

Laingsburg Lions, Recyclers Get Creative to Fend Off Potential Easter Egg Hunt Rainout



LAINGSBURG -- April Showers may bring May flowers ... but they almost drowned out a cherished community tradition here on Holy Saturday, April 4.

Instead, the Laingsburg Lions Club and the Greater Laingsburg Recyclers (GLR) teamed up to fend off a rainout.

The Lions' annual Easter Egg Hunt, which draws dozens of children and their families every Easter weekend, looked to be a washout when heavy rains invaded mid-Michigan the night of April 3 and extended through most of the day April 4. The weather was an Easter trinity: wind, rain and cold.

But just hours before the event, Lions president Nick Holtman had an idea: why not move it indoors, if possible? Over the past few years, the Lions and the GLR have formed a strong bond over several different community projects. The GLR agreed to let the Lions use their drive-thru recycling center Saturday morning, the Lions organized several volunteers to bag up hundreds of treat-filled Easter eggs that had already been stuffed and -- voila! -- a unique community event was born: the drive-thru Easter Egg extravaganza.

Though organized in just a matter of hours, nearly 200 cars -- families -- showed up to drive through a get bags of gifted eggs. The Easter Bunny greeted each family in to the LGR drive-thru facility. At one point, cars were lined down the recycling center drive all the way out to overflow Woodbury Rd.

"I loved how innovative and flexible our members were at the last minute," said Holtman. "I think today asked a lot of us. Adjusting plans at the last minute isn't always easy, but I think we handled it incredibly well. I'm really proud of how smoothly we worked together and all the support from the community and other organizations. In the end, all the smiling kids was worth it."

Easter Fun at Mary's Country Kitchen

The rainy weather did not stop the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Mary's Country Kitchen in Ovid on Saturday, April 4th. Once the countdown hit go, the kids were turned loose to retrieve 20,000 colorful eggs. Event organizers, Dale Spencer and Chara Potter thru many generous donations were able to give away 25 bikes and fill 90 Easter Baskets with treats and toys.



Leonard Elementary Recognized as #1 Public Elementary School in Shiawassee County



submitted by Crystal Loynes

Ovid-Elsie Area Schools is proud to share that Leonard Elementary School has been recognized as the #1 Best Public Elementary School in Shiawassee County according to the 2026 rankings released by Niche.

"This recognition reflects the hard work and dedication of our staff, students, and families," said Leonard Elementary Principal Rachelle Parsons. "Our team is committed to creating a supportive, engaging learning environment where every student can succeed, and it is rewarding to see that effort recognized."

Superintendent Mark Horak added, "As both superintendent and a proud grandparent of a Leonard student, this recognition is especially meaningful. Leonard Elementary continues to be a point of pride for our district, and this honor highlights the strong culture of learning and support that exists within the building and throughout Ovid-Elsie Area Schools."

The Niche rankings are based on a comprehensive analysis of key statistics and millions of reviews from students and parents. Factors include state test scores, student-teacher ratios, student diversity, teacher quality, grade school ratings, and overall school district quality.

Ovid-Elsie Area Schools remain committed to providing high-quality educational experiences for our students.



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Elba Township Hall has New Location

*submitted by Madalin
Morris*

Elba Township has officially moved from 109 Oak St. to the new location at 623 S Quartline street, Ashley, MI. 48806. (Old Follett Gas Station/ Old Landry Mat place in Ashley.)

Laingsburg Public Library News

*submitted by Sara
Danford*

Laingsburg Public Library is calling forth all Artists to participate in our Third Annual Miniature Art Exhibit. For a donation of \$5, participants will receive a canvas and easel to complete by April 28th. All ages and all types of mediums are welcome to be used for this juried exhibit during the month of May. Contestants will be grouped by age and prizes will be awarded in each age category.

Please call the library at 517-651-6282 if you have any further questions. Hurry in today to pick up your canvas and easel!

Ovid Township resident, Keith Jones was sworn in as Deputy Supervisor for Ovid Township last week. He was sworn in by Clerk, Claudia Pluger. His main duty will be to serve in the absence of the Supervisor, Jennings West for meetings and other obligations. As deputy supervisor, he will have no voting rights.



Fairfield Township Annual Roadside Cleanup

submitted by Sonya Latz

The Annual Roadside Cleanup has been scheduled to be held April 17th thru April 26th 2026. Those wishing to participate may pick up a safety vest and garbage bags at the township hall or by contacting any township official.

The trash container located at the hall is only to be used for materials collected from roadsides within Fairfield Township. There will be an additional container for plastic and aluminum returnable drink containers to be donated to the Elsie Food Bank.

Volunteers are needed – please spread the word.

For questions concerning the annual Roadside Cleanup contact Sonya Latz 517.282.1168 or Rick Zemla 989-666-2159

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Redeemer Lutheran

submitted by Ardelle Rodgers

Redeemer Lutheran, 2510 N. M-52, Owosso. April 16-18. Thursday and Friday 9-4. Saturday 9-12 (1/2 off). Clothes, shoes, linens, books, toys, bags, jewelry, kitchen, dvd's, cd's, records, garden tools, decor.

First Congregational UCC

submitted by Antonia Paxton

Saturday, April 18th. One Day Only. First Congregational UCC, 327 N. Washington St., Owosso. Too much to list! All proceeds go to the Guild Room Remodel, which will be available to the public for future community events.

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Library News

Elsie Library Adventures

submitted by Ann Trierweiler

I trust you had a lovely spring break.

There have been a few changes here at the Elsie Public Library. We no longer collect used batteries. The people that were recycling the batteries had to remove several stops. We also no longer collect used card fronts.

Our March Reading Month was a great success! The children loved the books by Laura Numeroff and all the drawings, free books and prizes. Every month is reading month, but Kathy and Emily certainly know how to inspire and engage your children with the books that are featured during each children's program.

Next Monday, on April 13 at noon, Will Sweeney from Journey FCU will be here to read a new book "How Do You Spend?" a Moneybunny book by Cinders McLeod. This continuing book series about money are given to the children. They are well written and illustrated and are a good beginning place for teaching children how to be money-wise.

Not only will we have a special teacher that Monday, but Sharon Shutes will be back to add color to the day with her incredible face painting...Or hand painting if you are old and work at the library. This woman is such a joy to have in our library and her skills are extraordinary.

The Adult Craft time will be at 1pm on April 15. The craft should be fun as we create some sassy lady (or man) pots for plants, jewelry or whatever. These terra cotta pots are hilarious!! If you want to bring an 8-inch sealed pot and some glasses, hair rollers, scarves, headbands, jewelry...the imagination can run wild with this craft! We will have pots and some various décor for your use. Also, we have ordered face stickers for those who are artistically challenged.

Our yearly Bookmark Contest began on March 30th and runs through April 23rd. This contest is for ages 3 – 99. The more people that make bookmarks, the more fun the voting can be. On the 23rd of April, the voting begins. The bookmarks are displayed anonymously, the voting is secret, and the winners are as surprised as anyone!

There will be one more Saturday Story Time and Craft on April 25th, at 11:30 am. It involves a chick getting out of an egg...Would that be mystery or suspense?

Please come see us! We enjoy getting to know you and trying to set you up with that perfect author, book or series.

Remember to check our Facebook page for updates to our programs (or surprise closings?)

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2025 Water Quality Report for City of St. Johns

Water Supply Serial Number: 6300

This report covers the drinking water quality for City of St. Johns for the 2025 calendar year. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you in 2025. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and state standards.

Your water comes from 5 groundwater wells, each over 488 feet deep. The State performed an assessment of our source water to determine the susceptibility or the relative potential of contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very-low" to "very-high" based on geologic sensitivity, well construction, water chemistry and contamination sources. The susceptibility of our source is: Well #2 Moderate, Well #3 High, Well #4 High, Well #7 Moderately low, Well #8 Moderately Low.

There are no significant sources of contamination in our water supply. We are making efforts to protect our sources by participating in the Well Head Protection Program and continuously monitoring our water supply through testing and sampling recommended by EGLE.

If you would like to know more about this report, please contact: Calvin Galecka 989-224-8944 ext. 235 cgalecka@stjohnsmi.gov

Contaminants and their presence in water: Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Vulnerability of sub-populations: Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. U.S. EPA/Center for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Sources of drinking water: The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.



In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. EPA prescribes regulations that limit the levels of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Federal Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which provide the same protection for public health.

Water Quality Data

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2024 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 through December 31, 2024. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

Terms and abbreviations used below:

- **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- **Treatment Technique (TT):** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- **N/A:** Not applicable
- **ND:** not detectable at testing limit
- **ppm:** parts per million or milligrams per liter
- **ppb:** parts per billion or micrograms per liter
- **ppt:** parts per trillion or nanograms per liter
- **pCi/L:** picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
- **Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

• **Level 1 Assessment:** A study of the water supply to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

• **Level 2 Assessment:** A very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

Information about lead: Lead can cause serious health effects in people of all ages, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and parts used in service lines and in home plumbing. The City of St. Johns is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in the plumbing in your home. Because lead levels may vary over time, lead exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time. You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Using a filter, certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead, is effective in reducing lead exposures. Follow the instructions provided with the filter to ensure the filter is used properly. Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water. Before using tap water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. If you have a lead service line or galvanized requiring replacement service line, you may need to flush your pipes for at least 5 minutes to flush water from both your home plumbing and the lead service line. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact City of St. Johns Water

Department at 989-224-8944 ext. 235 for information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>. Infants and children who drink water containing lead could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor.

