



More than 100 K-12 students participated in Saturday's festival. Robotics students in grades 4-12 served as volunteers.

Submerged in STEM: Laingsburg's K-3rd Grade Robotics Team Finish a 'Waterful' Season

submitted by Leigh Seger

Laingsburg - What do eighty-four K-3rd graders, a love of LEGO, and water all have in common? If you guessed a lot of excitement, skill-building, and a smidge of chaos, you're absolutely right! But for Melissa Kramer, Head Mentor and District Robotics Program Coordinator for Laingsburg Community Schools, it's all part of the magic.

"Submerged" was this year's water-themed challenge presented by FIRST Robotics, a global nonprofit organization that inspires students in STEM through hands-on robotics programs.

Kramer and her team guided Laingsburg's youngest robotics enthusiasts through a season of exploring ocean layers, problem-solving, and engineering solutions. Using LEGO technology and creativity, these budding engineers dived into the depths of STEM learning, bringing their innovative ideas to the surface.

This past Saturday marked a grand finale of their efforts at the FIRST LEGO League Festival, hosted at Laingsburg High School. The teams, their mentors, parents, and community members came together to celebrate the hard work of these young minds. Laingsburg also welcomed robotics teams from Bath School District, making the event a collaborative and inspiring gathering.



Laingsburg's program encourages young girls to pursue STEM and robotics and features several all-girl teams in grades K-8.

Children as young as four proudly demonstrated their LEGO models in action, explaining the mechanics behind their creations with confidence. From water-themed challenges to imaginative engineering solutions, the day showcased not only their technical skills but also their teamwork, problem-solving, and presentation abilities. "It's amazing to see how capable and creative these young kids are. They have a natural curiosity and fearlessness that makes STEM learning so rewarding," said Kramer.

Engaging young minds in STEM takes dedication, teamwork, and an incredible amount of volunteer support. Programs like this don't just teach robotics—they plant seeds of innovation that will bear fruit in future careers and communities.

The growth of Laingsburg's robotics program has been exponential, and the excitement hasn't gone unnoticed. Saturday's festival attracted Lansing's own WILX News, which featured the event and highlighted the incredible achievements of Laingsburg's young engineers. "It's thrilling to see how much this program has grown in just a few years," said Kramer. "We're not just teaching kids to build robots—we're building their confidence, curiosity, and love for learning."

If you'd like to learn more about Laingsburg's Robotics programs, how to volunteer, or how to become a financial partner to help sustain these opportunities for future generations, please visit our website at www.wolfpack-robotics.com, or contact wolfpackroboticsboosters@gmail.com.

Elsie Annual Christmas Celebration - Santa and the Light Parade

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – Saturday, December 7, 7pm the annual light parade kicks-off, with the highlight of the parade being the arrival of that jolly ol' elf Santa Claus. Also, the Ovid-Elsie Cheer Leaders will lead participants in carols.

Following Santa's arrival, the tree lighting and the lighting of the cow next to the Village office, there will be an opportunity for photos with Santa and cookies, hot chocolate and popcorn.

In preparation for the annual event students from EE Knight Elementary school will take a field trip, Friday, December 6, to the official Village of Elsie Christmas tree. Their task is to decorate the tree with special ornaments, bringing back a tradition of the past.

The community is encouraged to come out and participate in this festive event, young and old alike.



The Banners Are Up:

In July of this year, the City of Ovid was awarded an Enhancement Grant from the Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP), a project which included the Ovid Planning Commission. The banners enhance the visual appeal of the city and its businesses. The City of Ovid was one of six grants awarded in Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties.



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Your City of Ovid Police Officers will be collecting non-perishables and hygiene products for the Ovid Christmas baskets!

The following items are being requested by the Ovid Lions Club for the baskets!

Personal hygiene items, condiments, canned meat, canned tuna, canned chicken, soups, pasta sauces (they have pasta), crackers, and any prepared meals (Homestyle, etc.).

Not only will we be "Filling A Cop Car" on Saturday, Dec. 7th, but, all week, leading up to the event, we are accepting donations at City Hall and the PD! We will accept donations during normal business hours, beginning Monday, Dec. 2nd - Friday, Dec. 6th!

If you prefer to donate money, please make checks check payable to the Ovid Lions Club and write "Christmas" in the memo line.

Thank you and we hope to see you, Saturday, Dec. 7th from 10am-2pm at the Village Food Pride!

