

## Horaks and Petersons named Co-Grand Marshals of Elsie Dairy Festival

In a heartfelt celebration of faith, family, and a lifetime of service, longtime Elsie residents Jerry and Margaret Horak have been named co-Grand Marshals of the 2025 Elsie Dairy Festival. This honor not only acknowledges their deep roots in the community but also highlights the many ways they have shaped and served it over the years.

Both Jerry and Margaret were born and raised on local farms and have lived in Elsie their entire lives. Married in 1958, the Horaks have spent more than six decades demonstrating an unwavering commitment to their faith, family, and community.

Jerry Horak, a proud 1952 graduate of Elsie High School, served his country as a member of the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division during the Korean War. A lifelong member of the American Legion in Elsie, Jerry returned home and channeled his energy into building-not just houses, but a legacy of generosity and service.

As a licensed general contractor, he founded Horak Construction and became known for remodeling homes, repairing barns, and completing roofing projects throughout the area. Often working at reduced rates--Or even for free-Jerry was always willing to lend a hand to families in need. He spent several years doing construction work for Green Meadow Farms.

He also played a key role in founding the Bannister Knights of Columbus Council and has been

instrumental in organizing its annual charity golf outing for the past 20 years. Under his leadership, the event has raised approximately \$150,000, all of which has been donated back to local families and causes.

Margaret Horak, a 1958 graduate of Elsie High School, never stopped pursuing education. In 1995, she earned a degree in Psychology and Theology from St. Mary-of-the-Woods College and was honored with the Alumni Leadership and Service Award for her outstanding contributions.

Her passion for faith formation led her to serve as Director of Religious Education at parishes in Bannister,

Flint, and Fowler, where she educated hundreds of children in the Catholic faith. She also coordinated summer Bible programs and participated in mission work aiding the poor in Appalachia.

Today, Margaret continues her ministry at St. Cyril Catholic Church in Bannister, where she coordinates the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program, guiding individuals through the process of joining the Catholic Church. In her role as a lay minister, she manages sacramental records, liturgical planning, and provides pastoral care to homebound parishioners. Her quiet compassion shines through in her tireless efforts to comfort grieving families and assist with funeral preparations. In addition, she has previously volunteered with the Elsie Baby



Jerry and Margaret Horak

Pantry, 4-H, and the local Christmas Box program.

Jerry and Margaret have raised seven children-Margaret White (Greg), Joe (Stephanie), Chris (Debbie), Paul (Vicki), Mark (Sue), Theresa Sopocy (Steve), and Monica Spicer (Mike)-all of whom learned the values of hard work, Faith, and service by following their parents' example.

Their legacy continues to grow through 29 grandchildren - including four sets of twins and 10 great-grandchildren.

Dr. Bob and Sue Peterson, longtime residents of Elsie, have been named co-Grand Marshals of the 2025 Elsie Dairy Festival Parade - a well deserved honor for a couple who have spent their lives devoted to their community.

Married for over 50 years, the Petersons have built their life in Elsie around family, faith, and the spirit of giving back. Their influence in the community reaches far and wide.

Dr. Bob Peterson served the area as a large animal veterinarian for more than 45 years, developing trusted relationships with local farmers and providing expert care for countless animals. Sue dedicated 20 years to educating children with special needs at Ashley Schools. Since retiring together in 2015, they have remained deeply involved in their community.

The Petersons are active members of the Elsie Lions and Lioness Clubs, where they have given their time and energy to numerous fundraisers and service projects. In 2018, following the passing of Sue's mother, Leota Kajdas - who directed the Elsie Food Bank for two decades - they stepped in to continue her legacy. In 2020, they helped transform the Elsie Area Food Pantry into a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, establishing a Board of Directors to ensure its sustainability. Both Bob and Sue continue to volunteer and serve as board members, with Sue taking on the role of treasurer.

In addition, Sue has chaired the Elsie Fall Festival for the past two years, helping to grow the event into a major fundraiser for the Food Pantry and a beloved tradition in the community.

They are the proud parents of four children, all graduates of Ovid-Elsie High School: Kristi (Ryan) Brunworth, Kevin (Lisa) Peterson, Sara (Danny) Van Dewater, and Paul Peterson. Their family continues to grow with seven cherished grandchildren: Mason, Brady, and Logan Brunworth; Lauren and Kelsey Peterson; and Connor and Emma Van Dewater. The Petersons are active members of the Elsie United Methodist Church, where their commitment to community and faith continues to shine.

"We are honored to represent the village as Grand Marshals, along with Jerry and Margaret Horak," Sue said. "We love this town and the people in it. Being a part of a festival that brings everyone together - this means the world to us."



Sue and Dr. Bob Peterson

### ELSIE DAIRY FESTIVAL



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The Meridian Weekly hours are as follows, Tuesdays 8:30-Noon, Wednesdays and Thursdays 8:30-4:00.

## Tomasek Visits Ovid Public Library

*submitted by Ken Miller, Ovid Historian*

Tom Tomasek visited the Ovid Public Library with a collection of his paintings and lessons in watercolor for local children. Tom was invited to revisit the rendering from an old 1890 photo taken by Den Roten (painted by Tom some 20 years ago) from the old water tower looking East towards the Ovid Carriage Co. factory along side the train track.

This art will be placed on permanent display in the library in support of the Ovid Historical Society history room.

Visitors are welcome Tuesdays 1-3 pm.



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# Social

## Library News

### Holiday Hours at the Ovid Public Library

The Ovid Public Library will be closed on Friday, July 4 and Saturday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day. We will reopen on Monday, July 7 at 10:00. We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday!

### O-E Class of '70 55 Year Reunion

The Ovid-Elsie Class of 1970 will be holding their 55th Year Class Reunion on Saturday, July 26th. Social hour 5pm-6pm. Dinner at 6pm.

The event will be held at the Elsie Masonic Community Center, 101 E. Main Street, Elsie.

Reservations will be \$25 per person. RSVP by July 11, 2025. To make payment, please contact Debbie Heinze at 989-723-7522.

We are also asking that everyone submit a younger photo of yourself for a game that we will playing. Please send your photo along with your payment to Debbie Heinze, 6859 Westgate Drive, Laingsburg, MI 48848.