Our water supply has 86 lead service lines and 214 service lines of unknown material out of a total of 3117 service lines.

Monitoring and Reporting to the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Requirements: The State of Michigan and the U.S. EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We met all the monitoring and reporting requirements for 2025.

We will all the monitoring and reporting requirements for 2025. We will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. Copies are available at City of St. Johns Offices 100 E State St, St Johns, Michigan. This report will not be sent to you. We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. City Commission meetings are held the 4th Monday of every month at the Clinton County Courthouse. For more information about your water, or the contents of this report, contact Justin Smith Director of Public Services at 989-224-8944 ext. 281. For more information about safe drinking water, visit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at www.epa.gov/safewater/.

On January 1, 2025, the action level for lead in Michigan dropped from 15 ppb to 12 ppb. All monitoring conducted on or after January 1, 2025, will be evaluated against the 12 ppb action level for lead. Please keep this in mind as you receive laboratory results in 2025.

A 24-hour Tier 1 Public Notice is now required for lead action level exceedances (ALEs). EGLE recommends having a plan in place to meet the 24-hour Public Notice requirement in the event of an ALE.

Monitoring Data for Regulated Contaminants

| Regulated Contaminant | MCL, TT, or MRDL | MCLG or MRDLG | Level Detected | Range | Year Sampled | Violation Yes/No | Typical Source of Contaminant |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------|----------------|-------|--------------|------------------|---|
| Arsenic (ppb) | 10 | 0 | N/A | N/A | 2018 | NO | Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes |
| Barium (ppm) | 2 | 2 | 0.13 | N/A | 2018 | No | Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge of metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits |
| Nitrate (ppm) | 10 | 10 | N/D | N/A | 2025 | No | Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits |
| Fluoride (ppm) | 4 | 4 | 0.38 | N/A | 2024 | NO | Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories |
| Sodium ¹ (ppm) | N/A | N/A | 39 | N/A | 2024 | NO | Erosion of natural deposits |
| THM Total Trihalomethanes (ppb) | .08 | N/A | .0212 | N/A | 2025 | NO | Byproduct of drinking water disinfection |
| HAAs Haloacetic Acids (ppb) | .06 | N/A | .001 | N/A | 2025 | NO | Byproduct of drinking water disinfection |
| Chlorine ² (ppm) | 4 | 4 | .45 | .1-72 | 2025 | NO | Water additive used to control microbes |
| Alpha emitters (pCi/L) | 15 | 0 | 3.4 | N/A | 2025 | NO | Erosion of natural deposits |
| Combined radium (pCi/L) | 5 | 0 | 3.6 | N/A | 2025 | NO | Erosion of natural deposits |
| Total Coliform | TT | N/A | 0 | N/A | 2025 | NO | Naturally present in the environment |
| E. coli in the distribution system (positive samples) | See E. coli note ³ | 0 | 0 | N/A | 2025 | NO | Human and animal fecal waste |
| Fecal Indicator - E. coli at the source (positive samples) | TT | N/A | 0 | N/A | 2025 | NO | Human and animal fecal waste |

¹ Sodium is not a regulated contaminant.

² The chlorine "Level Detected" was calculated using a running annual average.

³ E. coli MCL violation occurs if: (1) routine and repeat samples are total coliform-positive and either is E. coli-positive, or (2) the supply fails to take all required repeat samples following E. coli-positive routine sample, or (3) the supply fails to analyze total coliform-positive repeat sample for E. coli.

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)

| Regulated Contaminant | MCL, TT, or MRDL | MCLG or MRDLG | Level Detected | Range | Year Sampled | Violation Yes/No | Typical Source of Contaminant |
|--|------------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--|
| Hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid (HFPO-DA) (ppt) | 370 | N/A | N/D | N/A | 2025 | No | Discharge and waste from industrial facilities utilizing the Gen X chemical process |
| Perfluorobutane sulfonic acid (PFBS) (ppt) | 420 | N/A | N/D | N/A | 2025 | No | Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; stain-resistant treatments |
| Perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS) (ppt) | 51 | N/A | N/D | N/A | 2025 | NO | Firefighting foam; discharge and waste from industrial facilities |
| Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFHxA) (ppt) | 400,000 | N/A | N/D | N/A | 2025 | NO | Firefighting foam; discharge and waste from industrial facilities |
| Perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA) (ppt) | 6 | N/A | N/D | N/A | 2025 | NO | Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; breakdown of precursor compounds |
| Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) (ppt) | 16 | N/A | N/D | N/A | 2025 | NO | Firefighting foam; discharge from electroplating facilities; discharge and waste from industrial facilities |
| Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) (ppt) | 8 | N/A | N/D | N/A | 2025 | NO | Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; stain-resistant treatments |
| Inorganic Contaminant Subject to Action Levels (AL) | Action Level | MCLG | Your Water ⁴ | Range of Results | Year Sampled | Number of Samples Above AL | Typical Source of Contaminant |
| Lead (ppb) | 15 | 0 | 1 | 0-3.1 | 2024 | 0 | Lead service lines, corrosion of household plumbing including fittings and fixtures; Erosion of natural deposits |
| Copper (ppm) | 1.3 | 1.3 | 0.5 | 0-6 | 2024 | 0 | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits |

⁴ Ninety (90) percent of the samples collected were at or below the level reported for our water.

Additional Monitoring

Unregulated contaminants are those for which the U.S. EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps the U.S. EPA determine where certain contaminants occur and whether regulation of those contaminants is needed.

| Unregulated Contaminant Name | Average Level Detected | Range | Year Sampled | Comments |
|--|------------------------|-------|--------------|--|
| [Name of Unregulated Contaminant] (unit) | N/A | N/A | N/A | Results of monitoring are available upon request |
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Editorial



Religious Thoughts

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"In his pride the wicked man does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God."

- Psalm 10:4

One main reason why people reject the gospel is pride.

We see this in that while many people say that they

think that God or some type of god exists, they don't want to rely only on Him to get to Heaven.

They would say something like, "Yes, God exists. And yes, I've done some bad things in my life, I've said some bad things. Granted, I'm not perfect, but I can make it on my own. I can be good enough. I don't need Jesus to die for me, I can make it to God on my own."

But this is not true. No one can do enough religious works, acts of goodness or piety to earn salvation. No one is worthy of God's love, grace, forgiveness or salvation. The reason that God gives us all of these things is because of Himself. This is what Christians mean by grace.

Grace means that we can do nothing, but receive what God wants to give us through faith. Like someone receiving a birthday or Christmas present. You don't work to receive a birthday present, you just receive it freely. Christianity is the only major world religion that teaches that we can't save ourselves. That we can't work our way into Heaven.

As Ephesians 2:8-9 says, "...it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- not by works, so that no one can boast."

We can look at it like this- since we need others, how much more do we need God? For we may not think about it a lot, but we need others all the time.

What if the farmers didn't work? Empty shelves at the grocery store.

What if people who truck gasoline to the gas stations didn't work? No gas for our cars. What if we got sick and went to the doctors and no one was there?

Even people who are largely self-sustained need others- where do they buy their tools from? Their lumber from? Their windmills and solar panels from?

Even Richard Proenneke, who lived in Alaska and was the "Alone in the Wilderness" guy, while he made a ton of stuff himself, even he had a supply plane come in at various times with with different items.

The Bible says that we are dependent on God for everything anyway- life, air, water, the sun, everything. So why should salvation, coming into a personal relationship with God, be any different?

Yes, pride can be a tough thing to break through. But we need to share the truth and let the Holy Spirit work on the person's heart.

SafeCenter and Shiawassee County Sheriff's Office Launch County's FIRST Law Enforcement Soft Interview Room for Victims/Survivors of Crime

submitted by Hannah Gottschalk

April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and in Shiawassee County, SafeCenter leads advocacy, awareness, and crisis intervention efforts through the multidisciplinary Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), comprised of Advocates, Law Enforcement, Prosecutors, Healthcare Personnel, Child and Adult Protection personnel, among others, to address and respond to sexual assault cases in the community.

