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Owners: Dawn Giampa, Propagation Station and Lori Wurm, Lakeside Garden Floral.

Grand Opening Celebration Saturday, November 8th

by Deb Price

A ribbon cutting ceremony for Lakeside Garden Floral, Propagation Station and Grand River Events will take place in Laingsburg on Saturday, November 8th at 9:30am. Business owners, Lori Wurm and Dawn Giampa teamed up in April of this year opening up The Propagation Station, a plant and fresh flower store that was established in Dawn's salon, DG Hair Design. Lori, owner of Woodbury's Flower Shop in St Johns was interested in opening up a florist in Laingsburg. The two ladies realized they would need more space to accomplish their goals. With the moving of Spirit Expressions Dance Studio, the site at the top of the hill on Main Street, made for the perfect spot for both businesses, Lakeside Garden Florist and Propagation Station.



The Flower Bar Display, customers can create their own bouquets.

explained Lori. Same day delivery is offered if you call by noon. Besides beautiful flowers, and gift items, local artist products are also for sale including, Custom Design Cookies, Handmade Crochet Items, Soaps, Honey, Glass Art and Photography.

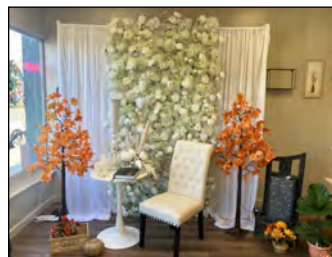
Plant enthusiasts can find a variety of starters to full grown.

Lakeside Garden Floral is a full line florist offering services for weddings, funerals (requests will be accommodated 7 days a week) and everything in between including cash & carry flowers. "We feature a Themed Flower Bar each week. Customers can stop in and build their own bouquet, starting at \$20,"



The Propagation Station, features plants from starter to large potted. You can also find soil, plant food, plant & leaf care, pest control products and decorative containers. If your thumb isn't green and you have dying plants, Dawn can help with tips to nurse those plants back to health.

Grand River Events, owned by Eric Randolph, has a display in the shop which features rental items for all your party needs. From linens, center pieces, backdrops and lighting perfect for any size gathering from weddings to any special event. Eric is available by appointment and for more information he can be reached at 989-472-7710 or by email at ericrandolph1202@gmail.com



Displayed here is a backdrop, lighted trees and other party rental items.

The establishments hours are: Monday, by appointment, Tuesday-Friday 10:00am-6:00pm and on Saturday 10:00am-2:00pm. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted. They can be reached at 517-651-6223 and are located at 260 E. Grand River, Laingsburg. Stop in and take a look at Laingsburg's newest businesses on Saturday, November 8th. Refreshments will be available from Graze on the Go, you can also sign up for an in-store, grand opening raffle all week, November 3rd thru Nov. 8th.



Festival of Trees Raffle

A fundraising raffle, Festival of Trees", has been developed to go towards the Ovid Christmas Basket event held each year. The trees have been donated and will be designed by Gayla Ehlert and displayed in the windows next to the Ovid Post Office. Tickets for the raffle are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. Four beautifully decorated trees will be raffled off on November 28th. Raffle tickets are available for purchase at Tom's Western Store, Country Corner Store (Shepardsville), Meridian Weekly, Village Food Pride, Applebee Oil & Propane, Main Bar (Tuesday evenings during Music Bingo), United Church Luncheons (Tuesday and Thursdays) or from any Ovid Historical Society member. Get your tickets today and support this great opportunity to contribute to the Holiday Christmas Basket program for our community families.



Ovid-Elsie Middle School Named One of America's Best Middle Schools by U.S. News & World Report

submitted by Crystal Loynes

Ovid-Elsie Middle School has earned national recognition as one of America's Best Middle Schools for 2025 by U.S. News & World Report. The ranking places the school among the top-performing middle schools across the country and celebrates its commitment to academic rigor, student growth, and a culture that values both learning and character development.



"This honor is a testament to the dedication and teamwork of our students, staff, and families," said Superintendent Mark Horak. "At Ovid-Elsie, we believe that success is built from our elementary classrooms through middle school and beyond. This recognition reinforces that our shared focus on growth and excellence is making a real difference for students."

The U.S. News evaluation process considers multiple factors, including state assessment scores, student progress, and equitable outcomes for all learners. Ovid-Elsie Middle School's performance reflects the district's emphasis on high expectations, strong teaching practices, and a supportive environment where students can thrive academically and socially.

Principal Tim Ormsbee expressed his appreciation for the honor, noting, "The entire middle school staff works collaboratively to engage students in meaningful learning. This recognition confirms the commitment to academic excellence, hard work and supportive learning environment fostered every day at Ovid-Elsie Middle School. We are proud to see the efforts of the staff, students and community recognized at the national level. This award reflects the efforts and dedication of our entire school community."

The district also recognizes the vital role played by those who support student success behind the scenes—transportation staff, custodians, office personnel, paraprofessionals, and food service workers—whose efforts help create a safe, welcoming, and caring school environment.

This recognition highlights what makes Ovid-Elsie Area Schools special: a community where dedication, collaboration, and a belief in every child's potential drive excellence every day.



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Pancake Breakfast

submitted by Brian Valentine

There will be a Pancake Breakfast at the Elsie Masonic Community Room on Saturday November 8, 2025 from 8 am to 12 noon. The proceeds from this event will benefit the Elsie American Legion Roof Fund. Thank you for your support.



Social



Applications for Christmas Baskets

submitted by Holly Hibbard

The applications for the Ovid-Elsie Christmas Assistance will be available starting Monday, November 3, 2025. The applications will be available at the following locations:

Ovid – Leonard Elementary, Ovid City Hall and Ovid Public Library

Elsie – E.E. Knight Elementary and Elsie Village Hall

Families MUST live in the Ovid-Elsie School District and must not be receiving holiday assistance from another agency. Applications must be turned in at one of the above listed locations by Monday, December 1st.

Ovid Christmas Basket Donations

submitted by Holly Hibbard

As November arrives, the Ovid Christmas Basket Committee is filled with gratitude for the incredible generosity that shines so brightly in our community each year. Because of your kindness, we were able to help more than 75 local families last Christmas with food, personal goods and the joy of a "Christmas Shop" filled with clothing, toys and household items like blankets and sheets.

This year we once again turn to our wonderful community - our local businesses, organizations, schools, churches and caring neighbors - to help us make the holidays a little brighter for those in need.

Monetary donations can be dropped off to the Ovid Service Agency or mailed to the Ovid Lions Club, PO Box 493, Ovid MI 48866 (checks should be made out to the Ovid Lions Club with a note that the donation is for Ovid Christmas).

We also gratefully welcome donations of non-perishable food (vegetables, soups, breakfast items, pasta and sauce, etc.), personal care or household products. Items can be dropped off at:

- Ovid Public Library
- Ovid City Hall
- Meridian Weekly.

All donations will be gathered on Saturday, December 13th for distribution on the 15th. If you have any questions or would like to arrange a pick-up, contact Holly Hibbard at 989-666-2215 or email allsmileshkh@aol.com.

Retired School Personnel to Meet

submitted by Peg Zink

The Clinton-Shiawassee MARSP Meeting will be held on Monday, November 10, 2025 at 12:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish, 505 N. Main St., Morrice, Mi. Luncheon (\$12) is payable at the door. Our program is Mary Buginsky, Chair Yoga. For reservations, leave your name and number attending by email to rzick5039@gmail.com or call Peg at 517-282-8350 and leave a message by Friday, November 7, 2025 by noon.

