



**Official Ribbon Cutting:** On Thursday, July 17, 2025, Spirit Expressions & Small Things Space Center Owner, Jen West, gathered outside the Downtown Laingsburg location to officially open the new business space. Jen, along with her family, dancers, county and city officials, project officials and friends, were all there to witness the Ribbon Cutting. After the ceremony out-front, attendees got a first hand look at the three beautiful studio dance spaces on the main floor. The second floor features a large studio the size of an auditorium. The event space includes a kitchen, warming oven and plenty of refrigerator space. There are 4 bathrooms, a workout area and much more.

Photo by Keith Kingsbury

## Ovid-Elsie Grads, Now Newlyweds, Return to Head up Marauder Cross-Country Teams

OVID-ELSIE -- A pair of former Marauder running stand-outs are returning to head up the O-E cross-country program.

The announcement came three days before their wedding, to boot.

Athletic Director Shawn McKinney announced the hirings last week, bringing home Weston Kvalevog and Emme (Koutz) Kvalevog as coaches.

"We're thrilled to welcome Weston and Emme as the new coaches for our boys and girls cross country teams," said McKinney. "They bring great energy, experience, and a passion for developing runners both on and off the course. We're excited to see how their leadership will help our student-athletes grow, push their limits, and build a strong team culture."

Both new coaches made their mark collegiately at Adrian College, where they were both named to the 2024 Academic All-District Team for the Bulldog track and field program.

To qualify for the academic honor, they needed to hold a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.50 or higher, in addition to placing in the top-50 in an event in their respective collegiate rankings.

Competing both in track and cross-country for the Bulldogs, Kvalevog ran a collegiate best time of :56.58 in the 400 m and posted a collegiate best 1.89 m in the high jump. He ran a collegiate best time of 2:08.98 in the 800 m and had collegiate best times of :25.35 in the 200 m and 1:11.84 in the 500 m, respectively.

At the MIAA Indoor Championships, Kvalevog logged Top 10 finishes in the 4x400 and the high jump.

He is a 2019 graduate of Ovid-Elsie High School where he helped lead the 2018 Conference Champion team and qualified as a cross-country State Finalist from 2017 through 2019.

Weston is the son of Jessica and the late Doug Kvalevog.

Emme graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2020 from Ovid-Elsie HS, where she was a member of the National Honors Society. As a runner, she was First Team All-Conference in 2016, 2018 and 2019; a State Qualifier from 2016 through 2018; and an individual League Champion in 2017.

She is the daughter of Adam and Rebecca Koutz.

They were wed July 18, 2025 in Owosso.



Emme (Koutz)  
Kvalevog



Weston  
Kvalevog

## Ovid-Elsie Area Schools

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE -- The regular meeting of the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education was held Monday, July 21, 2025. The meeting was highlighted by a closed session regarding a personnel and Dr. Wayne Petroelje's district employment.

Bill Ehlert and Carla Perrien, Transportation Department, presented the department's annual report. Ehlert reported on State Police Inspection results. The 28 Ovid-Elsie Area School buses all passed, and Ashley's 6 buses all passed. 100% is a feat that shows the dedication and commitment of the staff. Carla Perrien reported that all the bus drivers are certified and the supervisor is certified as well.

Mark Horak, superintendent, gave a brief report. First, the administrative flow chart was updated and presented to officials. Second, Horak reported that the board athletic department concerns have been addressed. Shaun McKinney, O-E Athletic Director, a mentor has been assigned by the MHSAA, retired St. Johns Athletic Director, Chris Ervin.

Officials retired in closed session to discuss the personnel issue involving Dr. Wayne Petroelje's district employment. The results of the closed session. Brooke Wooley, OE Board President, outlined the recent events to maintain transparency. On June 26, 2025 a meeting was held with Mark Horak and Dr. Wayne Petroelje for the purpose of transitioning to the new superintendent. In addition, there was talk of keeping Petroelje on as a consultant to assist with the business manager and the superintendent. Wayne requested time with Wooley and at that time, it was discovered that there was a 90-day clause regarding his contract that without written notice 90 days prior to the end of contract, the contract would automatically roll over for another year. It was advised that the board consult with legal counsel, Thrun Law Firm was retained, A special meeting was held July 2, to discuss the options with no action taken. A voluntary resignation was considered; there were back and forth negotiations. A proposal was made and not signed. Then action was taken to move forward with a termination hearing, with a ten-day deadline and here we are, June 21, 2025

Additional challenges have complicated the situation. In December the former board president was notified that Dr. Petroelje's certification had expired. The notification from MDE was received January 7, 2025 was forwarded to Josh Miller, new board president, Crystal Loynes, and Dr. Petroelje, at that time there was an opportunity for an appeal with a 30-day deadline. No action was taken. From December to June a temporary 6 month administrative permit was issued and June 11, 2025 it expired once again. Due to lack of communication and the January letter was not seen by the current board and then it came to light in July that a \$35,656.80 non-compliance penalty was issued and has been subtracted from the district's state aid payment. Tonight, considering a separation agreement if not completed the next step is a termination hearing. The separation agreement was put on the table by Brooke Wooley, board president, and David Huff. Discussion followed with concerns regarding accountability and not being able to move forward. The optics are not great. The motion failed regarding a separation agreement at a vote of 2-4. Next step is to move forward with a termination hearing.

Next, officials took annual action to approve the following. The annual tax levy (L-4029) was approved as presented. The School Bond Qualification and Loan Program application was approved as presented. Also, the superintendent's goals for the 2025-26 school year. The goals include:

Officials were presented the first reading of the district's handbooks: elementary (k-5); middle school, high school, alternative high school, athletic and transportation. Final approval will take place at the August 2025 meeting. In addition, the first reading of the revised NEOLA policies: 1130, 3110, 4110, conflict of interest, added language to define potential conflict of interest and requirement for disclosure.

In preparation for the 2025-26 school year officials took action to approve employee contracts: Linda Snelling -- long term sub-EE Knight Elementary for the 2025-26 school year. Extension of Claire Holley's contract as the Success Coach, at Ovid-Elsie Middle School for the 2025-26 school year.

And with regrets the resignation of Halley Lindloff high school teacher was accepted effective the end of the 2024-25 school year.

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# Social



Elsie Dairy Festival Duchess 1st Runner Up Ryan Fields was also awarded the People's Choice Award, allowing her to present the donations that were made during the pageant to a cause of her choice. Visiting the Elsie Baby Pantry today, she donated just under \$500 on behalf of the Elsie Dairy Festival Royalty Pageant.

