

Ovid PostMaster Retires After 38 Years

by Deb Price

Kay Goeckel, the longest serving PostMaster in Clinton County (30 years) officially retired from the Ovid Post Office on Friday, February 21, 2025 after 38 years of service with the US Postal Service.

Her career with the United States Postal Service began in 1987 as a PTF Clerk in Ovid. She worked part-time, 2 hours in the morning and 2 hours in the afternoon and every Saturday with the exception of two Saturdays given off each year. In 1990 Kay became the Officer in Charge, a full-time position at the Ovid Post Office and in February of 1995 she was sworn in as PostMaster. She also served as PostMaster in Shaftsbury for one year in 1993.

When asked about what changes she has experienced over the years with the postal service, "The decline in mail volume, and the increase in packages. The mail volume is down by 75% from when I started. Technology has also created many changes in the day to day work, not only for the office staff but also for the carriers," she explained.

Kay and her husband, Eric, reside in Owosso and have plans to spend more time at their up north cabin, more time with their three grandkids and doing some traveling.



Back row (l-r) Grace Christian University Head Coach, Ryan Krombeen, Asst Coach, Carson Whipple, OE Head Basketball Coach, Canyon Walker and AAU Coach, Keith Tate. Front Row (l-r) Mom, Crystal Loynes, Tucker Loynes and Dad, Zach Loynes.

Tucker Loynes Signs Letter of Intent

by Deb Price

On Monday, February, 10, 2025, OE Senior, Tucker Loynes signed his Letter of Intent to play basketball at the next level at Grace Christian University, an evangelical university in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Tuckers family, friends, teammates and classmates were in attendance to witness the signing. He is a three year varsity team member and also plays football and golf. "He worked his tail off this off season and spent a lot of time in the gym to achieve his goal of playing at the next level," said Coach Canyon Walker. Tucker chose Grace University because he was impressed with the campus and really liked the coaches. Tucker plans to pursue a career in Accounting.



Tucker signs letter of intent while his parents Zach and Crystal look on

Elsie Village Council Proceedings

by Dawn D. Levey

ELSIE – Prior to the regular meeting Elsie Village Council meeting February 11, 2025 a public hearing was held to allow the public to comment on the vacating of Third Street between Main and Pine streets; Pine Street east of Third Street and the northeast corner of lot 13 of block 4 of Bishop and Brown's re subdivision of parts of blocks 2 and 3 Van Dusen's addition. No public comment. Formal action was taken during the regular meeting to approve this request.

Action items included resolution 25-001 for vacating of street right-of-way as addressed in the public hearing. Officials approved the action item. Noting all resolutions were a roll call vote.

Resolution 25-002 authorization for the interim manager to execute the sale of 100 Pine Street and V/L W Pine Street, Elsie, MI, the former Elsie High School property to Ken Harris and his development firm. Officials approved the sale unanimously.

Next, development and reimbursement agreement between Elsie Development, LLC (developer) and the Elsie Brownfield Redevelopment Authority was also approved pending legal review.

Officials took action to correct the re-zoning 100 W Pine Street, Elsie, MI it should have been re-zoned as R3 corrected from R2. Again, this is the former Elsie High School building.

Ken Harris updated officials on the status of the project. The environmental crew is working and should be completed in a few weeks followed by bringing in the framing crew. The goal is to have the first apartment occupied April 1, 2026. Then as apartments are completed, they will become available.

Tim Fair, Capital Area Catalyst, was present to update officials on a number of projects that are in the planning stages including the establishment of a Downtown Development Association and the potential lagoon usage project.

Bryce indicated that with her current duties and the roles she is filling time for committing to zoning administrator is very limited. After discussing the situation officials opted to appoint both the village manager and the department of public works supervisor as the Zoning Administrators will be a collaborative effort. In addition, officials took action to appoint Doug Sturgis to fill a vacancy created by the death of Don Cook on the zoning board.

Bryce, interim manager, presented the monthly report village manager's report. The USDA water report was presented noting that they reviewed our 2-year audit report for FY23 and FY24 with financial analysis showing currently it is unsustainable. This means that the village is not collecting enough in rates to adequately service the debt, pay operating expenses and fund the required services.

Michigan Rural Water is completing a rate study of the current water rates to ensure that the rates are maintaining the system. There will be changes regarding Elsie Village water rates and past practices.

It was suggested that after the water studies are complete and officials take action to make changes a town hall meeting should be held to educate the residents of the Village. The purpose would be to answer questions and involve residents in what is happening and the vision for the Village of Elsie.

The Village of Elsie will not qualify for ACT51 grand funds until after the Village deficit elimination plan is submitted to the State of Michigan. Bryce noted that the corrective plan has been provided.

In addition, all investments have been dissolved as of January 2025, and expenditures regarding the village have been frozen until further notice; only outstanding invoices will be paid.

The regular financial audit has been completed, a presentation will be made at a later date. Woodhill Group was paid 3,071.70 for services rendered.

A Heroes Park Committee needs to be established, the cost of installing the bricks is more than anticipated, fund raising may need to be one of the committees goal. This will be an in-progress project and addressed in the spring.

Chris Ormes, Department of Public Works, reported that water studies are underway. Reports have been provided regarding well-head protection; and the water department five-year plan. Rate studies are in progress, noting that there will be very few water rate adjustments in the future.

Chief Bryce presented the monthly Elsie Police Department report. Complaints had decreased from the prior month with a total of 54 calls. Police activity for the month of January included 911 hang ups, wellness checks, traffic and motor carrier enforcement and one domestic.

The Elsie Police Department assisted Chief Merony, DeWitt Township Police Department, with a RUN, HIDE FIGHT ACTIVE VIOLENCE training for the staff at Ovid-Elsie Area Schools District. The training received very positive feedback.

The partnership between the Village of Elsie and Maple Rapids continues to progress and is providing very positive results. Additional certification is coming up for the officers and is scheduled for later this month, the Village of Maple Rapids has agreed to pay the training costs.

Monthly action was taken to approve the meeting agenda as amended adding the minutes of the closed session January 21, the minutes of the January 21, 2025 regular meeting and the financial reports. Next, officials took action to approve expenditures totaling \$46,068.95.

Social

Library News

Ovid Public Library Happenings

Join us on Tuesday, February 18 for another class presented by Jackie Medley, RN, BSN, Natural Health Practitioner at 5:00. This month's class will be Muscle Response Testing. She will be explaining what it is and how it works.

Wednesday, February 19 will be Classic Movie Day. This week we are showing the movie 'Pride and Prejudice' starring Kam Haskin and Orlando Seale from 2003. Movie time is 1:00. You are welcome to bring snacks but there will be light snacks and coffee available. Bring a friend and enjoy this romantic comedy.

On Friday, February 21 will be our Children's Story Hour. Ms. Shelly will be reading some Dr. Suess books in honor of his birthday which is in March. Come join the fun. We will also be making a craft and there will be snacks for the kiddos. Story time will begin at 10:30.

Ovid Township March Board of Review

Meeting Dates Organizational Meeting Only
Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.