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1. The proposed 2024 FY Budget. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection by contacting the City Clerk. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will also be subject to this hearing.
2. To Established Ordinance # 141 Parental Responsibility
3. To Establish Ordinance #142 Operation of Off-Road Vehicles on City Streets

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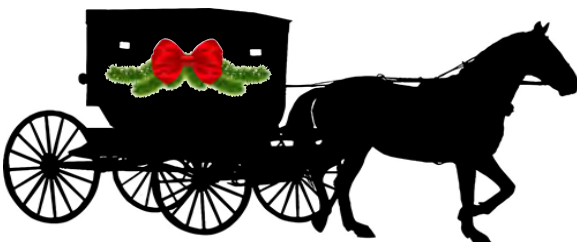
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Ovid Historical Society
submitted by Roger Matthies
The Christmas athering for the Ovid Historical Society will be on Sunday, December 8, starting at 2:00 p.m. at the Mary Myers Museum.
Please join us as we celebrate the holidays.
The museum is at 131 East Williams Street in Ovid.

**Chili & Baked Potato
Fundraiser**

The St. Johns Knights of Columbus and St. Johns Lions Club will be holding a Chili & Baked Potato Fundraiser before the St. Nick Parade on Friday, December 6th from 4:30 p.m. until food is gone at the UAW Hall, 117 W. Walker St.
Enjoy hot chili or fresh baked potato to warm you up during the St. Nick Parade.
\$5 for 12 oz cup of hot chili topped with corn chips and shredded cheese. \$4 for baked potato topped with butter, sour cream, bacon and even chili. Bottled water and chips available for purchase.

**Retired School Personnel
To Meet**
submitted by Peg Zink
The Clinton-Shiawassee MARSP Meeting will be held on Monday, December 9, 2024 at 12:30 PM at Baker College Welcome Center, 1309 S M-52, Owosso, MI. Luncheon (\$12) is payable at the door. Our program is Owosso High School Madrigals, Jessica Maginity, Director.
For reservations, leave your name and number attending by email to rzick5039@gmail.com or call Peg at 517-282-8350 and leave a message by Friday, December 6, 2024 by noon.

Toys for Tots Collection
submitted by Brian Valentine
The Toys for Tots program is currently underway and is in need of donations of toys or money.
The Elsie American Legion is hosting the local drive at the following locations. Money cans are at Dollar General Stores in Elsie and Ovid, Burton Corners, Valero in Ovid, Town Tub in Elsie. Toy donation boxes are at Burton Corners and at both Elsie and Ovid Elementary Schools.
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Obituaries

Jack Alvin Coleman

Jack Alvin Coleman, of Edenville, MI, formerly of Elsie, MI, passed away on Wednesday, November 26, 2024, at the age of 84.

Jack was born in Owosso, MI, on June 2, 1940, the son of John E. and Bernice I. (Holton) Coleman. On August 26, 1961, Jack married Martha A. Oberlin at the Congregational Christian Church in Eureka, MI. They were blessed with sixty years of marriage, prior to her passing on January 2, 2022.

Jack and Martha started their lives together on his grandmother Nellie Holton's Farm near Elsie, MI. In 1963, they bought their first home in Carland, MI where they lived until 1983, when the home was destroyed by fire. They have since resided in Edenville, MI where they were co-owners of Wixom Waters Campground, Inc.

Jack and Martha have enjoyed traveling throughout Michigan and enjoyed their hobbies of mushroom hunting, hunting deer, rabbit and coons, crafts, and genealogy. Jack loved his hunting dogs.

Their lives revolved almost entirely around each other, their four great kids and spouses, beautiful grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren and the campground.

Jack never got over the 17 7/8" 6 point buck Martha shot. It is a family record that has never been beat.

He is survived by his three sons: Kim Coleman of Edenville, MI; Lynn (Arlene) Coleman of Edenville, MI; and Jeffrey (Deb) Coleman of Coleman, MI; one daughter Jennifer (Mike) Spannagel of St. Charles, MI, seventeen grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his two brothers: Robert (Patricia) Coleman of Elsie, MI; and Karl (Charleen) Coleman of Elsie, MI. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his wife Martha.

Cremation has taken place and graveside service will be held at a later date at Riverside Cemetery, Elsie, MI.

Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



"Grief is like the ocean. It comes on waves ebbing and flowing. Sometimes the water is calm, and sometimes it is overwhelming. All we can do is learn to swim."

~Vicki Harrison

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My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. 2 Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. 3 If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," 4 have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

- James 2:1-4

In the late 1800's, one Sunday evening, William Booth was walking in London with his son, Bramwell, who was then 12 or 13 years old. The father surprised the son by taking him into a saloon! The place was crowded with men and women, many of them bearing on their faces the marks of vice and crime; some were drunk. The fumes of alcohol and tobacco were everywhere. "Willie," Booth said to his son, "These are our people; these are the people I want you to live for and bring to Christ."

Years later, Bramwell Booth wrote, "The impression never left me."

I didn't share this illustration to pick on people who smoke or drink. All people, whether tee-totalers or drunkards or whomever, all people without God need to come to know Him.

I use it to show that even people who are very different from us or who make us uncomfortable need to hear the gospel.

God wants for all people to repent of their sins and come to true faith in Him.

