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The Shiawassee Regional Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce Rex Wheeler as the 2025 Citizen of the Year award recipient.

The Argus Press owner, Tom Campbell presented Rex Wheeler the award on May 29th.

Shiawassee County's Animal Shelter Opening Soon

submitted by Kristen Woodbury

Corunna - Sheriff Doug Chapman and the Board of Commissioners are happy to announce the opening of a no-kill animal shelter in Shiawassee County. After a long hiatus, attempting to work with neighboring counties and shelters who themselves are filled to capacity, it became very apparent that the solution was to rehab and reopen the existing facility within the county.

To succeed, the shelter needs volunteers and supplies. "We are operating on a very limited budget and are relying heavily on the help of the community to get this up quickly. We have already seen several community members and businesses step up and volunteer their time and expertise to get the building up to proper standards. Volunteers collaborated with local shelters to establish protocols, training, and information for a smooth opening.

The shelter's goals include working with the local Humane Society, and numerous rescue groups in and around the surrounding community. "Working with partners is extremely important and opens doors to increase lifesavings". According to Sheriff Chapman, "Our goal is to improve public safety, maintain a high standard of care for the animals temporarily in our care and hopefully reunite them with their current owners or get them placed into trained rescue groups in hopes of getting adopted into loving homes while remaining fiscally responsible to taxpayers.

We will be hosting a "fill the shelter" this weekend June 21 and June 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 1251 E Hibbard Road. The goal is to fill the shelter with all the necessities to care for the animals. We invite you to attend, hear about the planned facility improvements and talk about volunteer opportunities.

Wish lists can be found on Chewy and Amazon (under Shiawassee Animal Control and Care Shelter). Donations can be mailed to the Sheriff's Office, located at 201 E. McArthur Street, Corunna, MI 48817. Please make the check out to: Shiawassee County Treasurer and in the memo line please write "Animal Shelter Donation".

Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Regular Meeting

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education was held Monday, June 16, 2025. Noting that this is Dr. Wayne Petroleje's final meeting as the OE superintendent of schools. It was also a time to recognize and to celebrate the spring athletes.

The evening was highlighted by the recognition of the spring athletic accomplishments presented by Shaun McKinney. Sports highlighted included Girl's Varsity Tennis; Girl's Soccer, Varsity MMSA Conference Champions; Varsity Baseball District Champions and Ovid-Elsie Track and Field. Many athletes were present to be recognized.

Dr. Wayne Petroleje, presented the superintendent's report starting with the letter from Yeo & Yeo regarding the upcoming annual financial audit for the 2024-25 school year. To be completed in late July or August with the final report to be presented at the October Ovid-Elsie Board of Education meeting.

Next the summer maintenance update. First, roofs at both elementaries are prepared for replacement; high school roofs are in good shape; drinking fountain updates all consumptive water will be filtered; high school bathroom remodeling has begun; and the cleaning is underway in all buildings, this is a time for deep cleaning.

Officials took action to approve five resolutions regarding the district's budgets. Approved were the revised general operational budget for 2024-25 and the proposed 2025-26 general fund operational budget; the O-E revised Food Service operating budget for 2024-25 and the approval of the 2025-26 food service operational budget; Finally, the Ovid-Elsie projection appropriations.

There were a few notable items regarding the 2024-25 budget – reduction in property tax income, taxes came in slower than anticipated; 3% increase in property taxes anticipated; the 2025-26 budget – projecting staffing and benefits (40-50% of the budget is benefits). Funding sources 10% of the revenue is local; state 80% revenue, federal revenue 2%; other local 7%. Taxes - 18 mills non homestead (17.895 mills); 6% home stead. Revenue assumptions based on 1,262 students which reflects 13 less than the 2024-25 school year. The budget is based on \$10,000 per pupil. Salaries, some are set, and currently we are in negotiations with the teachers and the paraprofessionals; the district is anticipating 20-25% increase in medical insurance; state retirement 30%; unfunded liability 13.91%. and supplies. Anticipated revenue \$18,602,708 and expenses \$18,882,964. The \$280,256 difference to come from the fund balance. The proposed budget based on projected assumptions. The state does not consider OE in deficit because there is fund balance to cover the short fall. Under consideration – this year "short term" six-month insurance plan and the district later in the fall will go out for quotes for the new year (calendar year) to secure a carrier that can hold rates more constant. Also, staffing adjustments are being considered without a negative effect to classes and services for students.

Food service is in the mode of "spending down" basically costs have been contained causing the Food Service Fund to have excess fund equity. The state requires that OE spend the balance down. Revenue \$959,197 and projected \$1,266,789 – new equipment will be purchased at an estimated cost of \$150,000 (service line and salad bar at the high school). Again, officials unanimously adopted the budget resolutions presented.

Officials took action to approve business services agreement with CCRESA including account payables and payroll processing for three years – 2025-26 - \$40,000, 2026-27 (\$42,000) and 2027-28 (\$44,100). This is different than the previous agreement which took care of all business services for the Ovid-Elsie District, due to limited CCRESA office capacity they will no longer provide all financial services. This agreement also has a thirty-day out agreement.

The high school curriculum was presented for approval by Sam Sicilia, Director of Curriculum. Major changes include a new format for students and parents. In addition, the State of Michigan Graduation requirements were revised; Agriscience and Agribusiness name change; business department name changes for CT courses; in Health PE a few name changes; added Drama Appreciation; Social sciences name changes; Freshman seminar includes personal finance, added; Emergency Services and Fire Science revised; and site

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Wednesday, July 2nd at Noon will be the deadline for advertising, classifieds and news.

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Ovid High School Class of 65' 60th Reunion

submitted by Kenneth Miller
On Saturday, June 14 at the Ovid United Church, the 60th reunion was held in honor of the Ovid High School class of 1965.
Carol Leland Coleman lead the event with David Foerch the Master of Ceremonies.

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.



Elsie Library Adventures

submitted by Ann Trierweiler

The Summer Reading Challenge and the summer reading program are here.

There is a jar by the front desk with tickets for a yearly drawing of two Elsie Dairy Festival tickets. Feel free to put your name into the drawing.

The Elsie Public Library Book Club will be stalled for the summer, and resume on September 11, at 6:00 pm. That day we will discuss ideas and order a new book. Don't be a stranger during the summer.

Members of our Public Library can use the Michigan Activity Pass. It can be as simple as scanning the QR code on our entrance door. "Your library card can get you access to Michigan's finest parks, museums, and activities throughout the state."

We will be having a summer reading program every Wednesday at two pm. There will be stories and crafts for the younger children; and this year we are adding crafts geared for the older children. The kids will sign in, be entertained while others arrive, listen to some fun stories, and then there will be craft time... A snack on the way out, and it's a day!