Appeals will be heard:
Monday, March 10, 2025
1 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Wednesday, March 12, 2025
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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New Community Monthly Meeting Formed

The City of Ovid's Parks & Recreation Committee invites the community to participate in a new standing meeting where discussions on the future of the parks and recreation services will be the topic of discussion. Whether you're a part of a sports league, a relationship group or just passionate about our public spaces, your input is vital.

This is your opportunity to share in the challenges you or your league are facing, ideas for park or program improvements, opportunities for community engagement, youth sports and wellness and plans for future initiatives that will serve all generations.

The monthly meeting will take place the first Monday of each month, beginning on March 3rd, the time is 6pm and the location is City Hall Chambers, 114 E. Front St, Ovid. Bring your ideas, concerns and suggestions. Together, we can work to shape the future of our parks.

Dairy Festival Planning Meeting

submitted by Brooke Wooley

A Dairy Festival planning meeting will be held on February 23 at 5 pm at Foo-G's in Downtown Elsie.

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Ashley Sportsman's Club to Host a Craft Retreat on March 1st

by Dawn D Levey

BANNISTER – Ashley Sportsman's Club will host a craft retreat at the Sportsman's Club clubhouse, March 1, 9am-6pm, 8554 S Mason Road, Bannister. It is an opportunity to bring your favorite craft to work on and share. It could include scrapbooking, Circuit, quilting, stamping, painting, knitting, crocheting, sewing...the possibilities are endless. WIFI and electric are available. In addition, its potluck bring a dish to pass, snacks, and your choice of beverages. The cost per table is \$25, registration and money are due by February 24, 2025. For information call 517-927-6258 or email ashleysportsmansclub@gmail.com and to make reservations.

Come join the fellowship and get away from it all!! Seating is limited make reservations today.

Memorial Healthcare to Host Free Lunch and Learn in Durand on "Autoimmune Disorders"

submitted by Dianna Vsetula

Owosso – Memorial Healthcare will be hosting a FREE community Lunch and Learn presentation on Tuesday, March 18th from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm in Durand.

The topic of this educational presentation will be on "Autoimmune Disorders" and will be presented by Memorial Healthcare Rheumatologist, Dr. Patrick Yousif.

This presentation will be held at Durand Union Station, 200 S. Railroad Street, Durand. Lunch will be catered by Union Station Smokehouse. Please RSVP to Becky Dahlke, Community Resource Manager at (989) 729-4856 or by email at RDahlke@memorialhealthcare.org. RSVPs are due by Monday, March 10th.

For more information please visit, www.MemorialHealthcare.org



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Physician from UM Health-Sparrow and MSU Appointed to Statewide Stroke Care Committee

submitted by Corey Alexander

LANSING –Anmar Razak, M.D., has been named to Michigan's Statewide Stroke Care Advisory Subcommittee, a result of his dedication to advancing stroke care and improving patient outcomes.

Members of this group support the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services and act as subject matter experts for the clinical and operational components of stroke care.

Razak, medical director of UM Health-Sparrow's comprehensive stroke center and chief of the cerebrovascular disease division at Michigan State University, began his three-year subcommittee term on Jan. 21, 2025. One of his goals is to enhance statewide protocols to ensure providers of emergency medical services, or EMS, are transporting stroke patients to the most appropriate site of care.

"Timely detection and treatment are critical to improving survival rates and minimizing disability," Razak said. "By collaborating on enhanced protocols for EMS, we can ensure that stroke patients are quickly routed to the right care, increasing their chances for a better outcome."

Razak brings a wealth of expertise to the subcommittee. After earning a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Toronto, he received his MBBS (MD) with distinction from the University of the West Indies in 2004. He completed his residency in neurology at MSU, followed by advanced fellowship training in vascular neurology and endovascular surgical neuro-radiology at both MSU and UM Health-Sparrow Lansing. Razak specializes in minimally invasive endovascular treatment of brain aneurysms, cerebral/spinal arteriovenous malformations and fistulas, carotid, vertebral and intracranial artery blockages, among others. As part of the Neuro Care Network collaboration between MSU and U-M Health, he oversees UM Health-Sparrow's comprehensive stroke center, the only one of its kind in Mid-Michigan.

"It is an honor to serve on the Statewide Stroke Care Subcommittee and contribute to advancing these efforts across the state," he said.

To learn more about Razak or the leading-edge Neuro Care Network, visit UofMHealthSparrow.org/Neurology.



Anmar Razak, M.D.



The Sewing/ Quilting group from Holy Family and St. Isidore Catholic Churches recently donated \$1300 to the Elsie Area Food Pantry from their Christmas Store. Pictured from L-R are Sue Peterson, Marian Horsley, and Toni Ornelas.

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MDARD's 2025 Ag Exporter of the Year Application Period Now Open

submitted by Lynsey Mukomel

LANSING, Mich. - The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) is now accepting applications for the 2025 Michigan Ag Exporter of the Year award. Each year, MDARD recognizes a food, agriculture, or forest product business that has demonstrated exceptional success in export growth.

Eligibility is open to Michigan food, agriculture, and forest products producers, manufacturers, or shippers that are actively pursuing international markets. Exported products must be over 50 percent grown, processed, or manufactured in Michigan. Companies of all sizes are encouraged to apply. Applications are due by 5 p.m. Monday, March 31, 2025.

"Michigan-made food, agriculture and forest products are making a global impact and represent one of the diverse ways our industry feeds the state's economic prosperity," said MDARD Director Tim Boring.

The Michigan Ag Exporter of the Year was first awarded in 2006. Information on previous winners is available on our website, where you can also learn more about the 2024 Ag Exporter of the Year Awardee, Banks Hardwoods by viewing their video.

For more information, please visit the MDARD Ag Exporter of the Year webpage or contact Holly Gaffney at GaffneyH@michigan.gov.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Greenbush Township Board will be holding their annual budget meeting for the 2025-2026 FY. It will be held Saturday, February 22, 2025 at 10am at the Greenbush Township Hall, 1883 E. French Rd. St. Johns MI. At this meeting only future budget items may be discussed. The meeting is open to the public.

Ramona Smith, Township Clerk
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ELBA TOWNSHIP GRATIOT COUNTY

Elba Township Board of Review Organization Meeting will be held at the Township office at 109 W. Oak St. in Ashley.
Tuesday March 4, 2025 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM Organization Meeting

Elba Township Board of Review will be held at the Township office at 109 W. Oak St. in Ashley.
Monday March 10, 2025 from 1:00 PM. to 5:00 PM.
6:00 PM. To 9:00 PM.
Tuesday March 11, 2025 from 9:00 AM. to 12:00 Noon
1:00 PM. to 4:00 PM.

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If your child turns 5 after September 1, 2025 but before December 1, 2025, you may sign a waiver so they may attend kindergarten next year.

James Brian “Jimbo” Vogt

James Brian "Jimbo" Vogt, age 56, of Bannister, Michigan, passed away Monday, February 10, 2025, at Ashley Care Center, Ashley, Michigan with his family by his side.

James was born in Cadillac, Michigan on July 23, 1968, the son of Zane A. and Phyllis Ann (Beerens) Vogt. He graduated from Cadillac High School with the Class of 1986. He worked for Wal-Mart in Michigan and Indiana for over thirty years.

