

THANKSGIVING *Community Dinner*

OVID: On Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27th, Suzanne and Chara, the Mother/Daughter team from Mary's Country Kitchen along with community volunteers, will be hosting a Free Thanksgiving Dinner at the Ovid Lions/VFW Hall in downtown Ovid. A delicious turkey dinner with all the fixings will be served from 11am-1:30pm. Shut-in deliveries will be available if pre-ordered by calling the restaurant at 989-834-9640. Donations will be accepted at the dinner and will be going towards the Ovid Christmas Basket Program.

"My daughter and I are excited about continuing the tradition that my Mom started years ago. My staff and I will be preparing the meal and will be accepting desserts from those who would like to contribute from the community," explained Suzanne. Those desserts can be dropped off at the hall on Wednesday the 26th after 3pm. All are welcome to bring the family and enjoy this holiday meal together.

LAINGSBURG: The Laingsburg American Legion Post 248 along with the Laingsburg Lions Club will be hosting a Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner on November 27th from 1pm-3pm at the Post home hall located at 1240 East Grand River in Laingsburg. The menu will consist of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cole slaw, rolls, pumpkin pie and beverage. **"Dine-In or Take Out"**

The Greater Recyclers will be taking part this year in a Zero Waste event during the dinner. GLR members will be onsite to assist with the recycling of food, plates and utensils.

ST. JOHNS: The St. John's Lutheran Church, 511 E. Sturgis St., St. Johns, will be holding a 11:00am Worship service followed by dinner from Noon until 3pm on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27th. RSVP at (989) 292-0972 or CCThanksgiving.org
Food, fellowship, music, football and kids activities.

Jennifer's Place: Grand Opening

submitted by Allison Marcelo

Jennifer's Place is set to officially open its doors in Owosso, bringing an evening drop-in center to the community. The event, on Thursday, November 20th at 4:00PM, welcomed any and all visitors to the ribbon cutting ceremony followed by tours of the facility.

Located at 521 E. Williams Street, Jennifer's Place is open to anyone, including individuals and families impacted by substance use, mental health challenges, and homelessness. The center offers peer support, resource connections, and activities that promote healing and hope. Guests also have access to free showers, food, hygiene items, and clothing. Jennifer's Place is entirely volunteer-driven and made possible through generous donations from the local community.

Jennifer's Place's mission statement is as follows, "To support and empower individuals and families affected by substance use disorder, mental health challenges, and homelessness by building an inclusive community that offers peer support, harm reduction, advocacy, education, and resources to help people improve their lives and overcome stigma."

The center is currently open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings from 5:00PM to 9:00PM with the goal to continue to be open more.

"As a person in long term recovery, I have experienced the struggles of addiction, mental health, and homelessness. I also know with the right support, resources, and guidance that recovery is possible and life is beautiful. Here at Jennifer's Place, everyone is welcome regardless of where you are in your journey," said Todd Fowler, CEO of Jennifer's Place.

For more information about Jennifer's Place or the grand opening event, please call (989) 217-5006.



Todd Fowler, CEO/Executive Director of Jennifer's Place and Amanda Poppi, Certified Peer Support Specialist CPSS

Ovid-Elsie Area Schools

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education was held Monday, November 17, 2025. It was an evening to approve teacher and paraprofessionals master contracts and health insurance plan. In addition, the superintendent opted for an open session for his annual evaluation.

Sam Sicilia, director of curriculum, reported on the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools student achievement from 2024-24 school year. The vast majority of students are meeting growth or excelling above expectations in reading and mathematics. Students are progressing and exhibiting higher test scores in PSAT9, PSAT, and the SAT scores. It appears that students are taking the SAT seriously. Noting this is the growth of the Class of 2026. AP exams Scores of 3 or above is considered passing 70% passing, noting based on 43 students taking the tests. It was further noted that the number of students opting for AP courses and taking tests is anticipated to continue to increase as more student participate in the courses. SAT proficiency OE students are surpassing the State average, but there is room for growth in both categories math and reading. Graduation rates at OE are above the State average and very compatible to other Clinton County districts. Overall school index scores OE continues to score in the nineties far above a neighboring district.

In addition, Dr. Peter Faziani has completed the status of probationary teacher.

Horak also noted the following strategic plan input sessions have been scheduled: December 15, 2025 Administrative input in the student lounge at the high school and the Board input session will also be December 15, at 5:30 also in the student lounge. Board members must choose five comparable school districts.

New business included the adoption of the tentative agreement of the teacher's master agreement for 2025-28 and the paraprofessionals master agreement for 2025-2027. Both include incentives to attract and retain staff members. On a related employee issue officials approved a resolution for membership in the West Michigan Health Insurance Pool for a minimum of three-years effective January 1, 2025. This is for all employees except the teacher's bargaining unit, who opted for a MESSA insurance package.

The status of the Section 31aa funding regarding school safety and mental health. Districts are concerned with some of the language regarding waiving some legal protections regarding a mass casualty incidents including client/attorney privilege. No action taken at this time, Horak noted that law suits are being filed by some school districts and hoping for an injunction. \$145 per pupil would be received if accepted or \$175,000. The district has been receiving funding for four years; however, the new language is concerning.

Brooke Wooley, board president, reminded officials of the board self-evaluation. A link will be sent to each member of the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education, members are asked to complete the form prior to the December 15, 2025 meeting.

Next, the open evaluation of Mark Horak, district superintendent. The evaluation is based on a 1-3 score factor. The over-all consensus in the following categories: policy, community relations, staff relations, budget and finance, internal management, the overall scoring average 2.76/92% falls under effective evaluation. Overall, the board is very satisfied with Horak's performance in the short time he has been superintendent. Horak's goals were reviewed with a rating of 3.

No public comment.

Horak reported that the behavior problems within the schools are being addressed. The district is working with CCRESA to develop plan and the possible need for additional staffing. A parent letter has been sent addressing the behavior problems.