Elsie Dairy Festival Accepting Parade Entries

submitted by Michelle Salander

The Elsie Dairy Festival parade will be on July 12th, 2025 at 11am. and is still accepting entries until June 28th, 2025.

You can email me at michelle.elsiedairyparade@gmail.com

The parade line up will be at the Elsie park. This years parade theme is cow print/history of Elsie."



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Michigan Connections Academy Celebrates Class of 2025

submitted by Kendall Sedstrom

LANSING – Online students from across the state tossed their caps as Michigan Connections Academy celebrated the Class of 2025 on Wednesday, June 11 at Michigan State University’s Wharton Center. The ceremony recognized 118 graduates who have achieved their high school diplomas through a flexible, tuition-free, online-school format. Family, friends, teachers and staff gathered to celebrate the students’ hard work and bright future.

Of the Graduates, one comes from Ovid:

Karynna Goodrich

“Our students come from all across Michigan and it's an honor to watch them reach this milestone together,” said Bryan Klochack, Executive Director of Michigan Connections Academy. “We believe students deserve an education that best fits their needs, and graduation is a reflection of that commitment. I’m proud of the futures these students have created for themselves throughout their time with us and wish them the best as they take on their next journey.”

Among Michigan Connections Academy's 118 graduates, 47 percent plan to attend a 2- or 4-year college or university, 25 percent plan to enter the workforce and others have plans to take a gap year or pursue other opportunities.

Serving K-12 students since 2010, Michigan Connections Academy offers engaging, online courses taught by state-certified teachers. Its tuition-free and virtual format helps students learn at their own pace, meeting them where they are at. With unique pop-up events and student clubs, there is no shortage of community, ensuring students make meaningful connections.

Enrollment for students in grades K-12 is currently open for the 2025-26 school year. The new school year at Michigan Connections Academy will feature an expansion to its College and Early Career Readiness offering. Those interested in enrollment are encouraged to attend an online information session to learn more, ask questions, and discover more about virtual school. For more information or to begin the enrollment process, please visit www.MichiganConnectionsAcademy.com or call 1-833-591-0251.

Moolenaar Office Now Accepting Internship Applications

The office of Congressman John Moolenaar is currently accepting applications for internship positions available in Caledonia, Clare, and Washington, D.C.

The internship program is open to college students and recent graduates who are interested in learning more about our nation's legislative process and the day-to-day operations of a Congressional office. Opportunities are available beginning in Fall 2025 in all three offices.

Internship responsibilities in Caledonia and Clare include helping constituents when they need assistance with federal agencies, attending district events and meetings, answering phones, and monitoring the latest news developments throughout the district.

Intern responsibilities in Washington, D.C. include conducting tours of the U.S. Capitol, researching federal legislation and assisting legislative staff. Interns will also have the opportunity to attend legislative briefings and hearings on Capitol Hill.

Applicants are asked to provide a cover letter, resume, and any specific legislative issues or areas of interest. Applications should be submitted by the close of business on July 15, 2025. College credits are available per school requirements.

For more information and to apply for an internship, visit Moolenaar.House.gov/internships.



CITY OF LAINGSBURG NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR MICHIGAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDING FOR PROPOSED HOUSING REHABILITATION PROJECT

The City of Laingsburg will conduct a public hearing on July 1, 2025, at 7:00pm at 114 N. Woodhull Rd, Laingsburg, MI for the purpose of affording citizens an opportunity to examine and submit comments on the proposed application for a CDBG grant.

The City of Laingsburg proposes to use CDBG grant funds in the amount of \$ 1,500,000 to support a housing development project located in the City of Laingsburg. The grant funds will be used to install essential infrastructure improvements necessary for the creation of sixteen new housing units. These units will be created for occupancy by low- to moderate-income households, aligning with county and local efforts to expand access to quality, affordable housing within the community.

Further information, including a copy of the City of Laingsburg's community development plan and CDBG application, is available for review. To inspect the documents, please contact Sarah Kopko (Sarah@lionbearventures.com) or review at City Hall 114 N Woodhull Street Laingsburg Mi 48848 Comments may be submitted in writing through 7/1/2025 City of Laingsburg Attn: City Clerk PO Box 178 114 N. Woodhull Street Laingsburg MI 48848 or made in person at the public hearing.

The City of Laingsburg has a strong record of successfully managing grant funds

The City of Laingsburg submitted an initial Letter of Intent for the CDBG funds in April 2025. A full application, including program details, is in development and will be completed by September 17, 2025.

Resident thoughts and comments on the proposed application are welcome. City Hall is barrier-free. If you need assistance contact City Offices at 517-651-5374 prior to the meeting.

City of Laingsburg
Kim Hamilton
City Clerk

City of Ovid Regular Meeting June 9, 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-Absent, M. Olger, M. Perrien, E. Brown-Absent, M. Jones-Absent, E. Starn

Guests:

There were 12 people in attendance.

Agenda:

Council Member M. Olger motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member M. Soliz seconded the motion. Carried on a voice vote

Minutes:

Council Member M. Soliz motioned to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2025 Regular meeting as presented.

Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion. Carried on a voice vote.

Invoice/Check Register:

Council Member E. Starn motioned to approve the invoice/check register from May 14, 2025 through June 10, 2025 for a total of \$294,550.78. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion. Carried on a voice vote.

County Commissioner: 7:04 PM- 7:08 pm Nicole Fickes presented her report from Clinton County.

Open Public Comment: Opened 7: 08 pm Closed: 7:18 pm

Mayor’s Report: Mayor M. Perrien briefed the board on her report with updates.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer L. Kusnier reviewed her report.

Attorney’s Report: Attorney S. Gould briefed the council.

Police Report: Chief Rousseau briefed the council on her report.

DPW Report: Chad Juderjohn reviewed his DPW report.

Report Motion:

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

New Business:

a. Tax Resolution 2025-01: Council Member motioned to accept the Resolution 2025-01 Millage Rate 2025. Council Member seconded the motion.

Upon Roll Call Vote, the following members voted YES: M. Soliz, M. Olger, M. Perrien, E. Starn

Upon Roll Call Vote, the following members voted NO: None

Absent: L. Perrien, E. Brown, M. Jones

Resolution is declared adopted.

b. Carriage Towne Place Ordinance Council Member E. Starn motioned to place out for review Ordinance #148- Ordinance to Amend Exhibit A of the City of Ovid Ordinance No.148 and authorize the Mayor to sign the clarification and amendment letter to Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA). Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion. Carried on Voice vote.

c. Master Plan Mayor M. Perrien motioned to place the draft City of Ovid Master Plan with edits out for review. Council Member M. Soliz seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote.

d. Street Repair/Repaving- Mayor Perrien explained the street grant to the council. There is money in reserves to be able to do some streets.

e. DPW Supervisor Position – Council reviewed the Department of Public Works (DPW) full-time and Supervisor positions. Council Member E. Starn motioned to continue to pay C. Juderjohn “out of class” from March 27, 2025 until the DPW Supervisor position is filled. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote.

