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Golden Anniversary Improvements Celebrate 50-Years of 'Community' at Looking Glass Terrace

LAINGSBURG -- An iconic housing development on Laingsburg's east side is getting a Golden Anniversary face-lift.

What began as a true community project has continued through the decades, with the success story that is the Looking Glass Terrace.



Above before renovation. Below after renovation



Explains board trustee Jody Frank, "The most unique aspect of Looking Glass Terrace is the combination of a close-knit community atmosphere in a small town community, active ownership and resident activities, and a dedicated team that works hard to ensure residents have an enjoyable place to live. What also distinguishes the property is its thoughtful design. Each apartment includes a private entrance and patio, offering a unique blend of personal space, and community living that is not often found in traditional apartment settings."

The history is long and colorful:

After the property was purchased from original owners Robert and Jean Leonard, a NPDC (Non-Profit Domestic Corporation) was formed by the Looking Glass Terrace Corporation, with an Article of Incorporation filed on January 12, 1976. The initial resident agent was the late Basil Acker.

He, along with Robert Leonard, Ed Hurst, Claude Jones and Corless Schlicher formed the original Incorporators and First Board of Directors. To purpose of the new development was to " ... promote the general social welfare of the community and for that purpose, to acquire, construct provide, and operate rental housing and related facilities suited to the special needs and living requirements of eligible occupants as determined by Farmers Home Administration regulation, without regard to race, color, creed or national origin."

Through the years, the facility has remained true to its original goal of providing safe, affordable housing -- has become "home" to hundreds of local residents. The current board of president Peg Leonard, vice-president Craig Warren, treasurer Tracy Claus, secretary Lori Leonard and trustees Jody Frank, Shannon Graham, Shirley Ragsdale, Dane Nickols and Anne Scripter have remained steadfast in continuing that legacy, and have overseen the latest, extensive renovation project.

The property is currently managed by KMG Prestige and features 25 apartments, in addition to four out-structures -- including the Community Building which is used for a

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Memorial Healthcare Welcomes Licensed Psychologist Valerie Hooper, Psy.D., to Counseling Services

submitted by Dianna Vsetula



Valerie Hooper, Psy.D.

Owosso, Michigan – Memorial Healthcare is pleased to announce that Valerie Hooper, Psy.D., Licensed Psychologist, has joined Memorial Healthcare Counseling Services, expanding access to comprehensive outpatient behavioral health services for individuals and families throughout the region.

Dr. Hooper joins the Counseling Services team alongside Stacy Schaufele, LMSW, and Sarah Tomcala, LPC, further strengthening Memorial Healthcare's commitment to providing compassionate, evidence-based mental health care for the community.

Dr. Hooper earned her Doctorate in Clinical and Forensic Psychology from the School of Professional Psychology at Forest Institute in Springfield, Missouri. She brings extensive experience in both clinical and forensic psychology, most recently serving as CEO and Licensed Clinical & Forensic Psychologist at Vitality Psychological Services in Columbia, Missouri.

Throughout her career, Dr. Hooper has conducted psychological and forensic assessments for Missouri courts, law enforcement agencies, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), disability determinations, and school districts. She also has experience providing psychological services in both inpatient and outpatient hospital settings through her previous work at McLaren Hospital.

At Memorial Healthcare Counseling Services, Dr. Hooper provides individual therapy for patients ages 12 and older with a wide range of mental health concerns. She also offers psychodiagnostic, psychoeducational, and neuropsychological testing for patients ages 6 and older, helping individuals and families better understand cognitive, behavioral, and emotional health needs.

Dr. Hooper is now accepting new patients and participates with most major insurance plans.

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

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FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given that the Public Accuracy Test of the Electronic Tabulating Equipment for the Tuesday, August 4, 2026 Primary Election will be conducted on Thursday, July 30, 2026 at 10:00am. The test will take place at the Fairfield Township Hall located at 7988 W. Henderson Rd., Elsie, MI.

This is to demonstrate to the public that all votes cast will be accurately counted on all candidates and proposals in accordance with MCL 168.798.

Sonya Latz
Fairfield Township Clerk 517.282.1168

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The Sunday Coffee Pour

submitted by Sue Casler

Join us for Coffee your way The Sunday Coffee Pour Second Sunday of every month (starting July 12) from 10 am – 10:55 am at the United Church of Ovid, 131 W. Front St., Ovid

We will be offering free specialty coffee for anyone in the community.

Our Menu: Latte, Cappuccino, Americano, Double Espresso, Shaken Espresso. Flavors: Brown Sugar, Carmel, Maple, Mocha, White Mocha, Vanilla.

This is a free service for our community.

Save The Date - Laingsburg Library Summerfest

by Lori Johnson

The Friends of the Laingsburg Public Library invite you to a FREE, fun-filled Open House at the Laingsburg Library on July 25 at 11:00 a.m.

Bring the whole family for an exciting performance and interactive activities with BubblesRFun, face painting, children's gift bags, and snacks. There's something for everyone to enjoy!

We hope you'll join us for this special community event!

Third Annual Payless Event

submitted by Cathie Keck

The Ashley United Methodist Church will be holding its third annual Payless Event on August 13 & 14th from 9:00-5:00 PM per day. Giving away clothes, shoes, coats, hats, stuffed animals, tools and much more. Everything is free so come on over to the Community Center, located on main street in Ashley and fill a bag or two or as much as you want. Backpacks will be given away with school supplies and ice cream floats for everyone. You don't want to miss this. Remember all is free.

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Upcoming Events at the Ovid Public Library

On Monday, July 20th we will be having our Adult Booktasting at 1:00. This is a popular event where you can find out all the good books that people are reading and enjoying. This group keeps growing and reading.

Classic Movie will be on Wednesday, July 29 at 1:00. This month's movie will be 'Roman Holiday' starring Gregory Peck and Audrey Hepburn. Join us for this romantic comedy. You are welcome to bring snacks but snacks will be provided.

