

Lengthy Agenda for Ovid City Council

by Deb Price

Resolutions, Lagoon Proposal, Insurance Policy approval and EGLE Disbursement were just a few of the agenda items on for the December 8th Ovid Council Meeting.

The meeting opened at 7PM with a Public Hearing for the presentation of the 2026 Budget, followed by the opening of the regular monthly meeting. Following the approval of the agenda, November minutes, Invoice/Check Register, Public comment and Reports from the Mayor, Treasurer, Attorney, DPW and Police, the council entertained the New Business agenda items.

First, a Resolution to adopt the 2026 Budget which includes the following: General Fund, revenue of \$989,286.00 and expenditures of the same. Major Street Fund, revenue \$177,323.00 with expenditures of \$176,569.00. Local Street, revenue of \$112,900.00 with expenditures of \$110,507.00. Public Safety, revenue of \$81,290.00 with expenditures of \$83,308.00. Capital Project Fund, 0 revenue with expenditure of \$212,000.00. Sewer Fund, revenue \$222,000.00 with expenditure of \$752,196.00 and Water Fund, revenue \$425,190.00 with expenditure of \$342,146.00.

Six additional Resolutions were adopted including, Capital Improvement Programs, 2026 Salary Schedule, Health Insurance, Poverty Level, 2026 Meeting Schedule and the development of a MMPA Industrial District.

The sewer rate will increase slightly in 2026, the base rate will be \$10 for residents and \$15 for non-residents. A 3% increase each year will begin in 2027-2029. Next, the council accepted a bid from LA Construction of Flushing for \$575,000.00 for a Lagoon Discharge Structure, a project that will begin in January. Next up was an Insurance Policy approval thru Michigan Municipal League totaling \$41,200.00 to insure the City.

Other topics of the meeting included: Merit pay for full time (non-union) employees, Seasonal Banners, Lawn Mower purchase for the cemetery, Water Tank Inspections, Prep Software Accessibility, Garage Door openers for DPW building, EGLE and USDA disbursements. The council then went into Closed Session to discuss pending litigation.

Lastly, Personnel, Police, Finance, DPW, Park&Rec/Hall & Grounds and Cemetery committees were heard from, followed by hearing from Boards & Commissions including: OMESA, Planning, Zoning Board of Appeals, Library, Board of Review, Carriage Days and CAASA.

Village of Elsie

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The Elsie Village of Elsie held its last meeting of 2026, Tuesday, December 9, 2025. The turbulent year ended with the Village being in compliance with the Deficient Elimination Plan. Officials took action to set the 2026 meeting calendar.

Ed White, gave a year-end update of the Elsie Village Park with little to report. Officials thanked Mr. White for all assistance he has given the Village including assisting with the Christmas lights, holiday music, and street lights.

Nicole Fickes, District 1 Clinton County Commissioner. Fickes provided a re-cap of 2025, and noted that it has been a rough year and thanked the public servants for their dedication. She further reported that a \$150,000 Passport and Recreation Grant from the DNR to be used at Clinton Trails Park to expend the trails at the park. The LEAP contract was approved by the Commissioners. Also, here is interest in the former LEAR factory site. Veterans Office will have reduced hours during December. If there are further questions officials are encouraged to contact the commissioner.

The clerk/treasurer report was presented noting that 75% of the water meter replacement grant reimbursement has been requested, with remainder to be awarded after all of the water meters have been installed. The Village is seeking bids for a firm to complete the village's financial audit hope to have firm selected by February 10, 2026. Council will determine the auditing firm. Steve Adair, financial controller, will provide officials with copies of payroll registers for officyness in the name of transparency.

Police Chief Destinee Bryce presented the November 2025 police report. In November there were 12 traffic stops and 38 calls for service. The calls included traffic and motor carrier

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Elsie Lions Club Celebrates 85 Years

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE — Monday, December 8, 2025, was an evening of celebration for the Elsie Lions Club. Members and guests gathered for a special dinner commemorating 85 years of dedicated community service. During the program, Club President Richard Easlick shared highlights from the organization's long history, recalling the many community members whose service helped shape the club's legacy.

Several Lions Club dignitaries attended the event, including District 11-C2 Governor Lion Aleta, Past District Governor Lion Brent Bearcy, First Vice District Governor Lion Kenny Kinsey, and Zone Chairman Lion Blaine LaFler. Local municipal and school officials were also present: Jason Freeman, Elsie Village President; Mark Horak, Superintendent of Ovid-Elsie Area Schools; Sue Horak, OE Student Services Secretary; Bruce Levey, Duplain Township Supervisor; and Dawn Levey, Duplain Township Clerk. The evening even featured a very special jolly visitor — Santa Claus himself.

The Elsie Lions Club remains active and engaged in serving the community. Current projects and upcoming events include the 32nd Annual Wild Game Dinner on January 12, 2026, at 6 p.m.; Red Cross and Versiti blood drives; White Cane sales; tent and table rentals; participation in the Elsie Dairy Festival; the 50/50 raffle at Owosso Speedway; Elsie Heroes Park Car Show; Elsie Fall Festival; and the annual Beef Raffle. The Elsie Lions Club continues to be a vibrant and committed presence in the Elsie community.