Old Business:

a. Water Tower Communication System – C. Juderjohn explained the water tower communication systems.

b. Fence Ordinance – Council reviewed the fence ordinance amendment. Council Member E. Starn motioned to put Ordinance No. 149 Amendment of Sec 36-118, Fences, walls, screens out for review with the correction of (L) (1) from four to three feet. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote.

Committees:

a. DPW- Council Member E. Starn motioned to accept the bid from J & J Hardwoods at a cost of \$1,800.00 for tree removal at 218 E. Williams St. right of way area. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote.

Council discussed sidewalk repair.

Council Member M. Soliz motioned to move \$4,300.00 from major reserves to sidewalk repair line 202-449-744.001.

Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote.

Council Member E. Starn motioned to accept Five Star Masonry bid of \$4,300.00 to repair the sidewalk at the library area. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote.

b. Cemetery- Next meeting will be June 19th.

Boards and Commissions:

a. OMESA- Review Audit, waiting for new rescue truck

b. Planning Commission-

Boyer Park did receive a LEAP matching grant and will be officially receiving the grant in September.

c. Zoning Board of Appeals- Council Member E. Starn motion to appoint Matthew Green, James Senter, and Holly Hibbard to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion. Carried on voice vote.

d. Library Board- none

e. Board of review –

Closed Session:

Council Member M. Olger motioned to go into closed session at 9:44 pm Council Member M. Soliz seconded the motion.

Upon roll Call Vote the following voted YES: M. Soliz, M. Olger, M. Perrien, E. Starn

Upon roll Call Vote the following voted NO:

Absent: L. Perrien, E. Brown, M. Jones

Resume Open Session at 10:00 pm.

f. Carriage Days- Saturday, Sept 6th is tentative date for Carriage Days.

Final Comments: none

Adjournment-

Council Member E. Starn motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 pm. Council Member M. Olger seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Tomasek Swan
Clerk

Obituaries

Betty Lou Lake

Betty Lou Lake, age 99, of Laingsburg, MI, passed away Monday, June 16, 2025, at Family Affair Assisted Living, Haslett, Michigan.

Betty was born in Howell, Michigan on September 2, 1925, the daughter of Ernest and Harriett (Lowe) Lounsberry. She graduated from Howell High School with the class of 1943. On April 11, 1962, she married Melvin (LeRoy) Lake. LeRoy passed away on December 25, 1999. Betty worked for Fisher Body in Lansing Michigan for 25 years, retiring in 1975. She was a Rosie the Riveter during the war.

She enjoyed Quilting and donated many quilts to area nursing homes and she won the Anne Easlick Shinning Volunteer award in 2007.

She is survived by two: daughters: Melvia and Frank Quine of Ovid, MI; and Janine and Jamie Huver of Perrinton, MI; her grandchildren: Melissa and Kory Witt, Alicia and DJ Robbins, Anthony and Sara Janes, Janelle and Brandon Sines, Jessie Janes, Meg Quine and Richard Kremer, Heather and Emmitt Keves, Michael Wooden, Christopher and Marjery Lake, Kevin and Maegan Lake, Douglas (Keith), and Naomi Lake, and Ryan and Dawn Lake. She is also survived by 34 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild on the way. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, son-in-law Paul Janes, granddaughter, Chelsea Janes, grandson, Benjamin Wooden, 4 sisters and 4 brothers.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, MI, on Friday, June 20, 2025, with Minister Gary Hawes officiating. Entombment has taken place at Deepdale Memorial Cemetery Lansing, Michigan.

Memorials may be made to D.A.V. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan.



Helen Susan Makara

Helen Susan Makara, a longtime resident of St. Johns and a native of Pinconning, died peacefully at her home on June 15, 2025. She was 92 years old.

Born on May 23, 1933, in Essexville, Michigan, Helen was the fourth of nine children born to Walter and Ludvina (Kessler) Gromaski. She was raised on the family farm, where she developed a mechanical knack at an early age, often found by her father's side learning to fix machinery, change her own oil, and take care of her own cow. That same mix of independence, curiosity, and hard work followed her throughout her life.

Helen graduated from Pinconning High School in 1951 and began working as an inspector for Federal-Mogul. It was during this time she met the love of her life, George Makara. They married on September 10, 1955, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, and together raised seven children. Helen was the quiet force and sharp mind behind George's many ideas—offering wisdom, support, and plenty of practicality. Helen was a "Sam of all trades", a homemaker, raised a bustling family, drove a school bus, worked more than 15 years for ARA Food Vending Company, and after retirement, made ice cream cakes at Dairy Queen in St. Johns for another 10 years. She also gave of herself as a longtime volunteer at St. Vincent de Paul, where she served faithfully for over 20 years.

A woman of deep Catholic faith, Helen was a lifelong member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and prayed the Rosary daily. Though she was private and reserved, everyone who knew her liked her. She was a phenomenal baker and cook and a talented seamstress who lovingly made all her daughters' wedding and bridesmaid dresses, as well as her own. Her crochet work was intricate, her garden flourished under her care, and her pantry was always well-stocked with canned goods from her harvest. In recognition of her devotion and care, she was voted Mother of the Year in 1990. Above all, Helen's greatest joy was her family, and she was truly a mother of love.



Helen leaves behind a legacy of strength, faith, kindness, and quiet determination. She will be deeply missed by her family and all who had the privilege of knowing her, especially her children, Denise (Tom) Roof, Renee Ferguson, David Makara, Teresa (Jim) Thurlow, Yvonne Makara, Mike Makara, and Pat (Kim) Makara; her grandchildren: Ben (Ellie) Roof, Rachelle (Greg) Koenigsknecht, Tori (Ross) Fernandez, Sheri Ferguson, Matthew (Ashley) Ferguson, Josh Schwartz, Gayle Thurlow, Nick (Jamie) Thurlow, Kristie (Joe) Poff, Aubrey (Nate Sipkovsky) Makara, Alec (Katie Ramos) Makara, Lilly (Ryan) Katch, Patrick Makara, Marinna (Jacob Irrer) Makara, and Katherine "Kitty" Makara; many great grandchildren; great-great grandchildren, her siblings Lottie Wojda, Carol Bacca, and Wally Gromaski, Jr.; brother-in-law, Bob Wilson; sister-in-law, Carole Gromaski and many nieces, nephews, extended family members and dear friends, including her special friends, Catherine and Joe Lorio.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husband of 46 years, George Makara; siblings Donald Gromaski, Dorothy Gromaski, Mary Nagy-Heinz, Ben Gromaski, and Joanie Pierce; mother-in-law, Anna Schellhase and in-laws.

