

City of Ovid Officers Watson and Officer Vohwinkle Honored

Officer Robert Watson was named Employee of the Year by Chief of Police Lisa Rousseau in recognition of his outstanding investigative work and dedication during a Breaking and Entering case that ultimately resulted in a felony conviction and prison sentence.

Watson thorough approach to the investigation—specifically his attention to detail in locating, collecting, and preserving DNA evidence—demonstrated exceptional professionalism and skill.

“Officer Watson’s determination to dig deeper, follow every lead, and ensure that all forensic evidence was properly gathered directly contributed to identifying the suspect and securing a successful prosecution,” said Chief Rousseau.

His actions reflect a strong commitment to justice, victim advocacy, and the safety of our community. The level of diligence he displayed in this case exceeded the expectations of his role and showcased the high investigative standards of the City of Ovid Police Department.

Because of his efforts, a dangerous offender was held accountable, and the citizens of Ovid are safer. Your work brings great credit to himself, the department, and the City of Ovid.

“You are highly commended for your persistence, professionalism, and commitment to excellence,” said Chief Rousseau.

Officer Ryan Vohwinkler, was given a Life-Saving Award by Chief Lisa Rousseau in recognition of your exemplary actions on April 10th, 2024, during which he played a critical role in saving the life of a community member through the immediate and effective application of CPR.

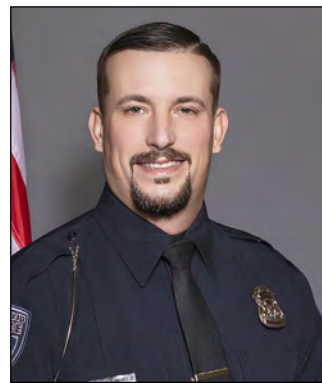
Upon arriving at the scene, Vohwinkle quickly assessed the situation and initiated lifesaving measures without hesitation. His calm demeanor, professional training, and decisive response were instrumental in sustaining the victim until advanced medical personnel arrived. Because of his actions, a man was given the chance to survive a medical emergency that could have otherwise resulted in a tragic outcome.

Vohwinkle’s performance reflects the highest standards of the City of Ovid Police Department. This incident highlights not only his technical proficiency but also your commitment to public service, vigilance, and compassion for the people he served.

“You are to be commended for your dedication, professionalism, and lifesaving efforts. Your actions bring great credit to yourself, this department, and the City of Ovid. Thank you both for your outstanding service, said Chief Rousseau.



Officer Watson



Officer Vohwinkle

Village of Elsie

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE - The regular meeting of the Elsie Village Council was held on Tuesday, February 10, 2026. An evening of light attendance.

Financial Audit firm BHM presented a brief overview of the auditing company. Mr. Brett Shay completed the village audit two years ago. Shay explained that the BHM company focuses on rural villages and municipalities. Officials signed a two-year contract with BHM. It was noted that five bids were received for the contract.

Mr. Ed White once again reported on activities at the park. He noted that there were no real updates. He is continuing to evaluate the possibilities of developing a nature trail loop in the back of the park. Parking would be designated by the leaf drop-off. There is a site that may be a possible sledding hill, as well. This project would take minimal work; there would be a need for signage, and the nature trail would need little maintenance. A wetland study may have to be completed, looking to agencies for assistance in that venture. However, managing ATVs is another challenge. Village officials said it would be important to get the park committee and citizens involved in the project. Action was taken to appoint Ed White to the park committee. In addition, the asphalt path was discussed. Resurfacing the path could cost somewhere between \$43,000-\$60,000.

Nickie Fickes, Clinton County Commissioner, reported that the county website has been updated. A special land use designation was approved in Ovid Township for a small business; the discussion between planning and zoning is ongoing. Fickes noted that the decisions in the township impact the village as well. The result of the discussion is 100% to maintain zoning on the county level. The current challenges of Clinton Area Ambulance were discussed briefly. There is a need to work together. EMS services and costs affect everyone in the community. In addition, the commissioners set the meeting calendar, and the master plan is underway for the fairgrounds. The next Ways and Means meeting is February 19, and the Clinton County Board of Commissioners February 24, 2026.

Representatives from LEAP/MEDC were present to give an update. The former Elsie High School redevelopment project has been paused due to funding challenges. The recent state budget cuts have had a major impact on the project. The 70 million line item was cut by 90%. Ken Harris, the developer, is frustrated as well. The funding has nothing to do with the Village of Elsie or the need for additional actions. It is a tough time financially. This is the time to contact legislators. The former LEAR Plant site was discussed. LEAP has been in contact with the building owner, who is also actively seeking a buyer with the desire to bring business to the Elsie area.

Jason Freeman, village president, reported that the Village has received two invoices from the Elsie District Library totaling \$4,000. The current agreement requires the Village to contribute \$2,500 to the library annually, provide water and sewer, shovel snow, rake leaves, and mow the yard. Ann Triweiler, head librarian, is willing to reduce the contribution to \$2,000 and to re-negotiate the current agreement. The consensus is that the district library provides an important community service. It was noted that the library is also funded by a millage approved by the voters. Discussion followed. District libraries are established when local entities collaborate to retain them. The Elsie District library agreement was entered into in 1989 and updated in 2004. It was decided to pay the \$2,000 and then to renegotiate the contract without a monetary contribution. Officials will check the legalities to provide water and sewer. This will become an action step to further the discussion in March.

Police Chief Destinee Bryce presented the monthly police report. Officers handled nine traffic stops and four citations. Complaints increased during the month with 55 calls for service. Property checks were up, traffic enforcement, motor carrier enforcement, one assault, two assists to other agencies, and visits to EE Knight. Training is ongoing. Virtual academy; training has become available and is being piloted. Code enforcement is also ongoing.

The ordinance committee meeting needs to be rescheduled. There have been numerous complaints regarding 119 E Main Street; letters have been sent since 2022 with no response

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Ovid Public Library

The Ovid Public Library will be having Classic Movie on Wednesday, February 18. This week's movie will be 'Guys and Dolls' starring Marlon Brando, Jean Simmons, Frank Sinatra and Vivian Blaine. Movie time will be 1:00. Light snacks will be provided or you are welcome to bring your own.

On Friday, February 20 we will try again to have a Story Hour. Hopefully the bad weather has moved on and we won't have to cancel. Story Hour will be at 10:30.

Just a reminder that we have a Giving Tree in the library filled with hats and gloves and other cold weather gear that is free to whoever needs them. Please come and take what you need.

Elsie Library Adventures

submitted by Ann Trierweiler

By the time you read this weeks' newspaper, I the month of February will be over half-way gone... One small step from winter and one giant step towards spring. Halleluiah!

Our library will be closed on the 16th of February in observance of Presidents' Day. Please keep an eye on our Elsie Public Library web page and Facebook for changes that have been made regarding our different programs.

There will be a board meeting for the library on the 18th at 7:00 pm, and an Adult and Teen Craft time on the 20th. We are going to try the craft time for earlier in the day...at 1pm. We were meeting later, but the time was bad for supertime and the craft clean-up. Live and learn!

The children will have one more Story and Craft time on the 21st, at 11:30 am, and their last Music and Motion for the month on the 23rd at noon. We hope to see all of you and your kiddos!

Homeschool Moms will meet on the 26th at 5:30pm. Do you have experience or want ideas for homeschooling? This is a safe place to share and just talk about life...24/7...with your children.

The "Winter Bingo" ends on February 28...so finish a row of the suggested book ideas and fill out a ticket for a drawing. We also have "Blind Date with a Book" here. If you come in, you will find books that have been wrapped with just small clues as to what book is inside. It is a fun way to try new books and/or authors. AND I know if you read this article, you can also read a book.