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Upcoming Blood Drive in Elsie

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Social



Ovid Historical Christmas Open House

submitted by Karen Anderson

The Annual Holiday Open House at the Ovid Historical Society will be held on Saturday, December 20, 2025, at the Mary Myers Historic Home, 131 East Williams St. in Ovid, Michigan. Experience a 1890's Christmas. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. The Museum will be Open for Tours from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Refreshments will be served.

Library News

Ovid Public Library News

The weather is frightful but come in out of the cold and watch a movie with us. We will be having a Classic Movie on Wednesday, December 17 at 1:00. This week's movie will be 'It Happened on 5th Avenue' starring Don DeFore, Ann Harding, Charlie Ruggles, Victor Moore and Gale Storm. This is a holiday comedy that all will enjoy. There will be light snacks provided.

Our Holiday hours for December are: Closed December 24 thru 28. We will reopen on Monday, December 29. We will also be closing at 5:00 on Wednesday, December 31. We will reopen on Friday, January 2 at 10:00.

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Elsie United Methodist Church to Host Advent Bible Study

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – Elsie United Methodist Church, 160 W. Main Street, will host an Advent Bible study series, Advent Lunch Table with Music and Scripture, on Thursday 18, at 12:00 noon in the Elsie Fellowship Hall. Join Pastor JD Paik as we joyfully await the coming of Christ through scripture, hymns, and fellowship. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Join us for lunch, as well.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

submitted by Sue Casler

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held on Wednesday, December 24, 2025 at 8:00 pm at The Unite Church of Ovid, 131 W. Front St., Ovid.

Picture this...candles everywhere...carols singing... special music...a meaningful time with family and friends. There's nothing like this special night. There is no other day like it on our calendar. Join our candle-lighters, musicians, and our pastor as they guide us through this awesome "real" candlelight experience. (Battery operated candles are also available.) Every year we look forward to inviting our extended friends and family, to this genuinely meaningful service for kids of all ages.

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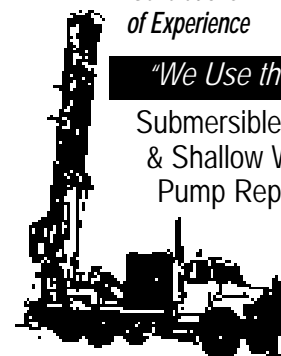
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Ovid-Elsie High School Students Earn 770 College Credits, Saving Families Over \$184,000

submitted by Mark Horak

Ovid-Elsie High School students continue to excel through the High School Advantage program, which gives students the chance to earn college credits before graduation. During the 2024-25 school year, 80 students participated, and together they earned 770 Lansing Community College credits out of 793 attempted. With college credits valued at \$240 each, the total savings for families is estimated at \$184,800. This program allows students to complete college level work during the school day with instruction provided by Lansing Community College faculty.



OE students participating in High School Advantage Program

Many of the credits earned are transferable to four year institutions, providing students with an early academic boost.

Student performance remained strong over both semesters. The average GPA for fall college coursework was 3.6, while spring coursework averaged 3.4. The high success rate demonstrates that Ovid-Elsie students are prepared for the challenge of college academics, and the experience they gain strengthens both confidence and readiness for future education or career pathways.

Principal Jason Tokar explains that Ovid Elsie's partnership with LCC functions as "enhanced dual enrollment" because of the additional long term value it provides students. "Because our students are earning college credits that qualify under the Michigan Transfer Agreement, many of those credits move with them directly into four year institutions," Tokar said. "This gives students a genuine head start, saving time, reducing cost, and allowing them to enter college already positioned for success."

Ovid-Elsie High School counselor Autumn Winsor shared that programs like High School Advantage play an important role in preparing students for life beyond high school. By offering access to college credits at no cost to families, Ovid-Elsie gives students an opportunity to reduce college expenses, accelerate their education, and build the skills needed for success. With almost all attempted credits successfully earned, Ovid-Elsie is proud to offer opportunities typically associated with larger districts while maintaining a supportive small community feel.

Elsie continued from front...

enforcement, community policing events, suspicious persons complaint; warrant arrest, two DNR hunting complaints; traffic control and patrol during school hours. Code enforcement continues to be in progress. Complaints have decreased.

Next, Chief Bryce took the opportunity to set the record straight. "I became aware today (12/09/25) of a post on the Community Page concerning my performance as Chief of Police. The post includes several allegations that are not accurate and lack important context. Many of the claims being circulated appear to come from individuals outside of our community who may not fully understand the circumstances they are referencing."

"The circulation of a police report from the Clinton County Sheriff's Office is especially troubling. The way it was presented is misleading and does not reflect the full circumstances of the incident. At the time of the call referenced in the report, I was not available to respond because I was fulfilling a separate, legally required obligation. The fact that this specific report was sought out and posted publicly raises additional concerns about how and why the information was being used."