We will also be doing a white elephant raffle. Please bring an item from home with a value of around \$20. We will then raffle off the items. All the proceeds will go back to our class treasury. This raffle is optional.

Additionally the class will be participating in the Elsie Dairy Festival Parade on July 12th. We will meet at 9am at 322 West Maple St., Elsie. All class alumni are welcome and encouraged to ride the float.

### Need Prayers?

If you don't have a regular church or just need a little extra prayers, Middlebury United Methodist Church may have the extra help you need.

The church is located at 8100 W. Hibbard Rd., Ovid is providing a prayer request box with pen and paper. Just jot down your request and put into the box.

The box is opened regularly and all prayers will be offered for all request.

### Vacation Bible School

*submitted by Sue Casler*

At True North, kids discover what it means to trust Jesus in a wild world! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible Adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of Jesus' love, and test out sciency-fun experiments they'll never forget. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings.

Plan to Join Us!!

United Church of Ovid, 131 W. Front St.

Week of July 21 – July 25

9am-12noon (registration 8:45 am)

Ages 3 (toilet trained) – entering 6th grade

If you would like to pre-register or for more information contact The United Church of Ovid, at 989-834-5958, office hours are Monday. thru Thursday. from 9am – 12noon.



### Paint Can Fundraiser A Great Success

*by Karen Anderson, Ovid Historical Society Secretary*

Ovid- The paint car fundraiser was a great success. So many people exclaimed that they did not know Ovid had a Historical Museum. The Mary Myers Museum is getting a complete makeover to feature its' original charm, by the members of the Ovid Historical Society and many volunteers.

A special Thank You to the Ovid business who allowed us to place donation cans for our collection from the community.

Thank you again. Donations of any amount can be sent to Ovid Historical Society, PO Box 54 Ovid, MI 48866.

The next regular meeting at the Mary Myer Museum is on Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at 7:00pm featuring, monthly business/activities updates and programs. This month, a video of the original Mary Myers home, filmed by her, will be viewed.

ALL ARE WELCOME.



### Burger Night is Back

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

### Beauty and Barbershop Directory

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### Jars Needed for Dairy Festival

*submitted by Janet Swanson*

Hey Elsie! The ELHS is searching for A LOT of clean, 4oz baby food jars & small jelly jars (with lids) to use at our event for Kid's Day during the Dairy Festival. There are a variety of cool activities planned, so definitely bring the kids (and grown-ups!) by to check it out! Jars may be dropped off to the Elsie Library during their business hours.



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# Obituaries

## Ronald (Ron) Leroy Chamberlain

Ronald (Ron) Leroy Chamberlain, started his last adventure June 23, 2025.

Ron was born December 29, 1940, at home, in Ovid, MI. His parents, Duane and Ruth (Cotes) Chamberlain, knew at his first cry, Ron would have a mind of his own. Among their five children, Jeanette, Don, Ray, and Annette, Ron was an original and one of a kind.

Ron attended Ovid and Corunna schools, and over three years of college. But adventure and good paying jobs were calling him, and off he went. He started out in construction as an union iron worker and ended up working on deep sea oil rigs throughout the world.

In his younger days, Ron loved women so much, he married three times, and has four children, Mike, Rick, Eric, and Rex. Ron also liked to have a good time. For those who attended his get togethers, don't worry, all tapes have been destroyed.

Ron had various interests, politics, Renaissance fairs, photography, custom costumes.....  
.did we mention women?

It would take a whole page to describe Ron and his life. Did he really have a pet lion, bear, and alligator? Yes. Did he get caught trying to take the flag from the Royal Yacht as a souvenir for his flag collection? Yes. Did he really want to go to the moon so he could "moon" everyone on earth? No, but it was a good idea.

There will never be another person like Ron Chamberlain. He was one of a kind. Instead of flowers, toast Ron with your favorite beverage and wish him Bon Voyage!



## James Cyril "Jim" Kusnier, Sr.

James Cyril "Jim" Kusnier, Sr., age 67, of Ovid, MI, passed away Sunday, June 22, 2025, at his home surrounded by his family.

James was born in Owosso, Michigan on August 12, 1957, the son of Anthony Steven and Joann Bernice (Viles) Kusnier. He graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School with the Class of 1977 and lived his entire life in the area. He worked for Michigan Milk for 38 years. On July 26, 1980, James married Charlene Lanette Shea at the Duplain Church of Christ. They have been blessed with nearly forty-five years marriage.

Jim dearly loved his grandchildren and faithfully supported their activities. He enjoyed watching NASCAR and the Detroit Tigers and Lions. He liked to go to his second home at Soaring Eagle Casino. He always loved a frozen Coke. He enjoyed listening to Country Music, especially Willie Nelson and Jelly Roll.

He is survived by his wife Charlene; his daughter Sarah (Aaron) McClung of Ovid, MI; his son James Kusnier, Jr. of Laingsburg, MI; six grandchildren: Kadin (special friend Rebecca), Kira (special friend Austin), Haley (special friend Tucker), Conor, Arryanna, and Dominique (Robert); several great grandchildren, his sister Kathy (Tim) Shaw, his brother Tony (Linda) Kusnier, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A cremation has taken place and a celebration of Jim's life will take place at a later date. Online condolences may be made at [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan.



## Jeffrey "Jeff" Scott Wadell

Jeffrey "Jeff" Scott Wadell, age 53, formerly of Elsie, Michigan, passed away Friday, June 20, 2025, at Trinity Health Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Jeff Wadell was a GOOD man. His positivity in the face of suffering was inspiring.

Jeff was born in Lansing, Michigan, on December 28, 1971, the son of Charles Arthur and Gail Marie (Harte) Wadell. He attended high school in St. Johns, Michigan, where he excelled academically and played football, baseball, and trombone before going on to Western Michigan University, where he studied to become an Electrical Engineer while also earning his pilot's license. It was while working in Dearborn, Michigan, as an engineer that Jeff decided to shoot for his dream of flying in the Air Force and left for San Antonio, Texas, for pilot training.

Life then threw him an unexpected challenge, as it often does, and within a short time, Jeff got the call that his Dad and the farm needed him. He dropped everything to go back home to Elsie, Michigan, and farming. In Jeff's words— "I didn't want the farm. I wanted to work with my Dad and I never regretted that decision."