There are only two weeks left in our summer reading program. If you haven't finished your bookmark yet you still have time to get it done to earn your pizza and ice cream coupons. So far we have had over 100 people finish. Don't forget to check your summer reading program calendar for all the upcoming events. You don't want to miss any of the fun.

Save the Date for our upcoming author visit. We will be having Pat Commins and Elizabeth Rice at the Ovid Public Library on Tuesday, August 11th at 1:00. They will be discussing their new book, 'No Shy Colleen' which is about the many different roles and professions undertaken by the Irish women who came to America in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

"Save This Date"

submitted by Lori Johnson

Your child is invited to attend a fun club for boys and girls ages 5 to 12! "Five Day Club" meets for 90 minutes every day for five days. Clubs are sponsored by Child Evangelism Fellowship, a Bible centered ministry serving in over 190 counties around the world.

All teachers and helpers have been trained and screened to ensure your child's protection. (Parents are welcome to attend.)This is a free club. We will share Bible lessons, memory verses, songs, prizes, fun activities and great games. July 27 through the 31st, 2026 from 10:30 AM to noon located at the Connection at 120 East Grand River in Laingsburg.

For more information check on our website at www.laingsburgclotheslineconnection.org.

SCIOTA TOWNSHIP
ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING and
OPTICAL SCAN SYSTEM & AUTO-MARK MACHINE
PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Sciota Township will hold a public Election Commission Meeting and test of the Optical Scan Voting system and Auto-Mark Machine to be used in the August 4, 2026, election on:

MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026
Election Commission Meeting begins at 6:45 p.m.
THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026
Optical Scan Testing & Auto-Mark begins at 4:00 p.m.

HELD AT: SCIOTA TOWNSHIP HALL
3990 Leland Road
Laingsburg, MI 48848

This test is being conducted as required by Michigan law (MCL168.798) to demonstrate to the public that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of law. Contact the clerk for accessible accommodations 5 days prior to the meeting.

Jamie Parker-Wing
Sciota Township Clerk
(517) 651-5286

Memorial Healthcare Welcomes Internal Medicine Physician to Owosso

submitted by Dianna Vsetula

Owosso – Please join us in welcoming Ali Al-Waili, MD to our active medical staff and to Memorial Healthcare Family/Internal Medicine – Owosso.



Ali Al-Waili, MD

Dr. Al-Waili earned his medical degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine and completed his Internal Medicine residency at McLaren Greater Lansing Hospital.

In addition to his clinical practice, Dr. Al-Waili serves as a Research Scientist with the Al-Waili Charitable Foundation for Science and Trading in Mount Vernon, New York. His professional experience includes extensive work in scientific writing, medical research, and contributions to peer-reviewed publications.

Dr. Al-Waili is committed to delivering evidence-based, patient-centered care with a strong emphasis on clear communication, compassionate service, and shared decision-making. He believes in treating every patient with respect, professionalism, and individualized attention while working collaboratively with healthcare teams to achieve the best possible outcomes. His dedication to clinical excellence, innovation, and quality improvement reflects his commitment to helping patients achieve long-term health and wellness.

Dr. Al-Waili is currently accepting new patients with most insurances.

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

MMPC Meeting

submitted by Kate Neese

The Materials Management Planning Committee (MMPC) will be holding a public meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 5:45pm in the Clinton County Courthouse Board of Commissioners Room to continue the Materials Management Plan process.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 5:45pm in the First Floor Conference Room of the Clinton County Courthouse. MMPC meeting agendas and minutes will be regularly posted on the Clinton County website: www.clinton-county.org/1075/Materials-Management-Planning-Committee.

For additional information, please contact the Clinton County Department of Waste Management by emailing recycle@clinton-county.org or calling the office (989) 224-5186.

OVID TOWNSHIP
Public Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the August 4, 2026, State Primary Election has been scheduled for Monday, July 20, 2026, at 4 p.m., at the Ovid Township Hall, 1015 Baese Court, Ovid, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the Election counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law. MCL168.798

Claudia Barrett Pluger, Clerk
Ovid Township

VICTOR TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Victor Township would like to inform residents that construction at the Township Hall and Township Park is now underway and is expected to continue throughout the summer.

To help maintain a save environment during construction activities, residents are asked to avoid unnecessary foot traffic in and around the construction areas. Residents needing township assistance or services are encouraged to contact the office by phone or email:

VICTOR TOWNSHIP
517-651-2094
info@victortwp.org

Township staff will gladly assist with questions, services, or other township business remotely whenever possible.

Victor Township appreciates the public's patience and cooperation during this construction period.

CITY OF LAINGSBURG
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST FOR THE AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD AUGUST 4, 2026

A public accuracy test for the AUGUST PRIMARY ELECTION to be held AUGUST 4, 2026, will be conducted on Wednesday, July 29, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the City Hall Office located at 114 N. Woodhull Street, Laingsburg, Michigan.

The public accuracy test is conducted to assure that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the ballots of the election are in conformance with the procedures prescribed by law.

Kim Hamilton
Laingsburg City Clerk

OVID TOWNSHIP
PROPOSED BOARD MEETING MINUTES
- Thursday, June 11, 2026

Supervisor J. West called the regular meeting to order at 7 p.m., with the Pledge to the Flag. Supervisor commented he was going to let Trustee B. Byles run the meeting.

Clerk commented when the Supervisor is present, he must be the moderator of the meeting, according to MCL 41.72a.

Roll Call: Supervisor Jennings West, Clerk Claudia Barrett Pluger, Treasurer Nancy Hughson, Trustee Bobby Byles, Trustee Kurt Wolf

Absent: None.

Visitors: Keith Jones, Woody Woodworth, Bob Meredith, Peggy Lidgard-Assessor, Nicole Fickes-County Commissioner, Susan Schaefer, Connie & Gary Kioski, Lionel & Robin Olson, Mark Pluger

Brief Public Comment on Agenda Items: Connie Kioski, William Keith Jones

Connie Kioski inquired about which Agenda would be used. Supervisor commented Claudia's.