## W.A.R. is Coming to Elsie

*submitted by Brian Valentine*

The Elsie American Legion Post 502 is hosting it's annual Warrior Appreciation Rally (W.A.R.) on Saturday August 9, 2025, at the village of Elsie Park. This is a one-day FREE event from 10 am to 4 pm. This event is to show appreciation for the heroes that keep us free and safe!

There will be Fire Trucks from local areas to see, Michigan National Guard, Local, County and State Police, Clinton Area Ambulance paramedics, Traveling Military Museum, Food Truck, Live music throughout the day by local musicians, Photo Boards for the kids as well as a Jail, Inflatable National Guard obstacle course and veteran agency assistance for all veterans.

We also will have the American Legion Poppy donation container available, which the money is used to help veterans in need in the area.

This is a free event put on by the United States Military Veterans of the Elsie American Legion Post 502. Thank you for your support!



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## Elsie Community Celebrates National Night Out with a Block Party

*by Dawn Levey*

ELSIE, MI — Elsie United Methodist Church invites residents and neighbors to come together for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship at the 3rd annual Elsie Community Block Party in celebration of National Night Out. The event will take place on Tuesday, August 5, from 6–8 PM on Church Street, between W Main and Pine Streets.

Part of a nationwide initiative, National Night Out aims to strengthen relationships between neighbors, law enforcement, and community service providers. The block party offers an exciting opportunity for attendees to meet local public safety personnel from the Elsie Police Department, Elsie Area Fire Department, and Clinton Area Ambulance Service. Kids and adults alike will enjoy the popular “Touch-a-Truck” experience and have a chance to connect with local organizations and resource agencies.

The evening will also feature live music and entertainment from Pastor JD Paik and community favorites Jack and Tess Clarkson, plus free food for all attendees. This year's theme is “Summer & the Tropics”—so break out your favorite Hawaiian shirts, sunglasses, and flip-flops and come ready for fun!

“This event is all about bringing our community together and strengthening the connections between neighbors, first responders, and local services,” said organizers. “We encourage everyone to bring their families, meet someone new, and enjoy a great evening in Elsie.”

In the event of rain, festivities will be moved indoors to the Elsie United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

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## OE School Board... cont' from front page

One individual addressed the Ovid-Elsie Board of Education under public comment. Eric Jones. "At last month's meeting, I stood before the board and went on public record regarding my family's treatment and targeting by (3) members of this Board. The VERY next morning on 6/17, my family was contacted with even more disturbing information. Board policy 0144.2 (regarding Board Member Ethics) states...As members of the Board of Education, Board members will strive to improve public education and to that end they will: Take no private action that will compromise the Board or administration, and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law; With that being said (and I do believe that things may change soon as more information is gathered) but at this time, I'm asking for ONLY Ms. Sue Kadlek's resignation from the Ovid-Elsie School Board - effective immediately.

I believe in tonight's meeting agenda under item #10 we have the opportunity to hear from Board Members, and that would be the appropriate time for said resignation."

No action was taken.

**At the special meeting of the Ovid-Elsie Board of Education held July 24:** Officials reconsidered the proposed separation agreement with Dr. Wayne Petrooelej; minus payout of vacation and sick days. The agreement was accepted unanimously. The contract with Petroelje is "done". In related action the board authorized Brooke Wooley to sign the agreement on behalf of the board.

Wooley clarified public financial concerns. The penalty incurred from having an uncertified administrator \$35,688; cost for the superintendent search \$6,814.40; money saved due to the separation agreement \$20,418.92 not paying for sick and vacation days; and to date on this situation \$14,094.76 in legal fees. It was also noted that the agreement is subject to FOIA.

## Memorial Healthcare Hosts Blood Drive August 1

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso — Memorial Healthcare will host an American Red Cross blood drive on Friday, August 1 from 10 am to 3:45 pm at the Memorial Healthcare Auditorium, located at 826 W. King Street, in Owosso.

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

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



## Elsie American Legion Post 502 Hosting BINGO

submitted by Brian Valentine

The Elsie American Legion Post 502 is hosting BINGO on Saturday August 23 during the Heros Park Car Show fundraiser from 1pm to 5 pm in the Air-Conditioned Hall. All are welcome to attend.

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## Ashley UMC Holding Pay Nothing Garage Give-away

submitted by Pastor Zella Daniel

The Ashley United Methodist Church, 112 N. New St., Ashley, will be holding its annual PAY NOTHING Garage Give Away on Friday, August 1st and Saturday, August 2nd from 9:00am-5:00pm.

All items are free, just stop by, fill up a sack and take it home.

Also giving away backpacks for the kids and ice cream floats.

Come and see what we have.

### City of Ovid Draft Regular Meeting July 14, 2025

#### Open Regular Meeting:

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

#### Roll Call:

M. Soliz, L. Perrien, M. Olger-Absent, M. Perrien, E. Brown, M. Jones, E. Starn

#### Guests:

There were 9 people in attendance.

#### Agenda:

Council Member E. Brown motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion. Carried on a voice vote.

#### Minutes:

Mayor M. Perrien motioned to approve the minutes with correction of adding to Board of Review, Closed Session motion "for the purpose of consulting legal counsel on pending litigation" from the June 9, 2025 Regular meeting. Council Member M. Soliz seconded the motion. Carried on a voice vote.

#### Invoice/Check Register:

Council Member E. Starn motioned to approve the invoice/check register from June 10, 2025 through July 15, 2025 for a total of \$237,732.31 Council Member E. Brown seconded the motion. Carried on a voice vote.

**County Commissioner:** 7:07pm- 7:11pm Nicole Fickes presented her report from Clinton County.

**Open Public Comment:** Opened 7:11pm Closed: 7:11pm none

#### Report Motion:

Council Member L. Perrien motioned to accept receipt of the reports from Treasurer, Attorney, Police and DPW.

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

#### New Business:

a. Street Administrator Resolution 2025-03 Council Member E. Brown motioned to appoint Chad Juderjohn as City of Ovid Street Administrator. Council Member E. Starn seconded the motion. Carried on a voice vote.

Council Member E. Brown motioned to adopt Resolution 2025-03 Street Administrator Resolution. Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion.