In addition, Chief Bryce stated. "I serve at the pleasure of the Village Council, and with their support, I will continue to work each day on behalf of the residents of Elsie I will not be discouraged or intimidated by misinformation. My focus remains, as always, on fulfilling my duties with professionalism and integrity."

Jason Freeman, village president, further stated, "It is time to put the witch hunt to rest. It all needs to stop and needs to stop now." He noted, that he received an email from the ADA in Clinton County confirming that Chief Bryce was in court regarding a felony case, at his request.

Bryce provided the manager's report. November 19 Chris Ormes and myself participating in a Drinking State Revolving Fund seminar with intent to apply for the Water Infrastructure Funding and Financing section of EGLE. Fiscal year 2027 is the target date to qualify for grant funding for the aging water system. The goal is to replace the aging water mains and replace well number 1 and install an iron removal facility. A project manager has been assigned to assist with prepping for a grant application. Rural Water has been reviewing the new water meter data. Working with LEAP to develop a 5-year Master Plan and to improve business opportunities within the Village of Elsie.

Chris Ormes, provided a brief Department of Public Works report. Reporting that 73 meters installed, noting that there is an immense amount of water usage related data is available by the new metering system. Working on the roads due to weather conditions. And everything is running as needed at this time.

Action was taken to approve the 2026 council meeting calendar, the second Tuesday, 7pm of each month, at 145 W Main Street, the Duplain Township Hall, 145 W Main Street. In addition, a new date and time was set for the Ordinance Committee meeting due to scheduling conflicts. The amended date is Thursday, January 8, 6 pm at the Village business office.

Next officials approved to pay Fraker Farm Service a \$7,000 deposit for the Kubota Tractor repairs. Repairs total \$14,000. Not fixing the tractor is not an option, without repairs it is worthless. This is a full rebuild block. 400 hours on the equipment, the village has the mower deck, cab and other accessories.

Officials approved expenditures totaling \$181,200.88, Ferguson invoice caused the increased amount.

University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Earns National Recognition for Maternity Care

submitted by John Foren

LANSING, Mich. – The stork is flying in with an award: University of Michigan Health-Sparrow has been recognized as a 2026 High Performing Hospital for Maternity Care by U.S. News & World Report, placing it among the nation's top hospitals for labor and delivery services.

The "High Performing" designation is the highest award level and is based on excellence across multiple quality measures. These include C-section rates, newborn complication rates, breastfeeding support, episiotomy rates and adherence to federal "birthing-friendly" practices.

"This national recognition is a testament to the unwavering dedication of our entire team, our physicians, midwives, nurses, lactation consultants and support staff, who provide compassionate, evidence-based care to every family we serve," said Tonyie Andrews-Johnson, director of women's and pediatric services at UM Health-Sparrow. "Our focus is always on ensuring the safest and most supportive birth experience."

The U.S. News Best Hospitals for Maternity Care ratings are designed to help expectant parents make informed decisions. A record 899 hospitals nationwide participated in the annual survey.

UM Health-Sparrow is the leading birthing center in Mid-Michigan, with over 3,500 births annually. UM Health-Sparrow Lansing also boasts the region's only Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) for our smallest patients.

The 2026 ratings are published on Health.U.S.News.Com/Best-Hospitals/Area/Mi/Sparrow-Hospital-6441595/Maternity. For more information on maternity services at UM Health-Sparrow, visit UofMHealthSparrow.org/departments-conditions/all-departments/labor-delivery.



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Obituaries

Tyler Alexander Pease

Tyler Alexander Pease, age 29, of Ovid, MI, passed away Saturday, December 6, 2025.

Tyler was born in Lansing, MI, on June 5, 1996, the son of Steven Lee and Michele Rene (Stubbs) Pease. He graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School, with the class of 2014, and would go on to complete his apprenticeship in 2023, as a Journeyman Sprinkler Fitter with the United Association of Sprinkler Fitters Union 669.

As a wrestler from the age of five, Tyler would go on to wrestle in multiple regional competitions during high school. In 2012, he joined the fire department as a cadet, working his way up to a lieutenant before his retirement in 2025. He loved to hunt and fish, but most of all loved spending time with his family and friends, especially his daughter, Peanut.

He would do anything for anybody - there was no such thing as a stranger to him. Tyler lived his life to the fullest, and was loved by many. He was an amazing son, brother, and co-parent; and a reliable friend to those closest to him. Tyler also had a strong work ethic and once he had his mind set on something, he would always follow through.

He is survived by daughter Mila Pease; his co-parenting partner Carrie Sieffert (Sieffert and Pierman families); his parents Steven and Michele Pease; his sister Stevi (Doyle) Smith; his grandparents: Harold Pease, Janice (Linda Hooker) Pease, and Bill and Joy Wreggelsworth; many loving cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends that he loved like family; and his dog Boone. He is preceded in death by his grandparents: Michael Stubbs, and Sue Pease; great-grandparents: Alice and Larry Miller, Homer and Donna Stubbs, Arthela and Reo Pattison, and Harold and Martha Pease; and his cousins: Joey Hehrer, Zach Miller, and Angie Miller.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Holy Family Catholic Church on Saturday, December 13, 2025, at 11:00 A.M., with Rev. Fr. Anthony Brooks presiding.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to his daughter's future, please, direct all memorials to Michele Pease. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan.