Approval of Agenda:

Clerk asked to add to the Agenda the renters coming in to decorate. Bobby brought this up last month about waiving the setup fee.

Moved by N. Hughson to approve the Agenda with the amendment. B. Byles questioned which agenda. Supervisor commented Claudia's. Board discussion. Public commenting. Seconded by K. Wolf. Carried.

Approval of Minutes of May 14, 2026:

Moved by K. Wolf to accept the minutes of May 14, and place them on file, Seconded by Supervisor West. Carried.

Treasurer's Financial Report Given:

Discussion regarding sending tax receipts. Public commenting.

Moved by B. Byles that we approve the Treasurer's report, as submitted, Seconded by K. Wolf. Carried.

Amend and Approve Budget:

GL # 101-266-817, MTA Dues - $161.43, GL # 101-262-956, Education (Election) - $1,500,

Total due from unallocated funds is $1,661.43.

Moved by C. Pluger to amend and approve the budget, as to what the Supervisor read above, Seconded by B. Byles. Carried.

Clerk's Report & Check Register-$45,142.65 (May 15, 2026-June 11, 2026):

Board discussion on register. The first chloride invoice was paid.

Moved by N. Hughson to approve the Clerk's report, Board discussion. Seconded by K. Wolf. Carried.

Reports Given By:

Assessor - Peggy Lidgard

County Commissioner - Nicole Fickes

New Business -

Virtual (VTG) - Formerly Vector -

Fortinet License Renewal - Firewall - $1,014 - Expires 12-30-2028:

N. Hughson reported a tech from VTG came and updated the two desktops with Windows 11. He reported we have to have Fortinet. It's not an option not to have it. There was no engineering fee. We have Sentinel for security.

Moved by N. Hughson to pay the $1,014 for the three-year contract that expires in 2028, in December. Board discussion. Seconded by C. Pluger.

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

Proposed Resolution Number 2026-04, Resolution Authorizing Sunday Morning Sales of Spirits at Shepardsville Corner Store:

Board discussion regarding proposed resolution.

Moved by K. Wolf to amend Resolution Number 2026-04 to remove Subsection 2, and this would abolish the original resolution and allow a.m. Sunday sales throughout the Township, Seconded by B. Byles.

Roll Call Vote: C. Pluger-No, 8. Byles-Yes, J. West-Yes, N. Hughson-No, K. Wolf-Yes. Carried. Moved by K. Wolf to approve Resolution Number 2026-04, as amended, Seconded by B. Byles. Roll Call Vote: K. Wolf-Yes, N. Hughson-No, J. West-Yes, B. Byles-Yes, C. Pluger-No. Carried.

Library Appointment - Member at Large:

Board discussion regarding the two letters we received.

Moved by N. Hughson that we retain Rita West, Seconded by C. Pluger.

Roll Call Vote: K. Wolf-Yes, N. Hughson-Yes, J. West-Yes, 8. Byles-No, C. Pluger-Yes. Carried.

Hall Rental of May 16, 2026:

Board discussion regarding the rental of May 16, 2026, and the violations encountered. Public commenting.

June 12, 2026, Hall Rental & June 11, 2026, Board Meeting:

The people renting the Hall on June 12 paid the extra $50 fee to setup the night before, however, the Board meeting was also that night.

Moved by B. Byles that we waive the $50 setup fee, Seconded by C. Pluger. Carried.

Reports - (continued):

Library - Trustee Bobby Byles OMESA - Treasurer Nancy Hughson CAASA - Supervisor Jennings West

Public Comments: Bob Meredith, Woody Woodworth, William Keith Jones, Gary Kioski, Connie Kioski, (Public Comments-Back & Forth)

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

Adjournment: Motion by C. Pluger to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by K. Wolf. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Claudia Barrett Pluger, Clerk

Obituaries

Carolyn Elaine Wilson



Carolyn Elaine Wilson, age 82, of Ovid, entered into the presence of her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, June 30, 2026, surrounded by the love of her family.

Carolyn was born on August 1, 1943, in Dayton, Ohio to E.R. and Leora (Loughmiller) Mitchell. She attended Owosso College, which later became part of Indiana Wesleyan University, where she developed a lifelong appreciation for learning and serving others.

Carolyn spent many years as the Office Manager at Capital Consultants before retiring in 2012. She also shared her talents as an instructor at Davenport College and taught sewing classes at JoAnn Fabrics, encouraging others with her patience, creativity, and practical wisdom.

Her greatest joy, however, was found in serving the Lord, loving her family, and caring for those around her. A devoted member of Grace Pointe Wesleyan Church in Owosso, Trinity Wesleyan in Lansing, Central Free Methodist in Lansing, and St. John's Free Methodist for many years, Carolyn faithfully served in countless ways. She taught children's ministries, led worship through her gift of playing the piano, hosted and led small group Bible studies, and lovingly prepared meals and church brunches that brought people together. She was an accomplished home canner whose kitchen was always filled with the aromas of homemade meals, baked goods, and preserves made with love. Whether offering a warm meal, a listening ear, or a word of encouragement, Carolyn had a special gift for making others feel welcomed, cared for, and at home.

On June 27, 1964, Carolyn married the love of her life, Tommy James Wilson, in Covington, Kentucky. Together they built a beautiful life centered on faith, family, and unwavering love. Over 62 years of marriage, they shared countless memories, faithfully walking through every season of life hand in hand.

Carolyn's greatest pride was her family. She leaves behind her beloved husband, Tommy James Wilson; her son, Thomas (Nancy) Wilson; her daughter, Christine (Charles) Toner; her cherished grandchildren, Devon Wilson, Isabella (Eric) Schumann, and Abigayle Toner; her siblings, Everette (Valerie) Mitchell, Loretta (Phil) Enlow, and Sharon (Bob) Marcum; six nieces and nephews; sixteen great-nieces and great-nephews; and many extended family members and dear friends who were blessed by her kindness, generosity, and steadfast faith.

She was preceded in death by her parents, E.R. and Leora Mitchell.