RELATED PRESS RELEASE

OVID-ELSIE AREA SCHOOLS: Monday, November 17, 2025, the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education met and conducted the annual evaluation for Superintendent Mark Horak. With the use of the MASB research based evaluation tool, the Board of Education approved an evaluation with a score of 2.76/3 which is Effective. Evidence and board discussion were used to reflect on Superintendent Horak's performance. Goals for the superintendent will be developed in January based on this annual evaluation. The Board of Education is pleased with the direction the district is heading in and is looking forward to stakeholder and community involvement in the strategic planning process beginning in January 2026.



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Elsie Library Adventures

submitted by Ann Trierweiler

Thanksgiving is almost here. The children already had their Turkey Dance, so you are too late for that Monday Morning Music and Motion. I thought it sounded a lot like the chicken dance. Maybe they can do a duck dance for Easter?

The Monday before Thanksgiving, November 24, our library hours will be as usual, 11 am to 7 pm. We will have our usual Storytime and Craft at noon that day. On Wednesday, November 26, we will be closing early, at 5pm instead of 7 pm. We will be closed for Thanksgiving and will reopen on Monday, December 1st. We look forward to a nice long weekend. Remember to pick up enough reading material for almost a week. May your Thanksgiving be full of peace, love and joy!...and a little turkey!

Don't forget about children's programming on Mondays at noon. We try to fit all the holidays in! Last week, we had a special, last minute treat for Veteran's Day. A local vet, Jeremy, came and read to the kids about Veteran's Day (on the following Tuesday) and answered questions from the kids. It was a very nice surprise for all. Our Saturday programs for December will be on the 6th and the 20th at 11:30 am.

The homeschool mom's group will meet on December 4, at 5:30 pm., for the last time before the new year. The Elsie Public Library Book Club will get together on December 11, at 6:00 pm to discuss "The Keeper of Lost Things," by Ruth Hogan.

We have nothing but ... "Warmest wishes for a peaceful celebration this year."

Laingsburg Public Library's Annual Silent Auction

submitted by Sarah Mattson

Laingsburg Public Library will be holding their Annual Silent Auction through Saturday, December 6, 2025.

We will have FIVE weeks of bidding during our regular business hours and a final bidding opportunity on Saturday, December 6th from 3:00-8:30 PM.

Bid on over 90 gift cards and 150 other items!

All proceeds go directly back to the Laingsburg Public Library.



Clinton County Historical Museum Event

submitted by Kelly Jurman

Join the Clinton County Historical Museum to kick-off the Christmas Season!

Christmas Tour and Story with Author and Storyteller, Laurretta Phillips

Christmas Tree craft

Trim the Christmas Tree

Enjoy hot chocolate and cider

Explore the General Store and Carriage House

All ages welcome!

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult Saturday, November 22nd, 2025

Two Sessions: 10:30 – 12 PM and 1:30 – 3PM.

The event is free and you must pre-register.

For questions or to register please call 989-224-2894

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.

Last Chance for Raffle Tickets

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), Ovid Service Agency, Michigan Livestock Services.

Get your tickets today and support this great opportunity to contribute to the Holiday Christmas Basket program for our community families.

Sponsored by Ovid Historical Society.



Community Christmas at Lowe Church

Come celebrate the Magic of the Season at Lowe Church. December 3rd-4th-5th, three days of family fun and holiday enjoyment. Thursday, Dec. 4th, Santa arrives at 6:30pm. Fri, Dec 5th, Christian Comedian, Ann Marie Jarvis, 7pm and Saturday, Dec 6th, Horse-drawn wagon rides.

See next weeks Meridian Weekly for more details.

Lowe Church is located at 5485 West Lowe Road in St Johns. For more information call 989-224-4460



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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.



October's Reader's of the Month



November's Reader's of the Month

Leonard Elementary Shines a Light on Literacy with Readers of the Month

submitted by Kortney Miller

Leonard Elementary School is thrilled to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students by naming the Readers of the Months for October and November! This monthly program recognizes students who demonstrate excellent reading habits, consistent enthusiasm for books, and a dedication to improving their literacy skills.

These students were nominated by their teachers for showing extraordinary commitment to reading, both inside the classroom and at home. They serve as fantastic role models for the entire Leonard Elementary community.

Please join us in congratulating this month's exceptional readers.



Front Row: Jazmyne Good, Karissa Brady, Marissa Brady
Second Row: Layne Studt, Brady Nierescher, Ellie Drummond, Aleena Long, Charlie Zamarron, Robert Kral, Gibson Jason

The Ashley Quiz Team was able to finish their season with 6 wins and 5 losses, good for a 5th place finish in the MSAC. Gibson Jason was named honorable mention all conference.

CITY OF OVID CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET

The City of Ovid will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 8, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ovid City Council Chambers located at 114 E. Front Street, Ovid, Michigan. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive public comments on the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the City of Ovid. As required by MCL 141.412 and MCL 211.24e, the property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at Ovid City Hall during regular business hours and on the website at www.ovidmi.org. The City of Ovid will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities upon reasonable notice. Requests may be made to the City Clerk at (989) 834-4006.

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- Breakfast foods
- Pasta sauces
- Canned chicken & tuna
- Mac and cheese (no-milk required)
- Instant potatoes
- Rice
- Laundry detergent

Monetary donations welcome - Checks may be made out to the Lions Club

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Obituaries

Jeffery Donald “Jeff” Lewis

Jeffery Donald “Jeff” Lewis, age 73, of Elsie, Michigan, passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 13, 2025.

Jeff was born in Owosso, Michigan on November 16, 1951, the son of Donald F. and Betty Jane (Johnson) Lewis. He was a proud graduate of Ovid-Elsie High School, Class of 1970.

A true outdoorsman at heart, Jeff loved hunting, fishing, and spending time in the quiet beauty of the Upper Peninsula. Trout Lake was his second home—his treasured deer camp where he spent countless years sharing adventures, tradition, and lifelong memories with friends who became like family.

Jeff retired as a heavy equipment operator and was a dedicated member of Operating Engineers Local 324, taking pride in his craft and the work he left behind. Above all else, Jeff loved his family deeply.