Gloria Jean (Fredrick) Danek

Gloria Jean (Fredrick) Danek, born March 30, 1941, in Shelby, MI, died ("I'm not going to pass, I'm going to die!") December 2, 2025, from complications of COPD.

Gloria went to Central Elementary School and Owosso High School (Class of 1959) and graduated with an English major from Michigan State University. She taught advanced English at Owosso High both as a student teacher when her advising teacher died, then as a full-time teacher. She married Michael (Mick) Danek on August 3, 1963, and this year celebrated their 62nd anniversary. She retired to start her family, Scott Michael Danek of Laingsburg, MI and Paul Fredrick Danek of Tucson, AZ.



She and Mick bought a broken-down farmhouse on 40 acres in rural Laingsburg, and together they picked up junk, removed down fences, renovated the house, and made it like living in a park. It was mostly due to her devotion to the many flower gardens in which she spent countless hours.

She was a Hospice volunteer for 40 years, devoting much energy to Hospice until her COPD made her stop.

In 2002 and 2010 she was given the John and Catherine Cain Award for the volunteer who most exemplified caring and sharing toward those involved in the hospice program for the provision of direct patient care.

In 2015 she was given the Basil Henry Award for her substantial contribution of hours dedicated to service hospice in areas other than direct patient care.

In 2016 she was given the Angel Award for her service to the hospice flower ministry.

In 2022 she was given the Angel Award for her long career of dedicated service to Memorial Healthcare Hospice and its patients.

She and Mick got highly involved in birding because of the influence of her sister Betty and they fed yard birds year around at the farm and went on numerous birding trips all around the US plus Belize, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Brazil, Canada, and Kenya. Her favorites were Alaska and Kenya. And the Galapagos Islands of Ecuador. And the hummingbird trips to Ecuador. And Panama. And. . .

The picture is of her as we sat on the steps of a building at the Quito, Ecuador Botanical Gardens.

Gloria loved her puzzles too. Whether they were crosswords clipped dutifully from every paper, or other word games, or the 1500 piece 'two card table' types, she kept her sharp mind active and occupied.

Gloria was noted for her prolific card sending, for decades, never missing the birthdays and anniversaries of dozens of friends and family members. She is leaving a large void in the lives of many.

She is pre-deceased by her parents and survived by sisters Betty Groce, Jo Ann Messmer, Joyce Wagner, and Diane Reed, husband Michael, sons Scott (Jill) and Paul (Ashleigh), three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild, and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

While she loved flowers, she would prefer celebrations of her life to be donations to her favorite charities. While it's hard to identify favorites from the dozens (some years more than 80) that she generously donated to, Memorial Healthcare Hospice (Owosso), Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee County, and Angels' Hands Community Outreach LLC - Owosso, were high on her list.

A celebration of her life will be held later, probably in the spring around the time her thousands of daffodils pay their tribute to her.

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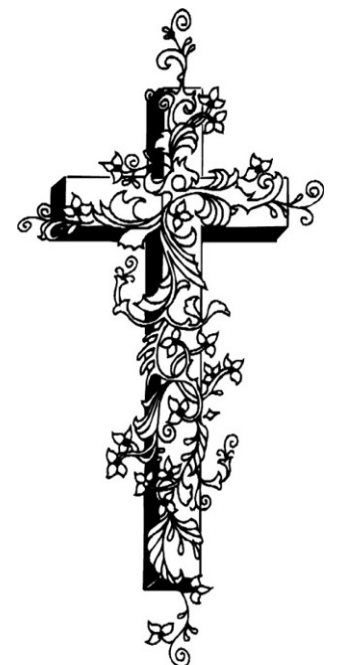
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It has been an interesting two weeks, time seemed to be shortened daily. No matter how I tried to do the proverbial 'stretch', it wasn't working. I was targeted to become another victim of the "PCH" scam, and it was rather hilarious. That's my view, I was contacted and was told that I had won seven point five million dollars, plus a 2026 Mercedes, free gas for six months by Sam's Club, one year of free auto insurance by Progressive, even had the choice of color for the car. The dude was quietly irritated because I wasn't impressed with my good fortune. He got more then pensive when I told him that I didn't want the Mercedes, if he wanted to please me then find me a full sized pickup with a crew cab, heated seats, I prefer one made before 2010 when the electronics were not be-dazzling the vehicle.



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Of course it needed to be a four wheel drive capable of pulling a heavy load and plowing through the snow. I expected that the truck would be low mileage and in prime condition. He chastised me because I didn't appreciate the allure of the Mercedes. When asked what I would do with the seven point five million dollars I told him that I would build a mansion for the area cats, it would also house a full time veterinary, a full time care giver to watch over the cats, and a cooking staff to meet with their culinary needs. I would also update my own home and add a downstairs bedroom. I believe that he concluded that I was a nut case. Oh well...

