



Front row (l-r): Ann Walters, Lessa Potter, Kathy Sparkes, Annette Brust, Kim Nickols, Lisa Mahoney, Sue Hurst; Back row (l-r): Coach Bronwyn Krupa, Lori Krebiehl, Robbin Sawyer, Lisa Argersinger, Sandy Putnam, Debbie Wrobel, Brenda Wrobel and Carrie Koonter.

LHS, Boosters to Honor 1978 State Champion Softball Wolfpack

by Tom Turek

LAINGSBURG -- On Friday, February 21, Laingsburg High School and the Wolfpack Sports Boosters will be honoring the 1978 State Champion softball team.

The Lady Wolfpack was recently feted with induction into the Greater Lansing Hall of Fame. Ceremonies will be held at half-time of the last girls' basketball game -- Senior Night -- in the LHS gymnasium.

"It would be great if we could once again come together, and perhaps 'fill the stands' in front of the hometown crowd," said team member Deb (Wrobel) Powell.

Wolfpack fans: mark your calendars now.

Dairy Business Builder Grant Now Accepting Applications

submitted by Lynsey Mukomel

LANSING -- Michigan dairy farms and producers can once again apply for funding to support and grow their operations, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) Director Tim Boring announced today.

The Dairy Business Innovation Alliance (DBIA) -- which MDARD joined in Sept. 2022 -- is now accepting applications for the Dairy Business Builder Grant opportunity. The grant encourages small and medium-sized dairy farmers, entrepreneurs, and processors in the Midwest to pursue projects such as dairy farm diversification, on-farm processing, value-added product creation, and efforts to market dairy products for export.

Since its creation in the 2018 U.S. Farm Bill, the DBIA has awarded over 250 grants totaling more than \$20 million to dairy businesses within the Midwest service area. Reimbursement grants of up to \$100,000 each will be awarded to different dairy businesses after a competitive review process.

During previous rounds of funding, 44 businesses were awarded over \$3.5 million. Two Michigan companies were among those awarded during the last round: Leelanau Cheese Company and Reny Picot -- Old Europe Cheese, Inc. Information on previous award recipients is located on the grant website.

Applicants are encouraged to attend a webinar for the Dairy Business Builder Grant that will take place Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 1 p.m. Central Time. Registration for the webinar can be found on the DBIA website. Applications are due by 5 p.m. Central Time on April 2, 2025. Award announcements will occur in late May 2025.

For more information on grant opportunities and DBIA, visit the DBIA website.

Valentines for Ovid Healthcare Residents



(l-r): Jill March, Acitivites Director, Jessica Woodworth and Angela Griffen displaying the special box for valentines for the residents

by Deb Price

It's the time of year when Cupid's Arrows make their way to our friends and loved ones. Kids make those special Valentine's for this classmates, grandparents and others as a way to spread some love.

"We would like valentines from the community to bring some sunshine to our residents," stated Jill March, ADC.

Ovid Healthcare would like to invite everyone to send some love to the residents by dropping off a Valentine wish or simple letter in the red box out front of the facility now thru February.

Valentine wishes can be directed to a resident by name or to anyone of the individuals that live there. Those that have a specific name on them will be delivered to that person and the others will be distributed evenly to residents by staff members. Let's show the residents how much this small town community loves them by spreading some cheer with a Valentine to brighten their day.

Ovid Healthcare is located at 9480 E. M-21, Ovid. For those unable to make the drive to the facility please send your Valentine wishes thru the mail.

Dana Blank Presented Michigan Teacher of the Year Award

submitted by Aaron McClung

On Saturday, February 1st, Ovid-Elsie High School Teacher Dana Blank was presented with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Michigan Teacher of the Year award.

The award was presented in Kalamazoo at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Michigan Mid-Winter Conference. The VFW Department of Michigan is comprised of 237 Posts across 12 districts.



(l-r): Aaron McClung with Dana Blank at the Veterans of Foreign War Mid-Winter Conference



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Duplain Church of Christ Red Cross Blood Drive

Duplain Church of Christ is having a Red Cross Blood Drive at the church on Tuesday, February 25th from 12:00 pm-5:45pm. If you are able to give blood, please go to redcross-blood.org and sponsor Duplaincoco or call 1-800-733-2767.

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



Ovid Public Library

On Monday, February 10 we will be hosting our Adult Book Club at 1:00. This is a good way to find out what books are popular and to share what books you are enjoying with others. If you are looking to find a new read then come join us!

On Monday evening we will be hosting a Stem Night for kids of all ages from 4-6 pm. Come build with us and show us how creative you are. We have blocks, tinker toys, legos and a variety of games. There will also be snacks available.

Save The Date

submitted by Joanne Fornusek

A Midwinter Jamboree will be held at the Bannister ZCBJ 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.



Friends of Laingsburg Library Fundraiser

submitted by Dean Veith

The Friends annual Valentines bake sale held at the library on Thursday Feb. 13th and Friday 14th from 9:00am to 6:00 PM.

Calling all bakers who would like to make a little something for our fund raiser, or just stop in and buy something for that favorite valentine.