Upon Roll call vote the following voted YES: M. Soliz, L. Perrien, M. Perrien, E. Brown, M. Jones, E. Starn

Upon Roll call vote the following voted NO: None

Absent: M. Olger

b. Large Crowd Turn-out Policy Council Member E. Starn motioned to adopt the large crowd turn-out policy with modification of 5) time to speak from 4 minutes to 3 minutes. Council Member M. Soliz seconded the motion. Carried on a voice vote.

c. Mission Statement –Council Member E. Starn motioned to adopt the presented Vision Mission and Core Value Statement for the City of Ovid with the revision of removing "rich" in front of history. Council Member M. Soliz seconded the motion. Carried on a voice vote.

d. Truck Bed protection/Rust proofing- Council Member E. Starn motioned to accept the bid from Ziebart in a total of \$649.95 plus shop supplies cost to do the 2025 Ram truck bed with spray in liner. Council Member M. Jones seconded the motion. Carried on a voice vote.

e. Tree bid removal/trim Council Member E. Brown motioned to accept the tree bids from Impact Tree in an amount of \$ 1,550.00 for removal and \$ 500.00 for trim at addresses 203 E. Oak St and 200 E. Oak St., respectfully. Council Member M. Soliz seconded the motion. Carried on a voice vote.

f. Resolution 2025-02 Fee Schedule Council Member E. Brown motioned to adopt Resolution 2025-02 Fee Schedule. Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion. Resolution was read into record.

Upon Roll call vote the following voted YES: M. Soliz, L. Perrien, M. Perrien, E. Brown, M. Jones, E. Starn

Upon Roll call vote the following voted NO: none

Absent: M. Olger

g. Pay app #14 and USDA Disbursement #5 Council Member E. Starn motioned to approve the Pay app #14 and the USDA disbursement #5 and authorized the mayor to sign all necessary documents for the submissions. Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion. Carried on a voice vote.

h. MAMC ADA Grant Council Member M. Soliz motioned to authorize the Clerk to apply and sign any necessary documents for the MAMC ADA Grant. Council Member M. Jones seconded the motion. Carried on a voice vote.

i. Additional Cameras for City Hall Council Member L. Perrien motioned to approve the purchase of the 4 additional cameras for city hall in an amount of \$2,220.40 from New Look and funds to be used from the (CP) Capital Project Fund. Council Member M. Soliz seconded the motion. Carried on a voice vote.

#### Old Business:

a. Carriage Towne III Amended Ordinance #148 Council Member E. Starn motioned to adopt the amendment to Ordinance #148 and place the ordinance in The Weekly for publication. Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion.

Upon Roll call vote the following voted YES: M. Soliz, L. Perrien, M. Perrien, E. Brown, M. Jones, E. Starn

Upon Roll call vote the following voted NO:

Absent: M. Olger

b. Fence Ordinance #149 Amendment Council Member E. Starn motioned to adopt the Ordinance #149 Amendment of Sec 36-118, Fences, walls, screens and to place the ordinance for publication in The Weekly. Council Member E. Brown seconded the motion.

Upon Roll call vote the following voted YES: M. Soliz, L. Perrien, M. Perrien, E. Brown, M. Jones, E. Starn

Upon Roll call vote the following voted NO: None

Absent:

c. Water Tower Communication Council Member E. Starn made the motion to accept the bid from Peerless Midwest in an amount of \$9,805.00 to repair or replace the water tower communication system from the water fund. Council Member E. Brown seconded the motion. Carried on a voice vote.

#### Committees:

a. Personnel- Minutes in packet

Council Member E. Brown at the request of the employee to go into closed session at 8:54pm to discuss a personnel issue. Council Member L. Perrien seconded the motion.

Upon roll call vote the following voted YES: M. Soliz, L. Perrien, M. Perrien, E. Brown, M. Jones, E. Starn

Upon roll call vote the following voted NO: none

Absent: M. Olger

Entered closed session at 8:54pm.

Exited closed session at 9:16 pm

Council Member L. Perrien motioned to accept the recommendation of Personnel Committee for discipline for employee C. Juderjohn. Council Member M. Soliz seconded. Carried on a voice vote.

#### Adjournment-

Council Member M. Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:27pm. Council Member M. Soliz seconded the motion.

Carried on a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:27pm

Respectfully submitted  
Susan Tomasek Swan  
Clerk

## Obituaries

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### Keith George Kienitz

Keith George Kienitz, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend, Keith lived a life marked by service, unwavering work ethic, and quiet generosity. A proud graduate of Michigan Technological University with a degree in Civil Engineering, he turned his expertise into a life-long commitment to building—both homes and relationships.

As a contractor, he built at least eleven homes, each a testament to his skill and dedication. But more than his work, it was his willingness to lend a helping hand that made him “the guy to call.” Whether pouring concrete for neighbors’ driveways or donating over 40 gallons of blood, his legacy is one of tireless giving.

He was a proud member of the Knights of Columbus and found joy in fishing, hunting, and working in his garden. His connection to nature reflected the grounded and genuine spirit with which he approached life.

Keith leaves behind so many loved ones. He is survived by his beloved wife Nancy, and two children Julie and Mike along with their spouses (Mike, Tracy). Keith was the proud grandfather of four: Ryan, Lyndsay (spouse Saeed), Carly and Payton and great grandfather to Lyndsay’s two children, Giselle and Clayton, all of whom brought him great joy. Keith is also survived by a brother Lyle (Alice), and two sisters Velva Dell and Leola. Nancy also has brothers Joe (Carol), Don (Jackie), Bob, Dave (Nancy), and her sister Kathy (John) and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, July 28, 2025 at St. Isidore Catholic Church, 310 N. Crum St., Laingsburg, MI 48848. Fr. Duaine Pamment will celebrate. The family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 AM until the time of the Mass.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to St. Isidore Catholic Church.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.watkinsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.watkinsfuneralhomes.com).



“Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.”

- Genesis 15:1-6

Other words for righteous are “innocent” or “not guilty.” Even though he is a sinner, through faith in God, Abraham stands not guilty before God.

The same is true for us today. As Paul writes in Ephesians 2:8-9, “...it is by grace you have been saved, through faith- and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- not by works, so that no one can boast.”

In Romans it says that, “...the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

- Romans 6:23

There are two ways in which we can receive something. One is that we have to do something in order to get it. The second is that it is simply given to us freely. No strings attached. Salvation is a gift from God and so belongs in the second category.

As we read, receiving salvation in the Bible is seen as receiving a gift. It’s like having your birthday, and at your party, you don’t do anything to receive a birthday gift. You expect your friends to give you presents on your birthday. You receive them and say thanks.

You don’t have to go out and shovel snow off their driveway to earn your birthday present. You don’t have to fix a person’s leaky faucet, or mow their lawn or do some other kind of favor for that person before he or she will give you your present. It is a free gift. You just take it and enjoy.

But you can’t only hear about the free gift of salvation. You have to believe in it. You have to receive it and apply it to your life.

If you hear about the Gospel but don’t do anything about it, it’s as if God put a present on your kitchen table and you just left it there. If you did that, what would happen? Would you be able to use it? Would you benefit from it in any way? Not at all.

You have to receive the gift and use it in order to enjoy it and benefit from it.

The same is true for salvation. It must be received by faith in order for you to have and enjoy its benefits in your life.