Life in general has been a bit on the hectic side. Saturday I had to get five dozen Christmas cookies frosted to give out at the Elsie tree lightening. Donny was a sweetie and he took the larger basket of cookies to give out. I was overly frozen before the parade began and had given out mine before the parade began. I missed it all because I left town and headed home to get warm. I did spend part of my time shoveling snow off the sidewalk in front of MG's Perx & Pastries and I salted the icy patches. And then it snowed again, so I did it again on Monday morning. Again on Wednesday morning just to push off that heavy wet snow. My muscles did a bit of complaining, loudly...

Tuesday afternoon we were at the 'Winter Market' west of St Johns. I had a wonderful time and enjoyed viewing what other vendors had on display. I picked up a Christmas gift for a local youngster who has a passion for the Lions. Then I gifted myself with a lake grass basket, a carved wooden bowl, a wooden hand turned candle holder, some muscle relaxing lavender lotion, and some puppy treats for Miss Prudence. Yup, I was a bit 'me centered' but I was enjoying all the interaction that I had with our customers. I was told that I needed to have a new picture put in the column because my hair was now all white... I explained that it was a bit of the natural aging process, guess that I was a visual disappointment.

Wednesday morning I tried to turn my Buick around instead of backing out of the driveway. It still sits on the edge of the drive on the west lawn. The wet heavy snow just made me slide onto the lawn. Fortunately there was enough space left so that I could put the pickup into four wheel drive and ease out of the drive. After closing the shop I headed home, I was ready for a 'long weather nap', but I did settle for an hour long one. When what to my wondering eyes did appear but a kind soul who cleaned out my driveway and the area around my mailbox. I was in awe of the expertise in which the machinery was handled. I don't know who was my benefactor but I am very thankful for his gift of time, it was an enormous blessing. I just wish I knew who to thank.

Currently MG's is taking Christmas orders which have to be picked up by noon on December 24th. Would anyone out their like a good start on a Hoya or an Aloe Vera plant? I have too many of them to keep for myself and would gladly share them with others. Just let me know, leave a message at the paper for me. Have fun and stay calm as you finish up your holiday plans. God bless.
Crystal Mitchell©2025

Wolves and Isle Royale Update

Many readers probably know about the coexistence between gray wolves and moose on Isle Royale and that ever since 1948 when wolves crossed over on an ice bridge they have been part of the longest predator-prey study in the world. The wolves almost ceased to exist in 2018 when the population consisted of two to three wolves and suffered from severe genetic disorders because of inbreeding. Following some wolf relocation, also known as translocating, the wolf population now exceeds over thirty in the national park. Of course with an increase in population there are some new issues that have surfaced.

During the summer of 2024, wolf/human interactions increased around campgrounds as wolves began exhibiting signs of habituation and a reliance on human food. Efforts were made to deter the wolves from campsites, including changes in waste management practices and implementation of food storage regulations. One wolf continued to show signs of "escalating boldness" and the decision was finally made to lethally remove that wolf.

New research has been published that shows that wolves on Isle Royale are very dynamic in how they select their prey throughout the year. From March to November they are hunting moose and in particular looking for moose calves. During the winter they have recently switched to a burgeoning beaver population which has exploded since wolf numbers dropped a few years back. Now the number of active beaver lodges has declined to around a hundred which is down from four hundred and the aspen tree population. Also, did the Weekly Sportsman mention that warmer temps are having a toll on moose because winter ticks are becoming more prevalent. Maybe the wolf and beaver ecosystem is the one to watch for the next fifty years!

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The Weekly Sportsman

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Editorial

Christmas: Panic or Joy

Andy, I am in a panic, only two weeks until Christmas. I recently became a single mom with three elementary-aged children. They are making a list like I just won the Lottery. I just cannot afford it this year. I am at a loss on how to provide a good Christmas morning for them. Any suggestions?
Broke Mom



Have a Question for Andy?

Submit them to:
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P.O. Box 11, Ovid, MI 48866

Dear Mom,

I am sure you feel "broke" in many ways and are still healing. You did not say why you happen to be parenting alone. Loss of a partner is difficult under any circumstances. Take care of YOU, so you can take care of your children and life in a happy and healthy home. It may include counseling with a professional. And, that's ok. Everything is temporary and Holidays add more unnecessary stress.

Children thrive and survive much worse things than a single-parent home. Let the Holiday Joy fill joy in your life. Your three children are your wealth. Love them, treasure them, provide for them, listen to them, and have fun with them. They will give you the best abundance and feelings of richness you all deserve.

As you are shopping, stay in your budget. You do not need a big credit card due at tax return time. You will likely need that for many other things. Go shopping at a thrift store. I have found many new toys and items for much lower prices than department stores. Most communities have Lions Clubs, Kiwanis International, Toys for Tots, and Salvation Army, just to name a few organizations, that provide food and toys. Contact them for pickup or drop-off times that can be prearranged.