The Makara family wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude to Hospice of Lansing for their exceptional care and compassion over the past year. Special thanks to Dr. Gendich and Dr. LaBerge; nurses Lisa, Ashley, and Kim; volunteer, Grace and massage therapist Ginger and all of her special caregivers (Tarah, Carly, Rachelle, Marinna, Ellie, Kitty, Therese, Kristal and Kim) for helping mom remain comfortable and at home.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, June 22, 2025, from 3-7 PM, Rosary 6 PM, at McGeehan Funeral Home, Keck-Coleman Chapel, 1500 Waterford Pkwy, St. Johns.

A Requiem Mass will be held on Monday, June 23, 2025, 11:30 AM at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 109 Linden St, St Johns. Friends may visit the church from 9:30 AM until the time of the mass. Burial Mt. Rest Cemetery. A luncheon will follow.

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Pastor:
Kendra Holcomb - Densmore

Middlebury United Methodist Church
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“Grief is like the ocean. It comes on waves ebbing and flowing. Sometimes the water is calm, and sometimes it is overwhelming. All we can do is learn to swim.”

~Vicki Harrison

Obituaries

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Alice "Joyce" Eberhard

Alice "Joyce" Eberhard, age 95, of Lakeview passed away at her home on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. Joyce was born on November 1, 1929, in Ontonagon, Michigan, the daughter of Allan and Mayme (Store) Daniels. Joyce graduated from Ontonagon High School in 1948. Joyce met the love of her life, George "Leland" Eberhard, the day she stood up at her sister Kay's wedding to Leland's brother, Wayne Eberhard. Eight months later on April 25, 1953, they were married in Lansing, Michigan. The Eberhard brothers married the Daniels sisters — thus began the Eber-"herd" as the family is fondly known. After marriage, Joyce happily took on the role of homemaker and mother to her 6 children. She enjoyed feeding her large family and was well-known as a very good cook. Joyce took great pleasure in gardening and canning food for the family as well as tending to her beautiful flower gardens which were a constant source of beauty at her homes. She also enjoyed bird-watching, camping, playing board games, singing and golfing with Leland and the family. She and Leland spent many afternoons on their pontoon boat that to this day is enjoyed by their children and grandchildren.

Joyce was a longtime member of the Howard City congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses and had been a dedicated servant of her God Jehovah for over 72 years. In addition to spending time with her family, Joyce was a zealous Bible teacher and was very active in sharing the Bible's message and studying the Bible with anyone who had a thirst for truth.

Joyce will be greatly missed by her family as well as very large "spiritual" family. She is survived by her children, Dean (Anita) Eberhard of Cheboygan, Randall (Claudia) Eberhard of St. Johns, Annette (Michael) Hornbeck of Lakeview, Penny (Roger) Hueber of Belmont, NH, Teresa (Alex) Rinckey of Greenville, Bethany (Jeffrey) Hunt of Perry, GA; 15 grandchildren, Jeremy, Brett, Jessica, DeAnna, Ashley, Connor, Cailin, Christopher, Daniel, Aaron, Andrew, Nathaniel, Alissa, Emily, Aubrey; 18 great-grandchildren, Marcus, RayeAnn, Austin, Tony, Jacob, Natasha, Ethan, Bradley, Jayden, Adin, Evan, Eli, Aasia, Chandler, Natalie, Blake, Finnegan, Marley; 1 great-grandson, Olson "aka-Sonny"; special nieces and nephews, Kimber, Michelle, Eliot, JD; one special cousin and friend, Robert Fennell, and many other nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, George Eberhard in 2018; parents, Allan and Mayme; and all 11 of her siblings.

A memorial visitation in Joyce's honor was held Saturday, June 14, 2025, at Brigham Funeral Chapel in Lakeview. Interment was in Cato Township Cemetery.

Those wishing to make memorial contributions are asked to consider The Worldwide Work of Jehovah's Witnesses and donating online at JW.org (or making checks payable to Watchtower Bible & Tract Society of New York, Inc. Attn: Accounting, 900 Red Mills Rd, Wallkill, NY 12589-3223). Condolences to the family may be made utilizing the guestbook at www.brighamfuneralchapel.com.



Faith Focus

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"And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life (Revelation 20:11-15)."

A taxi driver and a preacher arrive at the Pearly Gates. Peter asks the driver a question, nods, gives him a gold harp, and in he goes. The preacher gets a rusty harp and is told to wait. Hours later, the preacher demands an explanation. Peter says, "It's based on merit. Your sermons put folks to sleep, but when he was driving...people prayed up a storm!"

If Peter's only entry question was how many dumb Pearly Gates jokes exist, I think we'd all flunk. I tried to find out, but no luck (there's too many, which is ironic since we think entry is based on luck, or merit). That's the real joke; it's neither. The worst "sex, drugs, and rock-and-roll" felon can be sure of going to Heaven — today — before they die.

This is why the Bible was written, getting into Heaven is not a guessing game. "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life (1 John 5:13)." You can know with 100% certainty that when you die, you'll get in. Death is definite, but arriving in Heaven can be assured.

Regarding "arriving," Led Zeppelin's lead singer, Robert Plant, said, "To have money at last, is just another figure in my mind of mass acceptance which is what we all work for; I mean everybody, however how much they like to deny the fact, really wants in the end to be accepted." Pretty keen insight for a 22-year old rocker, as is this NFL star at 27...

A. J. Brown just won the Super Bowl. After global adulation he said, "It didn't do anything for me." This famous millionaire athlete realized that an NFL championship didn't fill his heart's divot. Apologies to Robert Plant, but "the hole remains the same." In Mere Christianity, C. S. Lewis cut deeper into our cardiac cavity with these words:

"Most people, if they had really learned to look into their own hearts, would know that they do want, and want acutely, something that cannot be had in this world. There are all sorts of things in this world that offer to give it to you, but they never quite keep their promise. If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world (with Pearly Gates)."

Peter knew this, that we were made to be with God, and that all the Pearly Gates jokes are a joke, and it's on us. Peter isn't asking questions; he's giving an answer. Peter wrote, "You shall be holy for I am holy (1 Peter 1:16)." Be holy? Perfect? That's impossible! If that's God's standard, then no one gets in because nobody's perfect (Matthew 5:48).

Exactly! And more importantly, we can't make ourselves holy. "If righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly (Galatians 2:21)." If we can be acceptable to God by keeping the Law (doing good deeds), then why did Jesus die? That's the real Pearly Gates question — "If it's all based on our merit, then why did Jesus have to die?"

This is a heavy question. If we think our acceptance with God is on our own merit; that being "good enough" is the answer we think Peter requires at the Gate; that our good deeds will be weighed out on God's giant scale against our sin to prove that we're not that bad, then why did Jesus have to die? This "we think" is not in the Bible (Titus 3:5).