Carolyn will be remembered for her servant's heart, unwavering faith, generous spirit, and unconditional love for her family and friends. Her legacy lives on in the lives she touched, the faith she shared, the traditions she passed down, and the love she so freely gave. Though she will be deeply missed, her family finds comfort in knowing she is at peace in the presence of her Savior.

Funeral Services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 11, 2026, at North Pointe Community Church, 505 E. Webb Drive, DeWitt, Michigan. Family and friends are invited to visit at the church from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Indiana Wesleyan University E.R. Mitchell Scholarship Fund in Carolyn's honor.

Grant Lee LeDuke



Grant Lee LeDuke, 60, from Ovid, Michigan passed away on July 8, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of service, sacrifice, hard work, and unconditional love for his family.

Born on August 2, 1965, Grant dedicated his life to serving others. He proudly served his country in the United States Army and the Michigan Army National Guard for seven years, carrying with him the honor, duty, and commitment throughout his life.

Following his military service, he continued answering the call to serve as a volunteer firefighter with the Ovid Middlebury Township Fire Department, where he faithfully served his community for 13 years. Grant was always willing to lend a helping hand, answer emergency calls, or support those in need.

Grant also built a distinguished career as an electrical lineman with Consumers Energy for 28 years. Through long hours, harsh weather, and countless storm callouts, he worked tirelessly to restore power to the community. He took tremendous pride in his work and was known for his dependability, strong work ethic, and commitment to helping others.

His greatest pride and joy were his children Rachel (Jake) Kramer and Mitchell LeDuke. Alongside his wife, Roxanne, everything he did was motivated by his desire to provide for and protect those he loved. His strength, guidance and love will be deeply missed.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Roxanne (Curtis) LeDuke, his children Rachel (Jake) Kramer and Mitchell LeDuke; his siblings, Steven (Cindy) LeDuke, Lynne (Kevin) Peters, Patricia (Edward) Moggo, sister-in-law, Kim LeDuke, Elizabeth (Joseph) Stevens, and Ivan (Suzi) Hunnicutt. Grant will also be lovingly remembered by his in laws Loren (Jodi) Curtis, Bryan (Michelle) Curtis and many nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents, David and Noreen (Dennis) LeDuke; brother, David LeDuke; nephew, Joshua Thoma; and great niece, Leighla Thoma.

Grant will be forever loved, forever remembered, and forever missed.

A Funeral Service will be held at McGeehan Funeral Home, Keck-Coleman Chapel, 1500 Waterford Parkway, St. Johns, on Tuesday, July 14, at 11AM with Carol Kusnier officiating. A luncheon will follow at the St. Johns VFW Hall. Friends may visit at the funeral home on Monday, July 13, from 2-8PM and on Tuesday from 10AM until the time of service. Memorials may be made in his name to Walk For The Red or to the Ovid-Middlebury Fire Department.

The family was served by the McGeehan Funeral Home, Keck-Coleman Chapel.

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Editorial



Thank You

The Elsie Lions Club would like to thank all the people who supported us during the Elsie Dairy Festival and throughout the year. With your support we continue to serve our local community in many ways.

Please contact any Elsie Lions Member to get your Beef Raffle tickets, which will be drawn at the Elsie Fall Festival!

Thank you,
Elsie Lions President
Richard Easlick



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
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The Planets Aligned Literally But Not Figuratively

On the morning of June 22 the Weekly Sportsman was traveling from Las Vegas to Salt Lake City and was very anxious to check his phone before boarding the plane. That morning the DNR was releasing elk and bear drawing results for the upcoming 2026 hunting season. The planets of Venus, Jupiter, and Mercury were literally aligned that day, however, figuratively they were not and luck did not fall in favor of the Weekly Sportsman. Twenty one years of putting in for the coveted Drummond Island Bear Hunt just wasn't quite enough but there is always next year, right? Despite the Weekly Sportsman saying that phrase every year it may actually happen in 2027. Last year applicants with 21 and 22 points were selected and this year the holders of the same number of points were selected but not all of the new 21 point holders.

Next year, according to the Weekly Sportsman's theory which is based on past patterns, all those with 21 points (most of whom probably will be 22 point holders in 2027) should be highest point holders for next year's selection. Unless of course, there are some applicants who have more points but keep selecting "point only" because the year doesn't work for them if selected.

But then again, maybe not next year but most definitely 2028, right?

Someone could probably send a Freedom of Information Request to the DNR for information on how many applicants have how many points. Oh wait, the Weekly Sportsman attempted that futile effort a few years ago and was told that it is impossible for the computer program to calculate those figures… What??? The computer program can't run a sort??? How does the computer program calculate the highest point holders and award applicants???

-WS



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

I do hope that you all had a wonderful Independence Day, mine was very quiet and enjoyable and thankful. Of course I'm still running behind. I have managed to remove several of the weeds that have taken over my garden. I seem to look like a mud bunny when I come out of the garden. Which believe me is much better than being bitten by a nasty bug… My left leg swelled up from my ankle to my knee. It was a rude awakening, it was also rather discolored… I thought that it looked like rotted fruit and it hurt like the dickens. Fortunately I (we) have access to strong antibiotics which calmed everything down in a big hurry. My doctor told me that the discoloration would probably last six to eight weeks, the bite may have been from a brown recluse spider. Dang it, I never even felt the nibble when it happened. I am no longer discolored just discombobulated.

I made a quick trip up north of Clare on Monday afternoon. Did I mention that it was an unexpected trip? Maybe poorly timed is a better explanation. I had ordered four lugs of blueberries to be shared by four of us. The call to pick them up came late Friday afternoon, I didn't see the message until three on Monday afternoon. After going to Clare and stopping at GFS in Mt Pleasant and delivering the lugs to others I didn't get home until after eight in the evening. I went from Clare to Mt Pleasant, to St Johns then Laingsburg and finally dropped a lug off to Diane and then came home. I didn't get them cleaned and into the freezer on Monday evening. I was pooped out plenty.