He is survived by his daughters: Angie and Christie (Crawford) Lewis of St. Charles, MI, and Jessie and Sean Hunter of Benzonia, MI; and by his cherished grandsons: Jacob, Parker, and Samuel, and his bonus grandchildren: Addie and Alex, who brought him endless joy and pride. He is also survived by his sisters: Jackie (Frank) Danalewich of Westerville, OH, and Carol Onweller of Bath, MI; along with many nieces, nephews, and special friends—especially his French Road Family. Jeff was preceded in death by his parents; his brother and sister-in-law Michael and Karen Lewis; his brother-in-law Bruce Onweller; and his nephew Ryan Lewis.

He was a proud grandpa who celebrated every milestone, big or small, and who believed wholeheartedly in the bright futures ahead for his grandsons.

A Celebration of Life with luncheon will be held on Saturday, November 29, 2025, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Elsie, where family and friends will gather to honor a man whose presence filled so many lives with laughter, loyalty, and stories worth retelling.

In his honor, the family invites those wishing to express sympathy to consider supporting the boys’ future educational endeavors in lieu of flowers. Online condolences may be shared at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



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Pastor:

Kendra Holcomb - Densmore

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Minister:

Pastor Kendra
Holcomb-Densmore
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“Otis Legatus”

“Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name... (Genesis 11:4).”

I just saw the Osbourne family’s first podcast since Ozzy died, and after four months, they’re still grieving. Missing her rock star husband, Sharon said she now knows what’s most important – Time. Ozzy affected millions, and made millions, but his family only wants more time. As the holidays near, their Memory Lane will be a very hard slog.

We all want to be remembered fondly, to do something important, to make a name for ourselves, to leave a legacy (legatus in Latin). Sadly, most names fade away after just one generation (can you name your Grandfather’s Mom?). One remarkable man made the whole world taller, making skyscrapers possible, but very few remember his name.

In 1854, New York City hosted the World’s Fair, and a man ascended above the crowd in an elevator with an open shaft and then halfway up he ordered the rope cut! He plunged to his death...but because of his Safety Brake invention, disaster was averted. “All safe!” he shouted, and with thousands of cheers the skyscraper was born as he stopped safely.

His nameplate is inside every elevator you’ve ever used, but we take him and skyscrapers for granted. Before 1854 there were very few buildings over five stories tall (ask any hotel bellhop...lugging luggage was brutal). Today, every skyscraper has a big name behind it, but inside each elevator is an even bigger name who made it possible...Otis.

Elisha Graves Otis changed skylines, but imagine having your name in over 2 million elevators, from the Eiffel Tower to the Empire State Building, and then ignored by the billions who use them. If Otis is now forgotten, and perhaps even Ozzy one day, how do we make a legacy that lasts beyond the grave? How do we take Sharon’s timely advice?

The Apostle Paul points us to the One who mastered Death and Time, and a different scraper of the sky. “For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down (death), we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.” We want an eternal building in the heavens, Time without end, but how?

“For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God (2 Corinthians, chapter 5).” A timeless legacy means dying, to self?

Yes, the original Latin for “legacy” is different than today. It meant “ambassador,” and representing Jesus Christ as His ambassador means that we have accepted His eternal life gift (Romans 6:23). If you are reconciled to God through Jesus Christ, then you are His legatus... an eternal life ambassador, serving the One who conquered Death and Time.

We have two choices with our Time allotment...spent on self (temporary) or on Jesus (forever). Even if you “build a city” or “a tower whose top reaches into heaven,” your name will be forgotten. This Thanksgiving we’ll all see Sharon Osbourne is right, when our Thanksgiving table is missing a loved one, and so I beg you, “be reconciled to God.” If you do, then you become His legacy...His skyscraper, so choose your master carefully.

Faith Focus

by Phil Hoppersberger
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Thanksgiving is Easy as Pie

Dear Andy,
I heard from a reliable source that you were an excellent baker. I would like to know your secret to a perfect pumpkin pie. Sometimes mine are too soft and almost soupy and other times it is as stiff as day old jell-o with no flavor. Please share your secret recipe with me. Shhhhh. I won't tell anyone. From a friend of a friend who is a relative and said you would be happy to share!



Have a Question for Andy?

Submit them to:
ask_andy@aol.com
You can also mail or drop questions off to: Meridian Weekly
P.O. Box 11, Ovid, MI 48866

Dear friend,

Your relative or mine? Ha. My pumpkin pie filling is made with a solid pumpkin. The premix, just add milk and eggs is a beautiful color but too soft. As for it being too solid and not flavorful, it could be not enough "fresh" spices or too much flour. Never use last year's cinnamon, cloves, or pumpkin pie spice. Buy fresh organic spices every year. Always use the exact amount of sweet, evaporated milk on the pie can directions. (not the entire can, using the entire can will make the pie too soft - save extra for the smashed potatoes)

First, my easy crust is 1 1/4 C. of unbleached flour, 1/2 cup of salted butter and 1/4 cup of "real" solid (not whipped) cream cheese. Chop into the flour until pea sized. Add 1/2 cup of ice-cold water, work in, handle it gently, roll out on the 1/4 cup of flour dusted on the top and bottom of the crust. Gently ease the crust into a glass pie plate, carefully not stretching the crust. Poke several air holes in the bottom and sides. Bake with a pie ring protector over the edges for 5 minutes at 350 degrees. Take out partially baked pie crust out of the oven. Cool it.

Add the pumpkin pie filling that you have mixed thoroughly, exactly as the recipe instructions are written. Heat the oven to a higher heat of 425 degrees for the first 20 minutes to allow the filling to develop a custard consistency. Then finish baking on 350 degrees for apx 30 minutes. A knife should come out clean. Never freeze pumpkin pie, but it can be made the day before serving. Store in the refrigerator. OR ... this year you could what I am doing:

Buying my favorite pumpkin pie from Costco@... or Sams@. All the bakeries in town and nearby grocery stores are selling already made 17-inch pumpkin pie for \$6.99 and smaller ones for less. They are perfect consistency and already baked and ready to eat. Easy as Pie.