Through SART, SafeCenter and the Shiawassee County Sheriff's Office have partnered together to launch the very first law enforcement-based "soft interview room" for victims/survivors of not only sexual assault, but other crimes, within the county. A soft interview room, by definition, is a carefully designed space that prioritizes psychological safety, comfort, and trust. These rooms are often used in law enforcement, social services, therapy, and even corporate settings to create an environment that fosters open communication and healing. Soft interview rooms are characterized by soft lighting, soothing colors, comfortable seating, and non-triggering décor, allowing those being interviewed to feel safe and supported while discussing sensitive and traumatic conversations. With the help and support of the Zonta Club of Owosso, Journey Federal Credit Union, Carrie Rathbun Hawks of Rathbun Public Relations, Shiawassee County Administration, and the Victim Witness Coordinator of the Shiawassee County Prosecutor's Office, SafeCenter and the Sheriff's Office developed a warm, inviting, and comfortable space for law enforcement to interview victims/survivors.

In partnership with the Shiawassee Regional Chamber of Commerce, SafeCenter will host an official ribbon cutting at the Shiawassee County Sheriff's Office on Monday, April 20 at 11 am to mark the launch of this new trauma-informed, victim-centered space available to any members of local, county, and state law enforcement throughout Shiawassee County. Any community member or media personnel are welcome to attend.



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Editorial



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Do you ever get to that point where you no longer wish to learn a new skill? Maybe something as easy as a new recipe or technique? Or a clever way to craft an item? Me, I've been focusing on how to paint stones and make baskets. I try to be a passably capable persona at trying new functions. I also wish that I was intelligent enough to follow directions so that I could do something like making macrame plant hangars. Following written directions is not my forte. I was told this last weekend that I have an excessively green thumb, no doubt both thumbs are green. Sandy was alluding to the abundant growth of my house plants. Currently I now have about four hoyas, three spider plants, eight aloe vera plants, and about half a dozen rubber plants to repot. Also I will be filling my grow boxes with seeds for red, yellow and green sweet peppers, flat Dutch cabbage and Marglobe tomato plants. Diane's tomato plants are up and mine aren't even started yet. Did I mention that Sandy brought me four more house plants?

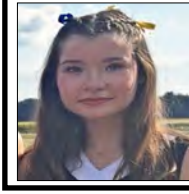
I do hope that you all had a marvelous Easter, filled with family and friends. Good humor and lots of laughter at the clowning around of the toddlers. Of course there was a lot of good food to share. The egg hunt happened in the house because there were so many water puddles in the yard...some were the size of spacious ponds. Even the ducks and geese were a bit greedy of their watery space. The frogs have been singing in rhapsody at their extended areas of repose. My home was filled with squeals of delight from a pair of three year old toddlers... Both Suzy and Vanessa loved the hunt and enjoyed finding all the eggs both large and small, and were a bit disappointed in not being able to chow down on the candy until after dinner... Suzy was pretty happy go lucky, even when the mean GG wouldn't let her jump on the furniture.

Monday I went over to my sister's to pick up cardboard. She told me that she had bunches but I didn't expect enough to fill up the bed of the truck with an overflow in the front passenger seat. Yup, that was lots of cardboard. I was gathering it to help out Dave and Lisa who put it through shredders to use as bedding in their chicken coops. They have also been giving me between fourteen and twenty dozen eggs every other weekend to pass out to folks who could use them. Of course I gathered empty egg cartons along the way. Tuesday afternoon after closing MG's Perx and Pastries, I delivered the cardboard to the Wilson's and spent the rest of the day delivering eggs and visiting folks. I must have done something on Wednesday which I had off but I fail to remember what...

Thursday after the shop, I went to Gordon's Food Service in Lansing to pick up several items. I was running the back roads and kept running into blockades due to bridges that were out or roads that had been flooded. Indeterminate signage, Detours that weren't well set up... Detours that were only partially done... They went in circles and ran into other detours that were equally as useless. I lost my temper once or twice. To say that I was aggravated is a major understatement. I still have the capacity to fall back on my red haired essence, even though it is now white. Due to all of the detours, it took me over forty minutes to get from Gordon's on west Saginaw to north of Laingsburg. Yah, it was fun?

I did have a nice visit with Therese and Jerry and then headed home. One stop to unload the car at the shop and then home to relax. I did manage to do a load of laundry and a sink full of dishes when I got home. Prudence was thrilled to see that I remembered where I lived and she has spent quite a bit of time keeping my lap filled with her presence. Now, I'm ready for bed... Oops, Dena was a dear and got my Apple pad up and working. I'm impressed with her knowledge and expertise. Dorothy and I had tea and a wonderful visit, I updated her on how the Tiny Terror was doing and told her about the two tiny white spots on her sleek black body. Dorothy rescued her as a kitten and I took her home with me. May God bless you with happy days and enjoyable and shareable moments. Smile.

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Planet Perspectives

by Alison Kozlowski

Commonly Confused Animals

Many popular animal species get commonly confused. There are various reasons for these misconceptions, and some species are just hard to tell apart. However, some have more differences than you may think, many of which go beyond physical appearances.

Seals and sea lions are closely related but are not the same. While they are both pinnipeds, sea lions have longer, hair-covered front flippers while seals have shorter,

fur-covered flippers. Sea lions have visible ear flaps and seals have small ear holes. Sea lions are also louder and walk on all fours while seals are quieter and shuffle on their bellies.

Turtles and tortoises are popularly confused, specifically terminologically. Their terms are commonly used interchangeably because all tortoises are classified as turtles, but not all turtles are tortoises. Tortoises are a type of turtle, and the only that are exclusively terrestrial. They both have a hard shell, but turtles have webbed feet or flippers while tortoises have sturdy legs. Tortoises are also mainly herbivores while turtles are omnivores.

Hedgehogs and porcupines are mainly misinterpreted because of their shared spines. However, the spines of hedgehogs are shorter and hair-like, while the quills of porcupines are long, sharp, and detachable. Their defense mechanisms are also different, as hedgehogs roll into a protective ball while porcupines use their quills against attackers.

Leopards and jaguars are closely related but have many distinctions. Jaguars coat patterns have large rosettes with dots inside, while leopards have smaller rosettes with no dots. Leopards are more slender and agile, while jaguars are more stocky. Jaguars are found in rainforests and are excellent swimmers, and leopards are found in savannas and are excellent climbers.

There are several other pairs and groups of animals that are regularly misinterpreted. The next time you catch someone confusing one of these animals, you can inform them of the correct species and their distinctions.

Snow Removal Cost How Much?

Letter to the Editor:

Why does snow removal/salting of the Township Hall parking lot cost approximately \$8,500.00?

During the February Budget meeting for 2026-2027, Clerk Claudia requested that the allowed budget for snow removal/salting, be increased for the 2025-2026 season to approximately \$8,500.00 due to the amount of snow that we had gotten which required more removal events.

No other explanation was given. The board approved the Clerk's request.

I was not satisfied with this answer, so I started my own research to understand why it cost so much. I contacted Darrin Rockcole at WILX-10 in Lansing to find a website that I could use to get reliable snow fall information. Darrin directed me to Weather.gov.

When I got to the site, I found that there were 19 days of snow of at least .8 inches of snowfall per day, for a total of 37.1 inches for the period of November 2025 - March of 2026, for a total cost of \$2,480.00. The Clerk complained that this was too much because the contractor was salting the parking area too much, without asking anyone in advance. But the township paid the bill.

For the period of November 2025 - March 2026, we had 21 days of snow of at least .8 inches per day for a total of 41.6 inches. The cost for this contractor was approximately \$8,500.00. The Clerk didn't complain to the board or public in attendance about this total. She had no complaints either when the Township Supervisor, Jennings West, had to shovel the sidewalks on two occasions because the contracted driver had not completed his job. Jennings did not want anyone to slip and fall.

A difference of 2 days and 4.5 inches of snow cost the township \$6,020.00 (approximately). Why? I printed out the summary I had put together, with the data I had collected from Weather.gov and presented it to the board at the March Township Board meeting during Public Comments, and asked why. Because I had done it during Public Comments, no one on the board was required to provide a response, and none was provided, not even by the Clerk.

2 additional days and 4.5 inches of snow cost the township an additional \$6,020.00 for snow removal/salting. Not being satisfied to accept this, I have submitted a Freedom of Information Act Request (FOIA) to Clerk Claudia for copies of the Snow Removal/Salting Contracts, copies of the invoices for the removals/saltings, and copies of the checks used to pay the invoices, for both periods. I believe the township residents need to know why an additional \$6,020.00 of taxpayer funds was needed for 2 days/4.5 inches of snow. Hopefully we will know why there is such an increase in cost to taxpayers.

Respectfully,
William Keith Jones
Ovid Township

Tri - County Office on Aging Public Input

submitted by Casey Cooper

The Tri-County Office on Aging will hold public hearings to solicit input on its Fiscal Year 2027-2029 Multi-Year Plan (MYP): May 6 at 1:00PM at the Briggs St. Johns Library, May 11 at 11:00AM at the Charlotte Library, and May 14 at 1:00PM at Tri-County Office on Aging (with light refreshments) and on Microsoft Teams. The MYP Summary and more information will be on Tri-County Office on Aging's website (tcoa.org/about) by April 15. Comments will be accepted through May 14. Contact Kate Long to request special accommodation (by May 1), submit written comment (by May 14), or to request a copy: call (517) 887-1348 or write Kate Long at Tri-County Office on Aging, 5303 S. Cedar Street, Building 1, Lansing, MI 48911 or by email to longk@tcoa.org.