Jimbo was an avid hunter who always looked forward to his favorite holiday, Opening Day of deer season. He was a skilled craftsman and flipped many houses. He enjoyed camping, sitting around the campfire, and listening to music. One of his favorite memories was when he and his sister Deanna took an extended road trip across Canada and Alaska following his high school graduation. He loved BBQ chicken, The Chicago Bears, The Chicago Cubs, and spending time with his family. Jimbo loved his family, always had a smile, and enjoyed making others laugh.

He is survived by his mother Phyllis Vogt, his brother Dennis (Cyndy) Vogt, his brother Keith (Amber) Vogt, brother-in-law Gary (Elaine) Binder, eight nieces and nephews: Andy (Lindsey), Sarah (Zack), Josh, Alex (Alyssa), Bradlee, Scott (Monica), Eric, and William; and nine great nieces and nephews: including: Isabelle, Payton, Bella, and Lucy. He was preceded in death by his father Zane Vogt, and his sister Deanna Binder.



We would like to express our thanks to everyone who called, or visited at our time of loss. We are so grateful to have such great loving friends.

We wish to thank Scott Seelhoff, Heart to Heart Hospice, The Maples of St. Johns and Smith Family Funeral Home for the excellent care and support to all of us.

*Thank you,
The Family of Basil Janes*

A Celebration of Life Luncheon will be held March 1, 2025, at 1:00 P.M. at the Bannister Bar & Grill, 219 E. Main St., Bannister, MI.

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

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Paulette Sue Anderson

Paulette Sue Anderson, age 73, of Elsie, MI, passed away Friday, February 7, 2025, at Hazel I. Findlay Country Manor, St. Johns with her family by her side.

Paulette was born in St. Johns, Michigan on February 6, 1952, the daughter of John and Mildred K. (Karlík) Hrncharik. She graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School with the Class of 1970. On February 12, 1972, Paulette married John C. Anderson at St. Cyril's Catholic Church in Bannister, Michigan. They have been blessed with fifty-three years of marriage. Paulette and John have been members of Holy Family Catholic Church, Ovid, Michigan for many years.

Paulette loved her family and always looked forward to spending time with them. She enjoyed camping with the N-SSA Muzzleloader Club. She loved to knit and crochet. Many children were blessed by the gift of one of her blankets. The family requests that anyone who has received a baby blanket made by Paulette would bring it with them display her handiwork.

She is survived by her husband John, sons: Scott (Dawn) Anderson of Ovid, MI; and Steven (Kaitlyn) Anderson of Abilene, TX; daughter-in-law Corinna Anderson of Midland, MI; seven grandchildren: Brianna Murray, Amber Anderson, Michael Mosley, Kyle Mosley, Emillie Anderson, Parker Anderson, and Walker Anderson; three sisters: Janet (Bill) Archer, Lynette (Jon) Miller, and Pamela (Kirk) Wahlstrom; and many nieces and nephews. She preceded in death by her parents. Memorials may be made to Smith Family Funeral Homes to assist with funeral expenses. Online condolences may be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Cyril's Catholic Church, Bannister, MI, on Thursday, February 13, 2025. Burial has taken place at Ford Cemetery, Elba Township, MI.

If you would like to help with Funeral Expenses please consider making a donation here --> <https://checkout.square.site/merchant/FQGHD951NR85W/checkout/YNA7J7Z3PVNUFHKG4JQD4D7K>



Charlotte Edna Arnst

Charlotte Edna Arnst, age 85, of Bannister, MI, passed away Sunday, February 9, 2025.

Charlotte was born in Saginaw, MI on April 19, 1939, the daughter of Elias and Edna (Forester) Evans. Charlotte married David Arnst on July 11, 1959, at East Washington United Brethren Church, Ashley, MI. David passed away on December 7, 2015.

Charlotte's ministry was sharing a Daily Bread devotional with family and friends. She loved to read and felt it was important to read the Bible, every night she fell asleep to her gospel music. Charlotte mailed handwritten cards and letters of encouragement to many people. Charlotte had many passions but most importantly to her was her family. No matter if a person had a fault she was with them through their worst and their best. She will be remembered for her caregiving heart. Charlotte was a member of East Washington United Brethren Church.

She is survived by her daughter Nancy and Doug Kirby of Bannister, MI; daughter Edna and Kenny Peters of Bannister, MI; son David Arnst of Carson City, MI; 6 grandchildren: Doug and Jamie Kirby, Holly and Justin Boone, Becky and John Chrenka, Eric and Alisha Peters, Alex and Abby Arnst, and also April Sutliff; 11 great-grandchildren; her sisters: Stella and Julia. Charlotte was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her son Edgar Arnst, and her siblings.

A Memorial Service will be held at East Washington United Brethren Church, Ashley, MI, on Saturday, February 22, 2025, at 11:00 A.M., with Pastor Jeff Reser and Pastor Jerry Drummond officiating. Burial will take place at Fairfield Township Cemetery, Fairfield Twp., MI, at a later date.

Memorials may be made to The Daily Bread or TCT (Christian Television). Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



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Editorial



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

I think that the time may have come for me to write down all of my passwords. It is border line shame full to have so many different ones that I need on a fairly daily basis. One for to unlock the computer, one for each bank account, one for email, one for voice mail, one for internet access... Basically too many to keep tabs on. Of course it does make me pay attention when I need to find the correct one assigned to keep tabs on whatever the issue. And don't forget the ones needed to set up Netflix and Prime Video. It is frustrating at times... Today I was trying to login to an on line auction site, and I was very surprised because it kept trying to tell me that I wasn't using the correct email address. The old email address hasn't been used in over ten years, at least not by me. Oh well, onward and upwards.

I feel as if I may have achieved at least a smidgen of accomplishments this month. As in the taxes are filed and my property taxes have been paid. I spent this past Wednesday up at the Chippewa Tribal College in Mt Pleasant in a Serve-pro class and took the darn test. It is a beautiful building filled with very kind giving folks. I need to go back up there to buy a couple of books that were for sale. When I left after taking the exam no one was available for me to purchase the books that I found interesting. As I mentioned, the folks were very kind. When we had a lunch break I zipped to the rest room and then out to the 'welcome center' asked if there was a place to buy coffee and I was told that the coffee was free. None was made and the young lady (I forgot to get her name) who helped me didn't drink that brew but she helped me make a pot. We discussed the variety of herbal teas that were on hand for us to drink. She kindly gave me a couple of bags to try and told me where to find them. Then I went back to the class room.

Did I mention that the tables and chairs all have rollers on them...and glide beautifully. That characteristic made it very hard for me to get out of the chairs after sitting in them for three and a half hours. Fortunately they were very comfortable... One of the young ladies that was also taking the class offered to help me ... I said yes, just don't try to grab my arm which most folks seem to believe is necessary. IT isn't, I asked her to please stand behind the chair so that it wouldn't roll. Then I could get up easily. She was a blessing to me because she listened. We both finished up the exam at the same time and she saw that I was ready so she walked over and backstopped the chair for me again. I turned in the test and she walked me out to the parking lot and warned me that it was slick under the snow. Like I said, she was very kind. She walked out to the parking lot and brought my car up to me. I finished wiping the snow off the headlights and taillights and off the hood. Then I drove home in that very white swirling snow scape. Lots of white outs on the way and lots of not so bright drivers who didn't drive with their headlights on. Drat, I didn't get her name either. I did thank her.