So began Jeff, learning to love farming, working with the cows, and driving tractors (because who doesn't love driving tractors?). Over time, Jeff steadily built the farm into even greater success, which often meant more land, more cows and more responsibility. But Jeff was also more than a farmer and found the time to enjoy golfing, skiing, Jeeping, basketball, jet skiing and kayaking.

On November 20, 2010, Jeff married the love of his life, the best thing that ever happened to him, and the writer of this obituary, Amy Patin. Together they worked, traveled, sky dived, cheered on MSU, and lived their lives for 6 years before the biggest unexpected challenge life could throw at Jeff occurred—a devastating and mysterious illness that took his mobility and vision. Did that stop Jeff? No. He continued to manage the farm while we searched for answers and never, ever gave up hope. The third unexpected challenge forced even more changes, including a ventilator and no longer being able to manage the farm. But that still didn't diminish Jeff's hope. Every day was a conversation about getting better and what we'd do next when he got back on his feet. For almost 8 ½ years Jeff fought to keep going until the battle his body was fighting couldn't be won. And now he rests.

He is survived by his wife Amy Wadell, mother Gail Wadell, siblings: Douglas (Karie) Wadell, Michelle (James) Socha, Melissa (Scott) Smith, father and mother-in-law Donald & Maureen Patin, brothers and sisters-in-law: Jeffrey & Cynthia Patin, Theodore & Jill Patin, and Nicholas & Rebecca Patin. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Charles Wadell and his grandparents: Harry & Mary Wadell, Neil & Jean Harte.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, St. Johns, Michigan, on Wednesday, June 25, 2025. Burial has taken place at Riverside Cemetery, Elsie, Michigan.

Memorials may be made to the EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases. Online condolences can be sent to [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, Michigan.



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Pastor Phillip Rogers

**Laingsburg United Methodist Church**  
210 Crum St., Laingsburg  
517-651-5531  
  
Worship Service: 10:30am  
Pastor:  
Kendra Holcomb - Densmore

**Middlebury United Methodist Church**  
8100 W. Hibbard Rd., Ovid  
989-834-2573  
Minister:  
Pastor Kendra Holcomb-Densmore  
Worship Service 9:00 a.m.

**Bannister United Methodist Church**  
103 Hanvey Street  
Pastor: Zella Daniel  
Sunday Worship 11:15am

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# Obituary

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## James Theodore "Jim" Ade

James Theodore "Jim" Ade, age 69, of Elsie, MI, passed away Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at his home.

Jim was born on May 30, 1956, the son of Orville and Mina Alvera (Bates) Ade. He graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School, with the Class of 1974. Jim married Marie Crossley on July 26, 1986, at the Elsie United Methodist Church.

Jim was a man of many talents and held many jobs throughout the years. He worked with Eugene Welding, Kevin's Body Shop and Ovid-Elsie Area Schools as a bus driver. Jim owned and operated his own lawn care & snow plowing business for 30 plus years. He was a graduate from "Santa Clause School" and spent 3 years at Peacock Road Tree Farm bringing cheer to kids and family's playing Santa. Jim drove race car his entire life, his love of racing began back in high school. He was a past track champion of both Springport & Spartan Speedway. Jim passed his love of racing down to his grandchildren and he treasured this time spent with them. He could always be found in his garage building, fabricating and spending time on classic cars. Most of all, he enjoyed time spent with his family. He was a member of Elsie United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife Marie Ade of Elsie, MI; his children: Karla and Mike McCurdy of Owosso, MI; Starann and Jason Wenzlick of Elsie, MI; Sandy Litomisky and Chris Kioski of Elsie, MI; and his grandchildren: Vidalia Wenzlick, Nicholas McCurdy, Chloe Kioski, and Joseph Kioski. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son James T. Ade, Jr., and his grandson, Clay Ryan Wenzlick.

Funeral Services will be held at Smith Family Funeral Homes Elsie, MI, at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, June 30, 2025. Burial will take place at Riverside Cemetery, Elsie, MI. Visitation will be held on Sunday, June 29, 2025, from 2-8 P.M. with the family present from 2-4 & 6-8 P.M. at the funeral home.

Online condolences can be sent to [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



## A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Can you believe that July is just around the corner? I know that it is a cliché but time is truly flying in my life. I do think that my body has come up with the conclusion that I should be allowed to sleep six or maybe seven hours a day and stay active the other seventeen or eighteen hours. If I go to bed early because I'm near exhaustion, I wake up by 4:30 the next morning. I seem to have skipped the urge to take a nap, that must just be a winter hibernation thing. My yard needs to be mowed again and it was done five days ago. I also need to till up more garden space to accommodate tomatoes and peppers that Marge started by seed and today is final prep day for the St Johns' Farmer's Market. I wonder if the gentleman that wanted the Grape Nut bread will be there? I had two loaves last week but he didn't stop by... Tammy and Marge each bought a loaf and let me know how well they enjoyed it.

This morning I will be making a couple of big batches of old fashioned white bread and another of onion bread. I also need to make cinnamon rolls and blueberry lemon bread. I suppose that it will keep me busy for most of the day. Prudence gave me the cold shoulder yesterday. I left the house at a few minutes to six and wasn't home to stay until after seven in the evening. At or about three I zipped home and switched vehicles. I erred in my ways because I didn't run into the house to check out how Miss Pru was doing. She was pleased to see me but remained a bit reserved until I finally sat down in the recliner. Which is the correct gesture because with my feet up my ample lap is an invitation for her inspection. Providing that I have put a blanket over my legs, then she can arrange it to meet her specifications. All is forgiven, especially if I happen to have a good 'dogie treat' available.

I will be taking the pickup to work this morning because it is full of empty totes to be filled for the market. I must remember to grab the two new cold packs from the car so that they will migrate to the freezer at the shop. I believe that I will have a tomato sandwich for breakfast this morning. I had an apple and cheddar cheese for supper last night. Of course I must share with Pru, she likes the cheese and even expects a slice of apple for herself indulgence. I do wish that I had her energy levels, mine are a bit slack. That being said, my onions are weeded, as is the rest of the garden. I still need to change the oil in the mower, replace the whip cord in the weed wacker, figure out how to get my TV set up to use Prime (paid for/not imputed) and get 'Alexa' working again (she updated and now awaits more information from me). It is very ego shattering to not cope well with the techie stuff. Probably because patience is not my virtue. Oh well...