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Specialty Crops Acreage Reporting Deadline Extended to April 24

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) has announced the reopening of the 2025 crop acreage reporting period for specialty crop producers. This extension applies to producers who are interested in applying for the Assistance for Specialty Crop Farmers (ASCF) program. Eligible specialty crop producers now have until April 24, 2026, to report their 2025 acreage.

According to the USDA announcement, the ASCF program is designed to provide financial relief to eligible specialty crops and sugar commodity producers. Payments will come as one-time bridge payments and are intended to support producers not covered under the previously announced Farmer Bridge Assistance (FBA) program.

Producers are encouraged to contact their local FSA county office for assistance in completing or updating their acreage reports ahead of the new deadline. Additional information about eligible specialty crops and program requirements can be found through the USDA FSA webpage announcing the extension.

Michigan producers are also encouraged to explore resources through the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD). For more information on MDARD grant opportunities, visit the Grants & Funding Opportunities web page. MDARD's Farm to Family Program is creating more opportunities to connect growers and farmers with local markets. To learn about the program's progress, visit the Farm to Family web page. Plus, improving outcomes by addressing inputs is the main focus of MDARD's Regenerative Agriculture Program.

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Laingsburg Euchre League Update

submitted by Karen Anderson, Correspondent

LAINGSBURG—The Laingsburg Euchre League hosted the Shiawassee Conservation Association Euchre League on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at the American Legion Post 248 in Laingsburg.

The tournament is an annual Cross City-Cross County Euchre Challenge. Eight teams from each side competed for bragging rights. After all the cards were slapped down on the tables, the Owosso League came out on top with 374 points, and Laingsburg with 372 points. Debbie Mowbray and Jo Sindall of Laingsburg won highest team score of 63 points. The high point winner ladies played 6 games against 1st place Kevin Kasik and 3rd place Matt Hebbacizer, winners of the Owosso Euchre League. The coveted Traveling Trophy was awarded to the Shiawassee Conservation Association and will hold the honors, with a 2-point spread, until the two organizations meet again next year.

After eleven years, George Gavenda and Brad Schleicher have stepped down from coordinating the 13-week winter event. The League players have extended a grateful farewell and to say, "Thank you, to a job well done!"

The 2027 Laingsburg Euchre League will begin again next year on the first Wednesday in January. New coordinators are Doug Foster and Gary Bulemore, long-time players of the league held at the Laingsburg American Legion Post 248.



and save money."

Consumers Energy is also promoting assistance for customers, especially for the CARE program. The two-year payment program provides forgiveness for past bills and shut-off protection for those who qualify. If you are having trouble paying your bill, call 2-1-1- today and ask about applying for CARE.

People can learn more about how Consumers Energy helps customers at ConsumersEnergy.com/assistance.

Classical Bells Return to Laingsburg for Spring Concert Fundraiser



submitted by Carrie Rathbun Hawks

Laingsburg, Mich. – Bells will be ringing at Laingsburg United Methodist Church – handbells, that is – as the popular Classical Bells group from Livonia returns for its seventh time to entertain the community. The concert is at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Apr. 19 at the church. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for youth ages six-12. Under five years old are free.

Classical Bells is known for entertaining its audience with its extensive set of handbells of all types. The handbell music is enhanced by other instrumental accompaniments, including percussion, flute and an occasional kazoo. Its members are talented musicians who practice and perform throughout the year and throughout the state. There are always a few lighthearted moments as well.

"It's a blessing they're able to return. This is a great show for the whole family," shared LUMC Pastor Kendra Holcomb-Densmore. "Costume changes and props keep it light. Audience engagement is part of their routine. Everyone has a chance to laugh, listen and be sentimental."

Money raised will be split between the Core Youth Group, a middle and high school fellowship open to all in the community, as well as LUMC's annual rice meal kit packing service project with Midwest Missions. Youth group funds are used for mission work, retreats, Christian education, and food and other supplies for the group's regular gatherings.

Church and community volunteers pack 2,000 rice meal kits, which cost \$2 each and feed 12,000. Funds from the bells concert will help offset the \$4,000 needed for supplies, packaging and shipping to impoverished people in war-torn or natural disaster-stricken areas of the world.

This year's concert is generously sponsored by Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes, Peacock Road Family Farm, Rathbun Public Relations, Brushed Salon and other anonymous individuals. Sponsors are still appreciated so 100 percent of the proceeds can go to the youth group and mission project.

Tickets for the concert can be purchased online at www.laingsburgumc.org/giving (click "Donate"), by calling the church at 517-651-5531 or at the door.

Home Upgrades Lead to Lower Bills

JACKSON, Mich. April 9, 2026 – Consumers Energy announced today it is strengthening its commitment to reducing costs for vulnerable customers. The company is increasing spending to connect income-qualified customers with energy-saving programs by \$22 million by 2030.

These programs will soon represent at least 25% of the money Consumers Energy invests in communities to make Michigan homes more energy efficient. That's part of a four-year plan to reduce energy waste for all customers.

"We see and understand many of our friends and neighbors face challenges when it comes to their monthly bills. We know we can make a difference by providing our expertise to lower those bills with home energy upgrades," said Lauren Snyder, Consumers Energy's chief growth and customer officer.

The best way for customers to get involved with these income-qualified programs is through the company's Helping Neighbors program, which connects customers with a cost-saving home energy assessment to start their energy efficiency journey.

Consumers Energy is helping with home upgrades that address poor ventilation or structural issues – which often prevent otherwise eligible households from taking part in energy efficiency programs.

"In many cases, people face challenges that go beyond their energy bill. They live in old homes that aren't energy efficient and need repairs," Snyder said. "We're looking closely at our customers' needs and finding solutions that get to the heart of the problem. In the end, they have healthier, sturdier homes

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Meet the Teams - Laingsburg Wolfpack



Laingsburg Varsity Baseball

Front row (l-r): Head coach Todd Randall, Ethan Smith, Eli Morr, Evan Lefevre, Colton Heaton, Harrison Dorman, Cooper Morr and assistant coach Al Rodriguez. Back row (l-r): Coach Todd Randall, Jake Rivet, Kavin Ream, Colton Heaton, Collin Logghe, Greg Stewart, Cooper Morr, Harrison Dorman, Evan Lefevre, Gauge Ream, Ethan Smith, Assistant coach Austin Randall. Not pictured: Logan Potter, Dez Herold, Titan Sindel and assistant coach Casey Adams
Photo by Keith Kingsbury

Young Wolfpack Diamond Team Will Point to Solid Bats, Good Gloves on Road to Success

LAINGSBURG -- Good sticks. Flashing leather.

If the Wolfpack pitching holds up, LHS could be in for more of the success veteran coach Todd Randall has piloted the last three campaigns. The Wolves won back-to-back District championships in 2023-2024, before falling just short in 2025. Lansing Catholic Central denied LHS its third-straight District Title with a 6-3 victory on the Cougars' home field last June 1.

The loss ended a stellar 22-13 campaign for the red-and-white.

As for the 2026 season, "Offensively and defensively, we should hold our own," says Randall. "We will have a decent amount of players with speed which will help us throughout the season."

Returning standouts are Liam Esch, Jake Rivett, Everett Rodriguez, Evan Lafevre, Colton Heaton, Harrison Dorman, Cooper Morr, Calvin Stier, Quinton Garcia and Paxton Rodriguez. They will be joined by newcomers Eli Morr, Ethan Smith, Dez Herold, Titan Sindel and Logan Potter.

"We will be quite young, having only 4 seniors on the roster," Randall explains.

Meanwhile, the Wolfpack aims to be competitive in a very tough conference. Says the coach, "The CMAC is very good again this year with Portland St. Patrick as the favorite. If we can compete at a high level it should put us in the mix."

"We have a great team chemistry and the guys are excited to get things rolling."

Randall will be assisted by coaches Al Rodriguez, Casey Adams, Cliff Herold and Steven Scott for the 2026 campaign.



Laingsburg JV Baseball

Team includes: Ethan Sebenick, Sawyer Tortorella, Jayce Miller, Connor Seymour, Jayden Carpenter, Riley Hannahs, Dex Herold, Titan Sindel, Lamari Stuckey, Logan Potter. Coaches: ?
Photo by Keith Kingsbury



Laingsburg Baseball Schedule

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| April 13: Portland St. Pats | H | 4:00pm |
| April 16: Potterville | H | 4:00pm |
| April 20: Saranac DH | H | 4:00pm |
| April 23: Dansville DH | A | 4:00pm |
| April 30: Fowler DH | A | 4:00pm |
| May 4: Bath | A | 4:00pm |
| May 7: Lansing Christian DH | H | 4:00pm |
| May 9: Calvin Christian | A | TBA |
| May 12: P-W DH | A | 4:00pm |
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Meet the Teams - Laingsburg Wolfpack



Laingsburg Wolfpack Golf

Front row (l-r): Jake Buckland, Landon Freeman, Mike Neff, Carlos Perez, Nolan Russel, Mason Kent, Kade McLean. Second row (l-r): Kannon Jennings, Landon Hart, Dylan Koenig, Nathan Malone, Shawn Mills, Kaleb Salas. Back row (l-r): Austin Hodges, Camden McGee, Julian Smith, Calum Knull, Collin Logghe, Waylon Rowley, Josiah Hawes.