All and all it has been a good week. I even learned how to bait a couple of new fangled mouse traps. I had not been baiting them correctly and so they weren't doing their duty very well. Not their fault, mine. I was in Wal Mart and found them on the shelf. I read the box and went home to apply the information that I had learned. On Monday I caught a mouse. Of course it was dead but I took it out on the deck and opened the trap so that the cats could have it. They fought over the carcass and I admonished them because they could have had a fresh snack if they had been doing their job correctly. That being said, I live in the country, in an old farm house and a cold winter snap does bring the critters into the house. I usually get one or two each winter and I got another one this morning. I doubt that the cats understood that I was chiding them for not being that industriously assertive in their jobs.

All and all it has been a good couple of weeks. My life is filled with unexpected kindness and blessings. I hope that yours is also. May God bless you. Be happy and smile. Laugh if you can.

Crystal Mitchell©2025



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com

2024 Local Deer Harvest

The numbers are in and the local deer harvest is up this year from the last two years and as buck harvest numbers remained steady there was a definite increase in the number of doe harvested. This is what the DNR asked for but they were probably hoping for an even bigger doe harvest this year. As a matter of fact, in Saginaw and Gratiot hunters actually filled more doe than buck tags and in Clinton and Shiawassee hunters weren't that far off. This is great news and what the DNR was hoping for all across the state to help lower the overall deer population, however, unlike all other states Michigan hunters continue to harvest more bucks. Please look over the figures below.

2022	Antlered	Antlerless	Total
Clinton	3441	2774	6215
Gratiot	3090	2350	5440
Saginaw	3615	2662	6277
Shiawassee	3205	2387	5992
	13351	10173	23924

2023	Antlered	Antlerless	Total
Clinton	3234	2674	5908
Gratiot	2940	2422	5362
Saginaw	3706	2493	6199
Shiawassee	2974	2368	5342
	12854	9957	22811

2024	Antlered	Antlerless	Total
Clinton	3341	3272	6613
Gratiot	3057	3609	6666
Saginaw	3938	3990	7928
Shiawassee	3087	3080	6167
	13423	13951	27374

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State Total	157270	142206	299476

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Obituaries

Larry Leon Ordiway

Larry Leon Ordiway, age 76, of Ovid, MI, passed away Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Lansing, Lansing, MI.

Larry was born in St. Johns, Michigan on October 20, 1948, the son of Edwin Guy and Lillian Anna (Kioski) Ordiway. Larry married Mylinda on February 15, 1991.

Larry owned and operated L&G Excavating, Inc. in the Ovid area. He was on the Ovid City Council and the Maple Grove Cemetery Board for many years.

He is survived by his wife Mylinda, his son Larry II (Jenelle) Ordiway, his daughter Andrea Ordiway, ten grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, his brother Ken (Lisa) Herrick, two nephews and one niece. He was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter Terresa, and his granddaughter Rebecca.

In following Larry's wishes, a cremation has taken place and there will be no services.

Online condolences may be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, Michigan.



Save The Date

submitted by Joanne Fornusek

A Midwinter Jamboree will be held at the Bannister ZCBI Hall on Sunday, February 23rd. A potluck luncheon will begin at 12 noon and will be followed by an afternoon of ethnic music and dance. Local musicians generously donate their time and talent to provide this opportunity for music and visiting.

Admission is FREE. Coffee and table service will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass and your own beverages.

Elsie United Methodist Church to Host Movies

by Dawn D. Levey

ELSIE - During the month of February Elsie United Methodist Church will host family movie events on days Ovid-Elsie Area Schools are cancelled due to weather events. Movies will begin at 1:30 pm, popcorn and beverages will be served. Elsie UMC is trying this for one month to see if there is interest. Members encourage participants to put safety first when venturing out.

Elsie United Methodist Church is open to all with services held Sunday's at 9:30 am, 160 W. Main Street, Elsie.

City of Ovid March Board of Review Meeting Dates

Will meet on the following dates:
Organizational Meeting only
Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 10:30 p.m.
(Informational only no appeals may be presented)

Appeals will be heard: For the 2025 Assessments
Tuesday, March 11, 2025
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Wednesday, March 12, 2025
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5 Signs It's Time to Renovate

Homeowners renovate their homes for a variety of reasons. Renovations can increase the value of a property and make homes safer and more comfortable for their occupants. Improvements also can be made to stay current with the times or to give a home a new vibe.

Statista projects \$510 billion will be spent on home improvements in 2024. The home improvement market is generating significant revenue. In fact, nearly a quarter of Americans opting to renovate their homes will spend an average of \$10,000 on their projects.

According to a Home Stars Renovation report, 8 percent of Canadian homeowners who have renovated have spent more than \$20,000 on a home improvement project.

Kitchens and bathrooms often get the most attention when it comes to home improvement. However, every room and space in a home may need a renovation at some point, and the following are five signs it's time to renovate.

1. Age

The National Association of Home Builders states that 50 percent of U.S. homes are over the age of 40. That means that age alone could dictate a need to renovate, particularly if some materials are original to the home. For example, asphalt roofs typically last 25 to 30 years, while window frames can last 20 to 50 years depending on how well they have been maintained.

2. Inconvenient layout

Some homeowners scratch their heads when faced with awkward floor plan layouts. While one may live with the inconvenience for some time, typically a floor plan that isn't working for the homeowner is a major driver of renovations.

3. Outdated looks

A home can look dated even if it is a relatively recent build. That's because trends change quickly. For example, dark, cherry cabinets that were popular just a little while ago have now been replaced by lighter color palettes. Homeowners whose homes do not match the looks emulated in design magazines may consider a change, particularly if they're planning to sell soon.

4. Deterioration

Signs of water, storm or structural damage should be addressed as soon as possible. Any deterioration should be a strong indicator that it's time to renovate.

5. Efficiency

Escalating utility bills could be indicative of an inefficient home. Homeowners can conduct energy audits and then improve the areas where energy loss may be occurring, such as windows, doors, siding, and insulation.

Homeowners can renovate their homes when they see fit, but various signs may warn that it's time consider updating or remodeling a home.



Did You Know?

Home renovations are wildly popular, and that popularity can be traced to a number of factors. Some homeowners renovate their homes with their own comfort in mind, while others do so to improve the resale value of the property. For those in the latter group, a recognition of renovations that yield the highest return on investment may help them decide which projects to pursue.

According to the housing market research and analytics firm Zonda Media, a garage door replacement offered the highest return on investment in the American real estate market in 2024, earning a whopping 194 percent return on homeowners' initial investment. An entry door replacement with steel door offered the second best ROI at 188 percent of homeowners' initial investment, while replacing siding with stone veneer was third on the list with an average ROI of 153 percent.