Yesterday I was at the shop until three, then ran a quick errand to Owosso to pickup our needed paper supplies. Since I had switched vehicles I also had a blouse to take back to Maurice's and walked out with another shirt and a twenty dollar credit on my account. I stopped at the grocery in Ovid and picked up about ten pounds of ripe bananas so that I can make bread. So there will be some mashing and freezing in the near future. Got back to the shop and carried stuff in and did some packaging and labeling. Then I headed out to the pharmacy in St Johns to pick up a ninety day supply of anti-splatter pills. The pharmacy tech that waited on me asked me if I understood that they were expensive... duh Twice. I replied that I understood that they would be one hundred and thirty dollars, I was off by five in their favor. She urged me to consider that without my insurance the cost is a prohibitive sixteen hundred dollars or just a mere fourteen hundred with Good RX. I guess my white hair symbolizes stupidity. Oh well, my life is busy and I'm mostly content. I enjoy my friend and families and see the humor in most situations. And unfortunately I still make dumb moves like picking up and carrying in two fifty pound bags of flour to the shop. My knees were twitchy after that, no one else was around to do it. Marge did bring a chair to the door because I couldn't have make the step up with the flour on my shoulder. Be happy and stay strong. May God bless you. Always be aware of what you are doing.

Crystal Mitchell©2025



**Ask Andy**

**Have a Question for Andy?**

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## Celebrating the 4th of July

Dear Andy, My children are all under 7. They go to bed early, so they do not get to see fireworks. We want to instill memorable and traditional 4th of July memories for our children. Should we force them to stay awake or wait until they are all are able to stay up until dark? We just want to do everything for them right so they grow up happy. Thank you in advance for your advice. Young Mommy and Daddy

Dear Mom and Dad, It is good for children to have a regular bedtime and a routine. However, a few times falling asleep in the car in your PJ's after fireworks at the park can be memorable. Make your own memories. Go to the beach or splash pad with a picnic every Fourth of July. Dress in Red, White and Blue and stars. Sparklers are fun, even in the daylight, in the backyard. Decorate their bike with colorful crepe paper. Go for a bike ride in the neighborhood and have your own parade, if you do not have a parade in your hometown.

I understand children do not come with an instruction tag. Sometimes, there is not a "right" and "wrong"...just something different. Keep that in mind with your spouse, as well. One of my favorite recommendations to young parent's and families is to praise your children for effort or trying, not just for the completion to perfection in achievements. Not everyone can make all A's, Just encourage kids to the best they are able. We all learn in different ways and at different speeds Never, compare one with other children.

Thanks for asking Andy at [Ask\\_Andy@aol.com](mailto:Ask_Andy@aol.com) or [askandyforadvice@gmail.com](mailto:askandyforadvice@gmail.com) or [yahoo.com](mailto:yahoo.com). Please give me your city name as the column appears in other newspapers. Thank you.



**The Weekly Sportsman**

by Dan McMaster  
[theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com](mailto:theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com)

## Bass Daddy Bait Co.

A few weeks ago the Weekly Sportsman was attending the opening ceremony for the Curwood Festival and discovered a vendor at the nearby flea market who was selling home-made and hand painted fishing tackle. From flies to worms to lures there was something there to catch any angler's eye. Inside the tent and behind the table was proprietor Eric DeLong from Alma. A few questions were asked and then the Weekly Sportsman told him he would be back later. Sunday afternoon turned out to be "later" when more questions were asked and of course a purchase was made.

Eric started a couple of years ago tying flies when a vise and supplies were handed down to him. This eventually led to casting rubber worms and other soft rubber lures and then progressed to hand painting hard plastic lures. To the human eye they look more lifelike and realistic but then again lures have been made to specifically catch an anglers eye. The Weekly Sportsman purchased a custom popper and two packages of micro bait for panfishing. Eric claims that his whopper ploppers are just the ticket for bass fishing around mid-Michigan. While the Curwood Festival was his first major show he can be found every week at the Alma Farmers Market. He has a very active facebook page with many photos of inventory and fish caught.

He may also be reached by calling 989-436-1818 or [ETDE-LONG@yahoo.com](mailto:ETDE-LONG@yahoo.com)

Time permitting the Weekly Sportsman is going to give these lures a workout within the next few weeks and will hopefully have something exciting to report.

-WS



Eric DeLong



## Fairfield Township Clean Up Thank You

Thank you Fairfield Township residents and volunteers for participating in the 8th Annual Fairfield Township Roadside Cleanup. Once again, we were able to fill a 10 cubic yard container with roadside trash from along township roads. Keeping the roadsides clean, at and around your property throughout the year, makes the yearly clean up much easier. It is great to travel throughout the township and see the clean roadsides.

We hope to see more of you next April for the 9th Annual clean-up. Volunteers are always welcome whether you live in the township or not. .

## Editorial



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# Health

## Ischemic Stroke: What's the Right Treatment

by Noah Fromson

Each year, more than 600,000 Americans have a stroke for the first time.

A stroke occurs when blood flow to part of the brain is interrupted. While this can happen in a few ways, nearly 90% of strokes are ischemic, meaning blood flow is blocked by a clot that stops brain cells from getting oxygen.

Stroke is a leading cause of disability and death.

You may often hear the phrase "Time is brain," a call-to-action for swift, lifesaving treatment as soon as you recognize a symptom of stroke.

There have been several treatment advancements for stroke, including thrombectomy, which have resulted in improved outcomes for patients.

But not every person gets the same stroke treatment; even though a stroke is a medical emergency, some people don't require immediate treatment.

A University of Michigan Health vascular neurologist, Joseph Carrera, M.D., explains keys facts about ischemic stroke treatment and how providers determine a patient's care plan when time is short.

How is an ischemic stroke treated?

Carrera: There are two main types of treatment available for those suffering from acute ischemic stroke. The first is a class of clot-busting medications called thrombolytics, and we often use a specific drug called Tenecteplase, or TNK.

These are designed to break up a blood clot that may be interrupting blood flow to the brain.

Typically, we can only give this medication safely to individuals that are within 4.5 hours from when their stroke started.

The second main type of treatment is called thrombectomy, and this is a procedure during which the clot blocking blood flow is physically removed from the artery.