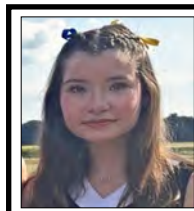
I am also picking up some premade crust to roll out for the kids to cut out mini pumpkins, apples, and maple leaf shapes with mini cookie cutters. They will sprinkle cinnamon and sugar. Bake at 325 degrees. Delightfully eating a yummy snack before dinner and have a memorable activity. I will cut another 2 dozen and bake until golden brown, cool and add around the crust edges to my delicious store-bought 17-inch giant pumpkin pie. It will look like I fussed all day. Fussing too much or being stuck in the kitchen is not necessary on Thanksgiving! Most items can be made in advance so you can spend time watching the parade and having fun with family. Make it an easy one this year.

Get your Turkey early. Don't make the mistake over roasting the bird. A 12-pound Turkey only takes about 3 hours or less depending on your roasting technique. Buying a \$30.00 roaster is well worth the investment. It frees up your oven for other dishes and holiday sides. Remove the giblets and clean the inside of the cavities of the Turkey with cold water. I smother the bird with melted butter. Rub 3 T. spoons of sage in the cavity with a cut up apple and small onion. (discard before slicing) Roast for an hour at 400 degrees with a quart of turkey or chicken broth. Remove the giblets (except the liver). Liver: trash it or slice it, flour it, and fry it in butter and onion, only if someone insists. Slow simmer the giblets to get the broth you will need for gravy. Roast Turkey until the internal temperature reaches 170 degrees. If you want crispy and browned skin, bake uncovered in the oven for the last 30 minutes. If you follow the rule for an unstuffed turkey, the recommendation is 13 minutes per pound, use a meat thermometer to test its doneness. It will be perfect. Allow Turkey to rest for 20 minutes before slicing, while you make the gravy and set out the other dishes you made in advance. It is ok to delegate exact items to others if you are having guests or family over. Everybody loves to help and be a part of the event.

Enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday. Be Safe in your travels. Be kind with your words. Give from your heart. Love and give with all your heart. If you are celebrating or having company over the weekend, sign up to help at a community Thanksgiving Day event serving other families or some who are not as fortunate to afford an entire traditional meal or may not have family to share this day. It is a wonderful opportunity to get family involved in the "giving" part of a Thankful holiday. Happy Thanksgiving. Andy

Overconsumption:

One of the biggest and most consequential issue the environment is facing today is overconsumption. Overconsumption is the excessive and unsustainable use of the Earth's resources. Every part of the process harms the environment, from the production of the products to the wasting of them. Overconsumption has detrimental consequences on the environment, such as biodiversity loss, water stress, climate change, and air pollution. It is widely accepted in today's age, especially fast fashion, electronics, and food. Social media has contributed to the disposable culture, influencing people to purchase more and enforcing the mindset of needing whatever is trendy at the moment. This way of life leads to an extreme amount of waste. But simply altering your spending habits and mindset can lessen your contribution. Think twice before making a purchase. Do you really need this item? Will you use it resourcefully, or end up throwing it away? Buying secondhand, or thrifting, reduces the demand of new production and eliminates waste. When buying food, determine the proportions that you will eat and not waste. Invest in reusable products whenever you can. Reduce your waste and reuse or recycle whenever possible. Implementing awareness while you're shopping will make all the difference. Changing the way we consume and embracing a sustainable lifestyle will refute the glorified consumerism culture of today.



Planet Perspectives

by Alison Kozlowski

Editorial... cont' on page 9

It is late Thursday evening and I'm trying to get into the right frame of my mind, I swear that it wanders whenever I try to focus on anything important like writing the column. At least that is how my brain is mocking me this week.



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

The weather was not on the welcoming side this morning, it was funky gray and most unappealing. As a rule I wouldn't have minded it but this morning it acted as a drain upon my view of life. I'm one of those early risers that enjoys the sunrise and blue skies, it makes me happy. I didn't notice the sun rising today, just felt a bit smothered in the gray weather. Fortunately for me the day proceeded to improve rapidly. I had the fun of having lunch with some lovely ladies that I used to work with in the nineties. Though the first gal in did a double take, she was positive that she had read my obit... I assured her that it wasn't mine. One of the gals, Marsha to be exact, is an amazing artist, she brought us in a set of stars that she had painted the Northern Lights upon one side and a winter scene with a cardinal on the other. She will be at the Winter Market on December 9th west of St Johns on M21. It was a delight to meet with these ladies and I'm looking forward to the Christmas party next month.

I've been making peanut clusters and getting them packaged. I made a new fudge and am terribly disappointed in it and will be giving a refund to the gentleman that ordered it. I'm horrified that I let it out of the kitchen ... I'm hoping for forgiveness. I do wish that I had gotten my running around down sooner today. By this evening it would have been a good time to make the fudge. Maybe I will be able to try it again tomorrow, depending on how busy we are at the shop. It has been a very slow week, first thing tomorrow morning Amanda will be stopping by to pick up her pecan pies and I hope that our regulars have gotten their first deer of the season and will be in to fill us in on the details. There are some big bucks in the area sporting huge racks. It would be nice if someone local could bag one.

I'm happy that I finally got my venison canned but am now thawing out a boneless pork loin and two pork butts to can this weekend. The pork butts are not boneless and will test my skill at deboning them. I have a new well balanced knife to work those wonders. It is pretty sharp and I will have to pay close attention to using it well. My freezers are now becoming more balanced and one of them actually has some empty space in it. It just might have enough space for the stale onion bread that I plan on using for turkey dressing. And I'm still re-potting plants, almost done which is a good thing because my great grand daughter Isabella is coming over Saturday morning to work on Christmas crafts. And I will need to have the dining room table decluttered. She is doing a great job, I probably should fix her up a crafting kit to take home with her. Isabella is ten years old and I'm amazed at how well she creates things.