We may say that we want all kinds of people to come to our church and know the Lord, but do we? Do we really want certain people to come to our churches?

Such people might make us feel uncomfortable. These new people might do weird things and act differently. They may wear old clothes or smell a bit off. We may have to see them every week. They might sit near us. Oh, the horrors!

It may help us to remember how we were before we came to know Christ. The Bible in Romans 5:10 says that we were God's enemies and that our righteousness was like "filthy rags" (Isaiah 64:6). How easy it is for us to forget how dirty, smelly and awkward we were in God's eyes due to our unforgiven sin.

Praise God that there is no favoritism with Him and that He wants for all people to come to faith in Him. No matter what you look like, what job you have, where you live, your status in society or lack thereof, some social awkwardness. None of that matters to God.

Just come to Him as you are, believing in the gospel- that Jesus is fully human and fully God. That He died on the cross and bodily rose from the dead as the one full and final payment for all of your sins. All of the bad things that you have done, said or thought.

If you turn from your sins and ask God for forgiveness, He will forgive you and give you eternal life.

For that is the kind of God He is.



Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn
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City of Ovid
Regular Meeting
November 12, 2024

Open Public Meeting: Mayor Pro Tem M. Perrien called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Council chambers located at 114 E. Front Street, Ovid, Michigan.

Roll Call: L. Ordiway, L. Perrien-Absent, M. Olger-Absent, W. Lasher-Absent, E. Brown, M. Perrien, E. Starn

Guests: There were 17 in attendance.

Agenda: Council Member E. Brown motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member E. Starn seconded the motion.
Carried on a voice vote

Minutes: Council Member E. Brown motioned to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2024, Regular meeting and October 23, 2024 Special meeting as presented. Council Member E. Starn seconded the motion.
Carried on a voice vote.

Invoice/Check Register: Council Member E. Brown motioned to approve the invoice/check register from October 16, 2024 through November 13, 2024 and invoices presented from: Gould Law, T- Mobile, Spectrum and Omni Site. Council Member E. Starn seconded the motion.
Carried on a voice vote.

Open Public Comment: Opened 7:04 pm Closed: 7:21 pm
Council Member E. Starn motioned to change their bill to \$44.25 base rate per the owner's typical past water usage. Council Member E. Brown seconded the motion
Carried on a voice vote.

Mayor's Report:
Meeting Adjourned at 7:23 pm for the presentation of certificate of service to Council Member Larry Ordiway for his 22 years of service.
Reconvene 7:29 pm

Treasurer's Report: Council Member E. Brown motioned to approve the budget amendments as presented and the additional \$425.00 budget amendment presented to the board. Council Member E. Starn seconded.
Carried on a voice vote.

Council Member E. Brown motioned to waive the turn-on/off fees to residents when the new meters are being replaced or replace a new valve for the new meter. Council Member E. Starn seconded the motion. Carried on a voice vote.

DPW Report: Council Member E. Brown motioned to consult guidance with Rowe Engineering to repair the lagoon to EGLE compliance. Council Member E. Starn seconded the motion. Carried on a voice vote.

Council Member E. Starn motioned to approve the reports from, Treasurer, Attorney, Police and DPW. Council Member L. Ordiway seconded the motion. Carried on a voice vote.

New Business:

a. Carriage Towne Place 3 Ordinance No 147 and No 148 :
Table the ordinance for further explanation until December meeting.

b. Health Resolution 2024-12 for Act 51: Tabled for December meeting

c. Street Closure for light parade Dec 13, 2024: Council Member E. Brown motioned to close Main St. from High St. to Elm St. on December 13th 2024 at 5:00 pm and to restrict parking from Pearl St. to Elm St for foot traffic safety. Council Member L. Ordiway seconded the motion.
Carried on a voice vote.

d. 2025 Draft Budget: Council Member E. Brown made to motion to place the Draft 2025 Budget out for review. Council Member L. Ordiway seconded the motion.
Carried on a voice vote.

Council Member M. Perrien motioned to extend the meeting 45 minutes. E. Starn seconded the motion.
Carried on a voice vote.

e. 2025-2030 CIP Approval-
Council Member E. Starn motioned to put the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) out for review at city hall, Facebook and GoGov. Council Member E. Brown seconded the motion.
Carried on a voice vote.

Old Business:

a. Title VI Resolution 2024-13 : Council Member E. Starn motioned to adopt resolution 2024-13, Resolution to Adopt the City of Ovid Title VI non-discrimination plan. Council Member E. Brown seconded the motion.
Upon Roll Call vote the following voted YES: E. Starn, E. Brown, M. Perrien, and L. Ordiway
Upon Roll Call Vote the following voted NO: none
Absent: L. Perrien, M. Olger, W. Lasher

Committees:

Boards and Commissions:

a. Planning Commission- Council Member E. Brown motioned to have Lennon Electric and 5-star Masonry to do the repairs at Boyer Park pending getting the signatures on the easement agreements from the North and South businesses. L Ordiway seconded the motion.
Carried on a voice vote.