Ovid Public Library News

On Wednesday, November 5 we will be showing the movie 'Random Harvest' starring Ronald Colman and Greer Garson. Movie time will be 1:00.


Monday, November, 10 will be our Booktasting. This begins at 1:00. We want to know what great books you have been reading. Share your favorites with the group. Maybe you will hear about a new book or author that will become your new favorite.

The November Story Hour will be held on Friday, November 21 at 10:30.

The weather is getting cooler so it's a great time to curl up with a good book. Besides all the new books we have for check-out, don't forget that we always have books for sale as well. This is a great place to pick up a book for a friend or to stock your own shelves at home. Are you looking for a cookbook because we've got lots. The holidays are coming and maybe you'll find a new favorite recipe in one of the books.

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I'm writing this to thank everyone who made my 90th Birthday so special and memorable.



To all of you who sent cards or attended with cards and gifts, It was absolutely fantastic to see and hear from you. It was so fun to catch up, party and dance. A great time was had by all and I've been on cloud nine ever since!

To my family, thank you for all the work before, during, and after. The most wonderful gift was, of course, having you here, all together with me for the very first time from Australia, Colorado, Nebraska, and New Jersey. Thank you everyone!

With much love, Bev Archer

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Rep. BeGole: Bill Pushing DNR Fee Increases are Complete Non-Starter

submitted by Denny Schwarze

State Rep. Brian BeGole said he does not support recent action in the Michigan Senate to raise the cost of hunting and fishing, and that he is firmly against the initiative as it comes over to the House.

The Senate voted to raise hunting and fishing license fees after the state's Department of Natural Resources pushed for the hikes during the state budget process. Thanks to BeGole and House Republicans, those increases were not included in the signed state budget that was agreed on by legislative Republicans, Democrats and the governor.

"We have seen the Department of Natural Resources frequently overstep in how it treats residents and infringe on private property rights, BeGole said. "We have seen multiple instances of mismanagement within the department. We have seen the department in the news for abusing taxpayer dollars and taking people to court for trivial things drummed up as enforcement activity. Why on Earth would we charge hunters more to support more of this nonsense and go back on our promises made just a few weeks ago in the budget?"

"The DNR should focus on rebuilding public trust and spending the money it already has more efficiently before asking sportsmen and boaters to foot the bill for more waste and abuse in government."

In total, the bills would increase fees on 20 Michigan hunting and fishing licenses and cost those seeking the licenses over \$29 million. Nonresident deer hunting licenses would jump from \$20 to \$150, which BeGole said would cause participation numbers and seasonal tourist activity to suffer as the state asks for more help with conservation and hunters to take more deer.

"The DNR said just recently that Michigan has lost 200,000 deer hunters in the last 25 years and that the deer population has increased dramatically in that same time period," BeGole said. "The answer to these issues is not raising costs for people who are out there helping the state control populations and putting food on the table for themselves and their families."

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Victor Township

Clinton County, Michigan

6843 E. Alward Road, Laingsburg, MI 48848

Proposed Board Minutes of October 14, 2025

The regular board meeting of Victor Township was called to order by Supervisor Wiswasser at 7:00 p.m. and the pledge to the flag was given.

Attendance: Roll call: Present: Wiswasser, Prange, Willoughby, Pesch, Sayles. 12 citizens in attendance.

Public Comment: none

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Sayles and seconded by Willoughby to approve October 14, 2025, agenda with the addition of the Planning Commission report. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Sayles and seconded by Willoughby to approve September 9, 2025, regular meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Prange and seconded by Sayles to accept October 2025, Treasurer's report. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills and Payroll: Motion by Willoughby and seconded by Wiswasser to disburse September 2025 bills. (Paid October 14, 2025) Roll call: Members voting yes: Sayles, Prange, Willoughby, Wiswasser, Pesch. Members voting no: None. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks# 12680-12699, in the amount of \$94,367.06.

Motion by Willoughby and seconded by Pesch to disburse September 2025, payroll and payroll related expenses (Paid October 14, 2025). Roll call: Members voting yes: Willoughby, Sayles, Wiswasser, Pesch, Prange. Members voting no: None. All in favor. Motion carried. Checks# 13282-13291 in the amount of \$15,228.37.

Clinton County Commissioner District 1: Commissioner Nicole Fickes gave a report on County Business. Deputy Nelson from Clinton County Sheri Department: Commented on the Police contacts in Victor Township May-September 2025.

Briggs District Library: Library Director, Sara Morrison reported on the many programs available to its patrons. The library has completed its renovation project which was mainly funded by 4 grants, donations from businesses and individuals, several fundraisers, and congressional directed spending totaling \$1,249,022. The actual cost of the project was \$1,609,436.00. They are grateful for all the support given throughout the entire process. You can get more information by their website: briggsdistrictlibrary.org, on facebook.com/BriggsLibrarySt.Johns, and Instagram.com/BriggsDistrictLibrary. They are located at 108 Railroad St., St. Johns

Laingsburg Public Library: Sara Mattson gave an update on the library. There will be a silent auction with bidding open to the public Monday, November 3, 2025, through Saturday, December 6, 2025. Donations are accepted. She is asking Victor Township to increase monies contributed to the library due to a decrease in State funding. There were no decisions made by the board. Learn more about happenings on the library's Facebook page @laingsburgpubliclibrary

Planning: The commission is continuing to work on phase 2 of the remodel of the main areas of the hall. The Planning Commission is working on the draft of the next 5- year master plan which should coincide with the County's new Master Plan which will begin their process in January 2026. There will be a QR code sent with the upcoming tax bills for residents to fill out a survey pertaining to the new master plan. There will also be copies of the survey at the township hall.

Unfinished Business

New Business: Clinton County Undersheri, Mike Gute, informed the board on the costs associated with contracting with Clinton County for additional police presence in the township. The villages of Fowler and Westphalia contract with the Sheri's Department for 8 hours/week at present. No decision was made by the board at this time.

Victor Township Noise Ordinance: Discussion regarding rewriting a township noise ordinance. No action was taken at this time.

Recess at 8:36 p.m. Resumed the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

MDNR Grant Update: Willoughby gave a detailed update on the grant project. We are at the bidding stage and will be updated as soon as more information is available.

C2AE Township Hall Remodel: Rachel Voisinnet, Planning Commission member, gave a report on the design aspects and budget for the remodel of the remainder of the hall update.

Consumers Energy Electric Franchise: Township ordinance #21, Consumers Power Company Electric Franchise Ordinance, approved in 1996, is expiring and is up for renewal. Motion by Willoughby, seconded by Sayles, to approve the renewal of the Ordinance. Roll call: Members voting yes: Prange, Wiswasser, Willoughby, Pesch, Sayles. Members voting no: None. Franchise ordinance passed.

Cemetery Ordinance Amendment to create a Cemetery Director: Motion by Willoughby, seconded by Sayles, to create the position of Cemetery Director to ensure cemetery records are accurate and up to date. The Director's role will be to review and update cemetery records to assist the clerk in the statutory role of keeping the records. Roll call: Members voting yes: Prange, Wiswasser, Willoughby, Pesch, Sayles. Members voting no: None. Cemetery amendment passed.