I have three Thanksgiving dinners next week. One at church on Sunday and I will be making a green molded salad for it. Another one at Dena and Randy's on Thanksgiving Day and I will be making a veggie pasta salad which is one of Dena's favorite. Then at Diane and Brent's on Saturday, and you guessed it. Another salad, this time a seven layer salad and dinner rolls, I hope to save a little of each so that I can enjoy salads during the week. A week of salads for the week is fine with me, I might even roast a turkey for myself so that I can benefit having leftovers for turkey sandwiches, turkey pot pies, turkey vegetable or turkey noodle soup. It sounds good to me. MG's is taking orders for Christmas pies, cakes, cookies, rolls, peanut clusters and such. Late this afternoon I carried in two thirty-five pound bags of cat food into the house. Actually I parked the car by the front steps so that I didn't have to carry the bags that far. I put them on the top step then across the deck to the front door. It made me thankful that I could still manage the process successfully. I am thankful for roof over my head, food in my freezers, being able to afford things like heat and electricity but mostly for my family and friends and my good health. May God bless you all. Crystal Mitchell@2025

Celebrating "Power of Rural" in Carson City, Charlotte, Ionia, St. Johns Areas

submitted by John Foren

LANSING.— As National Rural Health Day was on Thursday, Nov. 20, University of Michigan Health-Sparrow is proud to spotlight the incredible work of our community hospitals in Carson City, Charlotte, Ionia, St. Johns and throughout Mid-Michigan.

These hospitals embody the "power of rural" by providing essential, compassionate care to our neighbors.

The national observance is held the third Thursday of each November to celebrate the "power of rural," which honors the unique strengths and dedicated providers serving rural America.

Our Carson City hospital is demonstrating a robust commitment to growth with the recent opening of a new cardiac rehabilitation center. This expansion is part of a capital investment of over \$15 million from U-M Health in UM Health-Sparrow Carson over three years.

A recent ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrated the new center, which provides heart patients in the region with vital, medically supervised recovery services close to home.

For decades, the team at UM Health-Sparrow Ionia has been a trusted health care partner. Since opening its state-of-the-art, LEED-certified facility in 2015, the hospital has expanded its services and technology to better serve patients.

A key service is the UM Health-Sparrow Ionia Infusion Center, where team members provide critical care, including oncology diagnostics, chemotherapy, hematology and other drug therapies. Their work ensures patients facing serious illnesses can receive advanced treatment without traveling far from their support systems.

Growth extends beyond the walls of our hospitals. UM Health-Sparrow primary care offices continue to serve communities across the region, with clinics in Carson City, Fowler, Greenville, Ithaca and Stanton, emphasizing that timely access to a primary care doctor is a priority for a healthy community.

For more information, go to UofMHealthSparrow.org



Sue Peterson from Ovid-Elsie Lioness Club presented a check for \$300 to the Elsie American Legion Post 502 for their roof. Accepting the check was Post Commander Brian Valentine.



NEW MEMBERS INSTALLED FOR LAINGSBURG LIONS CLUB: Pictured are (front, center) 11-C2 District Gov. Aleta Cozart; (back, L to R) sponsor Lori Leonard with new member Peggy Leonard, new member Fred Schaad with sponsor Terry Fraidenburg and new member Ed Tyler with sponsor and Club President Nick Holtman.

Laingsburg Lions Install Trio of New Members at November Get-Together

LAINGSBURG -- The Laingsburg Lions Club, celebrating its 77th year of service in 2025, installed a trio of new members at its November meeting.

Peggy Leonard, Fred Schaad and Ed Tyler were welcomed by a large gathering at the club's monthly get-together at Laingsburg Elementary School. District Gov. Aleta Cozart and Past-District Gov. Carl Cozart of District 11-C2 were on hand for the official installation of the new members.

Regular meetings are informal dinner meetings, and are held in the small cafeteria in the Laingsburg Elementary School located at 117 Prospect St., and take place on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. A monthly board meeting follows the regular meeting and starts at 7:00 p.m.

Anyone wishing to join is welcome. The club is devoted to bettering the Laingsburg community with the motto, "We Serve."



Art Explosion 6.0: A Celebration of Creativity This Winter at the IQhub

submitted by Sue Kadlek

St. Johns, MI —

The IQhub is pleased to announce the return of Art Explosion 6.0, an annual art exhibit featuring the work of adult and student artists from across the region. The exhibit opens on Tuesday, November 25, 2025, and will run through Thursday, February 26, 2026. Art Explosion 6.0 is presented by Mercantile Bank of Michigan.



Visitors are invited to experience a wide variety of artwork that highlights creativity, innovation, and local expression. Art Explosion 6.0 offers an inspiring environment designed to engage the community through the power of art.

Special Events Throughout the Exhibit:

Opening Day: Tuesday, November 25, 2025

The exhibit opens to the public with pieces from both adult and student artists. Admission is free. Guests are encouraged to explore the gallery and vote for their favorite works.

Winter Market Event: Tuesday, December 9, 2025, 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Visitors can shop from local artisans, crafters, and small businesses while enjoying the festive atmosphere at the IQhub. This event offers a great opportunity to find unique gifts and support local creators.

Inspire Your Heart with Art: Monday, January 19, 2026, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

In recognition of National Inspire Your Heart with Art Day and no school due to MLK Day, students are invited to create free art pieces using available supplies. A small canvas may also be purchased for five dollars to paint either at the IQhub or at home.

Artist Meet & Greet and Awards Night: Thursday, February 26, 2026, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

The community is welcome to meet the artists featured in the exhibit and enjoy light refreshments. An awards ceremony will take place at 7:30 pm to recognize outstanding work in various categories.



For more information, visit our website at www.iqhubag.org or follow us on social media @IQhub.

About the IQhub
Located in St. Johns, Michigan, the IQhub is a center for history, innovation, and exploration. Through educational exhibits and programs like Art Explosion, the IQhub fosters curiosity, creativity, and lifelong learning.

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Area Hunters have Successful Opening Day

Burke, Curtis, Holton Take Home Top Honors from Twilliger's Buck Pole

LAINGS-BURG -- Ethan Burke took home first-place honors with his monster buck, and Bubba Curtis (2nd), Jack Holton (3rd) also took honors from the 12th annual Twilliger's Buck Pole, hosted by Mike Putnam.