The Elsie Historical Room is only open twice a month through April. This month the Historical Room will be open one more time on Saturday, the 28th, from 9-12. Next Month they will be open on the 11th, from 2-5pm and Saturday, the 21st from 9-noon.

Duplain Church of Christ Red Cross Blood Drive

Duplain Church of Christ, 5565 E. Colony Rd., St. Johns is having a Red Cross Blood Drive at the church on Tuesday, February 24th from 12:00 pm-5:45pm Schedule your appointment at redcrossblood.org (sponsor code DUPLAINCOC) or call 1-800-733-2767.



Everyone is welcome to donate! If you have any questions about the blood drive please contact Brenda Martinez at (517)-896-2034.

Laingsburg Lions Free Spaghetti Dinner Returns February 17

LAINGSBURG — Capacity crowds of over 200 diners have greeted the Laingsburg Lions Club at its past free Spaghetti Dinners.



The next dinner, hosted by the Laingsburg Lions in conjunction with the American Legion Post 248, will be held on Tuesday, February 17 from 5 p. m. to 7 p.m.

The menu includes spaghetti with or without meatballs, garlic bread, a beverage and dessert. There is no cost, but donations are gratefully accepted.

This is a zero-waste event, with the assistance of the Greater Laingsburg Recyclers.

To-go orders will be available; sorry no deliveries. Bring a friend, bring a neighbor and enjoy a great evening of community fellowship; the community truly coming together for the betterment of all. Everyone is welcome!

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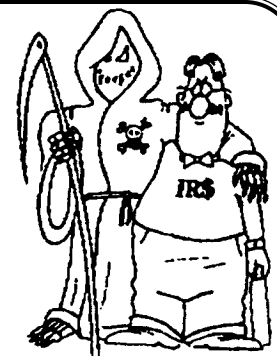
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Elsie continued from front...

from the owner. Ordinances need to be updated so a legal path can be taken. Table the reschedule until the 2026-27 budget is passed.

Next, Bryce presented officials with the manager's report, noting it was a busy month of meetings both in person and virtually. The FD Engineering meeting took place to prepare a grant application. Reaching out to legislators for support would be beneficial. Discussion with LEAP regarding development opportunities for the village. A master plan is needed; however, the cost of approximately \$30,000 is not feasible at this time. Online training modules are available for informational purposes. MML, risk management, representative conducted the annual inspection of the police department and department of public works, and the Village did very well. The annual insurance evaluation is approaching, and the village properties will be updated in the policy. The budget process is underway, and a budget committee meeting will be scheduled for

February 25, 2026 6pm. The fiscal year 2027 budget will be very similar to the current budget and will end the year with a 8% fund balance; the goal is 20%. Rural water will complete

the water rate study, and a review of the findings will be on Thursday, February 12, to discuss the results.

Water main breaks continue to be an issue, with four to date. The work must be subcontracted due to the lack of village-owned equipment. The backhoe needs to be sold; it is costing too much to maintain. Officials believe that with the purchase of a mini excavator, it will do the job necessary. A grant has been applied for, and officials are hopeful the request will be successful. The backhoe will be put up for bids to be sold.

Officials took action to approve the budget amendments and expenditures totaling \$39,093.41.

Ovid Historical History Room Hours Change

The Ovid Historical Society History Room, located inside the Ovid Public Library, has changed their hours open to the public to every Monday from 1pm-3pm. For more information or to set up an appointment, call Ken Miller at 989-666-6826 or by email at ovidite@yahoo.com

OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 8:30am - 12 Noon

Wednesday: Thursday: 8:30am-4:00pm

Friday: Closed

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Greenbush Township Board will be holding their Annual Budget meeting for the FY 2026-2027.

This is open to the public and will be held Saturday, February 21, 2026 at 9am at the Greenbush Township Hall, 1883 E. French Rd. St. Johns MI.

Any questions or concerns please call 989-224-3993.

Ramona Smith, Township Clerk
(989) 224-3993 or (517) 930-4180

OVID TOWNSHIP PROPOSED MEETING MINUTES - Thursday, January 22, 2026

Supervisor J. West called the regular meeting to order at 6 p.m., with the Pledge to the Flag.

Roll Call: Supervisor Jennings West, Clerk Claudia Barrett Pluger, Treasurer Nancy Hughson, Trustee Bobby Byles, Trustee Kurt Wolf
Absent: None

Guests: Keith Jones, Lionel Olson, Robin Olson, Lynn Weber, Nicole Fickes, Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items: Keith Jones

Approval of Agenda: Board discussion on Approval of Agenda Moved by N. Hughson to approve the agenda, Seconded by J. West. Carried.
Approval of Minutes of December 18, 2025: Moved by K. Wolf to approve the minutes from December 18, and place them on file, Seconded by J. West. Carried.

Treasurer's Financial Report:

Moved by K. Wolf to accept the Treasurer's financial report, and place it on file, Seconded by B. Byles. Carried.

Amend and Approve Budget:

Moved by C. Pluger to amend and approve the budget for GL Number 101-445-810, Drains at Large, for \$1,171.26, Seconded by N. Hughson. Carried.

Clerk's Report & Check Register-\$27,171.78 (December 19, 2025-January 22, 2026): Moved by B. Byles to approve the Clerk's report and check register, as submitted, Seconded by K. Wolf. Carried.

New Business:

Lynn Weber, Clinton Area Ambulance Service Authority (CAASA):

Mr. Weber reported on the finances of CAASA, which are very tight at this time due to reduced run volume and an increase in uncollectible service fees. Mr. Weber requested \$2 more per capita from Ovid Township to finish out this fiscal year, which ends March 31, 2026. For 2026-2027, \$17 per capita is requested on the budget for Ovid Township.

CAASA is requesting an additional \$5 per capita, \$22 per capita total.

Moved by B. Byles to give the \$2 per capita to CAASA, as they have requested. Board Discussion. Seconded by K. Wolf.

Roll Call Vote: K. Wolf-Yes, N. Hughson-Yes, J. West-Yes, B. Byles-Yes, C. Pluger-Yes. Carried.

Resolution Number 2026-01, 2026 Poverty Exemption Resolution: Board discussion. Moved by C. Pluger to adopt Resolution Number 2026-01, Resolution to Adopt 2026 Federal Poverty Exemption Guidelines, Seconded by J. West.

Roll Call Vote: K. Wolf-Yes, N. Hughson-Yes, J. West-Yes, B. Byles-Yes, C. Pluger-Yes. Carried.

Budget hearing date - Board discussion. The Board agreed on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 5 p.m. for the 2026-2027 Budget hearing date.

Reports by:

County Commissioner - Nicole Fickes

Library -Trustee Bobby Byles

OMESA - Treasurer Nancy Hughson

CAASA - Supervisor Jennings West

Public Comments: Robin Olson, Keith Jones, Nicole Fickes

Board Comments: Comments by B. Byles, J. West, C. Pluger, N. Hughson, K. Wolf

Adjournment: Motion by B. Byles to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by C. Pluger. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Claudia Barrett Pluger, Clerk

VICTOR TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

The Victor Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 at the Victor Township Hall, 6843 E. Alward Rd. Laingsburg, Michigan, on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the Township Hall.

This Notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a(2)(3) and the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Victor Township board by writing or calling the township hall at 517-651-2094.

Lianne Prange, Victor Township Clerk
Posted: February 11, 2026

Ovid Township March Board of Review

Meeting Dates Organizational Meeting Only
Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

Appeals will be heard:
Monday, March 9, 2026
1 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Wednesday, March 11, 2026
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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CITY OF OVID – PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Ovid, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.**, at Ovid City Hall, 114 E. Front Street, Ovid, Michigan.