Motion by Wiswasser, seconded by Pesch, to adjourn at 9:39 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried

Copies of Resolutions, Agreements, Budget Amendments, and Minutes are on the Victor Township Website (www.vic-tortwp.org) and at the Clerk's office in the Township Hall

Lianne Prange
Victor Township Clerk

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Thanksgiving Dinner

Date: November 27, 2025
Time: 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Location: American Legion Hall
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Menu: Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy,
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Beverages

Dine in or Take Out Available

Sponsored by: Laingsburg Lions / American Legion

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Obituaries

Gerald "Jerry" Anthony Horak



Gerald "Jerry" Anthony Horak, age 91, of Elsie, Michigan, passed away peacefully on October 26, 2025, on the same family farm where he was born on June 4, 1934. A man of deep faith, unwavering work ethic, and a quiet generosity that touched countless lives, Jerry's legacy is one built not only in wood and fields but in compassion, community, and love.

Jerry graduated from Elsie High School in 1952 and went on to proudly serve his country in the U.S. Army as part of the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions. Upon returning home, he continued to serve others—never seeking recognition, but leading by example.

A licensed general contractor, Jerry founded Horak Construction and spent decades building, restoring, and repairing homes, barns, and farm buildings throughout the area. Known for stepping in when a neighbor needed help—often charging little or nothing at all—his hands were steady, skilled, and always willing. He also completed construction projects for Green Meadow Farms for several years, earning deep respect across the agricultural community.

Jerry's faith was expressed not in words, but in how he lived—steady, humble, and always ready to serve. A founding member of the Bannister Knights of Columbus Council, he helped organize its annual charity golf outing for over 20 years, raising approximately \$150,000 in support of local families and parish needs. Perhaps his most personal ministry was through wood-working. With patience and devotion, he crafted custom pieces for St. Cyril Catholic Church in Bannister and made countless oak crosses, freely given to parishioners and community members alike. These crosses now held in homes near and far, remain quiet reminders of his faith and generosity. He also handcrafted the canes used by the ZCBJ Czech & Slovak heritage youth dance group.

On October 4, 1958, Jerry married Margaret Ann (Kusnier), and together they built a life rooted in faith, family, and service. They raised seven children—Margaret White (Greg), Joe (Stephanie), Chris (Debbie), Paul (Vicki), Mark (Sue), Theresa Sopocy (Steve), and Monica Spicer (Mike)—who learned from their parents the importance of humility, compassion, and helping others. Jerry and Margaret were honored as co-Grand Marshals of the 2025 Elsie Dairy Festival, a fitting recognition of their lifelong commitment to the community they loved.


Jerry's greatest joy was family. He delighted in watching his legacy grow through 29 grandchildren—including four sets of twins—and 11 great-grandchildren. He cherished their visits, family meals, and the quiet beauty of life lived on the land he farmed for nine decades. He especially enjoyed following them in their athletic endeavors.

Jerry is preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Mary Horak; his mother and father-in-law, John and Anna Kusnier; his sister, Mary Frances Kasperek; his brother, Jim Horak; and his brothers-in-law: Joe, John, and Jerry Kusnier.

He is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Margaret Ann; his seven children and their spouses, along with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is also survived by relatives living in Straznice, Czech Republic, including: Helena & Frantisek Rozsypal, Kamil (Veronika) Rozsypal. Other survivors include: his sister, Barbara (Terry) Seybert; sisters-in-law: Marsha Horak, Diane Kusnier, Mary Jane Holmes, and Anna Anderson (Chris); and brothers-in-law: Frank Kasperek, Robert Kusnier, and Rick (Carol) Kusnier. He leaves behind a community forever shaped by his example of steady kindness.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Cyril's Catholic Church, Bannister, MI, Monday, November 3, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. by family relative Rev. Michael Kuchar presiding. Burial with Military Honors will take place at Riverside Cemetery, Elsie, MI. Visitation will be held at Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI, on Sunday, November 2, 2025, from 2:00-8:00 p.m., with the family present from 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-8:00 p.m. A wake service will be held at 3:30 p.m., followed by a Rosary being prayed at 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be directed to St. Cyril Catholic Church or the Bannister Knights of Columbus, continuing Jerry's lifelong commitment to supporting families in need. Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.

 "Grief is like the ocean. It comes on waves ebbing and flowing. Sometimes the water is calm, and sometimes it is overwhelming. All we can do is learn to swim."
~Vicki Harrison

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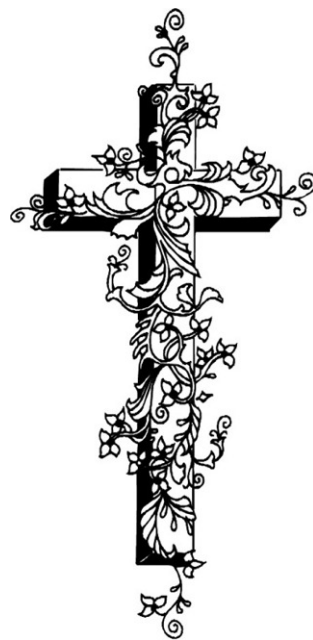
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Pastor Phillip Rogers

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 Harvey Street
Pastor: Zella Daniel
Sunday Worship 11:15am

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Pastor: John Jakus
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Editorial



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

As if I didn't have enough to aggravate me, my computer decided that it was time for me to brush up on my skill set. It may have been dragging a bit, but at three in the morning I'm in no mood to sharpen that skill set. It took me forever, a slight exaggeration, to find a blank page to fill with my sometimes inane thoughts and stories. I shouldn't be complaining, I did get an uninterrupted six hours of sleep.

Since Monday, my phone has been ringing off the hook (if it had one), the calls are all about the changes in Medicare and they are AI generated which means when you tell them not to call again they just keep going and going. On Monday, while driving up and back to Clare with Ada Mae, I received over fifty calls... Ada laughed and told me that I was a very popular person. Not really, just a member of the targeted ones. I finally talked to a human in hopes of stopping the calls and they agreed with me that as long as I had a supplemental insurance I was not eligible for these changes unless I dropped it.

And I won't because it works well for me. I even got one of those nasty calls at 10:30 Wednesday night which did wake me up and did irritate me, guess someone forgot their boundaries. They violated mine.

On Tuesday after the shop was closed and sometime on Wednesday, the area behind the shop was vandalized. After changing out the toilet, we had set the old one (which like me is still functional) to the right of our back door. I had found someone who needed one and they were coming to pick it up on Wednesday afternoon. I had to cancel their pickup because some one got 'cute' with a couple of bricks and smashed the toilet into chunks. I hope that will be all that we must put up with... I didn't call the local constabulary because past efforts were useless. Or maybe just not worthy of a reply. As I gradually clean up the mess I did take pictures.

Yesterday I finally got the cream puffs made. I'm pleased to say that folks seem to be enjoying them. Of course I used up all of the coconut flakes that were in the cupboard. So the grocery list has begun for next week. I also had to make a couple of extra stops this week because someone had put an empty canister of hot chocolate in the back of the cupboard and the open one only had enough to make a couple of cups. Same happened with the bacon bits, fortunately those ordering the breakfast burrito didn't like bacon. I guess that I will have to sharpen my inventory skill set. I also finally got a couple of items returned to Home Depot, the last time that I had tried their computers were down and receipt papers meant nothing in this 'paperless world'. No computer to use, no process to refund money without the computer's acknowledgment?

