837. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Please be advised that any third party purchaser is responsible for preparing and recording the Sheriff's Deed. If this is a residential Mortgage, the following shall apply: ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT,

AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU: ARE A DEBTOR IN AN ACTIVE BANKRUPTCY CASE; ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF A BANKRUPTCY STAY; OR, HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AND YOU HAVE NOT REAFFIRMED THE DEBT, THIS NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY. Dated: May 27, 2025 Attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage: Thomas E. McDonald (P39312) Brock & Scott, PLLC 5431 Oleander Drive Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (844) 856-6646 File No. 25-14424

(06-01)(06-22)

**STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE  
CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE  
COUNTY OF GLADWIN**

CASE NUMBER: 2025-12456-CH  
HON: Ambrozaitis

HOLLY ALLEN, an individual and  
CHARLES ALLEN, an individual  
Plaintiffs

vs

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

Defendants

**LEFEVRE ASSOCIATES, PLLC**  
By: **William Z. Kolobaric (P49466)**  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
6120 Trumbull  
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julia@shsgrp.com

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

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

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

APPROVED AS TO SUBSTANCE  
AND FORM:

Michelle J. Ambrozaitis,  
Circuit Court Judge

**William Z. Kolobaric (P49466)**  
Attorney for Plaintiffs

(06-01)(06-15)





## CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

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

Trust of  
**LORAYNE B. OTTO**, Deceased  
Date of birth: November 23, 1929  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**  
The decedent,  
**LORAYNE B. OTTO**  
died April 25, 2025  
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to co-Trustees of the Lorayne B. Otto Trust dated May 1, 2003, at 18477 Pellett Drive, Fenton, MI 48430; and 13625 Sienna Pass, DeWitt, MI 48820 within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Luanne B. Stilwell, co-Trustee  
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## Big Day of Golf, Fundraising for Laingsburg Alumni Legacy Award

LAINGSBURG -- Golfers prayed for good weather to accompany their first outing of they year at Pine Hills Golf Course.

And they -- mostly -- got it.

A cloudy day, devoid of rain, greeted linksters to the 4th annual Laingsburg Alumni Legacy Award (LALA) golf outing -- a major fundraiser for the effort, that this spring granted a pair of scholarships to LHS seniors on Honors Night, May 20.

The winning foursome of C.J. Lott, Jake Munson, Justin Hier and Zack Goodrich fired a blistering 56 to finish 14-under and take home the top prize. They won in a tie-breaker over 2nd place team Kam Brown, Eric Nunn, Jack Bouck and Tom Turek.

The event raised upwards of \$7,000, with the LALA committee extending a big "thank you" to Pine Hills Golf Course for their gracious hosting of the event.

Also, gratitude went out to the event sponsors who made it all possible: Laingsburg Lions Club, Wolfpack Sports Boosters, Gene McGrath, Frank Mallon, Feighner Boat Lifts & Docks, Shaheen Chevrolet, the Meridian Weekly, The Dolan Family, an anonymous Detroit Tigers sponsor and Cross, Ragsdale and Associates.

Thanks to the generous support of corporate and individual sponsors, a \$5,000 award is available to Laingsburg High School seniors. The first grants were awarded in May, 2023 to LHS seniors Chloe Stork and Caleb Boettcher; last year, the recipients were LHS seniors Hannah Sebenick and Jaylei Kramer.

The LALA awards are off and running. An alumni committee of LHS grads created a 501(c)3 scholarship fund to help graduates attend schools of higher learning. Alumni are now being asked to help support a future LHS graduate attend his or her choice of schools to advance their knowledge and carry the Laingsburg Legacy to new heights. Contributions can be of any amount at the donor's discretion; a typical gift is just \$100 per year.

Persons wishing to make a contribution to the Legacy Award, or for more information, can contact Christian Ragsdale, Class of 2013, at 403 Haley Court, Laingsburg, MI 48848, or Tom Turek, Class of 1975, at [tomturek20032003@yahoo.com](mailto:tomturek20032003@yahoo.com).