When you receive the salvation that God wants to give to all people, what happens?

“Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them...”

- Psalm 32:1-2

It is a great thing to not have to worry about the biggest question of life- what happens to you after you die. To know that by faith in the Gospel, you can have a personal relationship with God, our Creator, and know that you are going to Heaven. You stand guilt free before God.

As Jesus says, “Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.”

- John 5:24

This comes by believing that you have sinned against God and that your sins separate you from Him. Also that Jesus is fully human and fully God. That He died on the cross and rose bodily from the dead as the one, full and final payment for all of your sins. Big and small. Past, present and future. Faith in this brings you into a personal relationship with the Lord.

John writes, “God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.”

- 1 John 5:11-13

### 2025 Congressional App Challenge Now Open to Michigan Students

Congressman John Moolenaar invites students in Michigan's Second Congressional District to enter the 2025 Congressional App Challenge. To enter the contest, students can work on their own, or in a group of up to four students, to create an original app of their choosing.

The contest is open to all middle school and high school students in the Second District. The winning individual or team from the Second District will have their app displayed in the U.S. Capitol. They will also have the option to attend an event in Washington, D.C. where they will showcase their app alongside other students from across the United States.

Entries must be submitted on the Congressional App Challenge website. Rules and a checklist for submissions can be found online at [www.congressionalappchallenge.us](http://www.congressionalappchallenge.us) The deadline for entries is October 30, at 12:00 PM ET. Additional questions about the 2025 Congressional App Challenge can be directed to Congressman Moolenaar's Washington, D.C. office at 202-225-3561.



### Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn  
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Minister:  
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## Faith Focus

by Phil Hoppersberger  
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### “The Holy Hollow 11”

*“But with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ (1 Peter 1:19).”*

In the first Holy Hollow column we established that our soul longs to be accepted and fulfilled, but the answer is only found in another world where God reigns. Our entry there requires what we don’t have and can’t make, God’s essence – Holiness. Peter’s Pearly Gates answer is bad news...“You must be holy for I am holy (1 Peter 1:16).”

Now holiness may sound like a bad haircut in a short-sleeved polyester shirt with a clip-on tie, and definitely not Led Zeppelin cool, but God says holiness is not only cool, it’s the only key to open the Pearly Gates. And, since we all flunk out because nobody’s perfect, it also seems like a cruel joke. What gives? Is God a tyrant playing games?

This may help. Imagine your soul is a big red balloon. How many pins do you have to stick in it to make it a blobby, lifeless mess on the ground? One or a thousand, it doesn’t matter because perfection has been ruined. All the oxygen (holiness) is gone. Nothing you can do will restore its perfection. You’re pricked, helpless, and fall from the sky.

“For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all (James 2:10).” If sin is a needle, whether it’s one or a thousand jabs, holiness is lost forever. It’s not the quality or quantity of the sin, per se. It’s the absence of perfection. “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23).” We all fall short.

Your crash is so hard that it cracks open a mile wide chasm. On the other side is hope, the distant Land of Oxygen! How can you get over the canyon that you made to get what you need to float again? You can’t. You’re nailed to the ground, like the thief on the cross, doomed, unless help comes. Would the King of Oxygen cross the chasm to help?

“But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear (Isaiah 59:2).” “For all of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment (Isaiah 64:6).” We are separated and nothing we can do will bridge that gap.

But the King did come, and with “the spotless blood of Christ” made a holy glue to seal our holes, then breathed life-giving oxygen into us — God’s Spirit comes inside of our body, “You were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise (Ephesians 1:13-14).” We are no longer empty, shriveled up blobs at the canyon’s edge. His mercy saves us.

The balloon can do nothing, but ask for help and then accept it, what the Bible calls grace. You must accept grace. But this is very hard because you have to admit you have an ugly hole that you can’t fix, and only the Balloon Maker can repair and re-inflate you. It takes humility to accept grace, to give up, so that He can smear you with His holy glue.

Paul said this in Ephesians 2:8-9, “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as result of works, that no one should boast.” It is this simple: ask Him to help, to save you, and receive Him (John 1:12). This genuine contrition and faith makes you holy. Look at my favorite New Testament verse:

“He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him (2 Corinthians 5:21).” God made Jesus, the Holy One, to be sin on our behalf, so that we could be as holy as God Himself...in Him, in Jesus. Problem solved! Balloons inflate and soar over the chasm to Paradise (2 Peter 3:13).

So back to our original question in Part One, what did the thief on the cross do? Nothing. In genuine faith, he asked Jesus to save him by His blood sacrifice, the Passover Lamb, “who takes away the sins of the world.” He simply gave up and accepted grace. It’s so easy, and yet so hard, to be humble and ask to be rescued. But to think we’re good enough, or did enough, is the real Pearly Gates joke.

## Lions Club Thank You

Letter to the Editor:

The Elsie Lions Club would like to Thank all the people that came and helped us celebrate our 85th Anniversary during the Dairy Festival. We served over 1,800 \$.85 Kroger Vienna Hot Dogs during the festival.

Thank you also to “Santa” Roger, Raylene Easlick and Mandy Fruchey, for helping out with the kids site program. Fifteen kids were tested and recommended to get their eyes checked from an eye doctor.





### Sciota Township Board Meeting May 2025

The May 12, 2025, meeting of the Sciota Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Matthews at 7:00 p.m. at the Sciota Township Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all. The board members present were Supervisor Matthews, Clerk Parker-Wing, Treasurer Palmer, Trustee Reed, and Trustee Vondrasek. The guests present were Ken Wing, Charlene Austin, Kay Nickols, Lucy Matthews, Nanette Lillie, Steve McKenna, Jean McKenna, Diane Baclawski, Mike Dowler, Diane Dowler, Sara Danford, Deputy Wells.

**MINUTES:**  
Palmer moved to approve the April 14, 2025, meeting minutes with changes, seconded by Reed—Motion approved by all. Changes include: Add “Nan Lillie and Thad Rose” to guests present. Change Treasurer’s board report from “has” to “has not received a payoff”.  
Palmer moved to approve the April 30, 2025, Special meeting minutes with changes, seconded by Reed—Motion approved by all. Changes include: Remove the words, ‘was absent’ from the sentence “Trustee Vondrasek was absent”.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Parker-Wing made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report and place it on file, seconded by Vondrasek —Motion approved by all. Account funds were: General \$141,727.44; Tax \$10,715.35; IMMA \$34,656.21.