On Tuesday I went back up to Clare to get the Honey Crisp apples that were wanted here. I ended up with three bushels of them and a half a bushel of Golden Delicious apples. I also picked up some peanut butter that was mixed with marshmallow cream for Therese. While delivering the apples, I learned that you could make it yourself, Margie had made that mix and her family had been enjoying it for years. I had never heard of it prior to Therese asking about it. So it was another learning day for me. Did I mention that I got to spend a bit of my time gabbing with my friends. Finally got over to visit with Carol and figured out the most direct route. Now if I could just coordinate our schedules with each other.

Today is our first soup and sandwich Friday at MG's Perx & Pastries and we will be open until two. We will be serving home made soups and grilled sandwiches, this week the soup is bean and comes with a large corn or jalapeno cheese muffin. As one of our regulars puts it, 'it will be yummy to my tummy'. Do come and check us out. May God bless you daily with interesting opportunities. Trick or treat.

Crystal Mitchell©2025



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com

The Michigan DNR would like to say "thank you" to Michigan deer hunters and will be hosting open houses at locations across the state on November 3rd and 17th along with December 1st from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Harvested deer are welcome but not required and free hunting swag like patches, stickers, hand warmers, field dressing gloves and more will be available.

The DNR encourages you to use this opportunity to talk with other hunters and meet field staff. Locations near you include:

Rose Lake Field Office 8903 East Stoll Road East Lansing, MI 48823

Lansing Customer Service Center 4166 Legacy Parkway Lansing, MI 48911

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Supporting Owosso Public Schools Bond Proposal

Letter to the Editor:

The Shiawassee County Democratic Party believes that strong educational programs are key to improving student achievement, driving business growth, expanding access to housing, and strengthening community collaborations. The Owosso Public School District has a long history of responsible budget planning and expenditures to provide exceptional educational opportunities, trained educators & support staff, critical infrastructure, and building oversight.

On October 8, 2025, our Membership voted unanimously to endorse the OPS Bond Proposal on the November 4th ballot. The requested funds will not increase any property taxes and will provide "much-needed" building maintenance and infrastructure funding to ensure that existing OPS educational facilities are maintained and operational for several years.

Visit Owosso.k12.mi.us "Bond Proposal 2025" for specific Bond Proposal language and the Comprehensive Project List. Vote YES on the Owosso Public Schools Bond Proposal with Net Zero Mill tax levy.

In support of education, students and the community,

Marcia Bird, Chair

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Have a Question for Andy?

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Plan an Autumn Outing

Dear Andy,

Many schools are scheduling a Fall Break. I save my vacation time for my children and family in the summer months. My kids (preteens) are wondering, "Where are we going to go for our Fall Break?" What can I do to make a memorable time for them during their week off? Working Mom

Dear Mom,

I understand. Time off work must be preplanned to make life balance with fun, work, and for your children. It is a life lesson for them to understand the responsibilities of a job. Explain what you do, and one of the rewards of a job is the money to have a roof over your head. They need to know that it costs to run a household, have birthday parties, summer vacations, school activities, gas for the car, and milk for their cereal.

Give them jobs the week they are off. Have them read or create something. Provide art supplies or puzzles prior to the week off. Take them to the library the week before and pick books to read that week. Your local libraries often have activities during the week for school-aged children. Ask your kids for ideas. Set limits for use of cell phones, computers, electronic games, and did I say cell phones? Limits and guidelines.

As for a reward...gather your strength and pray for a beautiful Fall Day to go on a color Tour on Saturday or Sunday. No electronics. The Blue Water Highway goes from one Great Lake to the other Great Lake. Follow the Sun. Or, Stay close to home. Across our state are many State Parks, County Parks, turn off where there are lakes or rivers. There is still plenty of color. Drive through some farm lands and corn fields. Take in the warm, sweet smell of corn silk. Watch the sun set. Bring pillows, they may fall asleep on the way back home.

Give them snacks and cheap amber color glasses to enhance the Fall colors. Make a special goodie bag for each. Play the Eye-Spy game, Car Bingo, Sing, play the Alphabet game. (Remind them to look out the window.) Go slower than usual; have them check off the colors of leaves on trees they spot Name the trees. Help them learn to identify Oak, Elm, Hickory, Birch, and Pine. Pick up leaves to press or glue between waxed paper. (later at home. Stop to stretch, if you see something of interest or if one of your travelers notices something out of the ordinary. There are always ice cream stops, apple orchards, parks, with playgrounds.

And, for adults who need Fall outing, it not too late for a romantic road trip. Also, there are Road House restaurants in every county. Plan an old-fashioned day for a Sunday Drive. The laundry and dusting will wait. Stop and take a Breath of Fresh Country air. . Andy ask_andy@aol.com

P.S. Did say "NO ELECTRONICS ?" Drive Safely and have a Fun Colorful Fall Day. Go

Moolenaar Office Now Accepting Internship Applications

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

The internship program is open to college students and recent graduates who are interested in learning more about our nation's legislative process and the day-to-day operations of a Congressional office. Opportunities are available beginning in January 2026 in all three offices.

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

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

Applicants are asked to provide a cover letter, resume, and any specific legislative issues or areas of interest. Applications should be submitted by the close of business on November 14, 2025. College credits are available per school requirements.

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

Editorial



Editorials are welcome.

250 words or less.

Email to:

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Must include name.

Cousins Maine Lobster Truck is Coming to Perry

submitted by Ronda Liskey

Local Roots Cannabis of Perry is excited to host Cousins Maine Lobster Food Truck,



Friday Nov 7th, 3-7pm. This is a one day only event. All are invited!

"If you love lobster...these lobster rolls are absolutely delicious, and all of the food is very good! Says, Roy Liskey, Co-Owner of Local Roots. Local Roots is located at the old Rite Aid building 685 n Main St Perry. The Cousins truck will be only at the Perry location, and not Local Roots Laingsburg store.

Cousins Maine Lobster is a franchise food truck business based in Los Angeles, California. In addition to food truck locations in Southern California, it has franchise locations throughout the U.S."

"The idea for Cousins Maine Lobster came in 2011 when cousins Jim Tselikis and Sabin Lomac were discussing food they used to eat while growing up in Portland, Maine. Impressed with the Los Angeles food truck industry, they decided to start selling Maine lobster in the L.A. area. The first truck opened in 2012 and by 2014 had four trucks in Southern California and signed up 10 franchisees in locations throughout the United States. The company received an investment of \$55,000 from Barbara Corcoran after appearing on the television series Shark Tank in 2012.

Cousins opened its first brick-and-mortar location in 2015 in West Hollywood with additional menu items not found on the food trucks. At the time of the store opening, the company was operating 15 food trucks in 11 cities, and 26 trucks in 13 states by 2017. In April 2018, the Cousins published an ebook in the hope of inspiring other entrepreneurs to start a business, and not lose hope.

On April 11, 2021, Jim Tselikis and Sabin Lomac's new show, "Food Truck Rehab" premiered on the Food Network. As of February 2024, Cousins Maine Lobster had 60 locations and had plans to expand in the Chicago area" (Wikipedia) They now have several locations in Michigan!

For menu and pricing visit: cousinsmainelobster.com

FOR SALE

Leave a legacy of lower debt

Life insurance can help pay mortgage, bills

Jason's neighbor, a widow, sold her home six months after her husband died. The woman told Jason she was moving from the neighborhood because she couldn't afford the mortgage, credit cards and car loan without her husband. Jason was unsettled thinking debt could force his family into the same predicament.