There are many generous people and businesses during the Holidays. It can make a person feel good to give, and it is ok to be the receiver. Receiving and providing for your children will give you a feeling of a grateful heart, and how to be humble. Children do not need much. Being there and loving them is the most important gift you can give. Start a "family tradition" that is special or unique for your family.

My advice and wish for you is to have a very Merry Christmas.

Readers: Any family Traditions you would like to share. Send an email to askandyforadvice@gmail.com or ask_andy@aol.com Andy

VICTOR TOWNSHIP Clinton County, Michigan PUBLIC NOTICE VICTOR TOWNSHIP BOARD 2026 REGULAR MEETING DATES

TO the residents and property owners of the Township of Victor, Clinton County, Michigan and any other interested persons. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Victor Township Board will meet on the following dates for 2026. All meetings will take place at the Victor Township Hall, 6843 E. Alward Rd., Laingsburg, MI, and will begin at 7:00 p.m.

DATE	DAY
January 13	Tuesday
February 10	Tuesday
March 10	Tuesday
April 14	Tuesday
May 12	Tuesday
June 09	Tuesday
July 14	Tuesday
August 11	Tuesday
September 08	Tuesday
October 13	Tuesday
November 10	Tuesday
December 08	Tuesday

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Ashley Boys Varsity Basketball

Front row (l-r): Jaxon Wirt, Ryder Yelsik, William Long, Trevor Dolloff. Second row (l-r): Coach Frank Sourek, Gibby Jason, Tristan Ringle, Robert Kral, Sabastian Harrell, Asst. Coach Zack Schmidt. Missing: Trent Bylsma, Kamdyn Dennis, Mayson Giles, Xavier Young, Greg Gomez, Brady Nierscher.



Ashley/Merrell Girls Varsity Basketball

Front row (l-r): Kiera Kipfmiller, Ellie Drummond, Ava Bethke, Coach Jessica Mayan, Dilyn Colpean, Abby Badder, Ena Borton.. Back row (l-r): Coach Jason DeSmyter, Karissa Kremer, Lexie Fordos, Maddy DeSmyter, Danyka Gonzales, Marissa Kremer, Coach Wade Brown. Photo by Deb Price.



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Ashley/Merrell Girls Basketball

by Ashleigh Shaw

The Ashley Lady Bears will be taking part in a co-op for Varsity Girls and JV Girls basketball this season. The team is being coached by Jason DeSymter and assisted by Wade Brown.

There are four returning seniors, Maddy DeSmyter, Ava Bethke, Danyka Gonzalas, Juniors: Lexie Fordos, Abby Badder, Kiera Kipfmiller, and Sophomore Dilyn Colpean. Three Ashley ladies will be joining this team: three juniors, Marissa Kreme, Karissa Kreme, and Ellie Drummond.

"We're a well-balanced team with the ability to score both inside and out, and our depth is one of our biggest strengths. At times, we'll have all 11 girls contributing in a single game; that's how confident we are in the group. I'm excited to see how far we can go this season and what this team is truly capable of," expressed DeSyter.



Ashley/Merrell Girls JV Basketball

Front row (l-r): Khloe Schoch, Abby Burkett, Mylee Mechem, Aubri Pattenaude, Ariaaha Haswell, Kaylee O'Dell, Addy Porath.. Back row (l-r): Head Coach Jessie Mayan, Kayla Schoch, Aleena Long, Maddy Noykos, Asst. Coach Alexis Dill. Photo by Deb Price

Ashley Boys Basketball 2025-26



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1/6/26	7:00 pm	Merrill	A
1/9/26	7:00 pm	Breckenridge	H
1/12/26	7:00 pm	Vestaburg	H
1/14/26	7:00 pm	Webberville	A
1/16/26	7:00 pm	St. Charles	A
1/20/26	7:00 pm	Coleman	H
1/26/26	7:30 pm	Akron-Fairgrove	A
1/30/26	7:00 pm	Merrill	H
2/3/26	7:00 pm	Breckenridge	A
2/6/26	7:00 pm	Montabella	H
2/10/26	7:00 pm	St. Charles	H
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GRIDIRON GURUS WEEKLY WRAP UP; GRAND PRIZE WINNERS ANNOUNCED NEXT WEEK

PIZZA -- Rose Purvis
SUB SANDWICH -- Roger Skaryd
BREADSTICKS -- Ben Hudson and
Mercades Grieder (tie)



**GRIDIRON
GURUS**
by Tom Turek
tomturek20032003@yahoo.com

Who knew football could be so popular?

Our 2025 Gridiron wrapped up last weekend with a record number of local prognosticators plowing through the final grid.

After a wild runoff for third place in the final week of our wildly popular Gridiron Guru contest, we have the final diners to announce:

Pizza Rose Purvis. Sub sandwich Roger Skaryd. The aforementioned breadsticks Ben Hudson and Mercades Grieder in a dead "heat."