**1st PUBLIC COMMENT:** Diane Baclawski commented there was a great send-off for Sandra Chavez and felt Sandra had some great ideas for the library going forward. Jean McKenna asked if there are township ordinances against having a church meeting in a rural setting (those residents need to see county officials), and is there an ordinance against having untitled cars in peoples yards (the township must have an ordinance and has to contract the sheriff department to enforce the rule). Is there an ordinance against abandoned homes (No, the township has none and can be reported to the county). Nanette Lillie asked where the meeting minutes and resolutions and ordinances are kept (With the clerk’s office).

**COMMISSIONER & PUBLIC OFFICIALS:**  
Laingsburg Public Library. Sara Danford is the new Library director beginning April 2025. She gave an update on all the new areas being added to library features. Selling potter park zoo tickets, in June there is summer reading; and a new “year in review”, storybook painting, reading during the summer, and recycling, a 3d printer (free); copies are \$.10/each side.  
Shiawassee County Sheriff Department. Deputy Wells gave an overview of the E911 emergency report for the county.

**LSW FIRE & AMBULANCE:** None

**ASSESSOR:** The assessor’s 4-year contract dates are April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2029. The contract was discussed at length. The contract rate would increase yearly beginning April 1 – March 31. The CPI increase would begin April 1, 2025, will rise yearly, and be capped at a maximum rate of 5% per year. These pay raises will coincide with Sciota Township’s fiscal year dates.

**BOARD REPORTS:** Supervisor Matthews discussed road projects. Seib road has been burned and was graveled from Seib to Garrison Road. Someone on Facebook asked the question “Why have so many diesel vehicles been going down Leland Road? Clerk Parker-Wing shared that the ARPA grant report was finished online at the State of Michigan’s website. The May 6 election was mostly uneventful, and she was home by 10:30 pm. A total of 204 ballots were tabulated. Treasurer Palmer requested purchase of office supplies and discussed the 1% collection fee on taxes. Trustees Reed and Vondrasek had no news to share.

**OLD BUSINESS:**  
Budget Adjustment

**NEW BUSINESS:**  
On a motion by Matthews and seconded by Reed—Motion approved by all. The Board approved the Treasurer’s request to purchase office supplies up to a maximum of \$200. A roll-call vote was taken. YES: Parker-Wing, Reed, Vaughn, Palmer. NO: None. ABSENT: None  
On a motion by Vondrasek, seconded by Reed. The board approved a motion

to allow the Treasurer to receive full access to BS&A’s accounting and payroll modules. The Treasurer asked the Clerk if she had authorized access for the Treasurer in BS&A’s payroll and accounting system. The Supervisor said it could be tried for a period of time. The Clerk did not authorize special permission for the Treasurer to have full access and took care of the issue herself concerning open checks in the system. The clerk did not feel it was a good idea to cross over duties due to the need for separation of authority of accounting duties. The Clerk stated that in October 2024 the Treasurer made journal entry changes to the general fund budget system when the clerk should have made those changes. A roll vote was taken. YES: Reed, Vondrasek, Palmer, Matthews. NO: Parker-Wing. ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Vondrasek and seconded by Reed. A motion was approved to VOID check number #11442 and print two new checks separating the \$500 special election payment from Linda Knoblauch’s paycheck. She’ll receive payment for deputy clerk monthly stipend and poll worker employment payment. Special election payment of \$500 will be reviewed at the June meeting.

**2nd PUBLIC COMMENT:** Nan Lillie asked the Clerk if it was possible to bring her laptop to the meetings for availability of documents when needed (the clerk will bring a copy of the resolution book to leave at the hall for reference). She said the clerk did not get resolutions to her as was requested in the past.

**APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS:** Vondrasek moved to pay bills, seconded by Palmer—Motion approved by all.

5/12/2025

**CHECK REGISTER**  
Pay Period Dates: 04/14/2025 through 05/11/2025

Check Date	Bank	Check Number	Name	Check Amount
5/12/2025	GEN	11440	VOID (Linda Knoblauch)	\$0.00
05/12/2025	GEN	11441	DIANE DOWLER	\$849.80
05/12/2025	GEN	11442	VOID	\$0.00
05/12/2025	GEN	11443	NANETTE LILLIE	\$162.61
05/12/2025	GEN	11444	JESSICA LITTLE	\$234.18
05/12/2025	GEN	11445	LUCY MATTHEWS	\$150.33
05/12/2025	GEN	11446	PHILLIP MATTHEWS	\$1,126.95
05/12/2025	GEN	11447	KIMBERLY PALMER	\$1,140.90
05/12/2025	GEN	11448	JAMIE PARKER-WING	\$1,549.83
05/12/2025	GEN	11449	MIKE REED	\$300.46
05/12/2025	GEN	11450	VAUGHN VONDRASEK	\$300.46
05/12/2025	GEN	11451	TRACI BUXTON	\$56.24
05/12/2025	GEN	11452	ACRISURE	\$6,121.00
05/12/2025	GEN	11453	BS&A SOFTWARE	\$470.00
05/12/2025	GEN	11454	CONSUMER’S ENERGY	\$ 49.87
05/12/2025	GEN	11455	JOHN HANCOCK FINANCIAL SERVICES	\$838.76
05/12/2025	GEN	11456	LAINGSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY	\$5,000.00
05/12/2025	GEN	11457	T-MOBILE	\$39.65
05/12/2025	GEN	11458	THE ARGUS PRESS	\$350.00
05/12/2025	GEN	11459	THE WEEKLY	\$781.00
05/12/2025	GEN	11460	TWIN OAKS MOWING	\$ 550.00
05/12/2025	GEN	11461	LINDA KNOBLAUCH (1 of 2 check split - \$500 held for June board mtg discussion)	\$0.00
05/12/2025	GEN	11462	LINDA KNOBLAUCH (2 of 2 check split - replace check #11440)	\$494.48
			TOTAL	\$20,566.52

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion by Palmer, seconded by Reed—Motion approved by all. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Submitted by: Jamie Parker-Wing, Clerk

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submitted by Lynn Webster

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# Wilson Thicket Brings Their Virtuoso Program to St. Johns on July 30th

submitted by Bill Tennant

Wilson Thicket, one of the premier string bands in the Midwest, will be bringing their virtuoso acoustic journey in three-part harmony to St Johns for an exciting performance on Wednesday evening, July 30 at 7:00. This “not to be missed” concert will take place at the William E. Tennant Performance Shell in the beautiful St. Johns City Park.

Wilson Thicket has the soul of an Appalachian string band, but there is more to this Thicket than just a patch of bluegrass. They combine a hand-picked group of top singers, instrumentalists, and songwriters that Michigan has to offer, with decades of performing experience under their collective belts. Old school favorites, creative covers, and dynamic original songs are all delivered with captivating vocals and creative instrumental mastery. This music has plenty of roots and lots of grass. There may be some thorns, but also some flowers. Welcome to the thicket.