Life insurance can provide peace of mind for you and the loved ones you leave behind. The income tax-free death benefit can help pay for housing and debt, as well as funeral costs and living expenses.

A Modern Woodmen of America financial representative can review flexible and affordable life insurance options. The more you learn about your options, the better prepared you can be to select the type of life insurance that's best for you and your family.

Let's start the conversation.

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Becky Rider, RN, Honored with DAISY Award at Memorial Healthcare

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso - Memorial Healthcare is pleased to announce Becky Rider, a Registered Nurse, in our Hospice department, as its third quarter recipient of the DAISY Award! Becky received this award based on the following nomination:

"From the instant Becky met my mother and father we knew this woman was special. Not only did Becky display the highest level of professionalism, her level of compassion was off the charts. She had instant respect and rapport with our family which made her recommendations calming in the midst of chaos as my father drew closer to the end. She was assigned as the primary care giver but she took on many other roles as well. She became an advocate, a trusted confidant, a sympathetic ear, and the voice of empathy throughout our time knowing her.

Becky was there to explain some difficult realities to all of us and she did so with confidence and compassion. I watched her explain difficult transitions to my mother and comfort her in her grief. While my father was still at his home, things took a quick turn and she came to check on us on her day off. She was there during every hard change that happened, comforting us and explaining that with each new change, this process was normal. Again, after dad had passed, she volunteered on her own time, to stay with my mother while we met with Nelson House to make the necessary arrangements. Yet again, at the funeral Becky was there with words of hope and compassion. Never in my life have I known anyone for such a short amount of time who had also made a massive positive impact not only in my own life, but the lives of my entire family.

Unless you have Mother Theresa working there, Becky is the only choice for the DAISY Award. Lastly, one of the things she told my dad on the first day is, "we only want to do things that bring you joy." That phrase is not only for those in their last days. It's a mantra that has given me personally great comfort and to not let time go by with things that don't bring joy to my life and my family. God Bless Becky, she brings us joy!"

Becky was presented with a certificate of recognition, a DAISY pin, cinnamon rolls, and an incredible serpentine stone sculpture carved by the artists of the Shona Tribe located in Zimbabwe, Africa. This sculpture is known as the "Healer's Touch," and it portrays the embracing relationship nurses have with their patients.

The DAISY Award is an international program that rewards and celebrates the extraordinary, compassionate, and skillful care given by nurses every day. Nurses are nominated by their patients and patient's families. DAISY Award nominations are accepted all year long and can be made at www.MemorialHealthcare.org or in person at the hospital's main campus.

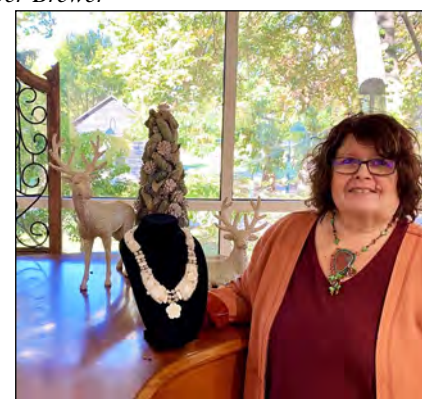


Becky Rider, RN

37th Annual Holiday Along the River & Holiday Mini Art Exhibit

submitted by Piper Brewer

The 37th annual SAC Holiday Along the River opens to the public Sunday, November 2, 1-3pm with over 90 Michigan artists displaying and selling their original artwork, unique gift items and holiday decorations. During the opening reception enjoy refreshments and check out the popular \$50 "mini-paintings" in the Hebert Gallery. Booksignings by Piper Brewer and Julie Wenzlick will also be available during the reception.



Sheryl Stephens

SAC members are invited to attend the member opening reception Saturday, November 1, 5-7pm and will receive 15% off on one Holiday Show purchase during the reception. The Holiday Show is generously sponsored by Memorial Healthcare with outdoor decorating by Sunburst Gardens and runs through December 31st.



Elizabeth Rowse

Shoppers are sure to find gifts at affordable prices for everyone on their gift lists. Or, SAC gift cards make great gifts. The Arts Center, which is decorated for the holidays, is available for rent for special events, meetings and holiday parties.

Holiday Art Classes during the show include:
Three children's Gingerbread House classes Thursday, December 4, 4:50 - 6:30pm, Saturday, December 6, 10:11-11:30am and 1-2:30pm
Create A Festive Edible Cake with Jill Davis, Wednesday, Nov 12, 5:30-7:30
Holiday Grapevine Wreath! with Georgia McCrandall of Rollin' Blooms Saturday, Nov 15, 10 - noon,



Deb Knipe

The Shiawassee Arts Center, located at 206 Curwood Castle Drive in Owosso, is open Monday through Friday 10am-5pm and weekends 12-3pm. The Arts Center features the artwork of local and statewide artists in eight galleries including the Frieske Gallery and a specialty Gift Shop. The public is welcome and there is no admission charge. SAC, which is celebrating its 53rd anniversary in 2025, is a non-profit organization whose mission is to educate, entertain and enrich the quality of life in our community. For more information call the Arts Center at 989.723.8354 or visit www.shiawasseearts.org.

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Sports

Marauders Punch Their Playoff Ticket with 56-27 Onslaught Over Waverly

OVID-ELSIE -- Midway through the second quarter, Marauder senior Brock Spitzley lowered his shoulder ... and a Waverly helmet came bouncing out of the pile.

With one ferocious hit, the hosts were announcing, "Welcome to playoff football."

No. It was not the post-season. Not quite yet, anyway. But with a convincing, hard-hitting onslaught over a Division 3 opponent, Travis Long's Marauders were letting everyone know: O-E is ready for the playoffs.

Long's charges punched their ticket to a Division 6 matchup at Belding, with a 56-27 showcase victory that kept Lansing Waverly winless on the season.

The Marauder gridders climbed to 7-2 and earned their 6th-straight invitation to the MHSAA's version of the Big Dance.

Spitzley opened the scoring with a 6-yard blast to the Waverly endzone. Dannika Campbell kicked the first of her eight extra points for a 7-0 Marauder lead.

O-E made it 21-0 before the end of the first quarter. Owen Long hit Walker Lover for a quick 10-yard sprint down the Waverly sideline. Then, with :50 seconds left, Chase Fabus broke loose for a 6-yard TD run.

The Warriors' offense was potent, though their defense was defective. They got within 21-6 on a Robert Dorsey to Tre Burton 12-yard strike to open the second period.

Long came right back at the 7:14 mark before halftime, sprinting in from 15 yards. Waverly stormed back, staying in the game at 28-14, on Amir Brown's 4 yard run. Dorsey hit Kyjah Cooper on the two-point conversion pass.

The half wasn't over, folks. Long made it 35-14



#15 Jason Harrells scored a touch down for OE during game against Waverly on on October 24th. Photo by Michelle Ladiski



OE kicker Dannika Campbell kicked eight extra points in the Waverly game. Photo by Michelle Ladiski

Waverly's season -- at 56-27.

Seven different ballcarriers contributed to O-E's 349-yard ground game. Long rushed 7 times for 96 yards, Spitzley 10 for 75, Fabus 14 for 72, Harrell 13 for 61, Brody Howard 2 for 36, Bruce Krueger one for 6 and Bryce Fabus 3 for 3 yards.