Final Comments:
Adjournment-
Council Member E. Starn motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 pm. Council Member E. Brown seconded the motion.
Carried on a voice vote
Meeting adjourned at 9:29 pm
Respectfully submitted by
Susan Tomasek Swan
Clerk

Editorial



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

This morning has been a cornucopia of odd maladies. My computer seems to have issues with bold lettering. I didn't program it to do so. At times I was getting ready to pitch the varmint. Like, why would I want bold letters in my missives? Granted I did make a few labels that needed some bold lettering however this document does not. I know, mini-rant on technology or maybe it is upon my comprehension? I have been working on computers since the mid-seventies when my children were born, you would think that I could get the technology to agree with me. It doesn't. Such is life.

This past week I became acquainted with a Plott hound. Beautiful critter with patterns of orange and very dark brown almost black hair. Friendly critter that Karen adopted. They originated in the seventeen hundreds from five hounds brought over from Germany. Intelligent canine that were bred to hunt bear. Karen's friendly pup was called Barbara until she made her new home with Karen. During the transition from Barbara to Cookie young Spencer was confused about having to call the dog Barbara Cookie for the first few days. Then Karen explained how the pup had learned to respond to Barbara and could learn quickly that she was now known as Cookie. Of course she now responds quickly to Cookie and seems to recognize bears on television. Me, I was as confused as Spencer at first. I also learned something new. But then I don't remember ever knowingly changing my pet's names.

Are you ready for Thanksgiving? Due to circumstances beyond my control, our dinner is being moved to Diane and Brent's home. You could call it lack of energy on my part. Actually my house is a disaster area and I don't have the time to put it back to rights and get the meal done on time Thursday. So, Diane will serve it at her home and my first trip over will be at seven in the morning with the stuffed turkey and roaster. I will then peel the potatoes and leave them in the pot to be cooked by Diane. She will be up smoking the standing pork loins. Then I will head back home to make the pies and dinner rolls. I'm fairly sure that I will be making numerous trips down the back roads. My buddy Sandy will be dropping in at noon to help ferry more food over. This morning I'm dropping off the pork loin and olives for the feast.

Everything in life seems to need a new spin. Physical therapy is making me a grouch bucket. The therapist asks if I can feel the stretch as I do the exercise. I tell her where I feel it and she tells me that she can see it elsewhere. That is confusion. Then she tells me that today the session is only thirty minutes but the next one will be an hour... Makes no sense to me. And I still have difficulty bending my left knee which causes all sorts of problems. As in entering and leaving the car, much easier in the pickup. However the process with the pickup involves tipping my hips which apparently is a no no. Oh well....

That being said, I am a thankful person. I still can function and interact with others. I can still comprehend what is going on around me and I participate in life. I still enjoy my great grandchildren, my grandchildren, and my children. I find my son-in-law to be an interesting character who dotes on my daughter. I do miss my son but know that he is in a better place. My daughter is loving and kind, but has the tendency to overwork herself, she is a bit like her mother. As the old saying goes, the apple don't fall far from the tree. Count your blessings and enjoy them. Family is one of the greatest gifts that I have. May God bless you well.

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The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
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Food Plots & Management=Success Part II

A couple of weeks ago this column reported on the success Adam Lawrence had during bowseason at his family's deer camp located deep within the Manistee National Forest. He attributed his success this year to three years of food plots and a management plan with point restrictions for all family members hunting on the property. On opening morning of the firearmsseason Adam and his wife Emily hunted together in a ground blind over the same food plot.



Emily and Adam Lawrence

As the newlywed couple patiently sat there a spike was the first deer they saw until a 2.5 year old eight point buck at about fifty yards presented itself. Emily raised up the Remington 700 ADL rifle chambered in .243 Winchester fitted with a Leupold VX-3 and squeezed the trigger. A 95 grain Federal bullet found its mark and the deer dropped instantly.

Now the newlywed couple of less than four months have two bucks in the freezer for the upcoming year.

Once again a little patience and self control with point restrictions, along with putting some sweat equity into your hunting land, can result in success.
-WS

Democratic Party 2024 Events

Letter to the Editor:

Because 2024 was a presidential election year, the Shiawassee Democratic Party was more active than usual. While the election results were not what we had hoped for, the bright spot was that Elissa Slotkin will be joining Gary Peters, representing Michiganders in the U.S. Senate.

The Democrats held a very successful "Pasta & Politics" fundraising dinner at the Comstock Inn in April. This dinner has been held annually for over twenty years.