Photo by Keith Kingsbury.



Laingsburg Wolfpack Soccer

Team includes: Paige Erickson, Chloe Tickner, Kiki Rusz, Payge Woodworth, Allie Brasseur, Alayna Nanasy, Lillian Platte, Kendal Hoard, Ella Dorman, Hayden Wilson, Zoe Davis, Jordyn Myers, Sarah Kibzey, Madi Phillips, Sam Gutzman, Maya Venton, Gwen Clark, Hailey Jury, Lila Esch, Raegan Cousineau, Aleigha Highfield. Head coach: John Hill. Asst. coach: Emma Heyd.

Photo by Keith Kingsbury

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| April 16: Dansville | A | 5:30pm |
| April 18: Swartz Creek | A | 10:15am |
| April 21: Lansing Christian | H | 5:30pm |
| April 23: Bath | A | 5:30pm |
| April 25: Olivet | H | 5:30pm |
| April 30: Perry | A | 5:30pm |
| May 2: CMAC/TVA Invite | H | 10:00am |
| May 5: Dansville | H | 5:30pm |

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| May 7: Lansing Christian | A | 6:00pm |
| May 12: Lenawee | Christian | 6:30pm |
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| May 18: Eaton Rapids | H | 5:30pm |



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Laingsburg Wolfpack Softball

Front row (l to r): Fiona Davis, Samantha LaMacchia, Gabby Woodbury, Maddy Butler.
 Second row (l to r): coach Madisyn Rawza, Kali Spade, Jaylynn Smith, Addison Westfall, Everly Izzo, Alayna Merrell, Ju Ju Latuszek, coach Jeff Cheadle. Third row (l to r): Morgan LaMacchia, Skylar Stiff, Peyton Stahr, Alaina Asher, Savvy Stirm, Harper Strouse, Bella Latuszek, Makenna Johnston.
 Photo by Keith Kingsbury

Outstandig Senior Class Leads to the Question: Can Anyone Stop LHS Softball?

LAINGSBURG -- A long, deep bench, the return of an outstanding senior class ... and, well ... the Lady Wolfpack's long-standing track record forces the question:

Who's going to slow down the Laingsburg softball program?

As veteran coach Jeff Cheadle keeps grinding toward the 1,000-win mark, optimism is once again abuzz for a team that advanced to the MHSAA Quarterfinals a year ago. The Lady Wolfpack finished 24-12-1 and ranked 5th in Division 3. A pair of Wolfpack standouts, now seniors -- Bella Latuszek and Savvy Stirm -- received top honors as Honorable Mention All-State. They also garnered 1st Team All-Conference, All-District and All-Regional plaudits.

They join other postseason honorees in Harper Strouse, Peyton Stahr, Skylar Stiff, Makenna Johnston, Alaina Asher, Alayna Merrell, Ju Ju Latuszek, Jaylynn Smith, Kali Spade and Morgan LaMacchia to form a rock-solid nucleus.

Newcomers give Cheadle the luxury of a long, versatile bench: Addison Westfall, Everly Izzo, Madison Butler, Samantha LaMacchia, Fiona Davis and Gabby Woodbury will all be counted on to provide depth.

Says Cheadle, "We have eight of nine returning starters from last season that won District and Regional titles. We should be a good hitting team and play good defense.

"However, our pitching will be a question mark that we'll have to answer. If we can throw strikes and not beat ourselves by putting baserunners on with free passes, we will be tough to beat."

Cheadle, who will be assisted by Madisyn Rawza, Adam Cheadle, Kara Mahoney and Mike Cooper, says the league race will be extremely tough.

"Dansville, Fowler and Laingsburg should be the top 3 teams," he explains.

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Meet the Teams - Laingsburg Wolfpack



Laingsburg Wolfpack Boys Track

Team includes: Carter Conklin, Jace Copeland, Charleston Crisp, Charles Dehnert, Joe Deshone, Keaton Dietz, Leandro Dolega-Caceres, Liam Esch, James Foltz, Carson Helmer, Levi James, Jayden Jackson, Carter Klont, Gus Larson, Josh Marble, Shaun Mills, Caiden Nidefski, Ryan Park, Ehan Platte, Derek Porubsky, Evan Porubsky, Drake Pratt, Joel Rathka, Will Rathka, Logan Robinson, Grey Seguin, Connor Stahl, Hunter Stahl, Andrew Stevens, Hunter Szilagyi, Ashlton Unruh.

Photo by Keith Kingsbury



Laingsburg Wolfpack Girls Track

Team includes: Chloe Agueros, Lyla Archer, Chloe Barber, Hazel Burley, Meriel Burley, Louise Davis-Campbell, Taylor Droste, Jayden Foltz, Eve Guenther, Sara Hart, Sophia Hughes, Jocelyn James, Hailey Jury, Keira Justice, Samantha Lapinski, Savannah Leitch, Hailey Magley, Samantha Magyar, Abby McNeil, Leah Mills, Ella Mohney, Lilliann Morrill, Alayna Nanasy, Jasmine Noffke, Scarlett Parker, Madison Phillips, Ava Rann, Hannah Rathka, Sienna Recker, Anna Sedlacek, Claire Seger, Jaylynn Smith, Kali Spade, Annika Stahl, Annabelle Stevens, Maivey Strouse, Chloe Tickner, Grace Travis, Ally Underhill, Anna Walker, Mallory Woodbury, Adeline Wright, Edie Zacharda.

Photo by Keith Kingsbury

Wolfpack Thinclads Look. to Compete in Tough CMAC, Led by Upperclas Talent

LAINGSBURG -- Strong returning talent across multiple events.

That sounds like a winning track and field formula, a recipe any coach would like to cook with.

Count veteran Wolfpack coach Brian Borgman in, as he prepares his boys and girls teams for the 2026 spring season. "We would like to have more state qualifiers than last season (ten), which will be difficult since many of the state qualifying standards were raised this year. We have the potential to do it."

For the boys' team, LHS returns senior Leandro Dolega-Caceres as a high jumper and sprinter. He was a state qualifier in 2025. Along with junior Grey Seguin and sophomore Carson Helmer, they make up three parts of the 4x100 state qualifying relay team.

Senior Shaun Mills will anchor the Wolves' throwing team along with junior Charles Dehnert. Senior Keaton Dietz returns as the top hurdler in the 110 highs and 300 lows.

Seniors Logan Robinson and James Foltz will be among the Wolfpack's leaders in the distance races.

For the Lady Wolfpack, LHS returns state qualifier (junior) Lilli Morrill in the long jump. She will also sprint when she is not dual sporting for the Michigan Premier Youth Soccer Club.

Senior Madi Phillips returns after an ACL injury to pole vault, where she was a two-time

state qualifier in '23 and '24. Senior Mallory Woodbury will return to the high jump pit as the team's leader there.

Sophomore Edie Zacharda has emerged as a real contender in the 100 M hurdles after a strong indoor season this winter. Senior Sophia Hughes and junior Ella Mohney will lead the throwers this season. Senior Hazel Burley will lead a young distance squad.

All that said, the Wolfpack faces the challenge of losing Mitchell George (HJ), Dylan Witgen (PV), Feliz Ramirez (distance), Brooklyn Miller (sprints), Evelyn Logghe (distance) and Emily Rathka (distance) from last season.

Younger tracksters to keep an eye on Derek Porubsky (9th) sprints and jumps; Charlie Crisp (10th) pole vault; Eve Guenther (9th) sprints; Chloe Tickner (9th) sprints; Kiki Justice (10th) sprints and jumps; Ava Rann (10th) sprints and jumps; and freshman Leah Mills in the throws and hurdles 4.

Borgman sees Pewamo-Westphalia and Fowler as -- once again -- the teams to beat in the powerful Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC).

The veteran mentor will be assisted by distance coach, Shawn Baynes; high jump coach Jordan Allen; pole vault mentor Andy Brown; throw coach Dan Mills; and Clint Hawks coaching hurdles and long jump.