Long hit on 5-of-7 passes for 95 yards and one touchdown. Wyatt Lover caught two balls for 40 yards, with Howard, Spitzley and Walker Lover also catching Long aeriels.

The Marauder defense was led by Spitzley (9 tackles, two for loss), Wyatt Lover (8 tackles), Harrell (5 tackles, two for loss), Hunter Smith (5 tackles) and John Kelly (2 tackles and a fumble recovery).

Caro Ends 3-6 Wolfpack Season with 44-14 Non-League Victory

CARO -- Laingsburg's 3-6 football season ended much the way it began.

With the Wolfpack chasing points after falling behind early.

In a rare, non-league visit to Caro in Michigan's Thumb region, Brian Borgman's Wolves were stymied by a new culprit: their opponents' scoring defense.

The Tigers built on a quick three-yard scoring run with an interception return to paydirt, followed by a fumble return for a score -- and before you know it, the hosts had bolted to a 24-0 lead.

The end result was 44-14, a loss that ended the LHS season with three wins in 9 games. Caro finished at 5-4 and out of the MHSAA playoff picture once again; the Tigers' last trip to the post-season was in 2020.

They had this win nailed shut by halftime. A 7-yard pass play and fourth-straight successful conversion try made it 32-0 by intermission.

Laingsburg fought back to start the 3rd quarter, when Julian Smith found Harrison Dorman with a 14-yard scoring pass. Payge Woodworth's PAT kick got the Wolves within 32-7.

Caro came right back, scoring on a one-yard blast. For once, the conversion try failed, and it was 38-7.

The Tigers scored their 44th point on a 19-yard run to start the 4th quarter. Again, the conversion failed.

The Wolfpack's final TD of the campaign came from senior RB Waylon Rowley, on a 16-yard run. Woodworth completed Laingsburg's scoring with a PAT kick, making it a 44-14 final tally.

Smith, the Wolves' sophomore QB, had a busy night completing 22-of-33 passes for 168 yards and one score. Landon Freeman caught 8 aeriels for 87 yards, Dorman 5 for 71, Leandro Dolega-Caceres 5 for 7 and Rowley one for 4 yards.

Rowley rushed 10 times for 73 yards, with a long run of 23. Liam Escch, Dyland Koenig and Dolega-Caceres also had carries for the Wolves

Calvin Stier recovered a Tiger fumble for the Wolfpack defense. Stier, Ethan Platte, Koenig, Dolega-Caceres, Esch, Adam Kazor, John Schaffer, Rowley, Freeman, Gus Larson, Nate Malone, Bryce Curry and Collin Logghe all came up with tackles for LHS.

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Sports

Good Luck Area Cross County Runners at States on Saturday, November 1st



Peyton Rohn



Trevor Dolloff

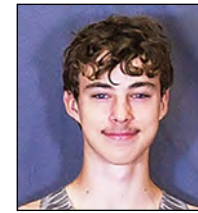
Ashley Runners Qualify for States

Congratulations to Ashley runners Trevor Dolloff and Peyton Rohn for both setting PRs at Regionals and earning their spot to run at States. Trevor ran in 18:04.9 finishing in 16th place while Peyton finished 7th running 21:43.7.

Both are competing Saturday, November 1st at Michigan International Speedway.



Clarissa Baese
Ovid-Elsie



Austin Hodge
Laingsburg



Noah Devereaux
Laingsburg

Marauder, Wolfpack Runners Qualify for Cross-Country State Meet

BATH — Local cross-country teams from Chesaning, Ovid-Elsie, Laingsburg, Durand, Perry and New Lothrop competed at the MHSAA D-3 Bath Regional the weekend of October 25.

The Laingsburg boys team included a pair of state qualifiers. Noah Devereaux captured seventh (17:17) and Austin Hodges took 15th (17:50) for the Wolfpack, who finished sixth in the team scoring (150).

For Ovid-Elsie, Will Baese (18:33), Travis Wright (18:41) and Mitch Gonzalez (18:58) took 23rd, 24th and 28th, respectively. The Marauder boys finished in fifth-place Marauders (147).

In the girls competition, Ovid-Elsie's Clarissa Baese (17th, 21:38) qualified (seventh, 20:50) for the State Meet. The Lady Marauders finished ninth (195) in the team competition.

The Laingsburg girls took eighth (186). Kierra Rusz took 26th (22:52), Samantha Gutzman was 27th (22:56) and Hazel Burley finished 33rd (23:27) for Shawn Baynes' Wolfpack.



GRIDIRON GURUS

WEEK TWELVE

Form must be at The Weekly office no later than Thursday, November 6th at 4pm

The Wolfman's Picks

Put a check next to the team you think will win! HOME TEAM LAST

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Gridiron Gurus Week Going into Week 11

PIZZA -- Dan Culpepper 9-3

(tie-breaker)

SUB SANDWICH -- Gary Purvis 9-3

(tie-breaker)

BREADSTICKS -- David Keener (tie)



GRIDIRON GURUS
by Tom Turek

tomturek20032003@yahoo.com

There are weeks when Wolfie feels really bad.

Bad? He's sorry for the some of the ringers he throws at our fabulous field of football forecasters.

There were several landmines the weekend of October 24. The Memphis Tigers' skinny win over South Florida. The Ravens re-awakening to bash the Bears.

But the Jets over the Bengals? No one saw it coming ... and it very nearly didn't happen.

Anyway, anyone who tells you the regularly bet on NFL games and WINS is feeding you a bunch of malarkey.

I also have oceanfront property to sell in Arizona.

We had four crystal-ball crushers skip over most of the mines and fashion 9-3 marks to win some delicious foodstuffs. Dan Culpepper, Gary Purvis and David Keener all went to the tie-breaker, with Dan coming closest to the correct total of 59 points (he guessed 57, in the Kansas vs. Kansas State rivalry).

Dan takes home a pizza, while Gary earned himself a sub sandwich and David some yummy breadsticks.

In our staff runoff, The Wolfman continued his three-game command of Amon-Ra Darn It I Screwed Up Again. Wolfie is rolling along at a .693 win rate, while Amon-Joy still plays second fiddle at .659.

We will be running the contest every week until the end of the regular college football season (no bowls). The picks will include six NFL games and six collegiate games each week.

It's simple, fast, easy to play and FREE. For those who play every week, there will be a winner's prize fund to be disbursed at the end of the season for whoever ends up picking the highest total of winners.

First place - \$100; second place - \$60 and third place - \$40. Just pick your winners and make a check mark to the right of their name on the entry blank below. No worry about Las Vegas point spreads, just pick who you think will win the game outright.

MOST IMPORTANT: make sure your entry gets to The Weekly before each Thursday at 4pm.

Don't forget to fill in the tiebreaker as this will decide any and all ties. Entries are accepted in person at The Weekly's offices at 200 S. Main in Ovid, by e-mail at "news@meridianweekly.com" or "tomturek20032003@yahoo.com," or via USPS delivery.

For those of you that get your Weekly fix on line at the paper's website -- remember to email your picks to news@meridianweekly.com.

Each week the top three winners will receive a coupon for redemption at the sponsor of their choice; 1st place (pizza), 2nd place (sandwich) and 3rd place (breadsticks) will be awarded.

Again, please patronize our sponsors, Main Street Pizza in Ovid and Twilliger's Tavern in Laingsburg. All winners can pick-up their winning coupons at The Weekly.