I now have twenty-four quarts of blueberries in my freezer and I do wish that I had managed to get at least twenty-four quarts of rhubarb picked. I didn't, the weather changes just seems to suck the energy right out of me. I should have managed to mow the lawn before I came back into the house this afternoon. Yup, I did work at the shop this morning and enjoyed myself thoroughly. Having Peppy there just makes my life easier, she is a very kind lady. And I finally managed rolling a breakfast burrito neatly, the large ones not the small ones, I guess that I just need more practice. Probably more focus would also help…

All that I need to do tomorrow is to make a batch of plain white bread, bag and tag the batch and also the onion bread. Bag and tag the cookies and fill up the totes for the St John's Farmer's Market. I'm looking forward to some more fresh produce, I really like the kohlrabi even though I have never cooked it. I just enjoy eating it raw. Time to throw the clothes into the dryer so that I have clean jeans for work in the morning. May your lives be filled with independence, and focus, and much laughter. May God bless you daily.

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Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn
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One area where the devil can get a foothold in a local church is in the area of control. This is where a few people or one person controls the entire church with no checks or balances.

According to an article by Leslie Vernick, such people, "…crave and demand control, and their highest authority is their own self-reference. They reject feedback, real accountability, and make up their own rules to live by."

This is a very dangerous and unbiblical way to lead a local church, but what can be done to correct it?

It starts with prayer. Prayer for strength, wisdom and guidance for how to best handle the situation.

It also takes the involvement of key people in the church to speak with the person or people who are leading in an ungodly way.

Now is the time for everyone in the church to act with the strength and power of the Holy Spirit. To be mature, grace filled and loving in Christ. This is not a time to give in to fear, but to be led by the Spirit.

Remember-

1 John 4:4- "You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world."

Ephesians 6:10-11- "…be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes."

Summer Cooking Demonstrations Offered at MHC

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso —The Memorial Healthcare Diabetes, Nutrition and Education department is offering Summer Cooking Demonstrations. The cost is $5 per person per session. Please pay with cash at the beginning of the demonstration.

Tuesday, July 21 - Mindful Cooking for Weight Management

Discover how to execute realistic ingredient swaps without sacrificing the flavor of your favorite comfort foods! Demonstration includes chicken alfredo.

Tuesday, August 31 - Fresh Flavors for Heart Health

Dive into label reading and strategies for reducing sodium, saturated fat, and added sugar in your diet! Recipe demonstration includes chicken stir fry.

All classes are held at the NOW Building's Educational Theatre at 819 N. Shiawassee Street, Owosso from 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm. Registration is required. Seating is limited. Call (989) 729-4700 to register.



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Laingsburg Blood Drive

American Red Cross Blood drive on July 20, 2026 from 12:00PM - 5:45PM at St. Isidore Catholic Church , 310 Crum Street, Laingsburg 48848.

Schedule an appointment at RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-733-27267.

Walk-ins are welcome

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Pumpkin painting party

variety of Laingsburg events. The Board hosts annual events like doorstop flower pot planting, an annual Summer Picnic, a pumpkin painting party for Halloween time, and a Christmas cookie decorating party.

The Golden Anniversary improvement project included an updated mailbox location, new front signage, wells repaired, an instant-on generator for wells, Consumer Energy apartment updates, drains hooked to the city's storm drain infrastructure, new roofs on all four buildings and replacement of sliding doors windows and siding. The work was contracted out to Jeff Rouse Construction of Laingsburg.

Community sponsors over the last 6 years on various needs and projects have been CARES (Congregational Church, United Methodist Church & St. Isidore Catholic Church), the Laingsburg Lions Club, Modern Woodmen Insurance Co. (Ed Arthur), Sawdust Santas group (Pete Eisinger), Tyler Heating & Cooling and Van Atta's Greenhouse & Flower Shop.

The City of Laingsburg is planning to extend the improvements, replacing the street and parking spaces throughout the facility.



Christmas cookie decorating

Looking Glass Terrace serves individuals age 62 and older, as well as persons with disabilities of any age. Those interested in making Looking Glass Terrace their home can obtain an application by picking one up outside the clubhouse/community room at 631 E. Grand River Road, Laingsburg, MI 48848, calling 517-651-5539, or emailing lookingglassterrace@kmgprestige.com.

Once completed, applications may be returned via the drop box outside the clubhouse/community room, by mail, or by email. Applicants who meet the Resident Selection Criteria will be placed on a waiting list. All applicants are notified by mail of their status when they apply. As apartments become available, applicants are contacted in order from the waiting list and invited to complete the apartment processing and eligibility verification steps.

"LGTC has been a wonderful home to many throughout the years," explains Lori Leonard. "It has allowed residents affordable and clean housing. This housing community is an important necessity in our small town and continues to offer stable housing for the demographic served.

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Rock-a-Thon for Respite Volunteers

submitted by Helen Rathbun

Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee is preparing for the "Rock-a-thon for Respite" which is being held on Tues. July 21st, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 pm at the St. Paul Catholic School front lawn north of Oliver St. Owosso or in the gym for inclement weather. Respite Volunteers, friends, and even families being served seek donations for the non-profit to participate in the Rock-a-Thon.

Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee is a local non-profit organization that provides respite to adults with medical-health challenges, and support to Shiawassee County family caregivers of adults with persistent health needs and to elderly living alone. Respite support may include friendly visits, respite to the family caregiver, help with errands, and shopping. Case Management is also provided for the persons and their caregiving families that Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee serves.

Persons who are successful in receiving donations will enjoy a fun time of rocking, getting to meet other participants, lunch and entertainment during the Rock-a-thon. Participants are encouraged to bring their rocking chairs and enjoy a relaxing time with others. Some rockers may rock from home too, if unable to attend the event. Rockers are competing against each other for prizes. To participate in the event, please pick up the pledge forms at the Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee office located at 710 W. King St. east of the King St. entrance into the Memorial Healthcare Campus in Owosso. The main entrance is on the parking lot (north) side. For more information, please call 989-725-1127, or e-mail the office at office@respitevolunteers.org; also please visit the website at www.respitevolunteers.org

Donations in honor of a specific "Rocker" may be made by mailing a check to PO Box 1777, Owosso 48867, or donate through givebutter, or the website; www.respite-volunteers.org

Persons already committed to being Rockers for Respite are: Jackie Hurd, Amy Flum-Steet, Suzanne Schmidt, Penny Vriebel, Paul Harris, Kathy Raines, Ron Raines (remotely), Jan Mooney, Helen Stump & staff members of Respite Volunteers; Ruth Nick, Elizabeth Vreibel, Denise Temple, Julie Petty, Helen Rathbun, Andrea Meyers (remotely).