Ashley Track and Field

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| April 7: Carson City | A | TBA |
| April 11: Freeland | A | TBA |
| April 15: Hemlock | A | TBA |
| April 18: Breckenridge | A | TBA |
| April 22: Carson City | A | 4:00pm |
| April 27: Montabella | A | 4:00pm |
| May 6: Coleman | A | 4:00pm |
| May 8: Laingsburg | A | TBA |
| May 9: Fulton | A | TBA |
| May 16: Fowler | A | TBA |
| May 19: Fulton | A | 4:00pm |

Laingsburg Boys Golf

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| April 14: Lansing Christian | H | 3:00pm |
| April 17: Judson Invite | A | 8:30am |
| April 21: Potterville | A | 3:00pm |
| April 23: Perry | H | 3:00pm |
| April 25: Wolfpack Invite | H | 9:00am |
| April 28: Portland St. Pats | A | 3:00pm |
| April 30: P-W | H | 3:30pm |
| May 5: Dansville | A | 3:00pm |
| May 7: Bath | A | 3:00pm |
| May 11: Tullymore Invite | A | 8:30am |
| May 12: Fowler | H | 3:00am |
| May 21: CMAC Forest Acres East | A | 9:00am |
| May 26: MHSAA Regionals | | |
| Washtenaw Golf Club | A | 9:00am |
| June 5: MHSAA Finals State Tournament | | |
| Bedford Valley GC | A | 9:00am |



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Meet the Teams - Ashley Bears

Sports



Ashley Varsity CoEd Track

Front row (l-r): Jaxon Writ, Peyton Rohn, Marissa Brady. Middle row (l-r): Coach John Berger, Karissa Brady, Aleena Long, Gregorio Gomez, Trevor Dolloff. Back Row (l-r) Tristan Ringle, Brady Neischer, Gavin Felton, Xavier Young. Photo by Deb Price

Ashley Track Returns Five Veterans

submitted by Ashleigh Shaw

On the oval, Ashley Track is undergoing a numbers boom. Coach Jon Berger returns five veteran runners to the fold, but the big story is the addition of six new athletes, effectively doubling the squad's depth.

While the team's identity remains rooted in the grueling distance events, Berger is focused on the intangible "heart" of his expanded roster as they prepare for the invitational circuit.

"We have the most experience and strength in our distance running," Coach Berger noted. "But our athletes have heart and passion and look to improve each competition."

Diamonds and Dirt: Bears-Pirates Alliance Poised for 2026 Campaign

by Ashleigh Shaw

As the frost thaws and the bats come out of storage, the Ashley Bears are once again doubling down on their successful partnership with the Fulton Pirates. This spring, the co-op programs look to build on a year of historic heights and fresh beginnings across the diamond and the track.

Baseball:

After a dominant 31-6 campaign last spring, the Ashley-Fulton baseball team enters the season with a target on its back. Under the guidance of veteran skipper Jeremy Stephens, the program isn't shying away from its status as a regional contender. Season with a target on its back. Under the guidance of veteran skipper Jeremy Stephens, the program isn't shying away from its status as a regional contender. The roster is anchored by a seasoned core of seniors tasked with maintaining a culture defined by "hard work, teamwork, and unselfish play." Success, however, will likely be dictated from the 60-foot, 6-inch mark. "Our pitchers should all bring something different from the mound, mixing up speed and location," said Coach Stephens. "We have high expectations again this year, looking to compete for a league title and a district title."

Softball:

The Lady Bears are also renewing their vows with the Pirates on the softball diamond, but with a fresh face at the helm. New head coach Daniel Weaver arrives with an entirely new coaching staff and a roster that blends veteran savvy with raw potential. While the team leans on three battle-tested returning starters, the influx of newcomers has created a competitive, flexible environment. Weaver believes the team's "positionless" athleticism will be their greatest weapon.

Key Strength: Defensive depth and utility.

The Weaver Philosophy: "Our strength will be that we have several athletes who are capable of playing multiple positions. This makes us versatile and gives us an advantage."

Unfortunately no photos were available for the Baseball and Softball teams.

Wolfpack Sprinters, Girls' Field Events Shine in CMAC Season-Opening Track & Field Action

BATH -- Prep track and field teams from Dansville, Pottsville, Perry, Laingsburg and the host Bees converged to get the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) season cooking here April 8.

Grey Sequin, Leandro Dolega-Caceres and Carson Helmer swept to victory in the 100 yard dash, setting the pace for an impressive Wolfpack afternoon:

- 200 m dash: Sequin and Helmer ran 2nd and 5th, respectively.
- 400 m run: Logan Robinson won the event for LHS in :54.73.
- 800 m run: Laingsburg's James Foltz topped the field in 2:20.54.
- 3200 m run: Jayden Jackson finished 6th for LHS in 13:37.57.
- 110 hurdles: Keaton Dietz and Caiden Nidefski grabbed 4th and 5th places for the Pack.
- 300 m hurdles: Dietz clocked 2nd in :43.71.
- 4 x 100 relay: Dietz, Dolega-Caceres, Helmer and Sequin blazed to 1st in :45.46.
- 4 x 200 relay: Nidefski, Charleston Crisp, Drake Pratt and Carter Conklin finished 3rd in 1:45.75.
- Shot put: Charles Dehnert and Shaun Mills placed 2nd-4th for Laingsburg.
- Discus: Dehnert, Joe Deshone and Mills grabbed 3rd-4th-5th places.
- High jump: Dolega-Caceres topped the field with a 6'2" leap.
- Pole vault: Crisp recorded a 10'6" effort for 2nd place.
- Long jump: Hunter Stahl and Carter Klont posted 10th and 12th place efforts, respectively.

In the girls competition, Brian Borgman's team excelled in the field and hurdling events. Madison Phillips was the top female vaulter winning the pole vault with a 10'0" effort. Sophia Hughes and Ella Mohny finished 1st and 2nd in the discus, with heaves of 88'10" and 75'11.5", respectively. They also grabbed the 9-10 spots in the shot put.

Hailey Magley and Chloe Tickner dominated the girls high jump, tying with 4'6" top-of-the-leader-board finishes.

Edie Zacharda and Tickner raced to a 2-3 finish in the 100 m hurdles, and the same placing in the 300 m hurdles.

Wolfpack sprinters Hailey Jury, Eve Guenther, Ava, Rann, Alayna Nanasy, Samantha Magyar and Abby McNeil took 6 of the top 10 spots in the 100 m, finishing 4-5-6-7-9-10, respectively. Jury and Nanasy ran 9-10 in the 200 sprint.

In the middle distances, Magyar clocked 9th in the 400 m and Elizabeth Burley was 8th in the 800 m.

The distance runners were led by Burley, 8th in the 1600 m. The relay events looked like this for LHS:

- 4 x 100 relay: Guenther, Zacharda, Jury, Abby McNeil 2nd, :58.55. Ally Underhill, Rann, Sara Hart, Jasmine Nofke 3rd, :59.97.
- 4 x 200 relay: Guenther, Hart, Rann, Claire Seger, 3rd, 2:07.74.

Jury and Magley took the 4 and 5 spots in the girls long jump. McNeil and Tickner grabbed the 8-9 finishes.



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Sports

Lady Wolves Sweep Past Webberville in Convincing Fashion; Move to 4-0

LAINGSBURG -- Skylar Stiff was dominant in the circle in the opener, setting the tone as the Lady Wolfpack varsity softball team rocked Webberville in a non-league doubleheader.

The romp-away sweep kept the Wolves' record perfect at 4-0 as the 2026 season starts to heat up.

Stiff rang up 11 strikeouts in the Wolfpack's 13-3 victory, giving up six hits and three runs over six innings while walking two.

Harper Strouse homered to left field in the 2nd inning to start the onslaught, before Savvy Stirm hit a sacrifice fly, and Alayna Merrell singled to center field, each scoring one run.

Addison Westfall singled to right field to add another RBI for LHS.

Makayla Culver took the loss for Webberville, giving up 13 runs on 21 hits, striking out one and walking three. Laingsburg collected 21 hits in the game, led by Bella Latuszek with four hits in four at bats. Peyton Stahr, Stirm, Latuszek, and Strouse each drove in two runs for LHS. Westfall, Merrell, Ju Ju Latuszek, and Alaina Asher each collected multiple hits.

-- Strouse Drives in four to highlight sweep: Strouse drove in four runs on two hits in the nightcap, a 15-1 victory for the hosts.. Strouse singled in the first inning, scoring two runs, and hit a home run to left field in the second inning, scoring two.

The Wolves tacked on more when Alayna Merrell drew a walk, scoring one run, and Makenna Johnston grounded out, scoring one run. They extended the lead to 9-0 after Latuszek singled, scoring two runs, and Strouse homered again to left field, scoring two runs.

Peyton Stahr earned the pitching win, surrendering zero hits and zero runs over three innings, striking out four and walking one. Westfall shut the door on the Spartans in a relief stint.

Laingsburg Varsity Wolfpack tallied 10 hits in the game. Latuszek, Everly Izzo, Stahr, Savvy Stirm, and Ju Ju Latuszek led the Wolves with two free passes each, as Webberville pitching walked 10.

LHS softball girls suffer first loss before bouncing back to split with PCA Eagles

LAINGSBURG -- Jeff Cheadle's varsity Wolfpack softball team suffered its first loss loss of the season, 6-3 to Plymouth Christian Academy, despite out-hitting the Eagles.