This involves entering an artery in the arm or leg and guiding a device up to the brain to remove the blockage. In some cases, thrombectomy can be done up to 24 hours from when the stroke started.

For both treatments, the goal is to open the blockage in the artery and restore the necessary blood flow to the brain.

Who gets a thrombectomy, and how do you decide?

Carrera: Unfortunately, not everyone is a candidate for thrombectomy.

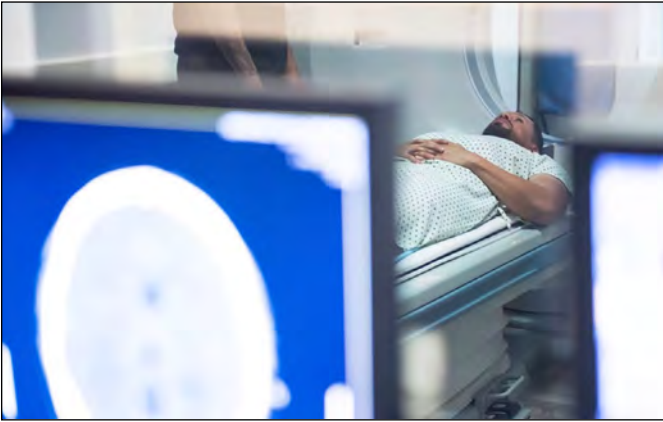
The procedure is typically only an option for those suffering more severe strokes where the artery being blocked is larger and, therefore, accessible for our current devices.

To help determine who may be a good candidate for thrombectomy, we need to do multiple types of scans.

This can help us see where the artery is blocked and how much brain is being impacted by the stroke.

The results of this imaging help us determine if a patient is a good candidate for thrombectomy.

We are fortunate to have a very collaborative stroke team at U-M Health.



For any patient in which thrombectomy might be an option, our providers in neurology, emergency medicine, neurosurgery, anesthesia and neuro-interventional radiology providers come together with the patient and their loved ones to determine the best option for each patient.

When don't you need a thrombectomy? How do you make that decision when time is short?

The most common reason that someone would not be a candidate for thrombectomy is

that the artery being blocked is too small for our devices to safely enter.

There were recently a couple of studies published in the New England Journal of Medicine which showed that in patients with blockages in smaller arteries, thrombectomy may not provide benefit and could be exposing patients to risks.

To ensure that we evaluate each patient for treatment as rapidly as possible, our multidisciplinary stroke team is available to provide expert care at all hours.

In acute stroke, things move fast!

Our goal is to begin the thrombectomy procedure within one hour of arrival to the hospital for those who are eligible (within 30 minutes for patients transferring from another hospital).

We know that the quicker we can open the blocked artery, the better the likelihood of a good outcome for the patient.

Remember: Time is brain!

Do some strokes require no treatment?

In some cases, when stroke symptoms are not disabling, studies show that the risks of either thrombolytics or thrombectomy likely outweigh any potential benefits.

We aim to ensure that we deliver the right treatment to the right patient as quickly as possible. Sometimes that means foregoing treatments that may be exposing the patient to undo risks, such as bleeding into the brain.

In these cases, we immediately pivot and work tirelessly to determine the cause of the stroke, how best to rehabilitate any effects of the stroke and to prevent another from occurring.

Stroke care does not stop in the emergency room.

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## Houska, Coon Lead Honorees for Ovid-Elsie Softball Team '25

OVID-ELSIE -- Coach Sadie Casaday has announced I the postseason honors and season summary for the Ovid-Elsie varsity softball team, 2025 edition.

Six players were feted by the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) for their outstanding seasons:

-- Jamie Houska -- Senior, Outfielder -- First Team All-Conference

-- Olyvia Coon -- Senior, Infield -- Second Team All-Conference, All District 2nd Base

-- Kathryn Thornton -- Senior, Infield -- Honorable Mention

-- Haley McClung -- Catcher -- Honorable Mention

-- Mercedes Grieder -- Infield -- Honorable Mention

-- Audrie VanDeusen -- Pitcher -- Honorable Mention

"We're proud to recognize our players for their accomplishments this season," explained coach Casaday. "Additionally, our team was recognized with the Best Sportsmanship Award in our District, a testament to the respect, effort, and positive attitude our players showed all season.

"Statistically, we pushed ourselves offensively and made some strides as a team, but we have room to improve. We finished with a .260 team batting average, a .371 on-base percentage (OBP), and a .714 on-base plus slugging (OPS). Our lineup collected 38 doubles, 11 triples, and 4 impressive home runs. Audrie VanDeusen led with 2, followed by Haley McClung and Mercedes Grieder, each with one.

Defensively, our team recorded a solid .904 fielding percentage, and in the circle, we totaled 156 strikeouts, showing competitiveness in every game."

The Lady Marauders closed out the season with a 16-19 record against a very competitive schedule.

Continued coach Casaday, "The girls played hard, stayed united, and demonstrated noticeable growth and resilience from start to finish. We are especially proud of our seniors Olyvia Coon, Alexah Heckman, Samantha Helms, Jamie Houska, and Kathryn Thornton, for their leadership, dedication, and contributions to the program. Thank you for everything you've done to build and lead this team.

"Looking ahead, we're excited about a fresh start and a promising future. With a strong group of returning players and a talented class of newcomers. Also a congratulations to our JV team, who had a very successful season as well with growth and development along with the winning record of 16-5."



## My Turn At Bat

by Tom Turek

I swear to Pete I've been to every corner of this great state while running around -- since November, 1978 -- doing this sportswriting gig.

Look it up.

Football in the Upper Peninsula? Done that. Wrestling in Detroit? Done that. Basketball in Battle Creek? Oh yeah. Softball in Coloma? You bet. Slo-pitch men's in Manistee? Easy-breezy.

Emphasis on breezy. That memorable trip was a weekend - championship -- stay on the shores of Lake Michigan. Unforgettable.

All along the way, one of the hobbies I picked up was trying to memorize all the team mascots for all the high schools in the Mitten State.

Quick question: what moniker represents Kingston HS?

Look it up.

Geoff Kimmerly, of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, writes it this way: "Combine all the Bronchos, Cubs, Loggers, Purple Hornets and Tractors running around Michigan's sports fields on any given day, and they still would have some work to catch up with the wide scattering of Eagles representing their Michigan high schools across the state."