So here's my Pearly Gates question...when Jesus was dying on the cross, He promised one of the thieves crucified with Him that he would be in Paradise that very day (Luke 23:43), so how did this thief become holy if he literally couldn't do anything? That answer — what filled his holy hollow — is what's coming up next in our Part II.



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

I've been looking into the past few weeks of my existence. It seems that I have been a bit busy on a social level. Every other weekend I have been involved in dual family cookouts for birthdays, Mother's Day and Father's Day. The time has been very enjoyable and it has been a reflection on how much skidding on ice under the pickup has affected my life. I am truly joyful that I no longer have constant pain. For me that is a biggie... Plus now I'm back at the St Johns' Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings. I get to talk to a lot of folks that I've missed for the last couple of years. I spent last Saturday getting reacquainted with others. It was a joyful event.

Getting back into Market mode is an interesting function. In the past I did everything from doing the baking, packaging, and labeling from scratch by myself. Printing off the labels, cutting them out, and taping the labels onto the packages was very time consuming. It is wonderful that Diane is making the labels and printing them out. Weighing the product and labeling still takes a bit of time. Though it is much easier then in the past. I have almost regained my talent for making precisely filled pans without using the scale. Maybe I will regain my precise talent of weighting the product...

I've pulled onions from my garden and used them for the potato salad that I took to the Father's Day event. It was a four generational event that had a swimming pool and bounce house for the youngest attendees. Of course these accouterments kept the rest of us laughing and comparing antics. The day was filled with smiles and pleasant conversations. The food was good and the company of others was fantastic. So don't forget what joys are missed when we forget to mix with others of all different ages. I was chastised by a three year old because I didn't want to view the chickens or help gather the eggs. The little tyke approached me three different times to view Grandpa and Grandma's critters. I didn't get to meet 'Dinner' (a calf to fatten for future beef). I need to work on being a better guest.

Have you ever noticed how fast the grass seems to grow? There are times when I feel as if I had just mowed the lawn and it has become overgrown overnight. This is one of those times where the weeds get a great hold in the garden. I hate to admit that I'm not as good as I used to be at keeping everything up. When the weather heats up and temperatures hit mid eighties I become very reclusive. As in lazy and just want to sit in the recliner by the fan. It works well for me and Prudence enjoys the extra lap time providing my lap is covered with a sheet to keep her cool. My poor pooch had to chastise me this afternoon because her water bowls were empty. Pru is very good at 'laying a guilt trip' and I deserved the chastisement. There is a subtle difference in her 'woof'. I just bought a water fountain but haven't tried to put it together yet. It is one of those must get done immediately.

I have spent the day baking and then had to run to Dollar General for three more totes. We will be baking up a storm tomorrow. Cupcakes to frost, cookies to bake, cinnamon rolls, and yeast breads to finish. We will be busy plus also keeping the grill in order. I'm glad that I have the bag of ice in the shop's freezer and the cold packs in mine. Hopefully I will have everything ready to go in a timely manner, including my water thermos. If it rains, I hope that I have a chance to get the canopy up without being soaked.

May your lives be filled with multi-generational events. There is much joy to such events. They are blessings and amazing entertainment. May God bless you daily.

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Michigan Youth Challenge Academy Class #52 to Graduate

submitted by Michael Kroll

LANSING, — The Michigan Youth Challenge Academy (MYCA) will hold a graduation ceremony for 117 cadets at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at Marshall High School at 701 N. Marshall Ave., Marshall, MI 49068. Doors will open at 9 a.m. and the ceremony is open to the public.

The graduating class consists of cadets from across the state, hailing from 40 different counties: Allegan, Alpena, Baraga, Barry, Bay, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Clinton, Genesee, Hillsdale, Ingham, Iosco, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Lapeer, Leelanau, Livingston, Macomb, Mecosta, Midland, Monroe, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oakland, Ogemaw, Osceola, Otsego, Ottawa, Sanilac, Schoolcraft, Shiawassee, St. Joseph, St. Clair, VanBuren, Washtenaw, Wayne and Wexford.

The voluntary academy is a cost-free alternative education program which offers at-promise youth the opportunity to change their future. As part of the curriculum, cadets participate in drill and ceremony formations, meet physical fitness standards, perform community service and receive classroom instruction.

Of the 117 anticipated graduates in this cycle, 90 are earning their high school diploma while the remaining cadets will continue their academic pursuits toward earning their high school diploma upon their return home. Over the past 22 weeks, cadets have performed more than 5,100 hours of community service to help individuals and organizations in the Battle Creek area.

Class #53 will begin on July 13, 2025 and the MYCA is encouraging interested cadets and families to submit their application as quickly as possible here: [Admissions Process](#). For more information, contact Jayme Ham at 269-968-1397, Joan Miller at 269-968-1368 or Yasser Quadri at 269-968-1048.

Graduates of the MYCA are eligible for the Michigan Job Challenge Program, an extension program of the MYCA, which teaches workplace essentials, provides opportunities to learn a skilled trade and assists with job placement.

About Michigan Youth Challenge Academy

The Michigan Youth Challenge Academy educates, trains and mentors at-promise youth in a quasi-military environment at no cost to participants, giving young people the skills to become productive and responsible citizens. Applying the military model to alternative education, the Academy promotes competency development through academic opportunities, life skills and vocational preparation. Visit [Michigan Youth Challenge Academy](#).



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changed; deleted History 1877 as dual enrollment and will be in-house Present/AP US History; and tables and charts updated. The purpose of the presentation is to keep the board informed. The guide was approved.

Officials took action to approve employee contracts. The following contracts were approved: Madison Wear, Young Five Teacher at Leonard Elementary effective August 18, 2025; Megan Montes as First Grade teacher at Leonard Elementary; Spencer Sillman, physical education teacher at the elementary level; Lynn Eichenburg as a long-term substitute at EE Knight Elementary for the 2025-26 school year; Jennifer Garcia the OE Middle School Counselor; a three-year contract extended to Shaun McKinney as the OE Athletic Director effective July 1, 2025; and Kaitlyn Kusnier as the business manager for the district a three year contract effective July 1, 2025. All were approved unanimously.

Finally, action was taken to approve the Ovid-Elsie Alternative High School calendar as presented.

Under the topic of public comment on non-agenda items, former Board President, Eric Jones, addressed the board. "Per our attorney, I'd like to formally go on the record that I feel myself and members of my family are being targeted and harassed by certain members of the Board". Mr. Jone's daughter, daughter-in-law and wife are all employed by the Ovid-Elsie School District.