The Lady Wolves stood 4-1 overall, before bouncing back to rout PCA in the second game, 12-0.

Bella Latuszek collected four hits in four at-bats in the opening loss.

A double by Peyton Stahr put LHS on the board in the bottom of the first. A single by Latuszek extended the lead to 2-0 in the bottom of the third inning.

PCA jumped into the lead in the top of the fourth when Grace Garrett singled, scoring one run, and Mariah Wright doubled, scoring three runs.

Skylar Stiff took the tough-luck loss for the home team, going seven innings, giving up six runs (four earned) on seven hits, striking out nine and walking four.

The Pack tallied 10 hits in the game. Stahr and Latuszek were a one-two punch in the lineup, as each drove in one run. Stiff collected two hits.

-- Lady Wolves bounce back in second game, 12-0: Addison Westfall collected three hits in three at bats, as the Wolves bounced back 12-0 in the nightcap.

Laingsburg got on the board in the top of the second inning after Makenna Johnston grounded out, and Savvy Stirm flew out, each scoring one run.

Cheadle's crew broke the game open with six runs on seven hits in the top of the fifth inning. Skylar Stiff doubled, scoring one run, Stirm doubled, scoring two runs, Ju Ju Latuszek doubled, scoring two runs, and Bella Latuszek doubled, scoring one run.

Peyton Stahr earned the win for Laingsburg, limiting the Eagles to four hits and zero runs over five innings, striking out six and walking none.

The Wolfpack struck for 13 hits. Westfall and Latuszek each collected three hits; Stirm, B. Latuszek, and J. Latuszek each drove in two runs. Stiff collected two hits in three at bats. Westfall stole two bases.



Laingsburg freshman Everly Izzo scores the go-ahead run in the second game of a Wolfpack softball sweep of Webberville. (Meridian Weekly photo Tom Turek).

Marauder Girls Shut Out in Tough-luck Soccer Loss, 1-0 to E. Lansing

OVID-ELSIE — East Lansing's Grace Refior scored on a rebound at 32:30 of the first half -- the only score in the Lady Trojan's non-league girls soccer win here April 8.

The tough-luck 1-0 loss dropped coach Jerome White's Marauders to 1-3 to start the 2026 campaign. The lone win was a 8-0 shutout of MMAC opponent Byron; all other contests have come opposite Division 1 or 2 opponents.

"We felt like we have a tough group this year," White explained. "We thought that, in order to make a deep run in the state tournament, we had to play the big schools and the talented schools in the nonconference schedule just to get us prepared for a deep run."

The Trojans got the score after O-E keeper Sarah Newman made an initial save ... but got to the rebound. Later in the half, Marauder captain Dannika Campbell went down with an ankle injury. She did not return.

Ovid-Elsie returned to MMAC action on Thursday vs. Durand on the Marauders' home pitch.



McKenzie Keck controlling ball for Ovid-Elsie against East Lansing on April 8. Photo by Denise Burgess

Wolfpack Hardballers Sweep Webberville in Early-Season Doubleheader Action at LHS

LAINGSBURG -- Paxton Rodriguez showed a strong eye at the plate, helping lead the Wolfpack varsity baseball team to a non-league sweep over Webberville.

Todd Randall's club got the broom out for 13-3 and 9-0 wins, moving to 3-0 on the young 2026 season.

In the opening contest, the hosts broke open a tight game when Liam Esch was struck by a pitch, driving in a run, Jake Rivet drew a walk, scoring one run, and Harrison Dorman singled, scoring two runs.

Colton Heaton led things off on the mound, allowing one hit and zero runs over two innings, striking out three and walking one. Cooper Morr, Evan Lafevre, and Rivet each threw scoreless innings in relief.

The Wolves tallied 12 hits in the game. Rodriguez drove the middle of the lineup with two runs batted in and going 3-for-4 on the day. Garcia and Rodriguez each collected three hits, and Morr went 2-for-2.

-- Third-Inning spurt fuels nightcap win: In game two, Randall's Wolfpack scored seven runs in the third inning, clinching a 9-0 rout of the Spartans.

The floodgates opened: Liam Esch singled, scoring one run, Cooper Morr singled, scoring one run, a passed ball scored two runs, Harrison Dorman singled, scoring one run, Paxton Rodriguez singled, scoring one run, and Everett Rodriguez lined out, scoring one run.

The red-and-white got on the board in the bottom of the first inning after Rodriguez doubled down the left field line, and Jake Rivet grounded out, each scoring one run.

Quinton Garcia earned the win, allowing one hit and zero runs over three innings, striking out three and walking none.

Memorial Healthcare to Host a Free Hernia Screening in Flushing

submitted by Dianna Vsetula

Owosso – Memorial Healthcare is pleased to announce a free hernia screening event for community members on Wednesday, May 6 in Flushing. This event is designed to raise awareness of abdominal wall and inguinal hernias, support early detection, and provide expert guidance on treatment options.

The screening is ideal for individuals experiencing symptoms such as a noticeable bulge, pain, or discomfort in the abdomen or groin; those with a family history of hernias; individuals who regularly engage in activities that increase abdominal pressure, such as heavy lifting, chronic coughing, or straining during bowel movements, or anyone previously diagnosed with a hernia who is seeking additional medical advice.

Hernias are a common condition affecting millions of people each year. They occur when an internal organ or tissue pushes through a weakened area of muscle or surrounding tissue. While some hernias may not cause symptoms, others can lead to discomfort, pain, and potentially serious complications if left untreated. Early detection and proper medical care are key to effective treatment and management.

Event Details: Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 Time: 5:30 PM Location: 1510 Pierson Road, Flushing, MI (next to Kroger)

Registration: Please RSVP by May 1st by contacting Melissa at MNeuhaus@MemorialHealthcare.org or (989) 729-4780.

Following a brief informational presentation and dinner, private screenings will be conducted by Memorial Healthcare general surgeons Dr. Sasha Spencley and Dr. Joseph E. Testa. Each screening takes approximately 10 minutes and includes a thorough exam along with time to discuss any concerns. Participants are encouraged to wear loose clothing.

For more information, please visit www.MemorialHealthcare.org.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE

CASE NO: 26-32841-DE
Estate of
KATHRYN E. HEINZE
Date of birth: March 12, 1957
NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS:
The Decedent
KATHRYN E. TYLER
Died: January 30, 2026
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Elizabeth Heinze, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 100 East State Street, Suite 4300, St. Johns, MI 48879 within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

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(04-12)

STATE OF MICHIGAN 29TH JUDICIAL COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS ORDER REGARDING ALTERNATE SERVICE

Case No: 25-12622-CH
Hon. Cori E. Barkman
Plaintiff's Name:
Fifth Third Bank, National Association
as successor by merger to Fifth Third
Mortgage Company
c/o Plaintiff's attorney
Plaintiff's Attorney:
Sogol I. Plagany (P69690)
Orlans Lawn Group PLLC
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007
248-502-1359
Defendants Name:
Tracy Sedore, et al.
THE COURT FINDS:

1. Service of process upon the defendant, Tracy Sedore, cannot reasonable be made as provided in MCR 2.105 and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.
IT IS ORDERED:
2. Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order shall be made by the following method(s).
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Hon. Cori E. Barkman
Plaintiff's Name:
Fifth Third Bank, National Association
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Mortgage Company
c/o Plaintiff's attorney
Plaintiff's Attorney:
Sogol I. Plagany (P69690)
Orlans Lawn Group PLLC
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007
248-502-1359
Defendants Name:
Matthew L. Sedore, et al.
THE COURT FINDS:

1. Service of process upon the defendant, Matthew L. Sedore, cannot reasonable be made as provided in MCR 2.105 and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.
IT IS ORDERED:
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STATE OF MICHIGAN 29TH JUDICIAL COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON NOTICE TO CREDITORS ORDER REGARDING ALTERNATE SERVICE

Case No: 25-12651-CH
Hon. Cori E. Barkman
Plaintiff's Name:
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LLC c/o Swistak Levine, P.C.
Plaintiff's Attorney:
Jarrett E. Levine (P71902)
30833 Northwestern Hwy. Ste. 120
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 851-8000
Defendants Name:
MARCIA LYNN VANBUREN
62 Neetle Ave.
Lansing, MI 48906
THE COURT FINDS:

1. Service of process upon the defendant, MARCIA LYNN VANBUREN, cannot reasonable be made as provided in MCR 2.105 and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.
IT IS ORDERED:
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a. First-class mail to 62 Neetle Ave. Lansing, MI 48906
b. Tacking or firmly affixing to the door at 62 Neetle Ave. Lansing, MI 48906
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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 May 6, 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): Jerold Makara, single
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns Foreclosing Assignee (if any): MID-FIRST BANK
Date of Mortgage: June 9, 2023
Date of Mortgage Recording: June 15, 2023