The winning foursome of Jake Munson, C.J. Lott, Justin Hier and Zack Goodrich fired a blistering 56 to finish 14-under and take home top honors from this year's Wolfpack Legacy Golf Outing. If you're interested in joining support for the Laingsburg Alumni Legacy Award, please contact Tom Turek at [tomturek20032003@yahoo.com](mailto:tomturek20032003@yahoo.com).



Celebrating the University of Michigan Health-Sparrow scholarship recipients for Clinton County are (from left) UM Health-Sparrow Clinton Director of Operations Kevin Hansen, UM Health-Sparrow Clinton Medical Chief of Staff Mark Weismiller, M.D., students Brenda McCann, Anna McCann, Ian Goodrich, Emma Arts, Adeline Pung, Mia Ballard, and Megan Verhougstaete, UM Health-Sparrow Clinton Chief Nursing Officer Mariah Hesse and UM Health-Sparrow Clinton President Mark Brisboe. Not pictured: students Chloe Feldpausch, Phoenix Miller, and Kathryn Thornton.

## UM Health-Sparrow Clinton Awards Scholarships to Local Students

submitted by John Foren

ST. JOHNS -- University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Clinton has awarded \$1,000 scholarships to 10 Clinton County high school students who intend to pursue higher education in a health-related field.

The funds for these scholarships have been generously donated by benefactors of UM Health-Sparrow, including the Merten and Geraldine Whyman Health Careers Scholarship Endowment Fund, an endowment fund established in 1986 for Clinton County students pursuing health related curriculums, and the Clinton Physician Impact Fund, dedicated to advancing students in the Clinton community.

The scholarships are being awarded with the hope of supporting the graduates in achieving their goals and, in turn, encouraging them to assist UM Health-Sparrow Clinton's highly skilled team members in their efforts to provide leading-edge and compassionate care, close to home.

2025 UM Health-Sparrow Health Care Scholarship recipients for Clinton County are:

- Emma Arts, of St. Johns, who plans to study Nursing or Exercise Science at Central Michigan University.
- Mia Ballard, of St. Johns, who plans to study Nursing at Lansing Community College.
- Chloe Feldpausch, of Fowler, who plans to study Nursing at Lansing Community College.
- Ian Goodrich, of DeWitt, who plans to study Biology at the University of Michigan or Michigan State University.
- Adeline Pung, of Westphalia, who plans to study Kinesiology at the University of Michigan.
- Kathryn Thornton, of Elsie, who plans to study Exercise Science at Central Michigan University.
- Megan Verhougstaete, of DeWitt, who plans to study Human Biology at Michigan State University.

2025 UM Health-Sparrow Clinton Physician Impact Fund Award recipients are:

- Anna McCann, of St. Johns, who plans to study Engineering at the University of Michigan.
- Brenda McCann, of St. Johns, who plans to study Engineering at the University of Michigan.
- Phoenix Miller, of St. Johns, who plans to study Physics/Astrophysics at Michigan State University.

For more information on UM Health-Sparrow Health Care Scholarships, go to [UofMHealthSparrow.org/Scholarships](http://UofMHealthSparrow.org/Scholarships).

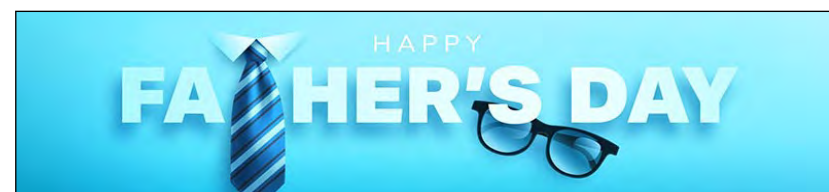
## Ovid Historical Society News

submitted by Historian Ken Miller

The Ovid Historical Society successfully arranged to remove the large 740 pound file cabinet from within the Ovid Historical Societies History Room. With the help of Liam, Gabe and Logan Thompson; children of Lance & Mary Ehlert Thompson, of Ovid Iron and Metal. With the aid of an appliance cart, fork truck and the strong effort by the young Thompson boys; room was made for appropriate book shelves in our small storage room.

Historian Ken Miller; formally of Ovid is in the process of organizing and digitizing Ovid's history.

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