Kitchens and Bathrooms Most Costly to Renovate

Homeowners with an eye on home improvement projects should know that kitchens and bathrooms tend to be the most costly rooms to renovate. An affiliate of the National Kitchen and Bath Association told Architectural Digest in 2023 that kitchens and bathrooms require the most labor-intensive renovations, which contributes significantly to the high costs of such projects. Labor is indeed a significant cost when renovating a home, as the Construction Labor Market Analyzer indicates labor cost percentages in construction are between 20 and 40 percent of the total budget of a given project.

The final cost of any renovation project will depend on a host of variables unique to each home, including the square footage of the room being remodeled and the materials homeowners choose. However, homeowners looking for less costly renovations may want to consider revamping their dining rooms and closets, each of which are projects that can make a difference and tend to require a less significant financial commitment than projects like kitchen and bath remodels.

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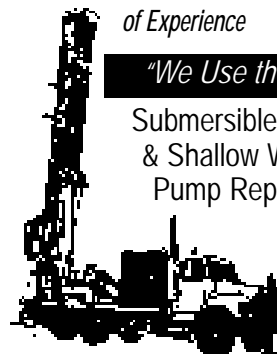
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2025 Hall of Fame New Inductees



Members of the 1977-1978 OE boys basketball team that were in attendance for the Induction to the Hall of Fame on Saturday, February 8th. Back row (L-R) Mike Perrien, Mike Loynes, standing in got his Uncle, Kelly Loynes, Dirk Besko and Brett Walton. Front row (L-R) Cary Bashore, Dave Sovis, Brian Byrnes, Coach, Bob Foreback and Byron Taylor.



Individual Hall of Fame Inductees (L-R) Bobby Dodson, Deb Price, Ryan Miller, Carrie Darling-Pope and Brian Byrnes.

On Saturday, February 8, 2025, 5 individuals and one team were Inducted to the Ovid-Elsie Hall of Fame. The evening began at 5pm with a social hour in the cafeteria followed by the Induction Ceremony at 6pm in the Donald G. Thayer Auditorium. The five Inducted individuals included, Deborah Price, Alumni/Community Member, presented by Dave Wyrick, Carrie Darling Pope, Student Athlete, presented by Doug Long, Ryan Miller, Student Athlete, presented by Jim Maidlow, Robert "Bobby" Dodson, Student Athlete, presented by Tom Hughes, Jim Maidlow and Doug Long and Brian Byrnes, Student Athlete, presented by Bobby Foreback. The 1977-1978 OE Basketball Team was also inducted and Bobby Foreback, son of Coach Bob Foreback made the presentation of the team. On Friday, February 7th, the Inductees were introduced during halftime of the OE boys basketball game against Birch Run.

Local Boys, Girls Qualifiers Advance to MHSAA Wrestling Regionals

by Tom Turek

Ovid-Elsie's Ava Juhas wrestled to a runner-up finish, and Laingsburg's Cooper Mund did likewise, as local grapplers advanced out of the MHSAA Individual Wrestling Districts on February 8-9.

Grappling at Montrose, O-E junior Juhas kept her State Finals hopes alive, finishing 2nd at 110 lbs. She advanced to the Division 3 Regionals at Howell HS.

Laingsburg's Mund, wrestling in the Williamston District, advanced to Regional action at Olivet with a 2nd place showing at 113 lbs.

Ovid-Elsie senior, Anthony Silva hitting the mat at



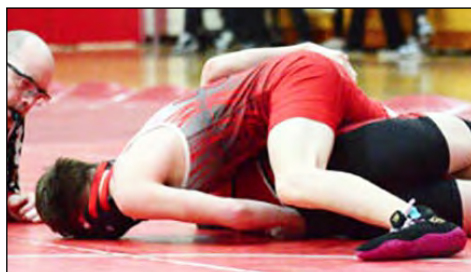
Above: OEs Anthony Silva
Right: Laingsburgs Cooper Mund



OEs Ava Juhas

113 lbs. at Montrose, advanced to Boys' Regional wrestling at Whitehall with a 3rd place finish.

The individual state finals for both genders are set for Feb. 28 and March 1 at Ford Field in Detroit.



Marauders Take it to a Very Good Stockbridge Team, 61-50

by Tom Turek

OVID-ELSIE -- The host Marauders took it to a very, very good Stockbridge boys varsity basketball team and never flinched, coming away with a 61-50 non-league victory.

Rolling to 22 first-quarter points, coach Canyon Walker's club never let their foot off the gas and moved their overall record to 15-4.

For the Panthers, it was just their 4th loss in 19 games.

Travis Milner continued his hot scoring hand, leading a balanced O-E scoring column with 16 points, and three other Marauders hit double figures: Tryce Tokar 14, Jake Bowen 12 and Tucker Loynes 12.

Rounding out the Marauder ledger was Joie Fabus with 4 points, Jayce Herblet 2 and Javen Belill a single digit.

-- MARAUDERS RUN PAST OVERMATCHED BIRCH RUN, 60-25:

Marauder senior Tryce Tokar buried 5-of-8 three-point attempts as he and Tucker Loynes led O-E, each with 15 points, and O-E buried overmatched Birch Run in MMAC action.

The home win improved O-E to 14-4, 11-3 in conference play, while BR dropped to 5-13, 2-7 in the league.

Mikey Bancroft scored 10, Jackson Custer 4, Jayce Herblet 4, Travis Milner 3, Javen Belill 3 and Jake Bowen 3 tallies for the victors.



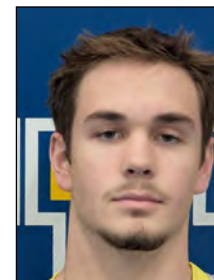
Travis Milner scored 16 points against Stockbridge on Feb. 19th
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Ashley Boys Take Two Loses

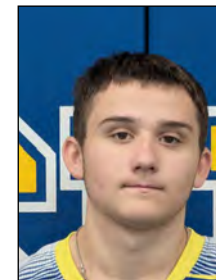
by Ashleigh Shaw

In the first game of the week the bears battled the Bulldogs from St. Charles and battled all night, playing a tight first quarter close ending in a score of 7-5, going down more before half time but then coming back in the third quarter to cut the deficit to 10, but then struggled to score in the fourth quarter losing 45-26. Carson Litwiller had 21 points and 9 rebounds, Michael Kiefer had 9 points and 9 rebounds, and Sabastian Harrell had 2 points and 7 rebounds. "We fought all night just couldn't get over the hump" said Coach Sourek.

In the second game of the week Ashley took the loss to Coleman, again playing a tight first quarter and then struggling to keep the game close after that. Litwiller led the team once again with 21 points and 7 rebounds, Robert Kral added 7 points and 2 rebounds, and Kiefer added 7 points and grabbed 6 rebounds. "We continue to work hard and fight to stay in games and just struggle throughout games scoring" Coach Frank Sourek said.