Tank's Tavern in Laingsburg Plans Outdoor Expansion, Thanks to MEDC



SHIAWASSEE COUNTY — A downtown Laingsburg business has received a $25,000 Match on Main grants as the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) announced its latest round of awards.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced that more than $1.5 million in grants were awarded to 69 small businesses across the state. Tank's Tavern in Laingsburg received one such grant.

The Match on Main program provides funding to help new or expanding businesses launch or grow in downtowns and commercial districts.

According to a news release from the MEDC, the program received 144 applications — the highest particip tion rate in the program's six-year history, surpassing last year's record of 133 applications.

Just over a year after Tank's Tavern opened in Laingsburg at 104 E. Grand River Ave., the business is preparing to expand its outdoor seating, which already includes five tables on the sidewalk in front of the building.

Owned by Frank McGillis and Jessica Keck, the business plans to use the $25,000 grant to build a patio behind the restaurant with additional outdoor seating.

The plan calls for an additional outdoor 28 seats with marketplace lighting, umbrellas and a handicap accessible ramp to the back main entrance.

For more information on the Match on Main grant, visit http://www.miplace.org/small-business/match-on-main.

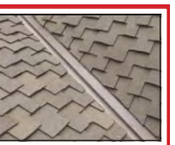


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Laingsburg Movies in the Park Series Features 'Elemental' This Week

LAINGSBURG -- Family fun is the focal point as the Laingsburg Downtown Development Authority (DDA) returns its popular "Movies in the Park" series this summer.

Family-friendly showings under the stars will feature a new movie each week. Bring your blanket, bug spray and a few dollars to purchase concessions. The movies begin at dusk at the McClintock Park Amphitheater. Concessions will be available at the pavilion.

The movies run each Wednesday starting at dusk.

This week's (July 15th) offering is the computer animated film "Elemental." In a city where fire, water, land and air residents live together, a fiery young woman and a go-with-the-flow guy discover something elemental: how much they actually have in common.

Bring the family and enjoy a great flick this Wednesday evening.

Music in the Park Series Showcases Dan Laird and Sandra Faye Band

LAINGSBURG -- Join the fun with the Laingsburg Business and Community Association (LBCA) as they present "Music In The Park" at the McClintock Park Pavilion / Amphitheater on summer Thursdays from 6 to 9 p.m.

The Music in the Park committee has introduced an amazing line up this year. The 2026 Summer Series will be on Thursday nights ending on August 13th. The LBCA will host a community market and food vendors will be on hand. If event has to be moved due to weather they will let you know on the LBCA Facebook page.

This week's performance showcases Dan Laird from 6 to 7 p.m., and the Sandra Faye Band from 7 to 9 p.m., sponsored by Holton Concrete.

Memorial Healthcare Awarded ZERO Prostate Cancer Community Grant

submitted by Vicki McKay

OWOSSO — Memorial Healthcare has been awarded a grant from ZERO Prostate Cancer, the nation's leading nonprofit dedicated to improving and saving lives from prostate cancer through advocacy, awareness, education, and support.

The grant will support Memorial Healthcare's efforts to increase access to prostate cancer education and community resources and to connect individuals with appropriate screening opportunities and follow-up care. Funding will be used over the course of the one-year grant period to enhance local outreach and improve access to prostate cancer services.

Prostate cancer is one of the most common cancers among men, and early detection plays an important role in improving outcomes. Through this partnership, Memorial Healthcare will continue working to promote awareness and support community members in accessing preventive care and health resources.

For more information about Memorial Healthcare, visit MemorialHealthcare.org.

Sports

Strouse Will Represent Wolfpack in MHSSCA All-Star Softball Game at Davenport University



Harper Strouse (right) celebrates a Wolfpack victory along with fellow senior All-Stater Bella Latuszek.

LAINGSBURG — Graduated All-Stater Harper Strouse will join five Shiawassee-area softball players in the Michigan High Softball Coaches Association (MHSSCA) All-Star game at Davenport University in Grand Rapids.

The MHSSCA All-Star game gathers 34 of the best senior players across the state — 17 per team (red and white) — from each of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's four divisions for one last high school competition.

Strouse, a four-year starter for Jeff Cheadle's Wolfpack, earned first-team All-Area and finished second in the area with eight round trippers. She was Honorable Mention All-State in Division 3, and will be continuing her collegiate career at Madonna University. The standout catcher hit .486 with eight homers and 44 RBIs, and struck out just 23 times with an OBP of .536, including five triples.

In Division 2, Owosso's Audri Hrncharik (second base and outfield) and Danica Dwyer (shortstop and first base) will play for the white team. In the D-3 contest, New Lothrop's Mallory Heroux (pitcher) will play for the white team.

In Division 4, Byron will send two representatives — pitcher Emma Glass and utility player Gracie McDowell — who will play for the red team.



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Moonlight Market Returns to Curwood Castle Park for Five Thursday Nights Along the Shiawassee River

submitted by Stephen Schlaack

OWOSSO, Mich. - Moonlight Market is returning to Curwood Castle Park this summer for five Thursday evenings of local vendors, food, family activities, live music, historic sites, nonprofit exhibits and community fun along the Shiawassee River.

The 2026 Moonlight Market will take place from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM on July 16, July 23, July 30 and August 6 near Curwood Castle in Owosso.

Organized by the Owosso Farmers Market, Moonlight Market brings together local makers, food vendors, artists, farmers, bakers, specialty producers and family-friendly activities in one of Owosso's most recognizable public spaces.