Dozens of hunting enthusiasts gathered for the Opening Day gala, with the pole on display behind the tavern for several hours under bright lights.

A big shout out went to the sponsors for 2025: Shaheen Chevrolet, Main Beverage, John P. O'Sullivan, Gordon Foods, Alliance Beer, Bryan Bach from Bach Electric, PDP's pizzeria, Gilroy's hardware St. Johns, Jeff Rouse construction, Dusty Voisinet, Apex Mechanical, Peacock Road Family Farm, Leonard Hardware, Aaron Budnick Farm Bureau Insurance, Nixon Processing, Kevin Tyler of Tyler Heating and Cooling, Sunbelt Rentals, Jeff Parker, Brad Schlicher and Schlicher, Mark Brink Construction, JNH Family Store, Craig Warren, Ron Strouse, Chuck Jorae, Gary Koonter, Pine Ridge Taxidermy, Williamson Wellness, Bruce Strouse, Russ Sherman, George Gavenda, Ed Arthur and Modern Woodman, Joe Edwards and Caterpillar, Mike Woods of Woods and Son Asphalt, Warren Malkin, Michelle Hulbert and Andy T's Farm.



Jack Holton Bags a 11 Point

Opening day, Nov. 15th about 10:30am, Jack Holton got this 11 point buck while hunting with his Dad Casey on the family farm in Elsie. They watched it for about two hours until Jack pulled the trigger at 185 yards and dropped it.v

Liz Bracey Gets 1st Deer

Liz Bracey got her first buck on Monday, November 17th in the afternoon while hunting on the family farm in Ovid. Her Dad, Brian helped her gut and drag the 7 pointer back to the house. She used a 350 Legend.



Ben Hoch Gets 10 point

Ben Hoch of Elsie got this 10 point deer in the morning of opening day, November 15th. He was hunting in rural Ovid.



(left) Raelene Easlick presents Peg Airgood a \$500 check from the First Baptist Church of Elsie to the Elsie Community Christmas!

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Wolfpack 'sisterhood' Announces They'll Continue Their Softball Playing Careers at Collegiate Level

LAINGSBURG -- They have played together since they were 9-years-old. They're more like sisters than teammates. And even though they'll be attending different colleges, the best friends are all about supporting each other as they've announced they will be continuing their softball careers at the next level. Wolfpack standouts Harper Strouse, Savannah "Savvy" Stirm and Bella Latuszek each declared their college intentions for the softball diamond in separate announcements last week.



Savannah Stirm



Bella Latuszek



Harper Strouse

"This a great achievement for them," said veteran coach Cheadle. "They have worked extremely hard to get them to this point. I could not be any more proud of them. They are great students and ladies that go beyond softball."

Stirm, the Wolfpack's first baseman going on four years, will be attending Northwood University near Midland. Savvy was feted as 2nd Team All-Shiawassee Area, after hitting .408 with a homer and 22 RBI as the Wolfpack's leadoff hitter. She also received top honors as Honorable Mention All-State, 1st Team All-Conference, All-District and All-Regional plaudits. Savvy is the daughter of Mike and Shauna Stirm of Laingsburg.

Latuszek, a four-year middle infielder and the Wolves' star shortstop in 2024, was named to the All-Shiawassee Area for the second consecutive season. She led the Wolfpack with a .463 batting average and recorded two homers and 10 doubles, and also swiped 23 bags, while also garnering Honorable Mention All-State, 1st Team All-Conference, All-District and All-Regional plaudits. The daughter of Brad and Jodi Latuszek of Laingsburg signed her National Letter of Intent to play for the Lansing Community College Stars.

Strouse, who this spring will be a four-year starter at catcher for Jeff Cheadle's Wolfpack, was the Wolves' 4th representative on 1st Team All-CMAC last spring. Also a 2nd Team All-Area honoree, she hit four home runs with seven doubles and three triples -- and batted .327 overall over the 2025 season, helping the Wolves advance to the State Quarterfinals. She is the daughter of Steve and Crystal Strouse of Laingsburg, and has committed to play for the Madonna University Crusaders in Livonia.

An unprecedented fifth member of this year's Lady Wolfpack, Skylar Stiff, will be announcing her intention to play softball for the Alma College Scots, Cheadle explained.

Gridiron Gurus Weekend of November 29

PIZZA -- Gary Purvis 11-1
SUB SANDWICH -- Jason Grieder 10-2
BREADSTICKS -- Jack Nutter 9-3
(tie-breaker)



GRIDIRON GURUS
 by Tom Turek
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A November 15-16 slate that saw Guru toe-stubs on Oklahoma beating Alabama, Texas on Georgia's mind -- and a brutal Lions' performance in Philadelphia -- featured Gary Purvis keeping his toes healthy.

Gary dominated the field to take home our lucious pizza giveaway, as our Gridiron Gurus enter the final games of the ever-popular football pick 'em contest.

Somewhere on high, the late, great Tim Zwick is smiling. His Guru grid is more popular than ever.

Second place went to contest veteran Jason Grieder, with a fine 10-2 mark. The real battle was for the 3rd spot, where another vet, Jack Nutter, nailed the tie-breaker on-the-nose (51 points) to win some fabulous breadsticks over Roger Skaryd, Bryan Reed, Bob Lawrence, Zach Grieder -- who all finished at 9-3.

In absolutely stunning news, the Weekly's "expert" staff runoff is all but over. The Wolfman's 10-2 mark for the week melted Amon-Joy Bar's rudimentary 6-6 showing. Ol' Wolfie has been howling at the moon -- full moon or nay -- with a sudden six-game lead over the Guru youngster.

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.

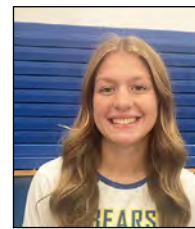
First place - \$100; second place - \$60 and third place - \$40. Just pick your winners and make a check mark to the right of their name on the entry blank below. No worry about Las Vegas point spreads, just pick who you think will win the game outright.