He went on to reference dates and instances from December of 2024 to May of this year where he felt he and his family have been unfairly treated, either during previous board meetings or in email exchanges. He ended his comments by suggesting that board members focus on what they were elected to do. "You weren't elected to discipline or evaluate or hire and fire staff members, that's the role of our administrative team and Superintendent. Remember, you hold no power over anyone but the Superintendent. Your role is to set and interpret policy and evaluate/hire the Superintendent, that's it. And finally, stop victimizing and attacking my family."

Brooke Wooley, Ovid-Elsie School Board president, took a moment to recognize Dr. Wayne Petroelje for his time dedicated to Ovid-Elsie Area Schools. Furthermore, Dr. David Huff, trustee, noted that Dr. Petroelje kept the budget in the black when he came to Ovid-Elsie in 1993. He is a good person and friend.

Action was taken to approve the consent agreement. Included was the following: approval of the meeting agenda; approval of the May 19, 2025 regular meeting minutes; approval of the June 9, 2025 finances committee meeting; approval of the minutes of the June 11, 2025 special meeting; the monthly financial reports and approving the annual MHSAA Membership resolution.

Story Correction

Regarding the Special Ovid-Elsie Board of Education Meeting held June 11, 2025 and printed in the June 15, 2025 edition of the Meridian Weekly Mrs. Sue Kadlek was misquoted as indicating she had received calls from community members that were afraid to address the board publicly. The board members who indicated this were Mrs. Brooke Wooley and Mrs. Mary Thompson.

My sincere apology for the mistake, Dawn D Levey.



The Ovid-Elsie Youth Softball 12U softball team had an Undefeated Season. Team members include (l0r) Avah Burch, Scout Pattison, Taylin Watkins, Haley Stewart, Kylynn Salyer, Abby Topping, Rose Fabus, Lilah Lawrence, Maggie Moore and Audrey Denovich. The team was coached by Sami Slyer, Chris Goldman, Kenny Burch, Brian Topping and Ben Moore. Managers included: Nolan Moore, Owen Stewart and Gunner Lawrence. Special helpers were: Audrie VanDeuson, Haley McClung and Josh Salander.

Ovid Carriage Days Meeting

The next Ovid Carriage Days meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 25 at 6pm at City Hall. Committee members would like to invite anyone interested to attend in helping to plan the Saturday, September 6th event. New for this years event will include live music on Main Street by Jack & Tess Clarkson with guests Kathy Ford and Bill Fuller. Rock Solid, a local 80's band will also perform. Returning to the one day event will be the Ovid Lions Club pancake breakfast, arts & crafts vendors, a parade, inflatables for the kids, food trucks and a wrestling exhibition. Join the committee and share in the planning.



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submitted by Brian M. Wheeler

JACKSON – With summer heat on the rise and forecasts calling for the potential of severe weather, Consumers Energy has mobilized and begun to position over 485 crews to respond.

“We know how challenging summer weather can be, from heatwaves to sudden storms,” said David Hicks, one of Consumers Energy’s officers in charge for the storm event. “Our crews are ready, and our systems are being monitored around the clock. We will work as quickly and safely as possible to restore any service interruptions.”

Yesterday the company began moving trucks and essential materials, as well as mobile storm units that can move supplies closer to crews, in the areas expected to be hardest hit, including Jackson, Flint, and Grand Rapids. Along with hundreds of crews from Consumers Energy, contract crews from our Midwest partner energy companies have been called in to help.

Severe thunderstorms with the possibility of large hail, damaging winds and tornados are expected to impact much of the southern lower peninsula throughout the evening and into Thursday morning. This weekend, extreme heat is in the forecast statewide. In preparation for the high temperatures and storms, Consumers Energy urges the public to keep these tips in mind:

Storm Safety Tips

Stay at least 25 feet away from downed power lines, and to report unguarded downed lines by calling 9-1-1 and Consumers Energy at 800-477-5050.

Never use a generator in an attached garage, basement, enclosed patio or near any air intakes. Doing so could cause a generator to produce hazardous levels of carbon monoxide, an odorless, colorless and deadly gas. Read more guidance on safe generator use here.

Be alert to crews working along roads. Drivers should slow down or stop and wait for oncoming traffic to clear so they safely can go past workers on roadsides.

Consumers Energy will trim or remove trees interfering with electric restoration activities. Once safe to do so, clean-up of debris from tree trimming or removal during a storm emergency is the responsibility of individual property owners.

In some cases, the mast that holds the electric service wires to a home or business may have been damaged or torn away. Crews will reconnect the wires to a home, but only a licensed electrician can repair or replace a mast or a cable.

High Temperature Tips

Make sure to drink lots of water on days leading up to hot weather. Always have fresh water by you while working and playing and avoid drinks with high sugar or caffeine. Being hydrated helps prevent heat-related illness as well as strains and sprains.

Wear loose-fitting, light-colored, breathable clothing that covers exposed skin.

When it’s hot, it’s never safe to leave children or pets in a vehicle while it’s parked — even with a window open. Vehicles can reach dangerously hot temperature very quickly. To be cautious, always check to make sure no one is in the car when you leave it.

If you have to be outside, try to find areas of shade to keep yourself cool from the sun. As a general rule of thumb, it’s better to be outside in the morning and evening times when it’s coolest.

If your home is uncomfortably hot due to no air conditioning, there are public places you can stay cool such as local libraries, shopping malls and community centers. There may even be public cooling centers by you. To find them visit mi211.org and search “cooling centers” with your zip code.

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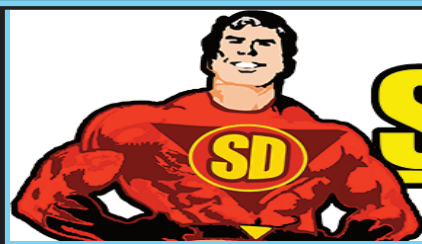
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Sports

Senior-Laden Marauder Baseball Roster Hauls in Post-Season Awards

OVID-ELSIE -- Jake Bowen and Corbyn Janes led a senior-laden Marauder baseball team -- that earned the school's first District Championship since 2016.

Coach Mike Loynes' Marauders finished a ho-hum 12-19-1 overall, but caught fire late in a 2025 season that also included a championship at the Perry Baseball Classic.

"We've got eight guys graduating (including a four-man pitching-catching battery), so we will be looking for players to fill those roles," explained Loynes. "We have four juniors, four sophomores and a couple of freshman with varsity experience returning, plus a large incoming class the we are looking forward to getting to know this fall."

Janes, who equaled Todd Chapko's school-record 22 wins for the Marauders from 1990 to 1993, was named 1st team All-League and Academic All-Region, as well as taking home Most Valuable Player awards from his senior season. For his career, Janes was second in O-E innings pitched with 220 and fourth in strikeouts with 243.

Bowen, the senior slugger who set a O-E record for hits as a junior, was the Marauders' Most Inspirational Player. The O-E catcher was honored as 1st Team All-League, All-District, Honorable Mention All-Region and All-State while compiling a .367 BA with two home runs and 35 RBI.