Rose fashioned fine 10-2 records over a tough slate, that saw most players stumble with the Texans wowing the Chiefs, and the Saints stunning the Buccaneers, in the NFL.

The 2nd and 3rd place bids came down to 3 players. Veteran players Skaryd, Hudson and Grieder wrestled it out in the tie-breaker, where Roger nailed the outcome exactly at 46. That left a third place tie that couldn't be broken.

And The Wolfman is nothing if he isn't generous. Breadsticks for all! Or, at least Ben and Mercades.

The final tabulation in our staff competition came down to a five-game victory for The Wolfman over neophyte Amon-Ra-Ra, who fell for the second-straight year to the grizzled, fanged veteran. Wolfie now gets to bay at the moon in glee for the next nine months.

The Guru now goes into seclusion to tabulate the Grand Prize winners of the 2025 contest. He'll announce in next week's edition of The Weekly.

Each week through the 2025 edition of the contest, the top three winners received a coupon for redemption at the sponsor of their choice; 1st place (pizza), 2nd place (sandwich) and 3rd place (breadsticks). We express our gratitude to our gracious sponsors, Main Street Pizza in Ovid and Twilliger's Tavern in Laingsburg.

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Wolfpack Rallies Late, Holds off Bath for 46-40 Boys Basketball Win

LAINGSBURG -- Jake Rivet drained a trio of free throws in the waning seconds -- including one that hit the back iron, bounced high, then settled safely through the net -- as the host Wolfpack scored its first basketball victory of the 2025-26 season here December 5.

Laingsburg's 46-40 Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) win over neighboring Bath evened the Wolves' record at 1-1, 1-0 in the league. The Bees dipped to 1-1 following a 46-39 non-league triumph over Napoleon in their December 2 opener.

It was the home opener for LHS.

"We're young and we still have to learn how to win games," said veteran LHS coach Tim Beebe, after watching his team overcome several late-game ball-handling miscues. "We showed a lot (of grit) and got a clutch win over a good Bath team. We scouted them and watched film ... they've got a good outside game and some very good young players."

The Wolfpack jumped to an early lead that lengthened to 25-18 at halftime. The Bees then started clawing away at the disadvantage, getting within 33-32 to start the final quarter.

But they never took the lead. Rivet, a senior guard, scored 6 of his 8 points in the final quarter. And when the Wolves lost a possession on a turnover, they made up for it at the defensive end, with numerous blocked shots and takeaways in the last minutes.

Landon Freeman got the red-and-white off to a quick start with 11 first-half points, and led them with 13. Leandro Dolega-Caceres added 11, Rivet 8, Kollin Bentley-Barr 7, Colton Heaton 4, Cash Heaton 2 and Collin Logghe one.

Gabe Sowa's Bees were led by Luke Wallace with 11 points.



#3 Landon Freeman scored 13 points against Bath. Photo by Burg Sports

O-E Bowlers Back in Action

submitted by Matt Fabus

Ovid-Elsie Varsity bowlers were at Colonial Lanes on December 6th. Both teams had byes for 30-0 wins.

Girls high scores: Abby Orweller 134, 144; Tori Dennis 114; Haylee Arnett 127; Brooke Pugsley 182, 157.

Boys high scores: Bryon Odenbaugh 132, 167; Collin Jullie 207, 136; Micah Ladiski 134; Teagen Ignash 147; Devyn Pugsley 148, 156.

Next up December 13th against Byron at Grand Blanc Lanes at 2:00pm.

Marauder Basketballers Open 2025-2026 Campaign with Three Losses

ELK RAPIDS -- Ovid-Elsie knew it would be a challenge traveling here for their 2025-26 basketball season opener.

That's why coach Canyon Walker took on the challenge. The Marauders found out just what a daunting task it was, dropping a 73-56 decision to the hosts in the semifinal round of the 2nd annual Elk Rapids' Ray Graham Invitational Tournament.

The tourney honors long-time Elks' coach Ray Graham. The Elks looked strong and advanced to play Kingsford in the championship game.

The Marauders took on Traverse City St. Francis in the second game, dropping a 57-47 nod to the Gladiators.

The busy early-season schedule wasn't over. O-E played its third game in four days, dropping the MMAC league opener to Mt. Morris, 45-40 on December 9.

Wolfpack Girls Prevail in Opener, 45-29, Over Leslie Blackhawks

LESLIE -- Laingsburg's Wolfpack girls basketball team came away with a victory Tuesday night, downing a tough Blackhawk squad here, 45-29.

The Wolves' Brooklyn Holm led all scorers with 17 points and Mallory Woodbury and Harper Strouse added 10 and 7, respectively. Harper Strouse piled up 8 rebounds and Payge Woodworth had 3 assists.