This year's market will feature a wide variety of vendors offering handmade goods, artwork, pottery, jewelry, candles, soaps, baked goods, lemonade, coffee, kettle corn, street food, plants, pet products, books, home décor and more. Food options throughout the series are expected to include items such as tacos, Asian street food, hot dogs, BBQ, dumplings, spring rolls, bao buns, pork belly, baked goods, donuts, cinnamon rolls, sourdough, cookies, dirty sodas, fresh-squeezed lemonade, kettle corn, cotton candy and other treats.

Select evenings will also include petting zoo fun, bubbles, balloon animals, kids activities and live demonstrations. Crazy Acre Farm is scheduled to bring farm animal fun on July 16 and July 30, and Blue Freckled Farm is being planned for select additional dates. Bodtker Ironworks is scheduled to provide live blacksmithing and ironwork demonstrations on July 30 and August 6.

Several community and cultural partners will also be part of the series. The Shiawassee Arts Center will be open additional hours from 5 PM to 7:30 PM each Thursday during Moonlight Market and will host its Year of the NonProfit exhibit, showcasing eleven countywide nonprofit organizations. Curwood Castle and Comstock Cabin will also be open during the series, giving visitors a chance to enjoy the historic area along the river while shopping the market.

Moonlight Market also takes place alongside the free Owosso Summer Concert Series at the Mitchell Amphitheater, located across the river from Curwood Castle Park. Concerts begin at 7 PM each Thursday.

The 2026 concert lineup includes:

July 9: Shiatown

July 16: Beth Stalker

July 23: Sandra Faye Band

July 30: Midday Sun

August 6: Simply in Time

The July 30 market is expected to be one of the biggest evenings of the season, with Moonlight Market taking place the same night as the Back to the Bricks Tune-Up Party in downtown Owosso. The Tune-Up Party will run from 4 PM to 8 PM and is expected to bring classic cars, music, visitors and downtown activity into the heart of Owosso. Nonprofit and community partners scheduled to participate directly in Moonlight Market include Shiawassee County Friends of the Fair on July 30 and Friends of the Shiawassee River on August 6. Shiawassee County Friends of the Fair will promote the upcoming Shiawassee County Fair and raise support for youth agriculture scholarships. Friends of the Shiawassee River will help families connect with and learn more about the river.

Moonlight Market is free to attend, with food and goods available for purchase from participating vendors. Vendor lineups and activities will vary by date.

For updates, vendor highlights and event details, follow the Owosso Farmers Market on Facebook or visit the Moonlight Market page at downtownowossofarmersmarket.com.



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DRAFT: SCIOTA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
June 8, 2026

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Matthews, @ 7:26 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Matthews, Deputy Clerk Wing (for Clerk Parker-Wing), Treasurer Palmer, Trustee Vondrasek. Trustee Reed was absent.

GUESTS PRESENT: 3

AGENDA APPROVAL: The Board approved the agenda as amended, adding a line item, "State of Michigan letter regarding Linda Knoblauch".

MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL: On a motion by Palmer, seconded by Matthews—Motion approved by all. The Board approved the May 2026 meeting minutes as written.

TREASURER REPORT APPROVAL: On a motion by Vondrasek, seconded by Matthews—Motion approved by all. The Board approved the Treasurer report and placed it on file. General Fund Balance $244,055.43; Tax Fund Balance $33,037.10; CD Fund Balance $34,768.88.

PUBLIC COMMENT—1st: None

COUNTY & PUBLIC OFFICIAL REPORTS:

o LSW Emergency Services Report: Diane Baclawski relayed current happenings—emergency services purchased an ambulance for approximately $400,000.

o County and Public Reports: District 6 commissioner, Cindy Garber, discussed the 2026 public safety revenue sharing disbursements sent to local governments from the State of Michigan. Funds may only be distributed to public safety official providers.

TAX ASSESOR: None

BOARD REPORTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

o Laingsburg Public Library Funding: The Sciota Township Board signed an interim contract with the Laingsburg Public Library for future financial support of the Laingsburg Public Library ahead of November 3, 2026, general election ballot proposal to become a District Public Library.

o Camera System Equipment: The Board agreed to get quotes for the hall camera system—investigative committee Thad Rose, Supervisor Matthews, Deputy Supervisor Matthews, Trustee Reed. Discussion ensued concerning quotes for hall electrical and surge protector.

o Cemetery Management and Plot Sales Reassignment: Pending reassignment. (not started)

NEW BUSINESS:

o On a motion by Vondrasek, seconded by Palmer—Motion approved by all. The Board approved revision of April 13, 2026, meeting minutes to remove all health-related discussion from Clerk Parker-Wing's Board report.

o On a motion by Palmer, seconded by Matthews—Motion approved by all. The Board approved a revision of the 4-year hall cleaning service contract with Infinite Chaos Cleaning Services LLC. Contract dates will be changed to April 1, 2026, through December 1, 2028. Dates coincide with 2028 election term dates for new township officials.

o On a motion by Vondrasek, seconded by Palmer—Motion approved by all. The Board approved and authorized Supervisor Matthews to contract with Lennon Electric of Perry Michigan should a quote of $1,250 or less be received for Township Hall electrical updates. A roll call vote was taken Yea: Vondrasek, Palmer, Matthews. Nay: None. Absent: Parker-Wing, Reed

o MTPP Par Plan Liability Insurance: Plan signature agreements and paper check were signed and sent to Acrisure Insurance for processing.

o State of Michigan RE: Linda Knoblauch payment. Discussion ensued concerning Deputy Clerk election payments to Linda Knoblauch. Matthews will forward the letter to the township lawyer.