Wall of Fame Nominations

submitted by Krissy Pratt

The Laingsburg Board of Education will be accepting "Wall of Fame" nominations through December 12, 2025. The purpose of the "Wall of Fame" is to honor a person or persons who have made significant contributions to Laingsburg Community Schools. To nominate a special person to the "Wall of

Fame", a completed nomination form and accompanying supporting material(s) must be submitted to the Laingsburg Board of Education by the stated deadline. Nomination forms are available at the Superintendent's Office, building offices, or through our website using the following link address: <https://www.laingsburg.k12.mi.us/news>

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The City of Laingsburg passed a Property Maintenance Code during their regularly scheduled September 02, 2025 meeting. The provisions of this code shall apply to all existing residential and non-residential structures and all existing premises. The purpose of this code is to establish minimum requirements to provide a reasonable level of health, safety, property protection, and general welfare insofar as they are affected by the continued maintenance of structures and premises. Existing structures and premises that do not comply with these provisions shall be altered or repaired to provide a reasonable minimum level of health, safety, and general welfare as required herein. This Code will become effective November 22, 2025.

To view the Property Maintenance Code, you can visit the homepage of the City's website under 'Plans' (www.laingsburg.us) or view a hardcopy located at City Hall (114 N. Woodhull Rd).

Any questions can be directed to the City of Laingsburg Clerk, PO Box 178, Laingsburg, MI 48848 or dropped off at City Hall located at 114 N Woodhull Rd, Laingsburg, MI 48848

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- CLINTON COUNTY 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 November 19, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Paul J. Blankenship, a married man and Diane Blankenship, his wife Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns Date of mortgage: March 28, 2005 Recorded on April 13, 2005, in Document No. 5077700, and re-recorded via Affidavit of Correction on May 30, 2012, in Document No. 5185102, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Harborview Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-3, Mortgage Loan Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-3 Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Eighty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Twelve and 57/100 Dollars (\$89,212.57) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clinton County, and described as: Lot 153, Assessor's Plat of the City of DeWitt-North, a part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 4, the Northeast 1/4, the Northwest 1/4, the Southeast 1/4 and the Southwest 1/4 of Section 5, the Northeast 1/4 of Section 8, the Northwest 1/4 of Section 8 and the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, all in Town 5 North, Range 2 West, City of DeWitt, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 8, Page 1-15, of plats, Formerly Known as: The South 43.75 feet of Lots 85, 86, 87, and 88 and the North 41.25 of Lots 129, 130, 131, and 132, all in Block 15 of the Village (not City) of DeWitt, Clinton County Records. Also that part of the vacated West 33 feet of Market Street, except commencing at the Southwest corner of Block 15, Village of DeWitt (now City), being a Subdivision of part of Section 5 and 8, Town 5 North, Range 2 West, Clinton County, Michigan, thence South 89 degrees 51 minutes 21 seconds East 132.00 feet

along the North line of Madison Street to the point of beginning of this description, thence North 00 degrees 37 minutes 00 seconds East 95.30 feet, thence North 88 degrees 47 minutes 25 seconds East (not West) West 166.00 (looks like 165) feet; thence South 00 degrees 37 minutes 00 seconds West 99.20 feet; thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 21 seconds West 166.00 (looks like 165) feet along said North line of Madison Street to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 308 N Franklin St, Dewitt, MI 48820 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under 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. U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Harborview Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-3, Mortgage Loan Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-3 Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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

Estate of
WILLIAM GERALD EISLER
Date of Birth: December 22, 1958
**TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS:**
The decedent
WILLIAM GERALD EISLER,
Died on January 23, 2025
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to Julie LaBar Eisler, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 100 East State Street, Suite 4300, St. Johns, MI 48879 within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Julie LaBar Eisler
13116 Addinton Dr.
DeWitt, MI 48820

(11-02)

CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY 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 a.m. on December 3, 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 having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made on December 2, 2014, by Kareem Everett, a single man, given by him to Michigan State University Federal Credit Union, of 3777 West Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, as Mortgagee, and recorded on December 11, 2014, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Clinton County, in Instrument Number 5222408; on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid, as of the date of this Notice, the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Two and 44/100 Dollars (\$78,282.44); and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by said Mortgage, and the power of sale in said Mortgage having become operative by reason of such default; NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, December 3, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at the South entrance to the Clinton County Courthouse, 100 E. State Street (M21), St. Johns, Michigan, that being one of the places for holding the Circuit Court for Clinton County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or venue for purposes of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Mortgage, together with all allowable costs of sale and includable attorney fees, the lands and

premises in said Mortgage mentioned and described as follows: SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BATH, COUNTY OF CLINTON, STATE OF MICHIGAN: Lots 11, 12 and 13, Supervisor's Plat Number 1, of a part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Town 5 North, Range 1 West, Bath Township, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 14, Clinton County Records, ALSO, a part of Outlot C of said Supervisor's Plat Number 1, Bath Township, described as beginning at the Southeast Corner of Lot 11, Supervisor's Plat Number 1, running thence West 30.6 feet thence South 300.2 feet, thence East 30.6 feet, thence North 300.2 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Also, Lot 31, Culver's Plat Number 1, a plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 4, Clinton County Records. AND That part of Lot 30, Culver's Plat Number 1, Bath Township, Clinton County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot 30, thence Northwesterly along the Northerly lot line to the Northwest corner of said lot, thence Southwesterly along the Westerly lot line to the point of intersection thereon, thence Southwesterly to a point on the Easterly lot line which is 34 feet Southerly along the Easterly lot line from the Northeast corner of Lot 30, thence Northwesterly along the Easterly lot line 34 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as: 15793 Culver Drive, East Lansing, Michigan 48823 Tax Parcel Numbers: 010-160-000-030-01; 010-160-000-031-00; 010-380-000-011-00 and 010-380-000-135-00 The period within which the above premises may be redeemed shall expire six (6) months from the date of sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with M.C.L.A. Sec. 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the time of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector. Dated: October 27, 2025 MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION of East Lansing, Michigan, Mortgagee FOSTER, SWIFT, COLLINS & SMITH, P.C. Benjamin J. Price Attorneys for Mortgagee 313 S. Washington Square Lansing, MI 48933 (517) 371-8253

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, November 19, 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 certain mortgage made by Heather L. Rauscher, An Unmarried Woman to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated September 29, 2017, and recorded on October 12, 2017, as Document Number: 5259272, Clinton County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Fifth Third Bank, National Association, FKA Fifth Third Bank by an Assignment of Mortgage dated May 20, 2019 and recorded May 24, 2019 by Document Number: 5279356, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty and 97/100 (\$96,760.97) including interest at the rate of 4.12500% per annum. Said premises are situated in the Township of Dewitt, Clinton County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning on the North line of Section 28, at a point 1080.00 feet North 89 degrees 57 minutes 29 seconds East of the Northwest corner of Section 28, Town 5 North, Range 2 West, Dewitt Township, Clinton County, Michigan; Thence continuing North 89 degrees 57 minutes 29 seconds East 208.80 feet on the North line of Section 28 to the center of Turner

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

The Peplau Family Trust, dated September 22, 1998
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS:
The decedent EUNICE A. PEPLAU, who lived at 1307 West Marshall Road, St. Johns, Michigan 48879 Died on July 19, 2025
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustees of the Peplau Family Trust within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Ann Marie Wood
1505 North Dewitt Road
St. Johns, MI 488879
(989) 224-3344
Pratt Law, PC
Alexa B. Pratt P83426
201 E. State Street
St. Johns, MI 48879
(989) 224-9449