Hard-to-believe fact #1: there are a combined 221 mascots representing the MHSAA's 754 member high schools this 2024-25 school year.

Hard-to-believe fact #2: a total of 127 schools have a mascot reserved all to themselves, including those five listed above -- Holly (Bronchos), Detroit U-D Jesuit (Cubs), Boyne Falls (Loggers), L'Anse (Purple Hornets) and Dearborn Fordson (Tractors).

Emphasizes Kimmerly, "And then there are the Eagles. A total of 48 schools are represented by the fearsome birds of prey, and that's not counting the Golden Eagles (Brooklyn Columbia Central), Aztec Eagles (Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy) and Soaring Eagles (Hannahville Nah Tah Wahsh).

"The next-most popular nickname -- Panthers -- is adorned by 28 schools, followed by 26 Bulldogs, 23 Vikings and 22 Wildcats. Rounding out the top 10 are Falcons and Cougars (both 20 schools), Trojans (19), and Tigers and Warriors (both 18). The Mustangs (15 schools), Pilots (11) and Comets, Lakers and Spartans (10) also reach double digits."

There have been several mascot changes of late as a number of schools have moved away from Native American names and imagery. Those have resulted in a few new sets of Red Devils, Red Wolves/Wolves, and RedHawks/Red Hawks as the most popular selections among those making a switch.

Hard-to-believe fact #3: Every letter but "U" and "X" start at least one MHSAA member high school nickname.

"A gig assist to the Quakers (Lansing Eastern) and Zebras (Wayne Memorial) for cutting down that list -- and keep an eye out for Underdogs and Xylophones coming to a school near you," Kimmerly says.

Hard-to-believe fact #4: The mascot for Kingston? The Flivvers.

One more quick question: what's a Flivver???

Think "Perry Ramblers." It's slang for a jalopy ... and one of the coolest team names in the state. The Upper Peninsula is peppered with great monikers.

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## Recycling Wants You!

*submitted by Ellen Link*

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Please note: The recent spate of extremely hot weather has us considering whether it may at times be necessary to cancel a collection to safeguard the health of all concerned. If heat or severe storm advisories sound ominous, check our FB or website for more information.

We recently launched a program for accepting food scraps which, instead of sitting in a landfill creating methane, are funneled into My Green Michigan's compost production. We've been overwhelmed by the positive response, taking in over 1,000



*Volunteers Janet and Cindy helping with composting*

pounds of food waste thus far. Because we're trying to keep this program free for users, we're covering the costs from MGM. Now we're thrilled to report that the Cook Family Foundation has rewarded our request for support with a grant that will help this useful program continue. We are so very, very thankful!

In this society, we tend to think everything has a price tag attached, from health care and education to groceries and entertainment. Yet if we look a little deeper we'll see that many things that bring value to our lives are not bought and paid for but given or shared by our neighbors. Without the folks who volunteer their services to community needs, be it food banks and blood drives, hospice care and respite, classroom activities for our children, or serving on school boards, our quality of life would be much poorer. And their own lives would be poorer without the fulfillment that providing such services brings.

The Greater Laingsburg Recyclers are all volunteers. We enjoy and take pride in providing a service that enhances the environment through not just recycling but also educating our neighbors on the often negative outcomes of waste and consumption. But we could do more. Even now, as we seek out and discover new opportunities to expand our services, we feel unable to do so unless we attract more like-minded volunteers. Why not give us a try and find out if any one of our tasks is a good fit for you. We need you, and so does your community.

For questions on recyclable items and other useful info or to provide us with feedback or new ideas, visit our Facebook page or website (<https://recyclelaingsburg.wixsite.com/mysite>). You can also call Terry or Ellen Link at (517) 651-2005 or Beth Lange at 651-6437. We're all about finding new and better ways to create a sustainable future in our own backyard.



## Sleepy Hollow State Park Camp Ground Looks to 2026 Re-Opening

LAINGSBURG -- While Sleepy Hollow State Park's campground is closed for 2025 for renovations -- including a new shower / toilet building, paved roads and an updated beach building -- daily activities are open for the summer.

Sleepy Hollow remains open for day use, offering the usual popular attractions like fishing, kayaking, hiking and equestrian trails. Day-use areas of the drop-in park, including the swimming beach north of the campground and the boat launch southwest of the main park, are open as usual.

Meaning that Lake Ovid is a spot to enjoy some relief after temperatures have sky-rocketed in the past week, at times near the 100-degree mark.

The 180-site modern campground is closed all season while the state Department of Natural Resources builds a new shower and toilet building, paves campground roads, updates the beach building and adds a second dump station.

The facilities being replaced date to the 1980s, and the new toilet and shower building will meet current Americans with Disability Act standards. Many campers with RVs will be happy to know that a second sanitation, or pump-out, station is being added to accommodate them. The work at Sleepy Hollow will cost about \$4.35 million, the DNR says.

The park has six rustic campsites, two cabins, four fishing piers, a kayak launch, a disc golf course and 12 miles of horse trails.

The 2,600-acre park is located alongside Lake Ovid, about 20 minutes north of Lansing, just northwest of Laingsburg.

## 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](http://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!

## Editorial

### Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn  
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I'd like to start our article with an illustration-

A lawyer had successfully handled a difficult law case for a wealthy friend. Following the happy outcome of the case, the friend and client called on the lawyer, expressed his appreciation of his work and handed him a handsome Moroccan leather wallet.

The lawyer looked at the wallet in astonishment and handed it back with a sharp reminder that a wallet could not possibly compensate him for his services. "My fee for that work," acidly snapped the attorney, "is five hundred dollars."

The client opened the wallet, removed a one-thousand dollar bill, replaced it with a five-hundred dollar bill and handed it back to the lawyer with a smile.

Whenever the gospel is presented, it must be understood by the listener that he or she is a sinner. That their sin is bad and keeps them from God. It must be repented or turned from.

As Isaiah writes "...your iniquities have separated you from your God..."

- Isaiah 59:2

Acknowledging that our sins separate us from God can be a humbling realization. It goes right to our pride and that can be something that's difficult to get through, but it's not impossible. Knowing that we are guilty before God is also humbling and attacks our pride. It hurts our ego to realize that we cannot do anything to bring ourselves into a personal relationship with God. Granted, people try many things-

- Do good deeds and give money to help others
- Get baptized
- Go to church
- Read the Bible
- Pray and fast

Of course, there is nothing wrong with doing anything on this list. The problem is that none of these things can bridge the gap that our sins have created between us and God. And that can be a very humbling thought.