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider an application submitted by Michigan Milk Producers Association for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate pursuant to Public Act 198 of 1974, as amended, for property located at 430 W. Williams Street, Ovid, Michigan, Parcel Identification Numbers 580-000-043-010-00, 580-000-043-005-00, 580-000-043-015-00, and 580-120-001-001-00.

All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations should contact the City Clerk at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Susan Tomasek Swan, City Clerk
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ELBA TOWNSHIP GRATIOT COUNTY

All Elba Township Board of Review Organization Meetings will be held at the new Elba Township office at 623 S. Quarterline St. in Ashley. Organization Meeting Tuesday March 3, 2026 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Elba Township Board of Review dates:
Monday March 9, 2026 from 1:00 PM. to 5:00 PM.
6:00 PM. To 9:00 PM.
Tuesday March 10, 2026 from 9:00 AM. to 12:00 Noon
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2026 BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE

CITY OF OVID
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2026 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

The City of Ovid Board of Review will be held at City Hall, 114 E Front St, on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 3, at 8:00 a.m. Organizational Meeting
Wednesday, March 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for Appeals
Thursday, March 12, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for Appeals

To schedule a Board of Review appointment and receive a petition, please email jkohagen@bsasoftware.com or call 989-383-0306.

By board resolution, residents can protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 11. Post marks are not accepted.

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Personal Property.....	50.00%.....	1.0000
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Obituaries

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Charlene Ginther (nee Earley), age 86, Ovid, MI. Our loving mom passed away on February 10th, 2026.

Charlene worked as an LPN at Ovid Convalescent Manor during the 1970s. She was also the loving care giver to her youngest son, John.

Besides her son John, Charlene is survived by her husband, Ronald, daughter Rhonda (Kevin) Cushman of Detroit, James (Theresa) of Lansing, and Michael (Stacey) Ginther of Logansport, Indiana. Nine grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. Sister Sandy Chadwick of Florida.

Graveside services are private.

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Reaching up towards the heavens
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Holding days to treasure"
With all our love,
Rhonda Marie, and your sons*



Consumers Energy Continues Efforts to Lower Natural Gas Prices

submitted by Megan D. Kirk

JACKSON – As winter temperatures fall across Michigan, Consumers Energy customers are seeing something different from national headlines: lower natural gas prices. Through smart planning and Michigan’s extensive underground storage system, Consumers Energy is keeping energy costs within reach for customers across the state.

By purchasing natural gas during the summer when prices are lowest and storing it for winter use, Consumers Energy delivers meaningful savings to customers. As a result, residential natural gas rates are 28% below the national average. Consumers Energy also does not profit from the cost of gas – passing on savings directly to our customers.

“Families are facing real pressure from rising costs – groceries, housing, healthcare and more – energy shouldn’t add to that burden,” said LeeRoy Wells, senior vice president and president of gas delivery. “No one should have to choose between heating their home and buying groceries. That’s why we work year-round to keep costs down – and why we’re ready to help connect customers with real savings and solutions.”

To further support Michigan families during extreme cold weather, Consumers Energy is doing more than working to keep costs down – we’re also here to help when customers need additional support.

Last week, Consumers Energy announced a \$5 million investment to help customers and communities across Michigan access bill assistance through trusted local community partners. If you’re worried about your bill, you don’t have to navigate it alone. Consumers Energy is here to support our customers and walk through options designed to keep energy costs within reach.

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Editorial



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Oh the horror, I have failed to follow through on fulfilling of my expectations. The plan was to keep my kitchen sink empty, the plan has failed. The right sink is filled with clean, dry dishes that need to be returned to the cupboard. The left sink is stacked with three dinner plates, two luncheon plates, four saucers, four glasses and two mugs... all of them dirty. I have spent the last few days finishing up tax papers which should have been complete a week ago. Sounds like a major intention filled with procrastination. I'm more than a tad bit aggravated with myself, though I can forgive my lapse of following my good intentions... however the lack of guilt is telling. There is also a couple of knives, three dinner forks, two salad forks, three teaspoons and four soup spoons resting in the bottom of the left sink. Sounds like a bad case of lazies to me. This is a minor setback, I have kept the sinks empty since Thanksgiving, I just need to have a bit more perseverance.

Miss Prudence is making her return to good health and sweet temperament. No more snapping at me when I comb or touch her little paws. Pru is happy to have her Valentine scarf wrapped around her neck and has posed beautifully for her pics. She is happy to go out into the yard for her absolution and has no problem grabbing my attention by barking loudly to open the door. And I do mean now!!! Of course she seems to expect me to wait at the door until she wants to come back inside. Her cat friends tend to crowd her when she is outside and also do try to crowd into her space as she returns to her cozy habitat that centers around snuggling into the warmth of my lap. No sharing space... I have been feeding her the extra protein that the vet recommended, she has been dining on beef liver, round steak, and chuck roast. Margie even gave me a package of liver to fix for Pru, just salted and pan fried on both sides then slowly simmered. I have shared the steak and roast but not the liver because I loath it without the onions and Prudence can have them.

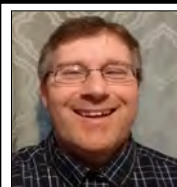
Have you ever noticed when you look at your surroundings that you are definitely missing something? This morning as I fed the outdoor cats I noticed that Snowflake looked as if she was curled up in a bowl... I filled the cat's food dish and then had that woozier moment. Snowflake was sitting in a dish, she looked to be very contented. The boards on the deck were coated with frost and there she sat cuddled up in the cats' heated water dish sans the water. Smart cat, her feet, toes, and tummy were toasty warm! Of course I had to depose her of her heated throne and fill it with a half gallon of water.

This morning when I get to the shop I have to make a batch of sausage gravy, we sold out yesterday and didn't have time to make more. The decorated chocolate chip hearts and brownies are ready to be picked up this morning and there are only a dozen buttercream frosted smaller heart shaped cookies left. I'm glad that a few haven't been frosted yet, as I like them plain with my first cup of coffee. Phillip came in again this week and talked about visiting his Aunt Dolores, and he brought me an enameled metal table top table. I have to replace the drawer lip that came off in its many moves. Diane and Brent brought it home for me on Wednesday. Now it sits in the living room waiting for my attention. Keeping busy.

I still have the puzzle board up on the dining room table and I have hit a snag... lack of time to finish the puzzle. Things are now slowing down a little so there is still hope. I have no plans for this weekend other than visiting with Therese and Jerry and getting to church on time. This Monday I will be making a meaty vegetable barley soup for the 'soup and sandwich' lunch at the Bannister United Methodist Church. I'll be there Tuesday at eleven to deliver the soup and to help the regular hardworking souls who do most of the work. Onwards and upwards, I am making some progress!!!

All for now, I need to finish getting ready for work. Pru is medicated and I will be leaving the television on for her viewing. May God bless you with a wonderful pet or two. I am fond of both cats and dogs, they have such wonderful personalities. Be happy.

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Religious Thoughts

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While we celebrated Christmas around one month ago, we can still look back on the birth of Christ to gain insight into our lives today. For example, in reading the different birth narratives of Jesus in the Bible, we see four different levels of expectation in regards to the first coming of Christ:

1. Expecting and ready.
2. Not expecting, but ready.
3. Not expecting and not ready.
4. No expecting, not ready, never became ready.

Let's take a look at these, all the while thinking, "Where am I with God?"

The first level is the best. People who were expecting God to do something and so were ready when it happened. Here we find the Magi, Simeon and Anna.

Our next group of people were not expecting, but ready. Here we find Mary, and the shepherds.

Some may be surprised to find Mary in this group and not the first one, but this is not a slight on Mary. She was not expecting to be the mother of Jesus nor the virgin conception. Again, this is not an insult to Mary; no one could have expected such a thing.