PUBLIC COMMENT—2nd: None

BILL PAYMENT APPROVAL: On a motion by Vondrasek, seconded by Palmer—Motion approved by all. Payroll = $6,668.55 and expenses = $19,903.28. Checks used: #11683 - #11696

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Matthews, seconded by Vondrasek—Motion approved by all. The Board approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Submitted by: Jamie Parker-Wing, Sciota Township Clerk
(draft submitted with information provided by Treasurer Palmer)

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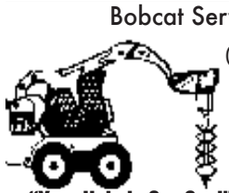
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ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC, MAY BE DEEMED A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT 13010 Morris Road, Suite 450, Alpharetta, GA 30004 ph:470-321-7112 Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in CLINTON County, starting promptly at 10:00 A.M. on August 05, 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): MELODY J CRANDALL. Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by MELODY J. CRANDALL to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS MORTGAGEE, AS NOMINEE FOR QUICKEN LOANS INC, for a mortgage dated June 24, 2013, and recorded on August 19, 2013, as Document Number 5205233 in the Clinton County Register of Deeds. Said mortgage was assigned by said Mortgagee to U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2021-RP2, as documented by an assignment dated May 14, 2026, and recorded on May 20, 2026, as Document Number 5364813 in the CLINTON County Register of Deeds, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of $109,360.46. 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 on August 05, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. Said premises are located in the city of EAGLE in CLINTON County, Michigan and are described as: LAND SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF EAGLE IN THE COUNTY OF CLINTON IN THE STATE OF MI COMMENCING AT THE NW CORNER OF SECTION 12, T5N, R4W, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 00'21" E, 662.61 FEET ALONG THE NORTH SECTION LINE OF SAID SECTION 12 AND THE CENTER OF HOWE ROAD TO THE NW CORNER OF THE E 1/2 OF W 1/2 OF NW 1/4 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL, THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 89 DEGREES 00'21" E, 302.81 FEET ALONG THE NORTH SECTION LINE OF SAID SECTION 12 AND CENTER OF HOWE ROAD, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 30'11" E, 600.00 FEET THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 00'17" W, 302.81 FEET,THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 30' 11" W, 600.00 FEET ON THE WEST LINE OF THE E1/2 OF W 1/2 OF NW 1/4 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING Property Address: 10763W HOWE RD., EAGLE, MI 48822 Tax ID No. 070-012-200-024-01, also referenced as 070-012-200-024-00 The redemption period shall be Six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. 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. U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2021-RP2, Mortgagee/Assignee July 5, 2026 ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Attorney for Mortgagee/Assignee 13010 Morris Road, Suite 450 Alpharetta, GA 30004 Telephone: 470-321-7112 Facsimile: 404-393-1425 Service Email: MIFCLTeam@raslg.com

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The High Energy Ron St. Germain Band Hit's St. Johns Running

submitted by Bill Tennant



On Wednesday, July 15 at 7:00 p.m. up at the Performance Shell in the beautiful St Johns City Park, there will be a high energy concert that will keep you moving the whole night long. The Michigan based Ron St. Germain Band will hit the stage running and never stop in their first ever performance on the Performance Shell stage!

"This group is pure fun," explains Bill Tennant, Concert in the Park coordinator. "They just don't come to play, they come to entertain. You'll hear a lot of Ron's originals, with some covers sprinkled in throughout the evening. You will be thoroughly entertained by this energetic group."

Ron's music is best described as 'rebel country' with a fine mix of folk, country, rock, and southern rock. He has written many originals over the years. which are full of meaningful lyrics. Ron is also a published writer of children's books, which are sold internationally.

Other members of the band include guitarist Kevin Coltman, Dave Eckmyre on bass with Richard Spata-Merrell on drums. The band has played many big stages warming up for national shows. They have won Lansing Has Talent, with Ron winning the Michigan Acoustic Rumble. And just announced, the band will headline the Michigan Country Music Hall of Fame Inductees Show the end of July.

The Concert in the Park series is co-sponsored by the Clinton County Arts Council and the City of St. Johns. There are 11 other businesses and organizations who are special season sponsors this year. "We are highlighting the 'Clinton County 4-H & Youth Fair' for their sponsorship at this concert," says Tennant. "We are grateful to our 4-H friends for their support of this year's concert series." The Fair takes place up at the Fairgrounds from August 2nd – 6th this year.

Bring a chair or blanket – visit the Lion's Club Food Trailer - the concert takes place rain or shine. The concert is free, but donations are greatly appreciated and needed to support the series each year. We do pass the buckets at intermission.

So, set your GPS to 801 W Park St, and enjoy an evening of great music! The CCAC receives funding from the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Exhibit Opening at the Shiawassee Arts Center in Owosso

submitted by Piper Brewer



The Shiawassee Arts Center will be featuring a special exhibit entitled the Year of the NonProfit 2026. Highlighting the histories of eleven Shiawassee County nonprofit organizations, whose dedication and service have made a lasting impact on our community. the exhibit runs July 9 through August 29 and is sponsored by the Cook Family Foundation.

The eleven featured nonprofit organizations including, The Arc of Mid-Michigan, Durand Union Station, Lebowsky Center for the Performing Arts, Respite Volunteers, SafeCenter, Shiawassee Arts Center, Shiawassee Humane Society, Shiawassee Regional Chamber of Commerce, Steam Railroading Institute, Voices for Children and the YMCA, will share their histories, missions, and the lives they have touched through photographs, storyboards, memorabilia and personal stories.

Visitors are invited to share written memories of any of our featured nonprofit organizations by completing a memory card. In return, visitors will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win exciting prizes, including: tickets the Lebowsky Center, clay classes at the Shiawassee Arts Center, gift baskets from the Cook Family Foundation and Durand Union Station, youth camp experience at the YMCA, gift certificate from The Arc of Mid-Michigan, and complimentary North Pole Express tickets from the Steam Railroading Institute.

The Shiawassee Arts Center will be open with extended hours from 5-7:30 pm during each Moonlight Market and Amphitheater Concert on July 9, 16, 23, 30 and August 6, to explore local art, culture and the Year of the NonProfit exhibit. For more information 989.723.8354 or visit www.shiawasseearts.org.

This unique exhibition celebrates the power of purpose and the collective contributions of organizations working to strengthen our community.