For several years the Shiawassee Dems have participated in the Adopt-a-Highway program, which is managed by MDOT. Volunteers pick up litter along the roadside every April, July, and September. This year we collected 55 bags of litter, and the bags were hauled away by the Shiawassee County Road Commission staff.

The Democrats hold three food drives each year at their March, July, and November meetings. The non-perishable food is donated to three food banks/pantries located within Shiawassee County. This year's recipients were New Lothrop First United Methodist Church, Catholic Charities, and Corunna United Methodist Church. In total we donated over 700 pounds of food in 2024.

The Democratic Party sponsored a camel in this year's Annual Camel Cup. This fundraiser is sponsored by the Shiawassee-Owosso Kiwanis Club to benefit the Shiawassee County Red Cross. I am happy to report that our camel came in first place, and that a Shiawassee Democrat won the 50/50 drawing.

Shiawassee Democrats decorated a tree for the Durand Festival of Trees. They also had information booths at Owosso Pride, and at the Shiawassee County Fair. Shiawassee Dems also participated in Corunna's Firecracker Parade, the Laingsburg Lions Club Parade, and the Ovid Carriage Days Parade.

The Shiawassee Democrats look forward to continuing to support the residents of Shiawassee County.
by Janet Horvath, Shiawassee County

Memorial Healthcare Hosts Blood Driver December 6

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

Owosso — Memorial Healthcare will host an American Red Cross blood drive on Friday, December 6 from 10 am to 3:45 pm at the Memorial Healthcare Auditorium, located at 826 W. King Street, in Owosso.

Did you know, every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood, which means more than 36,000 blood donations are needed every day. With each blood donation this can potentially save up to three lives.

There's a critical shortage of blood and blood products, so if you've been putting off being a donor, now is the time. To schedule an appointment, please contact Carrie Farr, Volunteer Coordinator at (989) 729-4818, by email cfarr@memorial-healthcare.org or on the American Red Cross website at www.redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins are welcome, but pre-registration is preferred.

The World Ballet Company Present The Nutcracker at Cobb Great Hall

submitted by Bob Hoffman

EAST LANSING, — The holidays begin with the Nutcracker! World Ballet Company presents this timeless Christmas classic, coming to Wharton Center on Sunday, December 8, 2024, at 1:30PM & 6PM. Tickets are available now at the Wharton Center Ticket Office, online at whartoncenter.com, or by calling 517.432.2000 or 1.800.WHARTON.

Presenting a cast of 40 professional dancers from all around the world, the World Ballet Company instills the magic of this classic holiday tradition through Tchaikovsky's unforgettable music, spectacular hand-crafted costumes and sets, and the iconic choreography of Lev Ivanov.

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The Capital City Ringers' will present their 41st Annual Holiday Concert, "Sounds of the Season" on Friday, December 6, 7:00 p.m. at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 1315 Abbot Rd., East Lansing.

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As I write this, surrounded by family with the glow of the holidays all around us, I'm drawn to consider the things that really matter.

It's Thanksgiving, a time to ponder all the things we have to be thankful for. My harvest is ... well ... bounteous.

I have so much to be thankful for.

It gets you in the frame of mind -- in the "spirit" -- for what's ahead of us in the coming few weeks. Office Christmas parties. Family get-togethers. Community celebrations.

For me, what's evolved over the past 40 years in Laingsburg has become the best, the warmest, community celebration of them all.

Winterfest.

What started as a small evening pre-Christmas event, the brainchild of LeDonna Fair and the (then) Laingsburg Business Association in the early '80s, has grown into a multi-day, multi-event, multi-volunteer, multi-family happening that truly unites children and adults in what matters most ...

A spirit of togetherness, of sharing, of caring about one another.

And isn't that what the Christmas holiday is all about?

Merry Christmas, everyone. See you at Winterfest. I can't wait.