The key here is that she was ready. She was ready to be obedient to the Lord when the unexpected happened to her.

Now let's look at the third group. The ones who were not expecting and not ready.

We find two people here. One is Joseph and the other is Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist.

This may sound like a bit of a harsh group to be in, so I should say right off that each of these men did eventually come on board. They were not obedient to God's plan at first, but then they did believe and from that point on, never looked back. Once committed to God's plan, both of them were in- all the way.

It's better to be obedient and do the Lord's will, than to never do it at all.

Which brings us to our last group- no expecting, not ready, never became ready.

People who reject not only doing God's will in their lives, but reject God Himself. In the story of the birth of Christ, we find one person in particular who stands out here. That, of course, is King Herod.

Where are you in your relationship with God today?

1. Expecting? All dialed in and ready to go.
2. Not expecting, but ready? Your heart is open to how God will lead you.
3. Not expecting and not ready? You need to draw closer to the Lord.
4. No expecting, not ready, never became ready? If this describes you today, hopefully we can get rid of that last part about never becoming ready and may today be the day that you change and become ready.

Are you ready to believe in God? To enter into a personal relationship with the living Lord?

This is done through faith in the gospel- that Jesus was and is fully human and fully God. That He died on the cross and rose bodily from the dead as the one, full and final payment for all of your sins. Big and small. Past, present and future.

Be ready and willing.

Be ready to receive the love of the Lord and forgiveness of your sins today.

Rep. BeGole Offering Michigan Taxpayer Guides for Interested Residents

submitted by Denny Schwarze

State Rep. Brian BeGole is helping people across the 71st House District in portions of Shiawassee, Saginaw and Genesee counties with information and any questions they may have about tax filings.

BeGole is making available taxpayer guides through his legislative office and several local libraries frequented by people he represents. The booklet contains information on 2026 Michigan property taxes and 2025 individual income taxes, homestead property tax credits, the home heating credit program, farmland tax relief, and more.

"This is a great resource for families, veterans, farmers and many others to have given the many changes we see with tax policies both federally and in our state," said BeGole, of Antrim Township. "I remain committed to keeping people I represent informed."

Taxpayer guides will be available at no cost for anyone who is interested at the following locations:

- Laingsburg Public Library, located at 255 E. Grand River Road in Laingsburg.
 - Ovid Public Library, located at 206 N. Main Street in Ovid.
 - Elsie Public Library, located at 145 W. Main Street in Elsie.
 - Perry Community District Library, located at 135 S. Main Street in Perry.
 - Corunna Community District Library, located at 210 E. Corunna Ave. in Corunna.
 - Shiawassee District Library – Owosso Branch, located at 502 W. Main Street in Owosso.
 - Bancroft Community District Library, located at 3719 Grand River Road in Bancroft.
 - Byron Community District Library, located inside Byron High School at 312 W. Maple Street in Byron.
 - Lennon Community District Library, located at 11904 Lennon Road in Lennon.
 - Morrice Community District Library, located at 300 Main Street in Morrice.
 - New Lothrop Community District Library, located at 9471 Genesee Street in New Lothrop.
 - River Rapids District Library, located at 227 E. Broad Street in Chesaning.
 - Gaines Station Library, located at 103 W. Walker Street in Gaines Township.
 - Swartz Creek-Perkins Library, located at 8095 Civic Drive in Swartz Creek.
 - Linden Library, located at 201 Main Street in Linden.
- Unless an individual is seeking an extension, Michigan residents are required to file their federal and state income taxes for 2025 by April 15.

Moolenaar Announces 2026 Art Competition

Congressman John Moolenaar invites all high school students from Michigan's Second Congressional District to enter their artwork in the 2026 Congressional Art Competition.

The winning student from the Second District will have his or her art displayed in the U.S. Capitol for a year and be invited to attend a reception in Washington, D.C. with other winners from across the country. Additionally, two regional winners from the Second District will have the opportunity for their art to be displayed in Congressman Moolenaar's offices in Caledonia and Clare.

The deadline for students to submit their work is Tuesday, March 31st. Entries should be mailed or personally delivered to Congressman Moolenaar's Caledonia office at 8980 North Rodgers Court, SE Suite H, Caledonia MI 49316 or his Clare office at 431 North McEwan Street, Clare, MI 48617.

More information on the rules and how to enter the Art Competition can be found online at Moolenaar.house.gov. Interested students who need assistance transporting their art to Caledonia or who have additional questions on the competition should contact Congressman Moolenaar's office at 616-528-7100.

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Diabetes PATH Workshop Starts March 23rd

submitted by Christine T. Histed

Diabetes PATH is a 6-week interactive workshop designed for individuals with diabetes and pre-diabetes. You will learn how to meal plan, balance blood sugar, get physically active, decrease stress, improve energy, create Action Plans, and more!

Workshops will be held at St. Johns Lutheran Church, 4511 E. Sturgis St., St. Johns in the John Room on Mondays, March 23 – April 27, 2026 from 6:00 – 8:30 pm.

Free of charge. Funding provided by Lions Club International and St. Johns Lions Club.

To register: Call Tri-County Office on Aging at 517-887-1465 or e-mail histedc@tcoa.org.

Looking for Ovid Centennial Photos for Future Publication

submitted by Ken Miller

The Ovid Centennial that took place in June of 1969. Many articles were published in the area newspapers and many archives of that event are currently being held in the History Room at the Ovid Public Library. Along with that collection are many real photos turned into the society. Ken Miller, the current Historian would like try to gather slides, negatives and real photos from those in the area. His attempt is to produce a colorful publication that can be viewed and enjoyed by all. If you have any such items; please loan them to Ovid Historical Society via the Weekly and they can include them in our collection and promptly return them to you.

Open Gym Day

The United Church of Ovid, 131 W. Front St., Ovid will be holding an Open Gym Day on Monday, February 16th from 11am-1pm.

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WRITE TO EDUCATE

Call for Entries: LAFCU's 2026 Write to Educate Essay Contest

submitted by Ines Tomic

LANSING — LAFCU is once again turning student voices into opportunity, inviting Michigan high school seniors to share their perspectives through its 2026 Write to Educate Essay Contest, awarding \$20,000 in college scholarships and supporting local nonprofits across the state. Applications will be accepted through March 31.

This year's essay topic asks students to think critically about their surroundings: "Describe a problem facing your community and explain how you would help address or solve it. Discuss the impact your solution could have on others." By sharing their unique perspectives, participants highlight the diverse experiences that shape and strengthen Michigan communities.

"The Write to Educate Essay Contest gives students a meaningful platform to share their stories, perspectives and creativity," said Kelli Ellsworth Etchison, LAFCU's chief marketing officer and chief diversity officer. "Education plays a vital role in helping individuals discover their potential and shape their futures. By eliminating barriers such as GPA requirements or financial need, LAFCU is proud to offer an opportunity that welcomes students from all backgrounds and encourages them to confidently express their ideas and aspirations."

The contest is open to all Michigan high school seniors, with no restrictions based on GPA, financial need or LAFCU membership. Participants are encouraged to submit a one-page, 500-word essay addressing this year's topic. Essays must be typed in Times New Roman, 12-point font, single-spaced, with one-inch margins. Essays shorter than 500 words or longer than one page will not be scored.

To ensure impartial judging, students are asked not to include their name or the school name anywhere in the essay. Submissions will be evaluated on a 1-10 point scale based on adherence to contest rules, quality and clarity of content, and proper spelling and grammar. Winners will be selected by April 24.

Now in its 18th year, the contest reflects LAFCU's long-standing commitment to supporting Michigan youth in their pursuit of higher education. To date, LAFCU has donated more than \$140,000 to help students attend college and support causes that matter to them through the Write to Educate program.