It can be a blow to our pride to have to ask for help. To realize that we've sinned against God and it is only God that can pay the price for our sins.

As Paul writes, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

- Romans 6:23

If this is you, please keep in mind a couple of things.

One is that it is good for you to realize your total dependence on God. God gives you both physical life and eternal life. He is the source of life and all good things. May we never take credit for something that God is doing.

Second is that all people are sinners before God. All of us are in the same boat- rich or poor, famous or common person, PHD or the person with no schooling at all. All people are equally guilty before God and are all forgiven by God in the same way.

No one can buy their way into Heaven or get in with fancy sounding credentials. It's only by believing in the gospel- that Jesus is fully human and fully God, that He died on the cross and rose bodily from the dead as the one, full payment for all of your sins, big and small, past, present and future. Faith in this gospel bridges that gap that your sins have created between you and God.

As Jesus says, "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life."

- John 5:24

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## Rep. BeGole, Local Officials Highlight Water Infrastructure Needs for Owosso

submitted by Denny Schwarze

State Rep. Brian BeGole on Tuesday offered testimony on vital water infrastructure needs he is fighting to secure for the city of Owosso and surrounding areas in Shiawassee County.

The city has committed to a generational reinvestment in its water and sewer infrastructure, with improvements to drinking water, wastewater treatment and sewer collection systems laid out over a period of several years.

"A total of 30 percent of the population within the district I represent is served by this water and sewer system, and many more are affected downstream when you take into account possible environmental concerns that could come from failing infrastructure," BeGole said when testifying before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy. "Maintaining and modernizing is not about pipes and pumps. It's about public health, environmental stewardship, and economic viability. The system is strained beyond its capacity, and without immediate assistance the burdens will fall on local ratepayers who simply can't afford massive increases."

"Owosso's water system is in crisis," said Shelly Ochodnicki, a lifelong Owosso resident and small business owner who also serves as Caledonia Township Trustee and is a member of the Owosso School Board. "If the state does not step in, the consequences will be devastating – for my family, for my business, and for thousands of people across Owosso, Caledonia Township, Owosso Charter Township and Corunna. This is not a community filled with disposable income. This is a working-class town where people are doing everything they can to keep their heads above water – no pun intended. We are talking about a 108% increase in our water bills over the next five years. That's not sustainable – not for families, seniors on fixed incomes, renters, homeowners or small business owners."

BeGole has requested \$207.7 million within the state budget for the upcoming fiscal year for drinking water system improvements like lead service line replacements, new nitrification towers to handle wastewater, and sewer updates. Much of the existing infrastructure dates back to the 1930s and has significantly exceeded its expected service life. Testimony focused on a \$15 million request to replace the city's aging nitrification towers.

"(The towers) are essential for removing ammonia and nitrogen compounds before treated wastewater is discharged," said Tom Cook, a former Owosso city council member and past Friends of the Shiawassee River board chair who joined BeGole for testimony on the plans. "Their failure would have dire consequences. It would threaten public health. It would violate permits the plant is operating on, and the emergency replacement of those towers would be much more expensive than a planned replacement."

Cook noted in his presentation that six million gallons of untreated wastewater would be released daily into the river if the towers fail.

Justin Horvath, President and CEO of the Shiawassee County Economic Development Partnership, also shared testimony outlining the immense benefit that would come from updated water infrastructure given Owosso's unique position as a mid-Michigan hub.

"We have thousands of people coming into work every day. We have manufacturing, hospitals, education and other industries," Horvath said. "Forty-five percent of the jobs that are filled in our community are actually from people that don't live in the community. People's economic livelihoods – being employed in Owosso and utilizing this system – are very much tied together. This project is absolutely necessary if we're going to have broader development, especially industrial development."

"There has been a lot of collaboration and work done locally to put these projects at the forefront," BeGole said. "I'm proud to be a part of that, and I will continue fighting for this vital funding in the Legislature as the budget process continues."



State Rep. Brian BeGole, of Antrim Township, is joined by (from left) Owosso School Board member and Caledonia Township Trustee Shelly Ochodnicki, former Owosso city council member and past Friends of the Shiawassee River board chair Tom Cook, and Shiawassee County Economic Development Partnership President and CEO Justin Horvath for testimony on a budget request BeGole has made for vital water infrastructure improvements for the city of Owosso on Tuesday, June 24.

## Shiawassee County's Animal Shelter Opening

submitted by Kristen Woodbury


Corunna- Sherriff 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 shelters 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 Sherriff 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.

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".



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An Evening with Jeff Daniels

submitted by Bob Hoffman  
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"Much as I love acting ... I don't do it every day. The only thing I do every day, the only thing I want to do, the only thing I have to do, is play my acoustic guitar. Back in '76, I bought a Guild D-40, tossed it into the backseat of a beat-up Buick, and chased a dream. I had no idea I was bringing along my best friend. The one I would need, the one I would turn to, the one I would rely on. And now, decades later, the one who knows what I'm all about."

Jeff continues reflecting on the impact of his music. "Sometimes I'm asked if I'll ever write a book, and I always answer that I already have. It's in my songs."

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months after the date of publication  
of this notice.

William A. Edelstein  
140 Old Tioga Tpke  
Benton, PA 17814  
(570) 850-9591

Catherine H. Jacobs  
Warner Norcross & Judd LLP  
150 Ottawa Ave. NW, Ste. 1500  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
(616) 752-2391

(06-29)

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

TO ALL CREDITORS:  
ELAINE A. CABLE,  
born September 23, 1937,  
a deceased Settlor of the Allen and  
Elaine Cable Trust dated October 17,  
2013, as restated and amended, died  
May 26, 2025. No letters of authority  
have been issued by any probate  
court.  
Creditors of the decedent Settlor are  
notified that all claims against the  
Settlor and the Trust will be forever  
barred unless presented to co-  
Trustees at Robert E. Cable, 14400  
Watson Rd., Bath, MI 48808 or  
Sarah S. Hartman, 13635  
Canyonwood Close, DeWitt, MI  
48820 or Mark E. Kellogg, attorney  
for Co-Trustees, Fraser Trebilcock,  
124 W. Allegan St., Ste. 1000,  
Lansing, MI 48933 within 4 months  
after the date of publication of this  
notice.