MOST IMPORTANT: make sure your entry gets to The Weekly before **Wednesday at 4pm this holiday week.** 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.

Sports



Ellie Drummond



Marissa Brady



Karissa Brady



Will Long



Robert Kral



Tristan Ringle



Gibby Jason

Ashley Athletes Honored

submitted by Ashleigh Kaufmann

Ashley had six athletes honored with league awards for their performance in the fall sports. First, for volleyball, Ellie Drummond and Marissa Brady received second-team MSAC honors, while Karissa Brady received honorable mention.

Football had a co-op with Merrill, and the Ashley athletes were very successful. Seniors Will Long and Robert Kral received first-team honors for the Blue division, with Long as a wide receiver and Kral as a quarterback. Junior Tristan Ringle was also selected to the first team for defensive end. Senior Gibby Jason received honorable mention for offensive line. Congratulations to all these hard-working athletes on their accomplishments.



GRIDIRON GURUS

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Editorial...cont' from page 5

It was Monday morning and the phone started ringing and the Weekly Sportsman noticed it was his son Aidan calling.

Hello, son."

"Hey dad. What do I need to bring for the weekend? Can I use the rifle and ammo that I used last year?" asked Aidan.

The Weekly Sportsman then realized that it was birthday eve, eve, eve, eve, eve. Just five days before the sacred day of November 15th. The opening day of Michigan's Firearm Deer Season and of course the Weekly Sportsman birthday. A special day for almost all hunters in Michigan when time almost stands still all day long from sunrise to sunset...



Aidan McMaster with his first buck

his dad for a quick 75 yard or so tracking lesson to find a seven point buck expired in some tall grass. The rack had four on one side and three on the other side and a few other little points that probably need to be measured to see if they count or not.

Aidan spent most of Monday at a friend's house cutting and grinding his first big buck that weighed 170 pounds on the hoof and 140 pounds field dressed. The vacuum sealer preserved his harvest that will be enjoyed throughout the coming year. He told the Weekly Sportsman that he hoped it was a good birthday weekend with him shooting his first big buck and all. Yes, a nice birthday present he didn't even know he was giving. Showing his father he knows what it means to show up and use real life self-sufficiency skills and knowledge. Sometimes an experience, like shooting your first big buck, provides little lessons not only about hunting but also about life. Hopefully, Aidan learned last weekend that like a lot of things in hunting and life, opportunity is often created by just showing up!

The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
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"...an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." 22

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").
Matthew 1:20-23

Yes. God came to earth in the form of Jesus, the Messiah. Truly human and truly God.

But will we recognize Him? Will we take the time during our busy schedules to see God?

For it is possible for us to have a good thing standing right before us and not even see it. We might totally miss it.

Here's a true story-

"A man sat at a metro station in Washington DC and started to play the violin; it was a cold January morning. He played six classical pieces for about 45 minutes. During that time, since it was rush hour, it was calculated that just over a thousand people went through the station, most of them on their way to work.

The one who paid the most attention was a 3 year old boy. His mother dragged him along, being in a hurry, but the kid stopped to look at the violinist. Finally the mother pulled hard and the child walked away, turning his head all the time. This action was repeated by several other children. All the parents, without exception, forced them to move on.

In the 45 minutes the musician played, he performed six classical pieces (two of which were by Bach). On this day he collected \$32.17 for his efforts, contributed by 27 of 1,097 passing travelers. Only seven people stopped to listen, and just one of them recognized the performer.

...the violinist was one of the best musicians in the world, renowned violinist Joshua Bell, a winner of the Avery Fisher Prize for outstanding achievement in classical music who regularly undertakes over 200 international engagements a year. He played in the subway station on his handcrafted 1713 Stradivarius violin (for which Bell reportedly paid \$3.5 million)...Three days earlier, Bell had played to a full house at Boston's Symphony Hall, where fairly good seats went for \$100."

Soon it will be the Season of Advent and Christmas. What is your favorite part of the Advent and Christmas season?

The songs? All those Christmas classics?

Is it the lights?

The decorations?

The special holiday food?

The sales and giving and receiving of presents?

Family get togethers?

All of these things are great and should be celebrated and enjoyed. But in the midst of what usually is a very busy time of the year, will we take time to focus on the true "Reason for the Season?"

During this time of giving, reflect on God offering us Himself. The best Christmas present anyone could ask for. Immanuel. God with us.



Religious Thoughts

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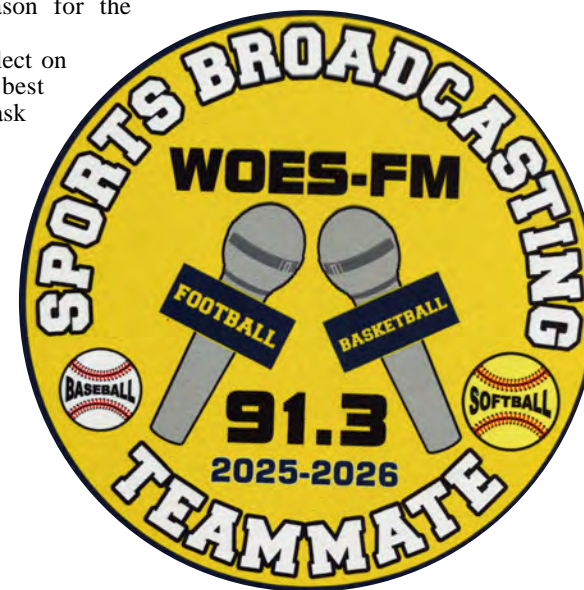
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY 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 Northerly 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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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

CASE NO: 25-32705-DE
Estate of
KENNETH JAMES FAIVOR
Date of Birth: May 1, 1964
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS:
The decedent
KENNETH JAMES FAIVOR
Died on September 13, 2025
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to Pete Faivor & Lawrence Faivor, personal representatives, 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.