Carson Litwiller



Michael Kiefer

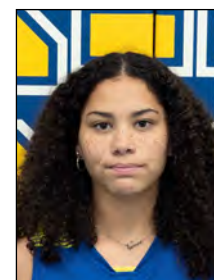
Lady Bears Fight Tough Against Bulldogs

by Ashleigh Shaw

Ashley took on the second-best team in the league this week and battled throughout but fell short 69-47. "We turned the ball over too much, early in the game which made it difficult for us to stay in the game" expressed Coach Shaw. Karissa Brady has a big night against the Bulldogs for the second time this season scoring 20 points and grabbing 5 rebounds. Ellie Drummond had a double-double with 17 points and 12 rebounds, Marissa Brady added 7 points and 5 rebounds, while Peyton Rohn had 3 points, adding 10 rebounds.

Tough Loss Against Coleman

The Lady Bears loss heart breaker by 32-31, after leading in every quarter. "We were able to lead this game most of the night but were unable to finish the game in the last two minutes and hold on for the win" said coach Shaw. Karissa Brady finished with a double-double, three steals away from a triple-double with 15 points 10 rebounds and 7 steals. Marissa Brady followed with 7 points 6 rebounds, Ellie Drummond added 5 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, and Peyton Rohn and Zoe Schneider each added a bucket.



Karissa Brady



Ellie Drummond

Sports



OE Freshman standout Kendal Tokar added nine points against Stockbridge on February 10th.

Photo by Denise Burgess

Freshman Lead the Way, O-E Girls Keep Stranglehold on MMAC

by Tom Turek

BIRCH RUN -- Two freshmen led the way, and Ovid-Elsie kept a tight grip on the MMAC girls basketball race here February 6.

The Marauders' 56-20 victory advanced Shaun McKinney's team to 15-2 overall, 11-1 in the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) -- where O-E is attempting to wrap up its 4th-straight league title. The Panthers fell to 6-10, 3-3 in league play

O-E's talented frosh, Kortlynn Loynes and Kendal Tokar, each tossed in 13 points to lead all scorers. Ellyanna Carman added 11 points for the victors.

Lady Marauders wrap up MMAC title share, 42-35 over Otisville-Lakeville

OTISVILLE -- Alyson Moore was true on a quartet of three-pointers, leading Ovid-Elsie to a 42-35 girls varsity basketball win here.

The victory clinched at least a share of the MMAC title -- their 4th-straight -- for the Lady Marauders. Shaun McKinney's team moved to 13-1 in the league with one MMAC game left, February 20 vs. Byron. Overall, Ovid-Elsie stands 17-2 entering the final week of regular season play.

The Lakeville Falcons dropped to 6-7 in the league, 11-8 for all games.

Moore led all scorers with 17 points. Dannika Campbell hit for 8 points, as did Ellyanna Carman for the Marauders.

Ovid-Elsie girls hold off Stockbridge Panthers, 47-33

OVID-ELSIE -- The host Marauders rang up their 16th victory in 18 tries, scoring a non-league victory over Stockbridge, 47-33, here February 10.

Ellyanna Carman drilled four 3-pointers Monday, part of a 14-point effort, as Ovid-Elsie dropped the visiting Panthers to 7-9 overall.

Kendal Tokar added nine points and Dannika Campbell added seven for the Lady Marauders.

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Ovid-Elsie Swimmers Finish Third at Haslett Tank Tri-Meet

by Tom Turek

HASLETT -- Williamston amassed 39.1 team points, outdistancing the field in a prep swimming tri-meet here February 11.

Haslett totaled 34.1 points and Ovid-Elsie 14.3 as the prep swimming season nears its end.

Marauder junior Audrey Bensinger led the Ovid-Elsie effort in the 200 IM (2:50.10). David Lohr swam to 7th place in the same event.

Adalynn Roberts and Cheyenne Kline finished 7-8 for O-E in the 200 freestyle.

Marshall Leavitt scored 5th in the 50 freestyle while teammate Jolene Hebel finished 8th.

Other finishers for the Marauders: Bensinger and Norah Wilcox, 4th and 7th in the 100 fly. Leavitt and Dylan Hennings, 4th and 8th in the 100 freestyle. Kline and Wilcox, 4th and 8th in the 500 freestyle. Roberts and Lohr, 6-7 in the 100 backstroke. Hebel and Hennings, 4th and 6th place in the 100 breaststroke.

Lady Pilgrims Win 5th in a Row, 45-31 at Laingsburg HS

by Tom Turek

LAINGSBURG -- Lansing Christian kept its winning streak intact at five games, taking advantage of a 22-4 second-quarter run to win 45-31 at Laingsburg on February 7.

Sophia Carillo led a balanced Lady Pilgrim attack with 10 points, and Alyssa Shank added 9.

Brooklyn Holm led all scorers with 13 points for Laingsburg (9-6 overall, 6-5 CMAC). Lilli Morrill scored 9 points for the red-and-white.

Lansing Christian improved to 11-4, 7-4 in the conference, with the road win.

Lady Wolves hit double-digits in win column

SARANAC -- Laingsburg's varsity girls basketball team outpaced the Redhawks of Saranac Tuesday night in CMAC basketball action, 53-24.

Coach Dan Morrill's Lady Wolves recorded their 10th win of the season against 6 losses. The Wolfpack moved to 8-5 in league play behind Brooklyn Holm with 15 points, Mallory Woodbury 12, Lilli Morrill 10 and Payge Woodworth 8 tallies. Harper Strouse added 10 rebounds to go along with 4 points. For Saranac (3-13, 2-12), Lydia Rasmus had 8 points.

Wolfpack Keeps Dansville Winless With 81-36 Victory

by Tom Turek

DANSVILLE -- Laingsburg's boys varsity basketball team kept Dansville's winless streak alive with a 45-point victory here.

The Aggies drooped to 0-21, 0-17 in the CMAC with a 81-36 setback. Coach Tim Beebe's Wolfpack won for the 12th time in 15 games, after turning around an 0-4 start. LHS improved to 11-5 in league play.

Getting 8 points from Mitchell George three-point shots from Everett Rodriguez, Dom Garcia and Jake Rivet, the Wolves rolled to 22 team points in the first quarter and never looked back.

George led all scorers with 23 points. Logan Holm added 13 points, Rivet 8, Garcia 6, Logan West 6, Kollin Bentley-Barr 6, Landon Freeman 4, Leandro Dolega-Caceres 4, Greg Stewart 5, Rodriguez 3 and Waylon Rowley 2 to a balanced Wolfpack attack.

Laingsburg closes out its regular season this week at non-league Flint International Academy on February 18, and at CMAC rival Bath on February 20.

CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

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 following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on March 19, 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. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Paul J. Blankenship, a married man and Diane Blankenship, his wife Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns Date of mortgage: March 28, 2005 Recorded on April 13, 2005, in Document No. 5077700, and re-recorded via Affidavit of Correction on May 30, 2012, in Document No. 5185102, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Harborview Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-3, Mortgage Loan Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-3 Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Ninety-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Nine and 53/100 Dollars (\$93,979.53) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clinton County, and described as: Lot 153, Assessor's Plat of the City of DeWitt-North, a part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 4, the Northeast 1/4, the Northwest 1/4, the Southeast 1/4 and the Southwest 1/4 of Section 5, the Northeast 1/4 of Section 8, the Northwest 1/4 of Section 8 and the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, all in Town 5 North, Range 2 West, City of DeWitt, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 8, Page 1-15, of plats, Formerly Known as: The South 43.75 feet of Lots 85, 86, 87, and 88 and the North 41.25 of Lots 129, 130, 131, and 132, all in Block 15 of

the Village (not City) of DeWitt, Clinton County Records. Also that part of the vacated West 33 feet of Market Street, except commencing at the Southwest corner of Block 15, Village of DeWitt (now City), being a Subdivision of part of Section 5 and 8, Town 5 North, Range 2 West, Clinton County, Michigan, thence South 89 degrees 51 minutes 21 seconds East 132.00 feet along the North line of Madison Street to the point of beginning of this description, thence North 00 degrees 37 minutes 00 seconds East 95.30 feet, thence North 88 degrees 47 minutes 25 seconds East (not West) West 166.00 (looks like 165) feet; thence South 00 degrees 37 minutes 00 seconds West 99.20 feet; thence North 89 degrees 51 minutes 21 seconds West 166.00(looks like 165) feet along said North line of Madison Street to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 308 N Franklin St, Dewitt, MI 48820 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption 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 pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Harborview Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-3, Mortgage Loan Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-3 Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on March 26, 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 has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Robert James and Tamara James to Polaris Home Funding Corp dated August 31, 2009 and recorded September 24, 2009 as Instrument No. 5148917, Clinton County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Discovery Mortgage Loan Trust by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$170,179.10. Said premises are located in Clinton County, Michigan and are described as: Parcel 1: That part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, T7N, R3W, Bengal Township, Clinton County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 27; thence North 00 degrees 41' 49" West along the East line of said Section 1460.12 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 00 degrees 41' 49" West 200.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 13' 55" West parallel with the North line of said section 27, 1309.23 feet to the East 1/8 line of said Section 27; thence South 00 degrees 37' 47" East along said East 1/8 line 400.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 13' 55" East 873.86 feet; thence North 00 degrees 41' 49" West 200.00 feet; thence North 89 dgrees 13' 55" East 435.60 feet to point of beginning. Parcel 2: That part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 7 North, Range 3 West, Bengal Township, Clinton County, Michigan described as: commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 27, thence North 00 degrees 41' 49" West along the East line of said section, 1260.12 feet to the point of beginning, thence continuing North

00 degrees 41' 49" West 200.00; thence South 89 dgrees 13' 55" West parallel with the North line of said Section 27, 435.60 feet; thence South 00 degrees 41' 49" East 200.00 feet; thence North 89 dgrees 13' 55" East 435.60 feet to the point of beginning. Said property is commonly known as 3220 S Lowell Road, St Johns, MI 48879. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Please be advised that any third party purchaser is responsible for preparing and recording the Sheriff's Deed. If this is a residential Mortgage, the following shall apply: ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU: ARE A DEBTOR IN AN ACTIVE BANKRUPTCY CASE; ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF A BANKRUPTCY STAY; OR, HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AND YOU HAVE NOT REAFFIRMED THE DEBT, THIS NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY. Dated: February 11, 2025 Attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage: Thomas E. McDonald (P39312) Brock & Scott, PLLC 5431 Oleander Drive Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (844) 856-6646 File No. 24-04951

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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 following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on March 05, 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. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Skyler Leona Castillo and Philip Castillo, wife and husband Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns Date of mortgage: July 15, 2022 Recorded on July 20, 2022, in Document No. 5327329, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nationstar Mortgage LLC Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Eighty-Six Thousand Eleven and 70/100 Dollars (\$86,011.70) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clinton County, and described as: The East half of Lot 7, all of Lot 8, and the North 102 feet of the West 15 feet of Lot 9, Block 20, Village of Ovid, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 21 of Plats, Page 367, Clinton County Records. Commonly known as 234 E Clinton St, Ovid, MI 48866 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption 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 pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Nationstar Mortgage LLC Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the Circuit Court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on March 5, 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. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Glenn Finch and Anette Finch, husband and wife Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns Foreclosing Assignee: (if any): PHH Mortgage "corporation, successor by merger to Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC Date of Mortgage: OCTOBER 21, 2010 Date of Mortgage Recording: NOVEMBER 1, 2010 Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$91,740.89 Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Olive, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Beginning at the North 1/4 corner of Section 9, Town 6 North, Range 2 West, Olive Township, Clinton County, Michigan, thence South 89 deg 48 min 14 sec West 300.00 feet; thence South 00 deg 11 min 29 sec East, 254.00 feet; thence South 39 deg 37 min 51 sec East, 299.09 feet; thence North 89 deg 48 min 14 sec East, 110.00 feet to a point on the North-South 1/4 line; thence North 00 deg 11 min 29 sec West along the North-South 1/4 line to the point of beginning.Common street address (if any): 1551 W Price Rd, Saint Johns, MI 48879-9273 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 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: February 2, 2025 Trott Law, P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 642-2515 1551631 (02-02)(02-23)

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 following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on March 19, 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. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Corey R. Koone and Faith C. Hale, joint tenants Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns Date of mortgage: March 26, 2021 Recorded on March 29, 2021, in Document No. 5307535, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Union Home Mortgage Corp. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Three Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Seven and 54/100 Dollars (\$383,227.54) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Clinton County, and described as: Unit No. 34 in Serenity Place at Lakeside Village Condominiums, according to the Master Deed as recorded in Instrument Number 5251722, and Amendments thereto, Clinton County Records, and designated as Clinton County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 80; together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed and Amendments thereto, and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. Commonly known as 4123 Presidents Way, Dewitt, MI 48820 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption 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 pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale will be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Union Home Mortgage Corp. Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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Middlebury Township March Board of Review Meeting Dates

Will meet on the following dates:
Organizational Meeting only
Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.
(Informational only no appeals may be presented)

Appeals will be heard:For the 2025 Assesements
Tuesday, March 11, 2025
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Wednesday, March 12, 2025
3:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Appeals may be submitted in writing or email before March 1
at: mholley4444@gmail.com

Middlebury Township Hall,
7627 W. M-21. Ovid, MI 48866
Any questions Ph. 989-834-5611 (Assessor)

Duplain Township March Board of Review Meeting Dates

Will meet on the following dates:
Organizational Meeting only
Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
(Informational only no appeals may be presented)

Appeals will be heard: For the 2025 Assessment
Monday, March 10, 2025
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Thursday, March 13, 2025
3:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Appeals may be submitted in writing or email before March 1
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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): William M. Gilpin, a married man and Brenda K. Gilpin, his wife
Original Mortgagee: Independent Mortgage Co. Central MI
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Independent Bank
Date of Mortgage: September 22, 2005
Date of Mortgage Recording: September 26, 2005
Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$134,547.60

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Greenbush, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at a point on the North line of Section 5, said point being the Northwest corner of the East 60 acres of the Northeast fractional 1/4 of Section 5, and being distant North 89 degrees 47 minutes 10 seconds West 1089.39 feet from the Northeast corner of Section 5, Town 8 North, Range 2 West, Greenbush Township, Clinton County, Michigan, as defined in a survey by LLS 19003, thence South 00 degrees 43 minutes 07 seconds West, along the West line of the East 60 acres, a distance of 165.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 47 minutes 10 seconds West parallel to the North line of Section 5, a distance of 264.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 43 minutes 07 seconds East 165.00 feet to a point on the North line of Section 5; thence South 89 degrees 47 minutes 10 seconds East, along said North line 264.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 2205 W Gratiot Rd, Saint Johns, MI 48879
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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Notice of sale of real property taken on execution. Notice is given under section 6052 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.6052. On November 13, 2023, the 29th Judicial Circuit Court of Clinton County, in case number 2023-12353-CK, issued a judgment lien in favor plaintiff, John O'Bryan, and against the defendants, Amanda J. Gerding, et al. A court officer levied on the premises described below, and recorded a notice of levy on August 23, 2024, at document number 5347190.