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$146,896.38
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Village of Elsie, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Lots 1, 2, 13 and 14, B.D. Hicks Addition to the Village of Elsie, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 48 of Deeds, Page 415.
Common street address (if any): 315 W Main St, Elsie, MI 48831-9806
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).
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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Justin Keibler, an unmarried man
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns Foreclosing Assignee (if any): PennyMac Loan Services LLC
Date of Mortgage: March 5, 2021
Date of Mortgage Recording: March 9, 2021

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$160,504.59
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Saint Johns, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 31, Briggs-Stoller Subdivision, City of St. Johns, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 6, Clinton County Records.
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Estate of
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NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS:
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CLEO E. DROSTE
Died: January 30, 2026
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Greg Tomasek, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 100 East State Street, Suite 4300, St. Johns, MI 48879 within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Died: October 27, 2025
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PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE STATE OF MICHIGAN 29TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - FAMILY DIVISION COUNTY OF CLINTON

CASE NO: 26-32928-NC
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Floor Courtroom St. Johns, Michigan
48879, before Judge Lisa Sullivan to
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Native Plant Sale at DeVries Nature Conservancy

submitted by Jessica Hickey

A Native Plant Sale will be held at DeVries Nature Conservancy on Saturday, May 9 from 11am to 2pm. Pre-orders are being taken until April 30, for pickup at DeVries on the day of the sale. The plant sale includes Michigan native wildflowers and grasses, all locally grown to pint (3") size by East Michigan Native Plants. Shoppers are also welcome to stop by and purchase plants the day of the sale without pre-ordering. In addition, there will be a Native Gardening Workshop before the sale, at 10am on Saturday May 9; tickets to the workshop are \$10 per person.

Call DeVries at (989) 723-3365 or visit www.devriesnature.org for more information. DeVries Nature Conservancy is located at 2635 N. M-52 in Owosso.

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BANK OF MUD CREEK, SAID POINT BEING NORTH 79 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 173 FEET MORE OR LESS FROM THE CENTERLINE OF MUD CREEK; THENCE ALONG SAID BANK ON AN INTERMEDIATE TRAVERSE LINE ON THE EASTERLY BANK OF SAID CREEK THE FOLLOWING 2 COURSES; NORTH 28 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 29 SECONDS EAST 75.68 FEET AND NORTH 24 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 273.64 FEET TO THE END OF SAID INTERMEDIATE TRAVERSE LINE, SAID END BEING NORTH 89 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST 165 FEET MORE OR LESS FROM THE SAID CENTERLINE OF MUD CREEK; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST 251.73 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SAID PARCEL HAVING RIGHTS OF INGRESS AND EGRESS BY MEANS OF A PRIVATE DRIVE EASEMENT AS DESCRIBED BELOW. PRIVATE DRIVE EASEMENT: AN EASEMENT IN THE NORTH 1/2 OF SECTION 9, T5N, R1W, BATH TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 9; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST 668.00 FEET ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 9; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 714.46 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 208.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 628.50 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF ANGLE ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE 177.24 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF SAID EASEMENT; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 00 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 20.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 879.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 23.00 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF PARCEL "C"; THENCE NORTH 81 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST 262.20 FEET ALONG THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID PARCEL "C" TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF PARCEL "B"; THENCE NORTH 67 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST 55.53 FEET ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY LINE TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID PARCEL "B"; THENCE NORTH 23 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 54 SECONDS EAST 215.00 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID PARCEL "B"; THENCE SOUTH 58 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST 23.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 31 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST 50.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 58 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST 23.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID PARCEL "A"; THENCE NORTH 31 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST 30.00 FEET ALONG SAID EAST LINE OF PARCEL "A"; THENCE SOUTH 58 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST 66.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 31 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST 30.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 58 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST 23.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 31 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST 34.25 FEET; THENCE ON A CURVE TO THE LEFT 21.94 FEET, SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 90.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 13

DEGREES 58 MINUTES 07 SECONDS AND A LONG CHORD OF 21.89 FEET BEARING SOUTH 25 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST; THENCE SOUTH 19 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST 53.85 FEET; THENCE ON A CURVE TO THE LEFT 139.72 FEET; SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 90.00 FEET; A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 88 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 06 SECONDS AND A LONG CHORD OF 126.11 FEET BEARING SOUTH 25 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST; THENCE SOUTH 69 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 46 SECONDS EAST 45.37 FEET; THENCE ON A CURVE TO THE LEFT 32.19 FEET; SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 90.00 FEET; A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 20 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 44 SECONDS AND A LONG CHORD OF 32.02 FEET BEARING SOUTH 79 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 38 SECONDS EAST; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 855.23 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Property Address: 12110 SCOTCH HOLW DR., BATH, MI 48808 Tax ID No. 19-010-009-100-035-01 The redemption period shall be Twelve (12) 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. If this 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 sale or to the Mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. SELENE FINANCE, LP, Mortgagee/Assignee April 12, 2026 ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Attorney for Mortgagee/Assignee 26-399019 - DaT 13010 Morris Road, Suite 450 Alpharetta, GA 30004 Telephone: 470-321-7112 Facsimile: 404-393-1425 Service Email: MIFCLTeam@raslg.com (04-12)(05-03)

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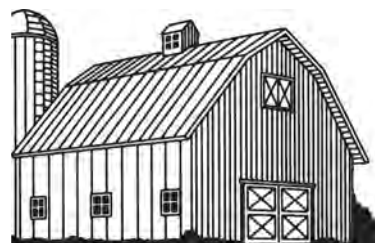
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Inspired Women Network Event



Shiawassee Family YMCA CEO Laura Archer and Baker College Chief People Officer Dr. Voula Erfourth

submitted by Carrie Rathbun Hawks

Owosso, Mich. – Registration is now open for the upcoming Inspired Women Network event on Tuesday, April 28 from 9–11 a.m. at the Baker College Welcome Center in Owosso. During this interactive, hands-on session, presenters will focus on bridging the gaps between colleagues across generations.

Guest speakers Dr. Voula Erfourth, Baker College Chief People Officer and Laura Archer, Shiawassee Family YMCA CEO, will describe the different generations – from Boomers to Gen Alpha – and share how their characteristics impact professional environments. The goal is for participants to leave with fresh perspectives and concrete ways to help their workplaces thrive.

“Workplaces today are more generationally diverse than ever before—and we want to make sure we’re facilitating conversations that matter most. When individuals come together with a willingness to learn from one another, it leads to stronger relationships and a more connected community,” said Archer.

For additional details and event updates, visit the Inspired Women Network (IWN) Facebook page or call (989) 723-5149. Tickets are \$25 and include a continental breakfast.

Local Roots Cannabis Company Celebrates 5 Year Anniversary with a 4/20 Customer Appreciation Weekend

submitted by Ronda Liskey

Laingsburg, MI — Local Roots Cannabis Company is proud to celebrate five years of serving the Laingsburg community with a special Customer Appreciation Weekend leading up to April 20. The offers and celebration will also be taking place at the new Local Roots store location in Perry, as well!

Since opening its doors, Local Roots has remained a family-owned and operated business focused on providing quality products, friendly service, and a strong connection to the local community. Over the past five years, the company has participated in numerous community initiatives, including local music events, festival sponsorships, and its annual Thanksgiving turkey giveaway.

To mark the milestone, Local Roots will host a Customer Appreciation Weekend, April 18th, 19th, and culminating on April, 20, the industry’s annual day of celebration. There will be: Buy 1 get 1 free offers, steep discounts and giveaways, all weekend, with a special offer on MONDAY ONLY, 4/20, of a giveaway of 100 premium gift bags, with a qualifying purchase for the first 100 customers...see website for full details: www.localrootscannabis.com “This weekend we are doing some of the biggest deals we’ve ever done, and Monday is going to be extra special! It’s our way of saying thanks,” says Roy Liskey.

“We’re incredibly grateful for the support we’ve received from this community over the past five years,” said Roy and Ronda Liskey, Mother and Son Family owned business “We know our customers have many choices, and we don’t ever take it lightly that they choose us. This weekend is our giving back!”

The cannabis industry has evolved significantly in recent years, with increased competition, rising costs, and new regulatory challenges. Despite these changes, Local Roots remains committed to operating responsibly and continuing to serve as a stable, long-term business in the community.

“Our goal has always been to provide value—not just through our customer service, great products, and competitive pricing, but through how we show up in the community,” Ronda Liskey added. “We’re proud to be here and look forward to many more years ahead.”

Customers are encouraged to stop in during the weekend to take advantage of promotions and celebrate the milestone with the Local Roots team.

About Local Roots Cannabis Company Local Roots Cannabis Company is a family-owned cannabis retailer serving the Laingsburg and Perry communities. The 2nd Local Roots store opened last summer in Perry. Known for its welcoming atmosphere and commitment to customer service, Local Roots offers a curated selection of cannabis products while staying actively involved in local community efforts, in Laingsburg, and now in Perry too!







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