“This is one of our exciting new groups this year,” explains Bill Tennant, concert coordinator. “This band does it all – the great harmonies – outstanding instrumentalists – this, along with their great program that includes some bluegrass, but much much more – Wilson Thicket is definitely a group everyone will thoroughly enjoy – they are the real deal!”

Individually, all four members of Wilson Thicket are excellent award-winning musicians in their own right. But collectively, they feed off of each other rising to new heights. Jason Dennie (Mandolin/Guitar/Vocals) is a three-time Cammy Award Winner for Best Folk/Bluegrass Instrumentalists. Aaron Markovitz (Guitar/Mandolin/Vocals) won a Detroit music award for outstanding recording with the group Escaping Pavement’s “The Night Owl.” Keith Billik (Banjo/Vocals) is the creator and host of The Picky Fingers Banjo Podcast, a show listened to by banjo enthusiasts worldwide. Scott Kendall (Upright Bass) has been playing in bluegrass bands for most of his adult life plus other groups vested in a wide variety of musical styles.

The Concert in the Park series is co-sponsored by the Clinton County Arts Council and the City of St Johns. We are also acknowledging The William E. & Rosemary McCarthy Living Trust at this concert for the McCarthy family’s generous donation to the new addition building fund. We are grateful for their support.

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submitted by Dianna Vsetula  
Owosso

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Stephanie Chapman, LLMSW



Sarah Tomcala, LPC

Stephanie holds a Master of Social Work from Simmons University and is licensed in the State of Michigan. She joins from the DBT Institute of Michigan, where she specialized in Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT). Stephanie works with patients ages 13 and up, focusing on emotional regulation, trauma-informed care, and skills-based group therapy.

Sarah earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in counseling from Grace College in Indiana. Most recently with Great Lakes Psychology Group in Owosso, she provided telehealth services addressing substance use, family conflict, grief, PTSD, and mood disorders. Sarah sees patients ages 12 and up and emphasizes supportive, family-focused care.

Both Stephanie and Sarah are now accepting new patients and work with most insurance providers.

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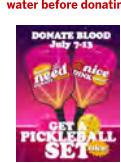
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# Sports

## Parsons Wraps Up Frosh Wrestling Season at NIU

DEKALB, Ill. -- Ovid-Elsie's former standout wrestler Talan Parsons has wrapped up his freshman season at Northern Illinois University.

Parsons crafted a 5-8 record in 2024-25, while wrestling behind red-shirt junior Blake West (Shakopee, Minn) at 125 lbs. West was last season's MAC (Mid-American Conference) champion and qualified for the NCAAAs.

Parsons notched one win via major decision, claimed two wins by fall and tabbed wins over Division 1 wrestlers from Cornell and Michigan.

At Ovid-Elsie High School, he holds the record for most wins and pins. Talan was the Michigan High School State 113 pound champion in 2023-24 and the 106 pound champion in 2021-22.

In 2020-21 he was the state runner-up at 103 pounds and equaled that mark in 2022-23 at 113 pounds.

At O-E, he was a four-time MMAC and Regional champion, compiling a record of 155-4.

Talan also competed in men's soccer, tennis, and baseball while in high school, earning First Team All-Conference honor in soccer, and was a four-year Honor Roll student.



## Campbell is Every-Game Starter at Albion College

ALBION -- Hailee Campbell, a 2024 graduate of Ovid-Elsie High School, has worked her way into an everyday starter for the Albion Brits' soccer team.

Hailee cored one goal and recorded one assist during her freshman season for the Lady Britons.

At O-E, she earned four letters in soccer for coach Jerome White, and helped the Marauders to a district title as a senior in 2024.

Hailee was a three-year team captain, four-time All-Area, first-team All-District and First-Team All-MMAC honoree. Twice, she earned All-State honors.

She was the Marauder team captain for two seasons of volleyball and one for basketball.

In the classroom, Hailee was a two-year member of the National Honor Society.

Majoring in economics and management with an emphasis in human resources with psychology and communication minors, she is the daughter of Jeff and Danielle Campbell.



## Tokar is Track Athlete of the Year; Local Thinclads Dominate All-Area Team

OVID-ELSIE — Marauder athletics are going to miss Tryce Tokar.

The graduated senior with the Class of 2024-25 capped off a superlative Ovid-Elsie athletic career by being named the All-Area Track and Field Athlete of the Year.

In addition, five other local thinclads were saluted on the 1st and 2nd All-Area Teams: O-E's Brock Spitzley, Travis Milner and Clay Powell, and Laingsburg's Mitchell George and Noah Devereaux.

The honor squad is named annually by the Owosso Argus-Press.

On May 31, Tokar won his fourth-consecutive pole vault state championship, tying his all-time best vault of 15-feet. Tokar cleared 15-feet for the first time at states as a sophomore.

"It was a little more difficult this year because I was in four different events at the state meet, so I was a bit busier," Tokar said. "I thought I could have gotten a better height, but I had to run two different events while I was jumping, so I had to run back in forth and it kind of threw me off."

Ovid-Elsie qualified its 400-, 800- and 1,600-meter relay teams, and Tokar ran lead for each. He gained an additional All-State medal when the 800 team placed second.

Tokar won Mid-Michigan Activities Conference, regional and state titles his first year of high school. His leap of 14-feet, 3-inches at the D-3 state meet was his personal best at that time.

Another O-E multi-sport standout, Spitzley broke the school discus record twice, resetting it a second time with a toss of 177-9 May 5 at a home MMAC meet. He placed second in the D-3 state championship meet with a toss of 174-3, losing only to Lawton senior, and Northwestern football recruit, Mason Mayne. Spitzley made big strides in 2025 after not qualifying for states as a sophomore. He also competes in the shot put, where he tossed a personal-best 47-3 to place third at the MITCA D-3 team state meet.

Marauder Milner qualified for the D-3 state meet in the 400 for the second year in a row, this time earning all-state with a seventh-place finish (50.93), bettering his 23rd-place freshman effort. The sophomore was runner up at the MMAC championship in the event and won a regional title. He also earned a medal as a member of the Marauders runner-up-at-states 800-meter relay team, which he anchored. Milner also anchored the O-E 1,600-meter relay squad, which placed 16th at the state meet.

Powell, a Marauder senior, placed second in the 800 at MMAC meet and regionals, then 22nd at D-3 state meet. He also placed 16th at the State Finals with the Marauder 1,600 relay team.

George, a two-sport star for the Wolfpack, cleared the bar at 6-3 at the Division 3 state meet (his best high jump effort of the year) to place seventh and earn an all-state medal. He also qualified for the State Finals with the Wolfpack's 400-meter relay team.