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Road; Thence South 00 degrees 01 minutes 40 seconds East 205.11 feet on the center of Turner Road; Thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes 24 seconds West 206.62 feet; Thence North 00 degrees 38 minutes 15 seconds West 205.06 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as: 1785 W STOLL RD, DEWITT, MI 48820 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) 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. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: October 19, 2025 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Fifth Third Bank, National Association, FKA Fifth Third Bank 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 25MI00737-1

(10-19)(11-09)

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF ORDER REGARDING ALTERNATE SERVICE REGARDING PETITION 29TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - CLINTON COUNTY PROBATE

CASE NO: 25-12579-CZ
Plaintiff: WATER WHEEL MOBILE HOME ESTATES, INC
c/o Swistak, Levine, P.C.
Plaintiff's Attorney: Jarrett E. Levine (P71902)
30833 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 120
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 851-8000
Defendant: John Doe
316 W. Michigan Ave., Lot 67
Clinton, MI 49236

THE COURT FINDS:
Service of process upon the defendant, John Doe, cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR2.105 and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonable calculated to give the defendant actual notice of proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.
IT IS ORDERED:
Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of the order shall be made by the following method(s): First-class mail to 316 W. Michigan Ave., Lot 67, Clinton, MI 49236. Tacking or firmly affixing to the door at 316 W. Michigan Ave., Lot 67, Clinton, MI 49236. Other: Certified mail with return receipt requested to 316 W. Michigan Ave., Lot 67, Clinton, MI 49236 and by publication in Clinton County Legal News for three consecutive weeks based on MCR 2.106. For each method used, proof of service must be filed promptly with the court. (10-19)

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 2) Please quote a total amount for snow removal and salt covered from
 November 20, 2025, through March 31, 2025.
 Please submit quotes to P.O. Box 136, Ovid, MI 48866. They can also be
 dropped in the drop box at the Township Offices, 1015 Baese Court, Ovid, MI,
 or emailed to ovidtownshipclerk@gmail.com.
 The quotes will be discussed at the November 20 Board Meeting.
 Thank you.
 Claudia Barrett Pluger, Clerk Ovid Township
 989-834-4830

CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

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 Notice is given under section 3212 of
 the revised judicature act of 1961,
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 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
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 mation:
 Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Jeremiah
 Hernandez and Shealyn M.
 Hernandez, husband 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):
 Freedom Mortgage Corporation
 Date of Mortgage: May 23, 2014
 Date of Mortgage Recording: May 29,
 2014
 Amount claimed due on date of notice:
 \$178,084.06
 Description of the mortgaged premis-
 es: Situated in City of De Witt,
 Clinton County, Michigan, and
 described as: Lot 35 Assessor's Plat,
 City of DeWitt-South, City of De-
 Witt, Clinton County, Michigan,
 according to the recorded plat thereof,
 as recorded in Liber 8 of Plats, Page
 16, Clinton County Records.
 Common street address (if any): 506 S
 Dewitt Dr, Dewitt, MI 48820-9567
 The redemption period shall be 6
 months from the date of such sale,
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 dance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the
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 ing the redemption period.
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 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: October 26, 2025
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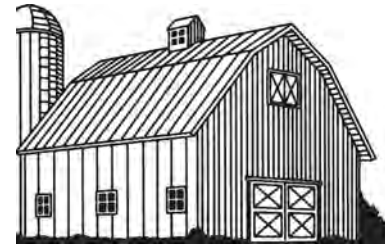
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Gratiot County Toys for Tots

submitted by Joanne Fornusek

BetterLife Bannister ZCJB Lodge is again collecting for Gratiot County Toys for Tots. We would like to assist families in our area who are struggling to provide Christmas gifts for their children. Last year this Toys for Tots organization made sure 1300 local children could celebrate the holiday with gifts and a book. If anyone (member or nonmember) would like to help with this project, toys and/or financial donations can be brought to the hall (401 E Main St. Bannister) on Saturday Nov. 1, or Nov. 8 from 7 am until 4 pm. Or Sunday, Nov. 9. at 1:30 pm. Thank you for helping put a smile on a child's face this Christmas season.



Mid-Michigan District Health Department Receives a Grant from Delta Dental Foundation to Expand Dental Care

submitted by Brady Guilbault

Clinton, Gratiot, Montcalm Counties, Mich. – The Mid-Michigan District Health Department (MMDHD) is excited and proud to announce that it has been awarded a grant from the Delta Dental Foundation (DDF). The grant dollars have been used to purchase a van for travel, allowing expanded Dental Care for the students of Clinton, Gratiot, Montcalm, and Shiawassee Counties.

“This grant has helped us reach even more students across our region,” says Shelley Treynor, MMDHD’s Oral Health Coordinator. “Having a van dedicated to our oral health programs means spending less time coordinating logistics and more time helping kids and connecting families with care.”

The purchase of the van will result in increased storage and hauling capabilities and a recognizable brand identity. This grant also expands dental coverage into Shiawassee County schools, which are not in MMDHD’s jurisdiction.

“Taking dental care on the road is just one way we can address barriers to care,” says HolliSeabury, EdD, executive director of the DDF. “Vans like these are helping hygienists statewide deliver more preventive dental care to children and families.”



Let's All Give Thanks For Recycling

submitted by Ellen Link

Don't let the chilling breath of autumn keep you from loading up the car with your recyclables and bringing them to the Greater Laingsburg Recyclers' facility. We'll be open, as usual, the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays (November 4 and 18), 4-6 p.m., and 2nd and 4th Saturdays (November 8 and 22), 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Everyone is welcome and there's no charge, though we gladly accept donations. Check out the long list of materials we accept (see below) before you come—you may be pleasantly surprised.



While we tend to think of November as the month of Thanksgiving, the meaning of which should surpass turkey and football, it's also the month of dealing with Halloween's aftermath: pumpkins and candy wrappers. But we're there for you: specially designated DBD Dumpsters will be on hand at each of our November recycling drives so you can "Pitch Your Pumpkins" and gourds—they'll be turned into compost by the City of Laingsburg—instead of landfilling them or smashing them in the street. We'll also be accepting all those unfortunately empty but hopefully clean candy wrappers at all our fall and winter drives.

We're always looking for new recycling possibilities, which is how we ended up adding dental products, inkjets and Brita water filters to our list. But we just learned there is one item we must now delete: denim. The company that was recycling denim has disappeared, leaving us with a lot of holey jeans and no place to take them (if you have any use for the fabric, please let us know!). It's unfortunate, considering that, while "Americans generate 16 million tons of textile waste a year," according to Green America.org, "over three million tons are incinerated annually and a staggering 11 million tons get sent to landfills!"

In addition, the EPA states that "cotton production in the U.S. alone uses millions of pounds of pesticides on a yearly basis." And Green America notes that over 43 million tons of harmful chemicals are used to make our clothing. So, it makes sense that buying quality used clothing rather than new and especially "fast fashion" (the ubiquitous cheap stuff) is not just the more economical option but also the healthier one. Plus, it reduces your waste, especially if you take your own still wearable clothing to or buy replacements from a thrift or consignment shop like Clothesline in Laingsburg.

Questions or feedback? 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 thankful you're helping us build a sustainable future in our own backyard.

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