Bowen finishes his O-E career as the leader in hits with 143 and RBI 119, while being the MHSAA state-wide leader in hit-by-pitch with 36. He is the Marauders all-time runnerup in batting average at .427.

Another outstanding senior, Lance Wiktorowski, was named Honorable Mention All-MMAC as an outfielder. For his career, the leadoff-hitting spark-plug was 4th in O-E stolen bases with 51, 8th in runs scored with 84 and 9th in total walks with 56.

Brody Howard was selected as a 2nd Team All-MMAC infielder and 1st Team All-District. He hit .321 his junior season with 27 hits -- including 5 doubles -- and 18 RBI.

Senior Jayce Herblet was honored as Most Improved Player, while senior Joe Zuniga took home the Coaches Award.

Academic All-Staters for the Marauders were Javen Belill, Bowen, Clayton Fruchey, Daniel Topping and Zuniga.

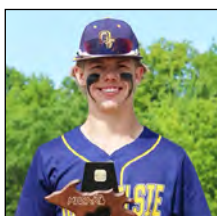
Academic All-Region were Belill, Bowen, Fruchey, Topping, Zuniga and Janes. Academic All-District plaudits went to Belill, Bowen, Fruchey, Topping, Zunia, Janes and Tucker Loynes.



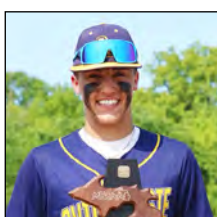
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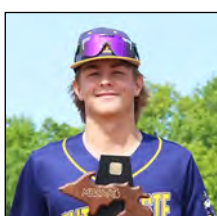
Jake Bowen



Lance Wiktorowski



Brody Howard



Jayce Herblet

2025-26 MHSAA Officials' Registration is Now Underway

EAST LANSING -- The Michigan High School Athletic Association is accepting registrations online or by mail for game officials for the 2025-26 school year.

The MHSAA registered 8,891 officials for the 2024-25 school year, another of a recent series of increases as registrations continue to trend back to pre-COVID totals.

All officials who register may sign up for up to two sports as part of their registration. Officials also will receive membership in the National Association of Sports Officials (NASO), which comes with a variety of educational and training resources and the NASO's Shield liability insurance that will provide \$6 million in coverage for officials while they are working both MHSAA and non-MHSAA events.

For new and returning officials, a \$70 fee covers registration for up to two sports. Officials may register for additional sports at \$16 per sport.

To avoid a \$30 late fee, all fall sport registration applications must be received by Aug. 18, 2025. Winter sports registrations must be received by Nov. 17 to avoid the late fee, and spring sports registrations must be received by March 25, 2026.

Online registration can be accessed by clicking "Officials" on the home page of the MHSAA Website at <https://www.mhsaa.com>. More information about officials registration may be obtained by contacting the MHSAA by phone at (517) 332-5046 or by e-mail at register@mhsaa.com.

There is an officials' registration test for first-time officials, derived from the MHSAA Officials Guidebook. New officials and those who didn't officiate during 2024-25 also must complete the online MHSAA Principles of Officiating course. Additional exams must be taken by those registering for football or basketball for the first time or those who were not registered for those sports during the previous school year. Links to the Officials Guidebook, Principles of Officiating presentation and the football and basketball mechanics manuals can be found by following the "New Officials" link on the Officials page of the MHSAA Website.

There also are opportunities to officiate for students at least 14 years old and in grades 9-12 through the MHSAA Legacy Program. Juniors and seniors may officiate subvarsity contests, while freshmen and sophomores may officiate contests at the middle school/junior high levels. Mentor officials will work events with Legacy participants to provide guidance and support. Find information on the Legacy Program by clicking "Officials Registration" on the Officials page of the MHSAA Website and reading under "Student Legacy Program Requirements."

Marauder JV Baseball Wraps Up Solid 12-Game Slate for 2025

OVID-ELSIE -- The Marauder Jr. Varsity baseball team recently wrapped up a solid 2025 sack season recently, under the direction of coach Jeremy Lukas and assistant Jake Loynes.

Wins over New Lothrop, Montrose, Hemlock, Bath and Chesaning helped O-E forge a 6-5-1 record over the 12-game slate.

Freshman Max Fabus led the Marauders with a .400 batting average, including two doubles and 10 RBI. He walked 13 times and scored 9 runs. Also hitting well for O-E were freshman Conner McClung at .333, sophomore Canyon Keusch at .333, soph John Kelly at .304, frosh Henry Remenar at .304 and soph Logan Brown at .292.

The Marauders scored 91 runs in a dozen contests, an average of 7.5 per outing.

Kelly racked up a 3-1 record on the mound with a 3.92 ERA. Fabus, Brown and freshman Kellen Garcia also pitched the Marauders to win. McClung and Garcia added saves in relief. Kelly and Fabus led the staff with 21 punch-outs, while Brown pitched in with 19 strikeouts.

Teagan Ignash and Sam Cooper had perfect fielding records for the O-E defense, while McClung led the team with 51 put-outs and Keusch with 15 assists.

Freshman team members were Garcia, Remenar, McClung, Fabus and Ignash, sophomores Hunter Smith, Keusch, Logan Brown, Andrew Brown and Kelly, and seniors Joe Zuniga, Sean Silapatkul and Jason Ladiski.

24-25 MSAC All-Conference Baseball Correction

by Ashleigh Kaufmann

Ashley had some athletes honored this season for their accomplishments on the field.

Carson Litwiller, photo was wrong last week, received first team all-conference.

Congratulations to these athletes on their hard work and dedication

Carson Litwiller



Ashley All District, All Region, All State Awards

by Ashleigh Shaw

Three Ashley baseball players were recognized beyond the MSAC. Gibby Jason was MHSBCA Academic All-District, MHSBCA Academic All-Region and MHSBCA Academic All-State. Carson Litwiller not only received first team MSAC but also MHSBCA All-District outfielder, MHSBCA All-Region outfielder, and MHSBCA first team All-State outfield. Litwiller ended the season with a batting average of .429 with 42 hits, 20 doubles, 3 homeruns, 43 RBIs and 16 stolen bases. He also had an 8-2 record from the mound with a 1.7 ERA and 69 strikeouts.

Robert Kral-Honorable Mention All MSAC

Softball: Ellie Drummond-MSAC Honorable Mention



Ellie Drummond



Robert Kral



Gibby Jason



Carson Litwiller

Loynes is Lansing All-Star; West Team Runs to 64-57 Basketball Win

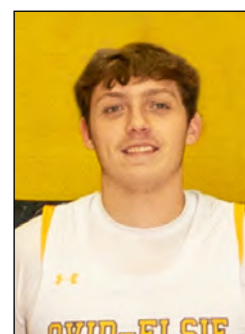
WAVERLY -- Ovid-Elsie's Tucker Loynes was the local representative at the 12th annual Capital Area High School Basketball All-Star game at Lansing Waverly High School.