Fraser Trebilcock  
Mark E. Kellogg (P38306)  
124 W. Allegan St. Ste. 1000  
Lansing, MI 48933  
(517) 482-5800

(06-29)

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
PROBATE COURT  
COUNTY OF CLINTON  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Probate/Trust Estate

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
PROBATE/TRUST ESTATE  
JOHN H. COFFMAN  
Date of birth: February 5, 1935  
TO ALL CREDITORS:  
\* The decedent, John H. Coffman,  
who was domiciled at 5892 W. Pratt  
Road, DeWitt, Michigan 48820,  
died on May 28, 2025.  
There is no personal representative  
of the decedent's estate to whom  
Letters of Authority have been  
issued. Creditors of the decedent  
and/or the JOHN COFFMAN REVO-  
CABLE TRUST DATED JUNE 22,  
2004, AS AMENDED AND RESTAT-  
ED  
ON AUGUST 29, 2018 are notified  
that all claims against the estate will  
be forever barred unless presented  
to: Brent L. Coffman 1454 E. Avery  
St. Johns, Michigan 48879 within 4  
months after the date of publication  
of this notice.

Davis Crocker P86555  
Attorney for the JOHN COFFMAN  
REVOCABLE TRUST DATED JUNE  
22, 2004, AS AMENDED AND  
RESTATED ON AUGUST 29, 2018  
SHEA Law, PLLC 26100 American  
Drive Second Floor Southfield, MI  
48034  
(248) 354-0224

(06-29)

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 publica-  
tion. 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 pro-  
vided 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 fol-  
lowing 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 hear-  
ing. If you fail to appear at the hear-  
ing 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)

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 auc-  
tion sale to the highest bidder for cash  
or cashier's check at the place of hold-  
ing the circuit court in Clinton County,  
starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on  
August 6, 2025. The amount due on  
the mortgage may be greater on the  
day of sale. Placing the highest bid at  
the sale does not automatically entitle  
the purchaser to free and clear owner-  
ship of the property. A potential pur-  
chaser is encouraged to contact the  
county register of deeds office or a  
title insurance company, either of  
which may charge a fee for this infor-  
mation:  
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Keith  
Allen Harter and Donna Harter, hus-  
band and wife  
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage  
Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.,  
as mortgagee, as nominee for lender  
and lender's successors and/or assigns  
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Athene  
Annuity and Life Company  
Date of Mortgage: May 3, 2007  
Date of Mortgage Recording: May 11,  
2007  
Amount claimed due on date of notice:  
\$125,136.82  
Description of the mortgaged premis-  
es: Situated in City of Saint Johns,  
Clinton County, Michigan, and  
described as: Lot 1 and the North  
35.00 feet of Lot 2 and 1/2 of the  
vacated alley adjacent, all in Block 3,  
Brown's Subdivision of OutLot J of  
the Original Plat of the City of St.  
John's, Clinton County, Michigan.  
Common street address (if any): 1001  
S Clinton Ave, Saint Johns, MI 48879-  
2327  
The redemption period shall be 6  
months from the date of such sale,  
unless determined abandoned in accor-  
dance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the  
subject real property is used for agri-  
cultural 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 dur-  
ing 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 29, 2025  
Trott Law, P.C.  
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145  
Farmington Hills, MI 48334  
(248) 642-2515

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(06-29)(07-20)

Attention homeowner: If you are a  
military service member on active  
duty, if your period of active duty has  
concluded less than 90 days ago, or if  
you have been ordered to active duty,  
please contact the attorney for the  
party foreclosing the mortgage at the  
telephone number stated in this notice.  
Notice of foreclosure by advertise-  
ment. Notice is given under section  
3212 of the revised judicature act of  
1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212,  
that the following mortgage will be  
foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged  
premises, or some part of them, at a  
public auction sale to the highest bid-  
der for cash or cashier's check at the  
place of holding the circuit court in  
Clinton County, starting promptly at  
10:00 AM on 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 prop-  
erty. A potential purchaser is encouraged  
to contact the county register of deeds  
office or a title insurance company,  
either of which may charge a fee for  
this information.  
Default has been made in the condi-  
tions of a mortgage made by 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 mort-  
gaged premises, or some part of them,  
at public venue at the place of holding  
the circuit court within Clinton  
County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on  
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 accor-  
dance with MCLA §600.3241a, in  
which case the redemption period shall  
be 30 days from the date of such sale.  
If the property is sold at foreclosure  
sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the  
borrower will be held responsible to  
the person who buys the property at  
the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the  
mortgage holder for damage to the  
property during the redemption period.  
Dated: 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)

ELSIE DAIRY FESTIVAL  
JULY 10TH-11TH-12TH



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## Live Animal Show at the VFW

by Karen Anderson, Correspondent

OVID- The Ovid Public Library sponsored a Live Animal Show on Monday, June 24th. The event took place at the VFW hall with "Nickelodeon's entertainer of the Year." Mark Rosenthal, a trainer and activist, has been rescuing exotic animals since 1980. His outstanding performance and educational program engaged 62 children, 26 adults and 4 librarians for nearly 2 hours.

The featured stars included 25-year-old Nico, the baby crying and talking Parrot, a rare albino giant porcupine, and a giant snake. All the animals and reptiles found a home with Rosenthal and his wife when they were sick or injured.

Rosenthal's Facebook can be seen on [www.iwantanimalmagic.com](http://www.iwantanimalmagic.com) or email: [aol.com](mailto:aol.com). He said, "... It will entertain your kids for hours."



## Movies in the Park Return to Laingsburg for July-August Run

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

Children and adults alike appreciate the annual Movies In The Park series, sponsored by the Laingsburg Business and Community Association (LBCA).

The Summer 2025 movie lineup includes:

- July 9th Inside Out 2
- July 16th Elemental
- July 23rd Wicked Sing Along
- July 30th The Smurfs: Legend of Smurfy Hollow

- August 6th Sonic the Hedgehog 3
- August 13th The Lion King 2019

Movies in the Park are held just outside the McClintock Park Amphitheater. They run each Wednesday, starting at dusk.

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.



## Music in the Streets and in the Park

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:

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

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