"Write to Educate goes beyond a traditional scholarship program," said Alyssa Troub, LAFCU's digital marketing and community engagement specialist. "It invites students to reflect on their experiences, share innovative ideas and make a positive impact in their communities. Each year, we're inspired by the thoughtfulness of the essays and the meaningful causes the students choose to support."

The 2025 winners include Aubree Moore (Woodhaven High School); Kennedy Mullens (Alma High School); Kelcie Pung (Fowler High School); and Nolan Sanders (St. Johns High School). Their selection was based on a one-page essay responding to a prompt that asked students to creatively propose a new high school course and explain its benefits, drawing on personal experiences and visions for the future of education.

Winning essays will be featured in the Lansing State Journal, the contest's community sponsor. For full contest details and to submit an entry, visit lafcu.com/writetoeducate.

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Sports



Wolfpack wrestling successful CMAC conference championships. Photo by Burg Sports

Stier, Mund, Phillips, Robinson, Betts, Helmer Are All Wolfpack Weight Class Champs at CMAC Wrestling Meet

BATH -- Laingsburg's varsity grappling program enjoyed a banner day at the annual Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) Wrestling Championships.

Eric Stier, Cooper Mund, Dylan Phillips, Logan Robinson and Cameron Betts all graced the podium with individual championships at the prestigious conference meet.

First-year coach Trent LaShauy's Wolfpack scored 153 team points as the CMAC team runner-up, Saranac taking home the championship with a score of 176, as six Redhawk grapplers won their respective weight classes. Each Wolfpack wrestler placed, and five won their division. Wrestlers must have finished fourth or higher to reach earn a medal.

Stier defeated Pottersville's Alaina Driver by fall in just :08 seconds for a 3-0 to capture the 106 lb. league title.

Mund's title victory at 113 lbs. came with a :28 fall over Pottersville wrestler Domenica Guzman Payaguaje for a 3-1 win.

Phillips remained the state's #1 rated 120 lb'er in Division 4, rolling to wins over Bath's William Varnesdeed (10-1 semifinals) then bringing home the CMAC crown with a 17-0 shutout of Perry's Curren Atkinson in the title bout.

At 126 lbs., Liam McDonald of LHS was a 4th place finisher at a 6-1 loss to Perry's Hunter Atkinson in the consolation finals. Earlier, McDonald had fallen 5-0 in the semifinals to Dominic Hutter of Saranac.

Ryan Hannahs of LHS advanced to the 132 lb. finals before suffering a 9-5 defeat to Jace Smit of Saranac.

Robinson's title came at 144 lbs. with a 21-17 title win over Sawyer Vankuiken of the Saranac Redhawks. Robinson advanced to the championship match with a 6-2 win by 3:29 fall past Jack Swincicki of the Bath Bees.

At 150 lbs., the Wolfpack's Tristian Sherman nabbed 3rd place. In the championship semi's, he lost 9-0 to Johnny McConnell of the Perry Ramblers.

Betts rolled through the field at 165 lbs., winning the semifinals, 6-3 over Elijah Wieber of Pottersville, then scoring a major decision, 16-6 victory for the CMAC title over Jacob Bollone of Saranac.

Carson Helmer notched a narrow victory to earn passage into the 175 lb. runner-up finals. He defeated Luke Schneider of Pottersville, 4-3, in the semifinals, and narrowly fell to Saranac's Kole Kruger in the title match, 7-5.

Charles Dehnert of LHS was the runnerup at 215 lbs., after a 3-0 semifinal shutout of Saranac's Hunter Peterson, and a 18-1 loss to Perry's J.T. Lynch in the 215 finals.

Laingsburg's Shaun Mills made the 285 lb. semifinals before suffering a 4-0 loss to Jaden Braska of Bath. Mills brought home 3rd place in the weight class with a 14-3 domination of Pottersville's Carter Osborne in the consolation finals.

Coaches please remember to send in your weekly sports results!
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Will Baese surrounded by team members and coaches after winning the 120 lb. weight class in MMAC.

Baese Brings Home MMAC Individual Wrestling Title for Ovid-Elsie at 120 lbs.

BYRON -- It was a big weekend for the Ovid-Elsie wrestling program at the annual MMAC League Championships.

The Marauders placed three grapplers -- including one league champion -- as Will Baese brought home the 120 lb. title.

Additionally, Conor McClung was 3rd place at 190 lbs., and Jeremiah Stewart took 4th place in the 170 lb. weight class.

At 113 lbs., Marauder Kaden Levey fell in the quarterfinals to Birch Run's Jackson Newton 3-0, to move to the consolation round, where Jeremy Halleaux of Durand scored a 4-1 victory.

Baese continued his dominance at 120 lbs., rolling past Izak Echlin of Byron 16-4 in the semifinals, and scoring a technical fall in 5:53 (18-3) past Birch Run's Elijah Kneuss for the championship trophy.

At 138, O-E's Levi Stewart was whitewashed in the quarters, 3-0, by Ivin Perior to fall into the consolation round. Stewart rebounded with a 6-1 conquest of Durand's Cooper Brasfield, then in a bid to make the consolation finals was nipped by Jayden Boyce of Mt. Morris, 8-7.

Marauder Brent Spitzley, at 144 lbs., lost 8-1 to Chesaning's Damien Obuchowski in the quarterfinals, then fell in the consolation round, 3-0, to Brenny Warren of Mt. Morris.

Chandler Hart-Butcher represented O-E at 157 lbs., losing in the quarterfinals, 10-1, to New Lothrop's Evan Ostrander. In the consolation round, Hart-Butcher rallied for a 3-0 (:24 fall) over Byron's Andon Prestonise, before falling 5-1 to Birch Run's Holden Hawley.

On to the 175 lb. weight class, where Jeremiah Stewart of O-E downed Andrew Dodak (Birch Run) 5-1, and fell in the semifinals, 3-0, to Joey Glinski. Stewart made the consolation finals, 7-3, past Nolan Rogalla of Durand, then placed 4th with a 14-8 loss to Chesaning's Peyton Heise in the consi finals.

McClung won the consolation final for O-E. He started his tournament with a 12-6 decision over Chesaning's Brayden Dilts, then lost to Otisville-Lakeville's Randy Loewen in the semifinals, 24-5. In the consolation 3rd place match, Conor outscored Tyler West (Birch Run) by a 7-2 count.

The Marauder grapplers faced a huge week upcoming as they headed to MHSAA Team Districts at Laingsburg, followed by Individual Districts on Saturday for the boys and Sunday for the girls.



The Ovid-Elsie varsity competitive cheer team took 1st place at the Harrison Competition today, February 7. Despite having 4 girls out with injuries and illness, they performed very well! They finished with a total score of 679.28. Merrill placed 2nd with a 659.64, Marion took 3rd, Harrison 4th and Houghton Lake came in 5th.

The Ovid-Elsie varsity competitive cheer also had an overall finish of 2nd in their league.

O-E Bowling

The Ovid-Elsie Varsity bowlers were at Colonial Lanes in Flushing on Feb. 7th.

The girls were defeated by Lakeville 10-20

Scores included Abby Orweller, 177; Tori Dennis, 139, 134; Haylee Arnett, 170; Brooke Pugsley, 197, 170;

The boys were on the winning side of Lakeville 19.5-10.5.

Scores included Byron Odenbaugh, 156, 128; Collin Jullie, 168, 133; Teagan Ignash, 173, 168; Devyn Pugsley, 182, 190.

On Feb. 8th the teams bowled a singles tournament at Colonial Lanes. there were 48 girls and 93 boys. Format was bowl 6 games, take top 16 to go into head to head match play. Bowl one game, highest score wins to move on.