My Turn At Bat

by Tom Turek

Where Dreams Come True

Winterfest Week

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Dec. 1 - Dec. 8

Event Page

Date & Location	Event
Sunday, Dec. 1 2pm-4pm Elementary School	Grinch Run 5K Sponsors: Equanimity Wealth Management, Progressive Periodontics & Wholesome Grounds
Monday, Dec. 2 - Saturday, Dec. 7	Downtown Business Decorating Contest Home Decorating Contest Letters to Santa & Grinch
Monday, Dec. 2 - Friday, Dec. 6	Stuff the Bus Food Bank Drop Off Supporting the Laingsburg Food Bank Box Locations: Central Pharmacy, DG Hair Design, Hometown Childcare, Laingsburg City Library, Laingsburg Family Dentistry, Leonard's Hardware, Local Roots Cannabis, Pine Hills Golf Course, Sage Market, Tammy's Bakery & Cafe, Twilliger's Tavern
Monday, Dec. 2 6:30pm Laingsburg Public Library	Story Night with Cocoa & Crafts - wear your pjs!
Wednesday, Dec. 4 - Saturday, Dec. 7	Thoughtful Tree Decorating & Competition Sponsors: Van Atta's, Tank's Tavern, Clothesline, DG Hair Design, Farmers Insurance Budnick Insurance Group, Full Circle Real Estate Laingsburg Family Dentistry, Pine Hills & Sage Market
Saturday, Dec. 7 3pm-8pm	Downtown Winterfest Celebration
MAP	<div><div>Visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus</div><div>Horse-drawn Carriage Rides</div><div>Grinch on the Loose</div><div>WinterMarket</div><div>Lighted Tunnel</div><div>Miracle Face Painting</div><div>Balloon Animals</div><div>Silent Auction</div><div>S'mores</div><div>Card Making</div><div>Coloring & Warming Station</div><div>Coffee House & Live Music</div></div> <div><div>Bonfire</div><div>Face Painting</div><div>Kid's Games & Crafts</div><div>Hot Dogs & Cocoa</div><div>Stuff the Bus</div><div>Jazz Band Concert</div><div>Santa's Light Parade</div><div>Pancake Eating Contest</div><div>Silent Disco</div><div>Recycler Craft</div><div>Wreath Making Class</div></div>
Sunday, Dec 8 8am-11am American Legion	Royal Breakfast Tickets are Required
4pm Laingsburg United Methodist Church	Laingsburg Community Singers Holiday Concert
5pm Laingsburg Public Library	Storytime with Santa & Mrs. Claus Sponsor: Laingsburg Public Library

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(l-r) University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Clinton Rehabilitation therapists Chet LaFave, Jenna Epkey, Tricia Simon and Josh Schnell proudly celebrate receiving the BEE Award for providing outstanding care.

UM Health-Sparrow Clinton Therapists Earn BEE Award for Helping Patient with Rare Brain Tumor

submitted by Corey Alexander

ST. JOHNS, MI – Several University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Clinton Rehabilitation physical and occupational therapists were recently recognized with the health system's BEE Award for providing leading-edge and compassionate care to a patient with a rare brain tumor.

Dane Van Ells, a young Michigan State Police trooper, was diagnosed in 2022 with Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) featuring a rare mutation. Due to the tumor's aggressive nature and its location on his brain stem, doctors were unable to remove it. Van Ells immediately began radiation and chemotherapy treatments at the University of Michigan Health Rogel Cancer Center in Ann Arbor. However, the treatments took a significant toll on his body, and the tumor made it difficult for him to walk and talk. That's when he turned to UM Health-Sparrow for help.

"The rehab team provided us with love and were there for us when things got tough. They showed Dane how to work on himself, helped him gain his strength back and reminded him that even baby steps were steps in the right direction," said Baylee Van Ells, Dane's wife.

She credited occupational therapists Chet LaFave and Jenna Epkey, along with physical therapists Tricia Simon and Josh Schnell, for helping Dane relearn how to walk, become independent at home, take vacations with his family and build the physical strength needed to interact with his daughter.

"I am honored that I was selected for this award but even more honored that I was able to know Dane and witness the positive impact that was made with his quality of life and to know that I helped make a difference," said Schnell.

Dane defied the odds and thrived during his final years. Sadly, he passed away from the disease in April 2024. To honor his memory, his family made a generous financial donation to the rehab clinic for new equipment, hoping others will benefit from Dane's experience.

"I hope that like Dane, they will gain strength and confidence while going through PT and OT. That they too can begin to feel more independent and that they are able to recognize with the tools they are provided, they can be strong again," Baylee said.

The BEE Award recognizes excellence among the clinical support team members who deliver quality, compassionate care. BEE is an acronym for Be Exceptional Every day.

For more information about the leading-edge rehabilitation services provided at UM Health-Sparrow, visit UofMHealthSparrow.org/Rehab.

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Making the Holidays Truly Green

submitted by Ellen Link

'Tis the holiday season, when we're all both acquiring more goods and getting rid of old stuff to make room for the new. The GLR will be there for you and much closer to home than Lansing! Our recycling facility will be open for business on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays (Dec. 3 and 17), 4-6 p.m., and 2nd and 4th Saturdays (Dec. 14 and 28), 9 a.m.-1 p.m. You can support your community by shopping and recycling locally whenever possible.

Before you make the trip, check us out online (see below) so you don't waste the opportunity to recycle even more items than you may have realized—like books, dental products, old jeans and more. On the other hand, you may decide to take your ink cartridges to a Staples or Office Depot store, both of which offer a \$2 per cartridge rebate but also require a reciprocal purchase, rather than bring them to us. And while we accept rechargeable power tool batteries, so too does Home Depot, which also accepts spiral (only) CFLs.