Description of the premises: Situated in Township of Dewitt, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: A parcel of land in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 5 North, Range 2 West, Dewitt Township, Clinton Couty, Michigan, the surveyed boundary of said parcel described as: commencing at the Northwest corner of said section 12; thence East along the North line of said Section 12, a distance of 464.88 feet to the point of beginning of the description; thence continuing East along said North line 150.00 feet; thence South perpendicular to said North line 323.40 feet; thence West parallel with North line 150.00 feet; thence North 323.40 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as: 3110 E. Howe Rd, Dewitt, MI 48820. The premises, or some part of them, will be sold at a public auction 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 February 26, 2025. The amount claimed on the judgment as of the date of this notice is: Fifty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Eight and 87/100 (\$59,358.87) Dollars, excluding costs. Plaintiff may be entitled to additional interest and costs. The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of such sale in accordance with MCL 600.6062. Date of notice: January 12, 2025. Morris & Morris Attorneys, P.L.L.C. 3258 Broad Street, Suite 1, Dexter, MI 48130 (734) 221-0077.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Clinton County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on March 12, 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 has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by RONALD G. REAVES AND SUE REAVES A/K/A SUSAN L. REAVES to FIFTH THIRD BANK (WESTERN MICHIGAN) dated July 12, 2006 and recorded August 9, 2006 as Instrument No. 5104399, Clinton County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Bank, National Association by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$30,931.70. Said premises are located in Clinton County, Michigan and are described as: A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERTOWN, COUNTY OF CLINTON, STATE OF MICHIGAN, AND KNOWN AS: BEING LOT NUMBER 64 IN HAWTHORNE HILLS NO. 1, WATERTOWN TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN AS SHOWN IN THE RECORDED PLAT/MAP THEREOF IN LIBER 3 OF PLATS PAGE 4 OF CLINTON COUNTY RECORDS. Permanent Parcel Number: 150-200-000-064-00 Said property is commonly known as 9840 Looking Glass Brook Dr, Grand Ledge, MI 48837. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Please be advised that any third party purchaser is responsible for preparing and recording the Sheriff's Deed. If this is a residential Mortgage, the following shall apply: ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU: ARE A DEBTOR IN AN ACTIVE BANKRUPTCY CASE; ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF A BANKRUPTCY STAY; OR, HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AND YOU HAVE NOT REAFFIRMED THE DEBT, THIS NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY. Dated: January 27, 2025 Attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage: Thomas E. McDonald (P39312) Brock & Scott, PLLC 5431 Oleander Drive Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (844) 856-6646 File No. 24-36130

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in CLINTON County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on March 12, 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. MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Maria L. Canales and Ramon Canales III, wife and husband, whose address is 3897 Gorman Drive, Lansing, Michigan 48906, as original Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Intervale Mortgage Corporation, being a mortgage dated September 19, 2006, and recorded on September 29, 2006 with Document Number 5106792, Clinton County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWALT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-OC10, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-OC10, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated March 6, 2012 and recorded on March 13, 2012 and given document number 5181658 in Clinton County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWO HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE AND 67/100 DOLLARS (\$212,329.67). Said premises are situated in the Township of Dewitt, County of Clinton, State of Michigan, and are described as: Lot 19 of Windy Ridge, part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 30, T5N, R2W, DeWitt Township, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 9 of Plats, Page 51, Clinton County Records. Street Address: 3897 Gorman Drive, Lansing, Michigan 48906 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: February 9, 2025 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Kenneth J. Johnson (P69564), Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 509, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Telephone: (312) 541-9710. File No.: MI 25 6268

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Duplain Church of Christ Red Cross Blood Drive

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



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LBCA Awards

The Laingsburg Business and Community Association (LBCA) would love to congratulate all the nominees for Unsung Hero and Business Person of the Year. We had almost 30 nominees this year of wonderful businesses and unsung heroes. All of them are the reason Laingsburg is so great!

This year's winner for Business Person of the Year is Dan Izdebski. Dan is a long time resident and business owner of Twin Oaks. Dan has a wonderful giving personality and he goes the extra mile for his customers and his community. When he is not working you can find him flipping pancakes at pancake breakfast, helping with community clean ups, and putting down extra salt during Winterfest's Grinch Run. This is just a few of the many community things Dan does for Laingsburg. Also where you find Dan you will find his family helping along his side too. Dan is definitely the gold standard of a great businessman while giving his time back to his community!

The Unsung Hero award is given to a person who works tirelessly behind the scenes, making a difference in their communities and the world, without seeking recognition or praise. This year's winner is Shannon Graham. As the lead person in her church and a driving force behind numerous community initiatives, Shannon's contributions are nothing short of extraordinary. She has tirelessly spearheaded events such as the Christmas Toy Drive, Free Store, and Clothing Drive, ensuring that countless families in need feel supported. Her commitment to these causes reflects her genuine desire to uplift others and strengthen the bonds of our community. Shannon is the true definition of an unsung hero!

Laingsburg is very lucky to have both Dan and Shannon. The LBCA would like to thank everyone that nominated someone this year. Events like this help us pause and appreciate all that we have in Laingsburg. Again congratulations to all the nominees and winners. Looking forward to an awesome 2025!



(l-r): Ed Tyler, LBCA member, Shannon Graham, Dan Izdebski



Laingsburg Lions Free Spaghetti Dinner Returns February 28

by Tom Turek

LAINGSBURG — A capacity crowd of 204 diners greeted the Laingsburg Lions Club when it hosted its first Free Spaghetti Dinner on January 21.

The next dinner, hosted by the Laingsburg Lions in conjunction with the American Legion Post 248, will be held on February 18 from 5 p. m. to 7 p.m.

The menu includes spaghetti, meatballs, garlic bread, a beverage and dessert.

Carry-outs will be available; sorry no deliveries. Bring a friend, bring a neighbor and enjoy a great evening of community fellowship. All are welcome!

The Legion Hall is located at 1240 W. Grand River Ave., Laingsburg.

Soup and Sandwich Lunch at Bannister UMC

Please join us on Tuesday, February 18th for our first Soup & Sandwich lunch starting at noon. We have three soups to choose from as well as a sandwich. And, ALWAYS, something for dessert! The next lunch will be on March 18th at noon. *Please note, if schools are closed due to the weather, the church activities are cancelled.

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