OE had two bowlers to make cut, Brooke and Devyn Pugsley. Brooke would place 4th with six game total of 1031; 185, 139, 181, 196, 152, 179. Devyn placed 5th with six game total of 1119; 183, 204, 264, 135, 218, 215.

The siblings were also named to the All Tournament Team and received medals for being in the top 7.

Brooke would end up in 3rd place. 1st round 178-167; 2nd round 196-125; 3rd round 169-171; Final round 191-175.

Devyn would end up in 2nd place. 1st round 180-145; 2nd round 203-190; 3rd round 193, 143; Final round 144-173.

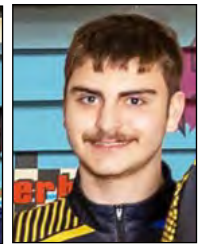
Next up is the last conference match on Feb. 14th at Richfiled Bowl against Birch Run at 2pm. Feb. 15th at B's in Flint for Regional tune up at 9am.

On Wednesday, Feb. 18th the team will be at B's for regional action. Thursday, Feb. 19th at B's for single events. Boys at 8am both days and the girls at 1:30pm both days.

Good Luck Bowlers!



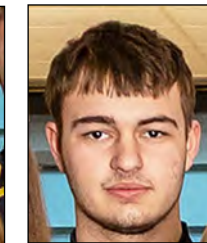
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MDARD Encourages Owners to Help Keep Their Animals Warm and Safe in Cold Temperatures

submitted by Lynsey Mukomel

LANSING, Mich.—As extremely cold temperatures settle in around the state, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) is reminding owners of some of the best ways to keep their animals warm and safe.

Keep animals safe from the cold by following these five easy tips:

Give them Shelter: Bring animals indoors whenever possible or make sure they have a shelter with dry bedding.

Animals are vulnerable to freezing temperatures. It is recommended to keep pets inside as much as possible and limit their walk and bathroom time. For livestock and other outdoor animals, it is important to ensure they have access to a shelter with dry bedding if they need to get out of the elements.

Let it Flow: Make sure an animal's water source does not freeze.

Animals always need access to fresh, drinkable water. Extreme cold and windchills can make their water freeze quickly. Animals can then become dehydrated. Do not assume animals will eat snow to get the water they need. Make sure to move water bowls inside, change the water frequently or use tank heaters or heated buckets/bowls. Also, check on their water sources frequently to ensure they do not freeze.

Happy Paws: Check paws for injury and clean deicers from them.

Walking on cold, snowy surfaces can cause paw pads to crack or bleed. Also, deicers and other products used during wintertime can be toxic to pets. Applying a paw protectant can help to minimize injury and the absorption of chemicals. Wiping down your pet's feet and legs when coming inside and using pet-safe deicers can also help to keep them safe.

Need More Food?: Some animals may need more calories to maintain their body heat.

Keeping animals at a healthy weight throughout the winter is important for their overall health. Some animals may require a few extra calories to maintain their body heat - especially if they spend time outdoors. To help determine an animal's specific nutritional needs during cold weather, contact your veterinarian.

Quick Clean Up: Thoroughly clean areas where antifreeze may have spilled.

Antifreeze contains the chemical ethylene glycol, which is extremely hazardous to animals. Be sure to thoroughly clean any area where antifreeze has spilled from a vehicle and keep containers of the fluid out of their reach.

Following these tips can help keep your animals comfortable and safe through any cold snap. If there are any concerns about your animals' health either now or throughout the winter, please talk to your veterinarian.



Sports

Lady Marauders Ring Up Birch Run, 66-13, on MMAC Basketball Court

OVID-ELSIE — The Lady Marauder basketball team keeps running up big victories over teams from the bottom half of the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC).

February 10 was the Birch Run Panthers' turn, suffering a 66-13 lambasting by the Ovid-Elsie cagers. Shaun McKinney's club ran its record to 11-1 in the MMAC (13-2 overall) -- helping set up a league showdown with New Lothrop for the 2025-26 league championship.

The visiting Panthers slumped to 3-9 in conference play, 3-12 overall -- good for 8th place in the circuit.

Alyson Moore and Kortlynn Loynes led the Marauders' latest rout, each with 13 points. Kendal Tokar again hit double-figures for O-E, this time with 11 tallies.

Loynes added 9 rebounds, 7 blocks and 4 steals, while Tokar dealt 8 assists to spark the O-E offense.

Wolfpack Girls Storm Past Perry, 51-12

PERRY -- Laingsburg was able to set the tone early. Then rolled to a 51-12 victory over Perry here February 6.

Lilli Morrill's 23 points led the way for the Lady Wolfpack. Morrill had 9 rebounds to go along with her game-leading scoring outpour, and Brooklyn Holm hit five 3-point shots to chip in 15 for the Pack.

The loss kept the host Ramblers winless in the Central Michigan Athletic Association at 0-11 (2-12 overall). Veteran coach Dan Morrill's Wolves moved to 9-2 in league play, 14-2 overall.

LHS honors Lady Wolfpack seniors; team rolls to 50-34 win over Christian

LAINGSBURG -- Trailing early 3-0, Laingsburg's varsity girls basketball team went on a 16-0 tear to take control early and run past Lansing Christian here on Senior Night.

The Wolfpack's 50-34 victory was their 7th in a row, upping their record to 15-2 overall and 11-2 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference. The Lady Pilgrims fell to 5-8 in the conference, 7-8 overall.

"It was an emotional night," understated veteran LHS coach Dan Morrill. "I didn't know if we'd come out to start the game and run through a brick wall, or play solid, disciplined basketball. It took us a couple minutes to get going, but we settled in quickly.

"This program is going to miss those five seniors (Mallory Woodbury, Harper Strouse, Bella Latuszek, Peyton Stahr, Savvy Stirm). They're all good players ... but they're outstanding individuals. They've given so much character and leadership."

The Wolfpack led 28-5 before Christian really got untracked, trying to avenge a 49-20 loss to the Wolves earlier in January. They kept it close the rest of the way, at one time cutting the lead to 12 ... but Laingsburg's shooting accuracy, particularly behind the three-point arc. Payge Woodworth, Brooklyn Holm and Woodbury all drained three-pointers for the hosts -- with Woodbury cashing in on a career-high 23 points.

"We played one of our better defensive games of the year," explained Morrill. "We were clutch when we had to be. It was a good team win."

Holm added 9 points for the victors (all on 3-pointers), Lilli Morrill 6, Woodworth 5, Stahr 2, Latuszek 2, Strouse 2 and freshman guard Leah Mills one. Morrill was again a force on the boards for LHS, leading the Wolves in rebounds.

Alyssa Shank led Lansing Christian with 13 points.



Lilli Morrill



Payge Woodworth



Brooklyn Holm

Wolfpack Snaps Four-Game Slide, Gets Back to Winning Ways, 83-75

POTTERVILLE -- Leandro Dolega-Caceres and Josiah Hawes each eclipsed the 20-point mark, leading Laingsburg's boys varsity basketball team to a slump-ending victory here February 3.

The Wolfpack's 83-75 league victory erased a four-game slide, advancing Tim Beebe's Wolves to 7-6 in CMAC play, 7-10 overall.

The host Vikings dipped to 3-11 in conference play, 4-13 overall.

Caceres poured in 12 field goals and four free throws to lead all scorers with a season-high 29 points. He also snared four rebounds and dealt an assist in a career night for the LHS senior.

Hawes hit on five field goals, then added excellent 7-of-9 free throw accuracy to post 20 points -- a season-high for him.

Landon Freeman potted 7 points, Colton Heaton 6, Waylon Rowley 2, Collin Logghe 2, Kade McLean 2 and Everett Rodriguez 2. Jake Rivet dished out five assists and added a steal for the red-and-white.