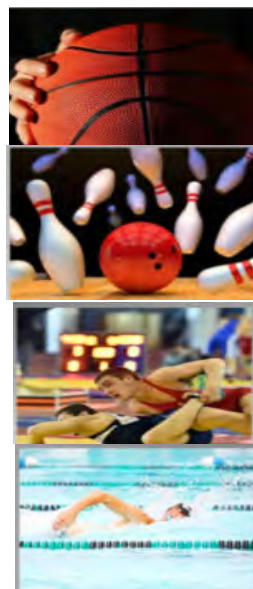
For Leslie, Alyssa Wing led the Blackhawks with 11 points.

Leavitt, Hebeler Shine as Corunna Swims Past Ovid-Elsie

CORUNNA — Ovid-Elsie's Marshall Leavitt was second in the 100 butterfly (1:23.14) and Jolene Hebeler was second in the 100 backstroke (1:24.38), as the Marauder swim team dropped a 124-45 early-season nod at Corunna High School.

It was the dual-meet opener for both teams.

The Cavaliers built their dominant team score by taking first places in each event.



Meet the teams for Ovid-Elsie and Laingsburg will be published December 21st

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the Circuit Court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on 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. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Thomas Weise, Single Man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans, its successors and assigns Foreclosing Assignee: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC Date of Mortgage: November 8, 2021 Date of Mortgage Recording: November 18, 2021 Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$271,084.48 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the Township of Watertown, Clinton County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Section 13, Town 5 North, Range 3 West, Watertown Township, Clinton County, Michigan, and thence West along the North line of said Section 13, 414 feet, thence South 200 feet, thence West 132 feet, thence North 200 feet, thence East 132 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly Known as: 4083 W. Herbison Rd., Dewitt, MI 48820 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act 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 Purchaser: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. 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 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: 12/07/2025 Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 251 Diversion Street, Rochester, MI 48307 248-853-4400 315911

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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 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 14, 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 Sherrie L. Preston-Foess, a single woman, whose address is 603 E. Sheridan Road, Lansing, Michigan 48906, as original Mortgagors, to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, being a mortgage dated February 7, 2007, and recorded on February 27, 2007 with Document Number 5113264, Clinton County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated August 21, 2025 and recorded on August 21, 2025 and given document number 5356893 in Clinton County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY AND 46/100 DOLLARS (\$25,990.46). Said premises are situated in the Township of DeWitt, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, and are described as: LOT (s) 15 AND 16, AUTO PARK, A SUB-DIVISION OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 33, TOWN 5 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 33. Street Address: 603 E. Sheridan Road, Lansing, Michigan 48906 The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 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 Judiciary Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 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: December 14, 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 6607

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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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Elsie Lions Club Donation

Pictured here is Lion treasurer Rick Jones presenting a \$300 check to Ovid-Elsie Lioness President Raelene Easlick on Monday, December. The donation to the Lioness Club was given for their support in helping at the Lions Food Booth during the Dairy Festival and other projects throughout the year.



Sawdust Santas recently donated handcrafted items to Ashley Community Schools for underprivileged children. Pictured with some of the items are, from left to right, Paula Pettigrew and Troy Spellman, Ashley County Christmas committee members, Leota Long of Ashley Community Schools, Dianne and Pete Eisinger, of Sawdust Santas, Jane Unterbrink, Ashley Country Christmas committee chairperson, and Lynn Schulz, Ashley Country Christmas committee member.

Sawdust Santas Donate to Ashley Community

submitted by Keith Salisbury

ASHLEY – Sawdust Santas, a volunteer group out of Laingsburg that builds and distributes handcrafted gift items to underprivileged youth, recently delivered this year's gifts to Ashley Community Schools in time for the holiday season. Founded in 2009, Sawdust Santas distributes items to youth in the Laingsburg, Perry, Owosso and Ashley schools.

The Sawdust Santas have been a part of the Village of Ashley Country Christmas since its beginning, operating Santa's Workshop, where volunteers help youngsters build toys as souvenirs of their visit to the North Pole.

Pete Eisinger, Founder and Head Elf of Sawdust Santas, said Santa's Workshop is the group's biggest fundraiser of the year, allowing them to help underprivileged youth.

"We are grateful to Sawdust Santas for all they do to help our younger visitors to have a magical North Pole experience while here in Ashley, and also for all the work they do to help area youngsters have a better Christmas than they might otherwise have had," said Jane Unterbrink, Ashley Country Christmas Committee chairperson.

For more information about Sawdust Santas, visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SawdustSantas>.

Laingsburg Lions, Legionnaires Team up Again for Free Thanksgiving Dinners

LAINGSBURG -- The spirit of the holiday season is giving.

The Laingsburg Lions Club was certainly in the spirit, teaming up with the local American Legion, hosting their annual Thanksgiving Dinner -- a completely free service to the greater Laingsburg community on November 26.

The meal consisted of the traditional turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing -- and all the trimmings.

The American Legion Hall was packed for the first 45 minutes of the event. By the end, the volunteers had served 175 dinners, given away a \$75 gift card and, as a caveat, four free apple pies.

The Lions are also well-known for their free-to-the-community Chicken Dinners and Spaghetti Dinners. Watch the Weekly for information on upcoming events.



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