Devereaux, a Laingsburg junior, was the CMAC champion in the 1,600 m; 13th in the 1,600 and 28th in the 800 at the D-3 State Finals.

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# Editorial



## A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Good morning everyone, it has been a much more normal week. The stitches have been removed and replaced by sterile-strips, and the worst of the wounds weeps a bit. Fortunately no infection. It seems as if I have spent the week talking to either the Health Department or the Animal Control folks in Ithaca. Words from my mouth to their ears is definitely garbled on the way. I think that everything is straightened out, or will be by the end of Friday. The Health Department is supposed to give me a call as to whether I have to go through the rabies shots, it would be five days of painful shots in hip and tush. At this point in time I'm disinclined to having it done but... I don't mind the fact that I am not to do dishes, showers are okay, but I can't go swimming too much soaking in the water. I wonder if I duct taped a large plastic bag over my hand if that would be suitable protection. On second thought I will behave myself and try not to bang the back of my left hand. It is still a bit swollen and bruised.

I should have mowed my lawn last night but the rumbling thunder put me off. But I did enjoy the cool breezes that were moving through my yard and across the deck. I sat out there and read for a while. Then I started getting enough sprinkles to move to a dryer location. Maybe if I had stayed outside the rain would have made it to my place. I do have a rather large branch that fell out of a catalpa tree that was considerate enough not to hit my car. I left the car in the front lawn and the pickup in the middle of the driveway so that the folks that were to pick up the scrape metal would drive in and out without problems. Oh well things don't always work out the way that I anticipate.

I do need to get my hustle on or the kids will be concerned because I didn't beat them to the shop this morning. They did tell me that I could sleep in this morning but after last week I decided to be on time, less time for mishaps. Last Friday was my birthday and I just sort of putzed around after work. I did go out for lunch and did a bit of 'Thrift Store' shopping. Too bad that I didn't find the time for doing a few yard sales. I wanted to thank all who sent me cards recognizing my advanced dotage. It was very pleasant getting first class mail that was not a bill. I also enjoyed the couple of Birthday lunches that I had with folks that I cherish. My youngest granddaughter even contacted me while she was on vacation in the UP. All and all, I had several celebrations. I am very glad that I could enjoy them and the notes that I received. I am warmed

APC Towers, LLC is proposing to construct a 190-foot overall height monopole telecommunications structure located off E Clark Road, Bath, Clinton County, Michigan (42° 48' 45.2" N, 84° 29' 33.6" W). The proposed tower is anticipated to utilize FAA Style E (medium intensity, dual red/white strobes) lighting.

APC Towers, LLC invites comments from any interested party on the impact the proposed undertaking may have on any districts, sites, buildings, structures, or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering, or culture that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Comments may be sent to Environmental Corporation of America, ATTN: Annamarie Howell, 1375 Union Hill Industrial Court, Suite A, Alpharetta, GA 30004 or via email to [publicnotice@eca-usa.com](mailto:publicnotice@eca-usa.com). Ms. Howell can be reached at (770) 667-2040 x 108 during normal business hours. Comments must be received within 30 days of the date of this notice.

In addition, any interested party may also request further environmental review of the proposed action under the FCC's National Environmental Policy Act rules, 47 CFR §1.1307, by notifying the FCC of the specific reasons that the action may have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. This request must only raise environmental concerns and can be filed online using the FCC pleadings system at [www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov) or mailed to FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554 within 30 days of the date that notice of this proposed action is published on the FCC's website. Refer to File No. A1318230 when submitting the request and to view the specific information about the proposed action. 25-002773 DMG

to the heart of my soul by those who always remember to get their cards and notes out, I have failed in that proficiency.

Yesterday afternoon Margie refilled out storage area. We tease her about being our personal shopper and do appreciate her very much. She had someone run a red light and darned near caught her and the car in front of her. Thank God that no one was hurt or hit. Hopefully the runner realized that he wasn't paying attention, perhaps he should have ignored his phone?!?

I have mellowed a bit this week and wish to thank my cousin Kenny for helping me with the cat situation. Yes, I did trap the critter. He was partial to tuna fish in oil. Of course my own cats had to step into the live trap and be ushered out for their trespass. The 'cat' sat on the deck railing and finally decided that the tuna was worth the risk after I had ushered two of my cats out. Both Hebow and Thomas Tripper had a few mouthfuls of the tuna. I decided that it wasn't working because I was sitting on the deck and went into the house. Five minutes later I heard the trap spring. It was the 'cat' of my woes. I kept him watered and he spent the rest of the day in the trap.

All for now, I need to get to the shop. I do wish that I could remember where I had put my remote control on Monday so that I could watch a bit of TV. If wishes were horses then beggars could ride...

I'm sure all will be back to normal shortly. May God bless you with good friends and loving relatives.

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## Ovid Historical Society Thank You to the Community

Letter to the Editor:

A BIG thank you to those generous donors that helped us get the Ovid Historical Society house painted! It's DONE and beautiful.

Thanks to "Done Right Painting", Travis Milner and his team did an Awesome job.

The OHS sent letters to many of you potential donors to support our efforts in exterior painting and outside work. Would you please take a moment to read the letter and generously contribute to our team/membership efforts?

Please send to: Ovid Historical Society, P.O. Box 54, Ovid, MI 48866.

Come by and take a look, you'll be amazed at the improvement. Lots to do yet but we're pleased and so should our Ovid community!

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*submitted by Linda Ruehle*

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Receive one-on-one instruction while exploring the painting genre of your choice (still life, landscape, portraiture, non-objective abstract, etc.). This is a great opportunity to experiment with something new or to improve upon something with which you currently find challenging. Students need to bring their own supplies. Mineral spirits will be provided. New session will follow.

### PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE STATE OF MICHIGAN 29TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - FAMILY DIVISION COUNTY OF CLINTON

CASE NO: 25-32422-NC  
TO ALL PERSONS, including: (specify non-custodial parent's name here, if applicable) whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

**TAKE NOTICE:**  
Spencer Lloyd Brittain has filed a petition for name change. A name change hearing was held on Monday, July 21, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. at 100 E. State Street, 4th Floor Courtroom St. Johns, Michigan 48879, before Judge Lisa Sullivan to change the name of Spencer Lloyd Brittain to Spencer Lloyd Brailley Morgan Ashley Valley to Morgan Ashley Brailley Isabella Jo Valley to Isabella Jo Brailley

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

CASE NO: 25-32569-DE  
Estate of  
**ROMA STEVENSON REID**  
Date of birth: June 1, 1932  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:**  
The decedent,  
**ROMA STEVENSON REID**  
died March 30, 2025  
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Nola Collins, personal representative, or the probate court at 100 E. State St. Ste. 3400, St. Johns, MI 48879 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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### 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 September 3, 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 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:  
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Gary Alan Wallace and Stacy Rogers Wallace, husband and wife as tenants by the entirety  
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns  
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Selene Finance, LP