Wolfpack routs Lansing Christian Cagers on Senior Night at LHS, 51-29

LAINGSBURG -- Senior Night was memorable for a grateful community and Wolfpack fan base here February 10.

Tim Beebe's kept their season- turnaround rolling with a third-straight victory, a resounding 51-29 victory over Lansing Christian that upped the Wolves' record to 9-6 in league play, 9-10 overall.

The visiting Pilgrims dipped to 2-13 in CMAC action, 5-13 overall.



#24 Josiah Hawes continued his hot scoring streak with 22 points against Lansing Christian.

Photo by Burg Sports

Said Beebe of his graduating seniors, "This is a great group of guys who come to practice every day willing to work hard and get better. They have really stepped up in recent weeks and are playing well at the right time." The Wolfpack senior basketball class for 2025-26 includes Everett Rodriguez, Josiah Hawes, Waylon Rowley, Kollin Bentley-Barr, Nate Malone, Leandro Dolega-Caceres and Jake Rivet.

Hawes continued his hot scoring streak, leading LHS with 22 points, shooting 8-of-17 from the field. Caceres provided the perfect complement with 13 points, while Colton Heaton struck for 7, Bentley-Barr 3, Rivet 2, Landen Hart 2 and Cash Heaton one. Rivet turned in another outstanding floor game with 6 assists and 4 steals; Hawes pulled down 10 rebounds to lead LHS.

Wolfpack cagers stay on track with 3rd win in a row, 51-47 over Perry

PERRY — Laingsburg seniors Leandro Dolega-Caceres (15 points) and Jake Rivet (10) led the scoring surge, as the Wolfpack escaped neighboring Perry with a 51-47 victory in Central Michigan Athletic Conference play.

The win was the third-straight for coach Tim Beebe's Wolfpack, which improved to 8-10 overall and 8-6 in league play. The Ramblers stood 6-8 in the league, 8-9 overall following the narrow loss.

Perry's Trey Selbig tallied a game-high 18 points and Anthony Cochrane chipped in with 13 -- but it wasn't enough to offset the Wolfpack's balance. Colton Heaton scored a season-high 8 points, and Josiah Hawes added 7 points. Kollin Bentley-Barr tossed in 6 and Waylon Rowley 3 for the winners.

LAFCU and Grassroots Giving Lansing to Host Entrepreneurship Mixer Focused on Lending Essentials

submitted by Ines Tomic

LANSING — LAFCU and Grassroots Giving Lansing will host the second session of their Entrepreneurship Mixer Series, The Lending Essentials, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at LAFCU headquarters, 106 N. Marketplace Blvd. in Lansing. The event is free and open to aspiring and early-stage entrepreneurs.

The Entrepreneurship Mixer Series is a quarterly networking and education initiative designed to support local entrepreneurs at every stage of their journey by providing practical education, access to local experts and meaningful networking opportunities. The first event, held last November, drew more than 35 attendees, highlighting strong interest from the Lansing-area entrepreneurial community.

This session will focus on lending essentials, offering practical insights into accessing capital, building credit readiness and navigating common barriers entrepreneurs face when working with financial institutions. Discussions will include a deeper dive into Small Business Administration (SBA) lending and how financial foundations can support sustainable business growth.

“Our goal is to create a space where entrepreneurs can ask questions, learn from experienced professionals and gain clarity around lending options available to them,” said Sean Cervantes, business development and growth officer at LAFCU. “By partnering with Grassroots Giving Lansing, we’re able to provide educational information and foster connections that help entrepreneurs feel more confident as they move forward.”

Attendees will enjoy lunch, authentic conversation and networking with local business leaders. Participants will also have a chance to win a laptop and a free year of QuickBooks to support their business success.

Registration is required. To RSVP or learn more, visit <https://www.lafcu.com/grassrootsgiving>. Official rules for giveaway will be available at the event. No purchase is necessary.

CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on March 25, 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. Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Matthew N. Ohlemacher, Jr. to Mortgage 1 Incorporated dated June 21, 2023 and recorded June 29, 2023 as Instrument No. 5336491, Clinton County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by Freedom Mortgage Corporation by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$185,897.79. Said premises are located in Clinton County, Michigan and are described as: The real property is situated in the Village of Maple Rapids, County of Clinton, and State of Michigan, to wit: Lot 7 and the South 14 feet of Lot 8, Block 8, B.P. Hutchison Subdivision of Maple Rapids, Village of Maple Rapids, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 14, Clinton County Records. More commonly known as: 226 Ewen Street, Maple Rapids, Michigan 48853 Tax Parcel ID No. : 19-081-100-008-007-00 Said property is commonly known as 226 N Ewen St, Maple Rapids, MI 48853. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Please be advised that any third party purchaser is responsible for preparing and recording the Sheriff's Deed. If this is a residential Mortgage, the following shall apply: **ATTENTION HOMEOWNER:** If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. **THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU: ARE A DEBTOR IN AN ACTIVE BANKRUPTCY CASE; ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF A BANKRUPTCY STAY; OR, HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AND YOU HAVE NOT REAFFIRMED THE DEBT, THIS NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY.** Dated: February 11, 2026 Attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage: Thomas E. McDonald (P39312) Brock & Scott, PLLC 5431 Oleander Drive Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (844) 856-6646 File No. 26-01083

ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM on FEBRUARY 25, 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.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joseph E. Clark and Elizabeth Ann Clark, a husband and wife, to The Huntington National Bank, Mortgagee, dated October 31, 2019 and recorded November 8, 2019 in Instrument Number 5285841 and Loan Modification Agreement recorded on August 29, 2022, in Instrument Number 5328533, Clinton County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-One Thousand One Hundred Fifty and 65/100 Dollars (\$91,150.65).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Clinton County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on FEBRUARY 25, 2026.

Said premises are located in the Township of Olive, Clinton County Michigan, and are described as: That part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 17, Olive Township, Clinton County, Michigan, beginning on the Section line at a point 790 feet East of the North 1/4 post, running thence east 132.0 feet on the section line; thence Southerly 165.0 feet parallel with North-South 1/4 line; thence West 132 feet; thence Northerly 165 feet to the point of beginning subject to highway right of way. 2343 W Jason Rd, Dewitt, Michigan 48820

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. Dated: January 25, 2026 File No. 26-000531 Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084 Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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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 March 4, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Brian Beck and Wendy Beck, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Washington Mutual Bank

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Citibank, N.A., as Trustee, in trust for registered Holders of WaMu Asset-Backed Certificates WaMu Series 2007-HE3 Trust

Date of Mortgage: March 27, 2007 Date of Mortgage Recording: April 6, 2007

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$161,300.39

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Watertown, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: That part of the South 7 1/2 acres of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 5 North, Range 3 West, Watertown Township, Clinton County, Michigan, described as: Beginning on the East line of

Section 27, at a point 668.00 feet North of the East 1/4 corner of Section 27, Town 5 North, Range 3 West, thence North 87 degrees 33 minutes 30 seconds West 330.3 feet; thence North 185.93 feet; thence East 330.00 feet; thence South 200.00 feet on the East line of Section 27 to the point of beginning

Common street address (if any): 15320 S Lowell Rd, Lansing, MI 48906-9344 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: January 25, 2026 Trott Law, P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 642-2515