We hope, as you do your holiday gift shopping, that you'll be mindful of the environment. The UN Environment Program just declared that the world will be "unable to cope" with the incredible amount of plastic waste that will exist a decade from now unless countries agree to put curbs on production. Microplastics are being found in our bodies (even in placenta) and in wildlife globally; they're contaminating our groundwater and poisoning our soils. So please, avoid buying and using plastics whenever possible. It will be a learning curve, as none of us can change our daily habits overnight, but it is one we must undertake.

We do not accept polystyrene (Styrofoam®) or plastic bags (return to grocery store). What we do accept, cleaned and separated:

- Newspaper and phone books
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- mixed office paper and junk mail; magazines; books
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- non-corroded household batteries; hearing aids (batteries removed)
- glass bottles & jars only (all colors), caps and lids removed—no mirror panes
- electronics; TVs (\$10-20) and monitors (\$5-10), fees dependent on type & size
- Brita water filters; dental products; empty inkjets; eyeglasses for the Lions Club
- denim (no more than 5% spandex, zippers and metal buttons removed)
- plant/nursery containers

For further details on recyclable items and other useful info, visit our Facebook page or website (<https://recyclelaingsburg.wixsite.com/mysite>). You can also call Terry or Ellen Link at (517) 651-2005 or Beth Lange at 651-6437. New volunteers of any age are always welcome. Let's hope 2025 brings progress toward a sustainable future in our own backyard.

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Ovid Christmas Basket Donations

submitted by Holly Hibbard

The month of November is here and the Ovid Christmas Basket Committee is thankful for the amazing support we receive each year from the Ovid Community. Last year we were able to help over 75 families with food and personal goods and because of the tremendous support were able to set up a shop with clothing, toys and household items like blankets and sheets.

We once again are seeking support from our local businesses, organizations, churches and any individual that would like to donate to help with our Christmas assistance to make the holidays brighter.

Monetary donations can be dropped off to the Ovid Service Agency or mailed to the Ovid Lions Club, PO Box 493, Ovid MI 48866 (checks should be made out to the Ovid Lions Club with a note that the donation is for Ovid Christmas).

If any individual, organization or business would like to donate food (non-perishable and non-expired vegetables, soups, breakfast items, pasta, etc), personal or household products or clothing we welcome the donations. Donations can be dropped off to the Ovid Meridian Weekly or the Ovid Public Library. Donations will be picked up on Saturday, December 15th for distribution on the 16th. Please call or text Holly Hibbard at 989-666-2215 or email allsmileshkh@aol.com with any questions or to arrange a pick-up.



Applications for Christmas Baskets

submitted by Holly Hibbard

The applications for the Ovid-Elsie Christmas Assistance are available at the following locations:

Ovid – Leonard Elementary, Ovid City Hall and Ovid Public Library

Elsie – E.E. Knight Elementary and Elsie Village Hall

Families MUST live in the Ovid-Elsie School District and must not be receiving holiday assistance from another agency. Applications must be turned in at one of the above listed locations by Monday, December 2nd.

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All internship applicants are asked to provide a cover letter, resume, and any specific legislative issues or areas of interest. Applications should be submitted by the close of business on December 6, 2024. College credits are available per school requirements.

For more information and to apply for an internship, visit Moolenaar.House.gov/internships.



GRIDIRON GURUS

by Tom Turek
sports@meridianweekly.com

GRIDIRON GURUS HEADING INTO FINAL WEEK DECEMBER 7TH WEEKEND

PIZZA -- Pam Grieder
SUB SANDWICH -- Cathy Coe
BREADSTICKS -- Jack Nutter

Pam Grieder and Cathy Coe dominated the field in the November 25 edition of our wildly popular Gridiron Gurus game, each fashioning 11-1 records. Pam won the tie-breaker by 6 points to score a delicious pizza, while Cathy earned our yummy sub sandwich.

Third prize -- going for a batch of breadsticks -- was another wild affair with four players tying at 10-2. Elsie's Jack Nutter outlasted them all with an excellent pick of 50 points in the tie-breaker (the actual score was 56) to ease past Rod Weisenberger, Lena Skaryd and Carole Nixon.

We had a slight glitch in our college slate, so like a merry Santa Claus, the Guru granted all players a perfect 6-0 record over the college games. The NFL contests told the difference, with the Commanders' loss to Dallas providing the biggest stumbling block.

In our ultra-right staff competition -- as predicted -- it all comes down to the final week between fledgling Jared Campbell and the veteran Wolfman. Heading into the final weekend, Jared clung to a 2/100th of a percentage point lead!

We now await the final slate of games over our final weekend, which were printed last week. The final week of the collegiate season closes the contest each year. We'll announce the Grand Prize winner, 2nd and 3rd places in next week's Weekly.

Each week through the 2024 edition of the contest, the top three winners received a coupon for redemption at the sponsor of their choice; 1st place (pizza), 2nd place (sandwich) and 3rd place (breadsticks). We express our gratitude to our gracious sponsors, Main Street Pizza in Ovid and Twilliger's Tavern in Laingsburg.