Date of Mortgage: July 17, 2015  
Date of Mortgage Recording: July 27, 2015  
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$152,383.53

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Bath, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: A parcel of land in the North 1/2 of Section 9, Town 5 North, Range 1 West, Bath Township, Clinton County, Michigan, the surveyed boundary of which is described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 9; thence South 00 degrees 14 minutes 51 seconds East 661.89 feet along the North-South 1/4 line of said Section 9 to the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing South 00 degrees 14 minutes 51 seconds East 6.11 feet along said North-South 1/4 line; thence North 89 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds East 443.73 feet; thence South 31 degrees 55 minutes 20 seconds West 200.00 feet; thence South 79 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 752.10 feet to a point on the bank of Mud Creek, said point being North 79 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 173 feet, more or less, from the centerline of Mud Creek; thence along said bank on an intermediate traverse line of the Easterly bank of said creek the following 2 courses: North 28 degrees 36 minutes 29 seconds East 75.68 feet and North 24 degrees 14 minutes 00 seconds East 273.64 feet to the end of said intermediate traverse line, said end being North 89 degrees 23 minutes 14 seconds East 165 feet, more or less, from the said centerline of Mud Creek; thence North 89 degrees 23 minutes 14 seconds East 251.73 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel having rights of ingress and egress by means of a private drive easement as described below.

Private Drive Easement: An easement in the North 1/2 of Section 9, Town 5 North, Range 1 West, Bath Township, Clinton County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 9; thence South 00 degrees 14 minutes 51 seconds East 668.00 feet along the North-South 1/4 line of said Section 9; thence North 89 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds East 714.46 feet; thence South 00 degrees 41 minutes 10 seconds West 208.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds East 628.50 feet to the centerline of Angle Road; thence South 00 degrees 41

minutes 10 seconds West, along said centerline, 177.24 feet to the point of beginning of said easement; thence continuing South 00 degrees 41 minutes 10 seconds West 20.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds West 879.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 05 minutes 30 seconds East 23.00 feet to the Northeast corner of Parcel C; thence North 81 degrees 04 minutes 46 seconds West 262.20 feet along the Northeasterly line of said Parcel C to a point on the Southerly line of Parcel B; thence North 67 degrees 53 minutes 47 seconds East 55.53 feet along said Southerly line to the Southeast corner of said Parcel B; thence North 23 degrees 41 minutes 54 seconds East 215.00 feet along the East line of said Parcel B; thence South 58 degrees 04 minutes 40 seconds East 23.00 feet; thence North 31 degrees 55 minutes 20 seconds East 50.00 feet; thence North 58 degrees 04 minutes 40 seconds West 23.00 feet to a point on the East line of said Parcel A; thence North 31 degrees 55 minutes 20 seconds East 30.00 feet along said East line of Parcel A; thence South 58 degrees 04 minutes 40 seconds East 66.00 feet; thence South 31 degrees 55 minutes 20 seconds West 30.00 feet; thence North 58 degrees 04 minutes 40 seconds West 23.00 feet; thence South 31 degrees 55 minutes 20 seconds West 34.25 feet; thence on a curve to the left 21.94 feet, said curve having a radius of 90.00 feet, a central angle of 13 degrees 58 minutes 07 seconds and a long chord of 21.89 feet bearing South 25 degrees 38 minutes 20 seconds West; thence South 19 degrees 21 minutes 20 seconds West 53.85 feet; thence on a curve to the left 139.72 feet, said curve having a radius of 90.00 feet, a central angle of 88 degrees 57 minutes 06 seconds and a long chord of 126.11 feet bearing South 25 degrees 07 minutes 13 seconds East; thence South 69 degrees 35 minutes 46 seconds East 45.37 feet; thence on a curve to the left 32.19 feet, said curve having a radius of 90.00 feet, a central angle of 20 degrees 29 minutes 44 seconds and a long chord of 32.02 feet bearing South 79 degrees 50 minutes 38 seconds East; thence North 89 degrees 54 minutes 30 seconds East 855.23 feet to the point of beginning. Common street address (if any): 12110 Scotch Hollow Dr, Bath, MI 48808-8476  
The redemption period shall be 1 year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a.  
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: July 27, 2025  
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**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 September 10, 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 Jessica Herrick to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC dated May 24, 2016 and recorded May 26, 2016 as Instrument No. 5241332, Clinton County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Bank, National Association by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$184,424.39. Said premises are located in Clinton County, Michigan and are described as: Lot 5, Country Farm Estates, Victor Township, Clinton County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 7 of Plats, Page 7, Clinton County Records. Said property is commonly known as 8346 Country Farm Ln, Laingsburg, MI 48848. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. 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: July 22, 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. 25-19780

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<u>Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup></u>
10:00 am Dog Show	9:00 am Dairy Show
	9:00 am Pocket Pets Show
	9:00 am Horse Speed Show
<u>Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup></u>	11:00 am Entry for Canine Hour of Fun
9:00 am Poultry Show	12:30 pm Canine Hour of Fun
4:00 pm <b>TRUCK AND TRACTOR PULL</b> Fairgrounds	1:00 pm <b>MUSICAL PERFORMANCE</b> BY PPM (Parents Playing Music) Stage Area
1:00 pm Horse Show	4:00 pm Dog Agility Contest
2:00 pm Dairy Goat Show	4:00 pm <b>FAIR LIVESTOCK SALE</b> Livestock Pavilion
4:00 pm Goat Showmanship Followed by Market Goat Show	
6:00 pm Verbal Communication Judging	
7:00 pm Performing Arts Judging	
<u>Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup></u>
9:00 am Horse Show	<b>KID'S DAY</b>
9:30 am Prospect Beef Show	9:00 am Livestock Judging Contest
5:00 pm <b>WAYLON HANEL CONCERT</b>	9:00 am Horse & Pony Fun Show
6:00 pm Sheep Show	9:30 am Pedal Pull Registration
7:30 pm <b>DRAFT HORSE PULL</b>	10:00 am Dairy Management Contest
<u>Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup></u>	10:00 am <b>YOUNG FARMERS</b> <b>SCAVENGET HUNT</b>
9:00 am Swine Show	10:00 am <b>PEDAL PULL CONTEST</b>
9:00 am Horse Show	10:00 am <b>FACE PAINTING</b>
9:30 am Rabbit & Cavy Show	12:00 pm <b>MAGIC SHOW</b> Stage Area
6:00 pm Beef Show	12:00 pm Sweepstakes Showmanship
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