The event, for recent seniors, features two games -- with area boys and girls taking the court. Each game features two teams (West vs. East) comprised of standout players from the Lansing area.

It was Stockbridge's Shannon Henderson winning MVP and helping the West team win, 64-57.

Loynes competed for the East team and was coached by Waverly's Rod Watts. He led O-E with a 16.7 ppg scoring average, and paced the team in blocks with 12 blocked shots, helping Canyon Walker's Marauders to a 18-5 finish in 2024-25.

Loynes, signed with Grace Christian University for basketball, played football, basketball and golf for the Marauders.



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Editorial

Curwood Youth Fishing Derby Wrap Up

The annual Curwood Festival had a lot to offer this year including the ever growing flea market, two parades, a market place, car show, river races, pancake breakfast, music, food, big time wrestling, and the list goes on. One single event held Sunday morning, however, paid more homage to James Oliver Curwood than all other events combined and that was the Youth Fishing Derby. The Weekly Sportsman can only assume that Curwood himself, if he were alive today, would be the most interested in watching, sponsoring, and volunteering to help with such an event.

This year over forty happy and energetic kids lined the bank of the Shiawassee River to wet lines and compete for trophies and prizes. The Weekly Sportsman volunteered a few hours of his time to weigh, measure and record fish that were landed. All participants had whistles around their neck to blow for the purpose of letting recorders know they needed to be checked. Often the excited loud voices of young anglers were heard before they remembered to blow the whistle. The river was brown and fast moving from recent storms but many fish were still caught with worms, kernels of sweet corn, and lures. There were a lot of prizes given away like fishing poles and tackle boxes along with the following trophies:

First Fish of the Day- Everett Biggest Fish-Macey Smallest Fish- Zoey

Most Fish Caught- Charlie (4th year in a row)

Sponsors of the event included; Granger Waste Services, Northside Animal Hospital, Schultz Outfitters, and the Lab family.



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster

theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com

Sports

Wolfpack Thinclads, Including Phillips, Continue Summer Season

DAVISON -- Laingsburg trackster Madison Phillips was one of several area athletes competing at the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association Track and Field Festival.

According to the MITCA website, the MITCA Champions of Champions Track & Field Festival is MITCA's post season track and field event that aims to bring the best of the best high school athletes from Michigan for head-to-head competition. It has been held at Davison High School all three years and they have seen the meet grow in size and quality.

The meet is split up into divisions by anticipated marks and times. The top 16 entries are placed into the Champions division while the next 16 are placed in the Up-and-Coming division.

Phillips emerged as a top pole vaulter this spring for coach Brian Borgman's Wolfpack track team. The LHS standout, now entering her senior season, set a personal best of 10'0" at the at the MHSAA Division 3 State Finals on June 3. At the MITCA meet, Madison placed 19th with a 9'0" vault.

The summer track and field season continues for Wolfpack athletes at the Pewamo-Westphalia mini meet 1 on June 26, the Grand Haven Beach Vault on July 11-12, and the P-W mini meet 2 on July 31.



Madison Phillips

Ovid Historical Society Fundraiser

submitted by Karen Anderson, Ovid Historical Society Secretary

OID – Restoration is in progress for the Mary Myers 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 Myers 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.

CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

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

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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

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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!

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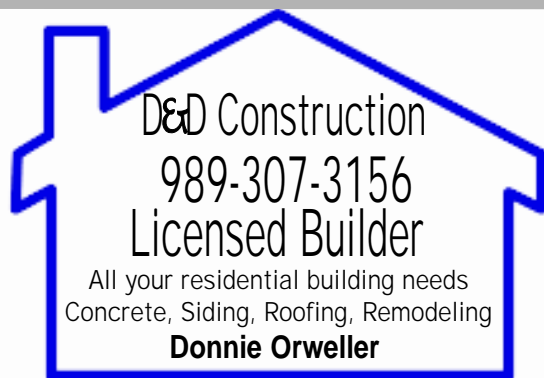


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Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Village of Maple Rapids, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 7 and the South 14 feet of Lot 8, Block 8, B.P. Hutchinsons Subdivision of Maple Rapids, Village of Maple Rapids, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 14, Clinton County Records. Common street address (if any): 226 N Ewen St, Maple Rapids, MI 48853 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: June 15, 2025 Trott Law, P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 642-2515

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

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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 MCL §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

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2025 Elsie American Legion Officers

submitted by Brian Valentine

The swearing in of the 2025 American Legion officers was held on June 5, 2025. Pictured from left to right are

Ben DeVries, Richard Black, Carrie Fox, Brian Valentine, John Shipley, Don Peterson, Dean Acre

If you are a honorably discharged Veteran you are eligible to join the American Legion. Please contact Brian Valentine, Commander at 989-307-9856 or email at elsiepostcommander@gmail.com

Rock Out With Miranda & the M80s on June 25th

submitted by Bill Tennant

If you're looking to spend an evening with one of the most energetic and entertaining bands in mid-Michigan - if you're looking to spend an evening listening to the amazing music from the 80s - look no further. Get your pens out and mark on your calendars, Wednesday, June 25 as the day to make that happen. That's when Miranda & The M80s will hit the stage - 7:00 sharp at the William E. Tennant Performance Shell in the beautiful St. Johns City Park.

"This group, formed in 2015, has been a state wide favorite for a number of years," said Bill Tennant, Concert in the Park coordinator. "Jeff Dietrich, the group's leader and drummer, is a graduate of St. Johns HS - he and the band do a wonderful job of covering great sounds from the amazing 80s. You will thoroughly enjoy rocking out with Miranda, Jeff, and their friends - join them for a most unforgettable experience."

Miranda & The M80s consists of Miranda, who brings a background of classical training and musical theater experience to her great vocals, Len, 'The Axe' who studied guitar at MSU, Drew 'The Bass Melter' has a few years of classical training, and Jeff, who has a vast background of drumming experience in many different genres. This group of unique individuals come together to form this incredible cohesive band - a band covering all of the favorites from the decade drenched in neon and hairspray.

The Concert in the Park series is co-sponsored by the Clinton County Arts Council and the City of St. Johns. Butler Financial Group of St Johns has graciously donated to the new addition building fund and will be recognized at this special concert.

The summer concerts are open to the public free of charge - donations are graciously accepted. The Lion's Club food trailer will be available this year and as always, all concerts are presented every Wednesday rain or shine.

So, set your GPS to 801 W Park St, St Johns - bring a chair or blanket and enjoy the evening! The CCAC receives funding from the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.





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