Lawrence Faivor
P.O. Box 508
Eureka, MI 48833
Pete Faivor
5560 S. Krepps Rd.
St. Johns, MI 48879
(517) 331-1145

(11-23)

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 January 7, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. **MORTGAGE INFORMATION:** Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Abigail Brewer, a single person, whose address is 4148 North Williams Road, Saint Johns, Michigan 48879, as original Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Rocket Mortgage, LLC, being a mortgage dated September 23, 2024, and recorded on September 27, 2024 with Document Number 5348026, Clinton County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated November 10, 2025 and recorded on November 12, 2025 and given document number 5359273 in Clinton County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWELVE AND 67/100 DOLLARS (\$153,212.67). Said premises are situated in the Township of Greenbush, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, and are described as: PART OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 26, T8N, R2W, GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 26, 670.00 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 26; THENCE PROCEEDING NORTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 26, 200.00 FEET; THENCE EAST 330.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 200.00 FEET; THENCE WEST 330.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Street Address: 4148 North Williams Road, Saint Johns, Michigan 48879 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to 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. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: November 23, 2025 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Robert A. Blumberg (P87490), Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 30 North LaSalle St., Suite 3650 Chicago, Illinois, 60602. Telephone: (312) 541-9710 File No.: MI 25 6831

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

Estate of **ERNEST W. BAUER**, Deceased. Date of Birth: June 30, 1931 Name of Trust: Ernest W. Bauer and R. Doris Bauer Trust Agreement dated November 20, 1997, as amended. Date of Trust: November 20, 1997. **NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS:** The decedent **ERNEST W. BAUER**, who lived at 3340 Hidden Ridge, Dewitt, MI 48820, died on September 28, 2025. There is no probate estate. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust estate will be forever barred unless presented to Stephen W. Bauer and Cecilia A. Bauer, Co-Trustees, or Josephine M. Parrinello, Attorney to the Trust within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice. This notice is published pursuant to MCL 700.7504. There is no personal representative of the settlor's estate to whom letters of administration have been issued.

Stephen W. Bauer
3440 Hidden Ridge
Dewitt, MI 48820
Cecilia A. Bauer
P.O. Box 308
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Josephine M. Parrinello, Butzel Long P86619
201 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 1200
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(11-23)

CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF MORTGAGE CHARLES J. HIEMSTRA IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Default has occurred in the conditions of a Mortgage ("Mortgage") made by Lloyd Williams, of 15095 Wood Road, Lansing, Michigan 48906, Mortgagor, to Astera Credit Union, a state chartered credit union, having its principal office at 111 S. Waverly Road, Lansing, Michigan 48917 ("Mortgagee"), which Mortgage was dated July 8, 2019, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Clinton County, Michigan on July 15, 2019 at Instrument Number 5281200. This Mortgage is now held by Adventure Credit Union, successor by merger of Astera Credit Union. By reason of this default, the Mortgagee hereby declares the entire unpaid amount of said Mortgage due and payable immediately. As of the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due on this Mortgage the sum of Thirty-nine Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-two and 27/100 Dollars (\$39,832.27). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by this Mortgage or any part thereof. **NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT:** Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the above Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, Clinton County Courthouse, 100 E. State Street, St. Johns, Michigan 48879, starting promptly at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, the 7th day of January 2026. 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. The premises covered by this Mortgage are located in the Township of Dewitt, County of Clinton, State of Michigan and described as follows: Beginning 559 feet South of the Northwest corner of Section 26, Town 5 North, Range 2 West, Dewitt Township, Clinton County, Michigan; thence East 396 feet; thence South 176 feet; thence West 396 feet; thence North 176 feet to the point of beginning. Parcel ID No. 19-050-026-200-035-00 Property address: 15095 Wood Road, Lansing, Michigan 48906 Notice is further given that the length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from the date of sale unless determined to be abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be as provided by MCL 600.3241a. If this property is sold at a foreclosure sale by advertisement, during the period of redemption, borrower/mortgagor will be responsible to the purchaser or to the mortgage holder for physical injury to the property beyond wear and tear resulting from the normal use of the property if the physical injury is caused by or at the direction of the borrower/mortgagor. Dated: November 18, 2025 Adventure Credit Union, successor by merger of Astera Credit Union **MORTGAGEE THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY:** Charles J. Hiemstra (P-24332) Attorney for Mortgagee 125 Ottawa Ave., NW, Suite 310 Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (616) 235-3100

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submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

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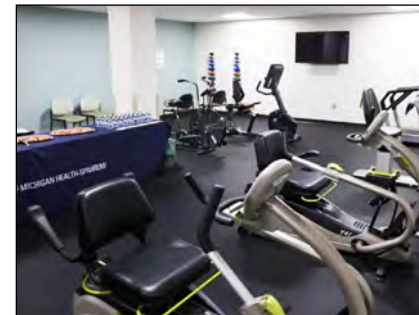
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UM Health-Sparrow Carson Opens New Cardiac Rehabilitation Center in Carson City

submitted by John Foren

CARSON CITY – University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Carson officially opened its new cardiac rehabilitation center, expanding access to vital recovery services for heart patients in the region.



The center represents U-M Health's continued commitment to the Carson City community and to providing access to care for rural areas in Mid-Michigan.

The center provides a medically supervised program of exercise and education designed to help patients with heart disease achieve their optimal health. The services are a critical component of recovery, helping patients regain strength, prevent future hospitalizations and reduce their risk of future heart problems.

"Bringing these essential cardiac rehabilitation services directly to the Carson City community offers greater convenience and continuity of care for patients close to home," said Tylor Wymer, cardiology supervisor at UM Health-Sparrow Carson and UM Health-Sparrow Clinton.

The Carson City location joins a network of other University of Michigan Health-Sparrow cardiac rehab centers across Mid-Michigan, ensuring a standardized level of high-quality care for patients throughout the region.

Cardiac rehabilitation programs typically include personalized exercise plans, heart-healthy lifestyle education and emotional support to help individuals recover after heart attacks, heart surgery, or other cardiac diagnoses.

The new center is located at UM Health-Sparrow Carson, 406 Elm St., Carson City. To learn more about UM Health-Sparrow community efforts, go to UofMHealthSparrow.org/our-hospitals-services/um-health-sparrow-hospitals/carson