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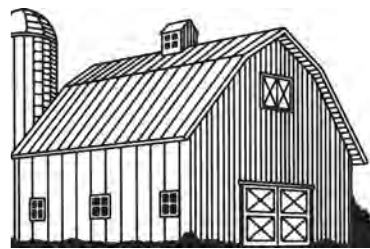
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Connor Tracy and Kelly Tracy, (the "Owners") having failed to pay assessments required under the terms and conditions of the Bylaws of Nottingham Fields Condominium (the "Lien Claimant"), a condominium project as established by the Master Deed, recorded October 2, 2006 in Document Number 5106948, both inclusive, as amended, Clinton County Records, as evidenced by a Statement of Lien dated May 30, 2025, and recorded May 30, 2025 in Document No. 5354524, Clinton County Records. As of the date hereof, there is outstanding and unpaid on account of said assessment the sum of Three Thousand Seventy-Four and 59/100 Dollars (\$3,074.59), which sum is exclusive of interest, costs, attorney fees, expenses of collection, and future assessments. 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. EST, on Wednesday, February 25, 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 are located in the Township of Watertown, Clinton County, Michigan and are described as: Unit No. 44, Phase 2, 15217 Loxley Lane, Lansing, MI 48906, a unit in Nottingham Fields Condominium as established by Master Deed, recorded October 2, 2006, in Document Number 5106948, both inclusive, as amended, Clinton County Records, subject to, in accordance with, and together with all rights, privileges, duties and restrictions imposed, reserved or granted in said Master Deed, and also subject to easements and restrictions of record. The redemption period shall be six (6) 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 thirty (30) days from the date of 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. NOTTINGHAM FIELDS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Dated: January 14, 2026 By: McKenna S. Rivers (P86383) Attorney for Lien Claimant 1700 E. Beltline, NE, Suite 200 Grand Rapids, MI 49525 (616) 726-2209

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR

ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. 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. Under the power of sale contained herein in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby 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 a cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on March 18, 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 SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Flip 3, LLC, original mortgagor, to Oaktree Funding Corp., dated January 18, 2024, and recorded January 19, 2024 in 5341667, in Clinton County records, Michigan, and assigned to U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF THE LB-IGLOO SERIES VI TRUST, by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on May 22, 2025 in 5354322, and assigned to U.S. BANK TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR LB-DWELLING SERIES VI TRUST by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on August 13, 2025 in 5356631, on

which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twelve Thousand Eight-Hundred Ninety-Four and 99/100 dollars (\$112,894.99). Said premises are situated in the Township of Dewitt, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, and described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 33, Town 5 North, Range 2 West, DeWitt Township, Clinton County, Michigan; thence North 880 feet; thence West 1549 feet; thence North 93 feet and West 471.4 feet to a Point of Beginning in the center of Turner Road, said Point also being located 852.88 feet West of the South 1/4 corner of Section 33 to the intersection at Sheridan Road and North 10 degrees 22 minutes 49 seconds East 989.743 feet on the center of Turner Road to said Point of Beginning; thence North 10 degrees 22 minutes 49 seconds East, 120.00 feet on the center of Turner Road; thence East 187.56 feet; thence South 116 feet along a fence line; thence West 212.56 feet to the Point of Beginning. Property Address: 16779 Turner Road Lansing, Michigan 48906 Parcel No.: 050-033-400-041-00 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale 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. Dated: February 1, 2026 For more information, please call: (513) 444-4100 Sottile and Barile PLLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 394 Wards Corner Boulevard, Suite 180 Loveland, OH 45140 File MF2511012 - FLIP 3, LLC (Commercial) - DA

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

THE FLORIAN MIKULKA LIVING TRUST, DATED JULY 17, 1991 NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent FLORIAN MIKULKA who lived at 6852 E. Gratiot Road, Bannister, Michigan 48807 Died on December 11, 2025 Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustee of the Florian Mikulka Living Trust within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

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CASE NO: 26-32766-DE ESTATE OF JEAN M. THERRIEN Date of birth: October 17, 1941 NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent JEAN M. THERRIEN Died on April 4, 2025 Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Frederick E. Therrien, Jr., personal representative or to both the probate court at 21770 Washington Street, Rockwood, MI 48173 and the personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Frederick E. Therrien, Jr. 21770 Washington Street Rockwood, MI 48173 (734) 818-6177 Bonnie M. Swinson P78862 2205 Ridgewood Drive Midland, MI 48642 (989) 839-4341

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CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement 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 3/18/2026. 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. Names of Mortgagor(s): Richard D. Stokes. Original mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Nationstar Mortgage LLC DBA Greenlight Loans. Date of mortgage: 6/21/2016. Mortgage recorded on 7/6/2016 as Document No. 5242775. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): UMB Bank, National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as legal title trustee for PRL Title Trust I. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: \$125,659.74 Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clinton County, and described as: THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF CLINTON, STATE OF MICHIGAN, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOL-

LOWS: THE NORTH 250 FEET OF THE WEST 8 RODS OF THE EAST 32 RODS OF THE NORTH 68 RODS OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 29, T5N, R1W, BATH TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, TOGETHER WITH DRIVEWAY RIGHTS OVER THE WEST 14 FEET OF THE WEST 8 RODS OF THE EAST 32 RODS OF THE NORTH 68 RODS OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 29, SUBJECT TO JOINT AND RECIPROCAL DUTIES AS TO SAID DRIVEWAY. Commonly known as 5409 Ann Drive, Bath, MI 48808. The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after the statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241, the redemption period will be 1 month from the date of such sale. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes pursuant to MCL 600.3240(16), the redemption period is 1 year from the date of such sale. The redemption period may be extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Date of Notice: 02/15/2026. Codilis & Moody, P.C. 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (313) 536-2500. This law firm is a debt collector. C&M File 23-26-00007

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Laingsburg Library to Host Open House

submitted by Sara Danford

The Laingsburg Library is hosting an open house meet'n'greet for our Dog Sled and Native Art Exhibit on February 28th and we are inviting you all to attend. This is a tribute to local craftspeople in our community for their effectiveness at crossing cultural boundaries by means of niche skilled crafts. Included in the special exhibit are Native American wares that were received in appreciation of a local sled dog maker's craftsmanship and heart.

Other items were procured for personal study and enjoyment, such as numerous Native American baskets provided by master basket weaver, Annie Brock.

Accompanying books are available for checkout for further research and intrigue. Hope to see you on February 28th from 1-3pm at Laingsburg Public Library | 255 E. Grand River Rd. Laingsburg, MI 48848.



36th Annual Walk for Warmth

Capital Area Community Services, Inc. announces its 36th annual Walk for Warmth will take place on Saturday, February 28, 2026 at the Owosso Community Center (Shiawassee Council on Aging), 300 N. Washington Street, Owosso. Registration opens at 10:030 A.M., the Walk begins at 11:00 A.M.

Walk for Warmth is a statewide effort to raise public awareness of people experiencing heat-related emergencies. Funds are raised through contributions from individuals, businesses, civic organizations, clubs and church groups and are used to assist area residents with heat-related emergencies. With the rising costs of basic needs and food, which creates an economic hardship currently being experienced by many local residents and the changes in State and Federal funding, the need for heat-related assistance has become far greater than service agencies and churches can resolve without additional resources, such as Walk for Warmth. 100% of the funds raised through the Shiawassee County Walk are used to assist low-income households within Shiawassee County. There are no administrative fees.

With the high number of local families and seniors needing heat-related assistance, the support of area businesses, individuals and civic groups is critical. Please consider assisting by having a group or individual represent your business/organization in the Walk or make a one-time contribution.



Donations may be mailed to: CACS, Shiawassee County Access Center, 1845 Corunna Avenue, Owosso MI 48867

For further information, please contact our office at: 989- 723-3115.

Thank you for your consideration in helping to keep families warm this winter and prevent homelessness due to home heating related emergencies.

CACS - Shiawassee Access Center







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36th Anniversary!

SHIAWASSEE COUNTY



Walk for Warmth
Warm a heart...Heat a home!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026

REGISTRATION: 10:30 AM
WALK BEGINS: 11:00 AM

WHERE:
Shiawassee Council on Aging
300 N. Washington Street, Owosso



For questions please call:
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3 Mile Walk

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