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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE
- CLINTON COUNTY 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 fol-
lowing mortgage will be foreclosed by
a sale of the mortgaged premises, or
some part of them, at a public auction
sale to the highest bidder for cash or
cashier's check at the place of holding
the circuit court in Clinton County,
starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on
January 08, 2025. The amount due on
the mortgage may be greater on the
day of the sale. Placing the highest bid
at the sale does not automatically entitle
the purchaser to free and clear owner-
ship 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 infor-
mation. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s):
Stefan V. Farrell and Tamara Farrell,
husband and wife Original Mortgagee:
Mortgage Electronic Registration
Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as
nominee for lender and lender's suc-
cessors and assigns Date of mortgage:
September 26, 2006 Recorded on
October 24, 2006, in Document No.
5108090, Foreclosing Assignee (if
any): U.S. Bank National Association,
as successor Indenture Trustee to
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Indenture
Trustee for GMACM Home Equity
Loan Trust 2004-HE3 Amount claimed
to be due at the date hereof: Ninety-
Nine Thousand Three Hundred
Twenty-Seven and 38/100 Dollars
(\$99,327.38) Mortgaged premises:
Situated in Clinton County, and
described as: PARCEL A-3: PART OF
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WEST 1/4 OF SECTION 20, TOWN-
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POINT OF BEGINNING. Commonly
known as 5130 Pratt Rd, Saint Johns,
MI 48879 The redemption period will
be 6 month from the date of such sale,
unless abandoned under MCL
600.3241a, in which case the redemp-
tion period will be 30 days from the
date of such sale, or 15 days from the
MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever
is later; or unless extinguished pur-
suant to MCL 600.3238. If the above
referenced property is sold at a fore-
closure sale under Chapter 32 of Act
236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278,
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE ATTENTION HOME-OWNER: 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 January 8, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. DEFAULT having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made on December 2, 2014, by Kareem Everett, a single man, given by him to Michigan State University Federal Credit Union, of 3777 West Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, as Mortgagee, and recorded on December 11, 2014, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Clinton County, in Instrument Number 5222408; on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid, as of the date of this Notice, the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Five and 85/100 Dollars (\$69,205.85); and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by said Mortgage, and the power of sale in said Mortgage having become operative by reason of such default; NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at the South entrance to the Clinton County Courthouse, 100 E. State Street (M21), St. Johns, Michigan, that being one of the places for holding the Circuit Court for Clinton County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or venue for purposes of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Mortgage, together with all allowable costs of sale and includable attorney fees, the lands and premises in said Mortgage

mentioned and described as follows: SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BATH, COUNTY OF CLINTON, STATE OF MICHIGAN: Lots 11, 12 and 13, Supervisor's Plat Number 1, of a part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 28, Town 5 North, Range 1 West, Bath Township, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 14, Clinton County Records, ALSO, a part of Outlot C of said Supervisor's Plat Number 1, Bath Township, described as beginning at the/ Southeast Corner of Lot 11, Supervisor's Plat Number 1, running thence West 30.6 feet thence South 300.2 feet, thence East 30.6 feet, thence North 300.2 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Also, Lot 31, Culver's Plat Number 1, a plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 4, Clinton County Records. AND That part of Lot 30, Culver's Plat Number 1, Bath Township, Clinton County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot 30, thence Northwesterly along the Northerly lot line to the Northwest corner of said lot, thence Southwesterly along the Westerly lot line to the point of intersection thereon, thence Southwesterly to a point on the Easterly lot line which is 34 feet Southerly along the Easterly lot line from the Northeast corner of Lot 30, thence Northerly along the Easterly lot line 34 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as: 15793 Culver Drive, East Lansing, Michigan 48823 Tax Parcel Numbers: 010-160-000-030-01; 010-160-000-031-00; 010-380-000-011-00 and 010-380-000-135-00 The period within which the above premises may be redeemed shall expire six (6) months from the date of sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with M.C.L.A. Sec. 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the time of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector. Dated: November 18, 2024 MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION of East Lansing, Michigan, Mortgagee FOSTER, SWIFT, COLLINS & SMITH, P.C. Benjamin J. Price Attorneys for Mortgagee 313 S. Washington Square Lansing, MI 48933 (517) 371-8253

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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 December 11, 2024. 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): Cynthia Gaines Original Mortgagee: First Heritage Financial LLC Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None Date of Mortgage: January 22, 2021 Date of Mortgage Recording: February 1, 2021 Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$77,638.04 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Bath, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 28, Culver's Plat No. 1, Bath Township, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 4 of Clinton County Records. Common street address (if any): 15827 Culver Dr, East Lansing, MI 48823-9437

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16). If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: November 10, 2024 Trott Law, P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 642-2515

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