Our fund raisers help support the library for items that are not in the regular budget.

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 Assessments
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,
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Any questions Ph. 989-834-5611 (Assessor)

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.

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.

Come & join us for food, fellowship & fun. Free will offering.

Bannister UMC, 103 E. Hanvey St, Bannister, MI 48807.

Owosso Parkinson Support Group Meeting

submitted by Owen Prussner

The Owosso Parkinson Support Group will meet on Wednesday February 12, 2025 at 5:00pm at Shiawassee Council on Aging, 300 N. Washington St, Owosso. Phone 989-723-8875.

The Owosso Parkinson Support Group meets the second Wednesday of each month. If there is no school and have bad weather will not meet.

Owosso Parkinson Support Group will be celebrating their 34th anniversary. We will be discussing with our members what their needs are.

If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, please join us.

We provide information, encouragement, fellowship, and support. If you have any questions about Owosso Parkinson support group, please call Karen Prussner, Facilitator at 989-723-6901.

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(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

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MDHHS Urges Vaccinations as Respiratory Cases Rise in Michigan

submitted by Lynn Sutfin

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) encourages Michigan residents to get vaccinated, as increases in flu, COVID-19 and RSV activity have been observed and are expected to continue.

At the end of December, trends in respiratory illness reached the highest levels so far this season at both the national level (6.8% of outpatient visits for influenza-like illness) and in Michigan (4.5%). Michigan activity typically lags a few weeks behind the national trend, meaning the next few weeks are likely to see increasing local activity, especially as children return to school after the December holidays.

The majority of Michiganders are not up to date on the vaccinations that protect against these infections. Only 11% of Michigan residents have been vaccinated this season for COVID-19 and 23.6% have been vaccinated for influenza. It is not too late to get vaccinated against the flu, COVID-19 and RSV. All three of these vaccines can help protect against severe respiratory illness and can be given at the same time. Nationally, 11 children have died from influenza during the 2024-25 flu season; none of the children were from Michigan.

“With many respiratory viruses circulating and Influenza cases rising, it is crucial for Michigan residents to get vaccinated to protect themselves and their families,” said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, chief medical executive. “COVID-19 and flu vaccines are effective at preventing serious outcomes, including hospitalization and death. It is not too late to protect yourself and your family this season.”

According to state data, as of Dec. 28, approximately 2.5 million people have received their flu vaccine this flu season. This is well below the 4 million doses of flu vaccine that were

expected to be administered this season. Vaccination coverage rates are highest among older adults, while they remain lowest for school-aged children (14.9% coverage for ages 5-12 and 7.7% coverage for ages 13-17) and college-aged young adults (10.9% coverage).

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends the annual influenza vaccination for all persons 6 months and older, with rare exceptions. Getting vaccinated now, as respiratory virus activity is increasing, can still provide protection. Flu activity usually peaks in February, but significant flu activity can continue into May. It takes about two weeks after the vaccine is administered before the body builds up enough immunity to protect from severe illness from the flu. If eligible, Michigan residents should receive their flu, COVID-19 and RSV vaccines today to help protect from potentially severe consequences from these illnesses.

Vaccination is particularly important for these younger age groups as children return from the holiday break. It is also important for individuals at higher risk of developing serious complications — including young children, adults ages 65 years and older, people with certain medical conditions and pregnant persons. Speak to a health care provider to discuss vaccination and determine which flu vaccine is best for you. Additional information about recommendations can also be found by visiting ACIP Recommendations Summary | Influenza (Flu) | CDC.

Vaccines are an essential health benefit under the Affordable Care Act and are covered with no out-of-pocket costs by most health plans in Michigan.

Those with questions about their health insurance can contact the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial

Services (DIFS) at 877-999-6442, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or online at Michigan.gov/HealthInsurance.

Flu, COVID and RSV vaccines are widely available at local health departments, physicians’ offices and pharmacies around the state. Find a location by using the Vaccine Finder. Visit Michigan.gov/COVIDFluRSV for more information or visit IVaccinate.org to find answers to vaccine questions. Visit Michigan.gov/fluFocus for updates on flu and respiratory illnesses in Michigan.

City of Ovid March Board of Review Meeting Dates

Will meet on the following dates:
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Obituaries

Donald Paul “Don” Cook

Donald Paul "Don" Cook, age 86, of Elsie, MI, passed away Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at his home, surrounded by his family.

Don was born in Williamston, Michigan on February 19, 1938, the son of Lewis and Nettie (French) Cook. He graduated from Elsie High School with the class of 1957. Don married Janet Sue Conklin on October 3, 1959, at the Elsie United Methodist Church and they were blessed with 65 years of marriage.

Don started his career at MMPA and went on to purchase what became "Cook's Soft Water". Don and Janet operated the business for more than 20 years. Upon retirement, he worked multiple odd jobs including: plumbing, hauling milk and selling used cars. He also invested in many local businesses within Elsie. Don volunteered with the village of Elsie fire, council, and ambulance. Don and Janet enjoyed 36 winters in Bradenton, Florida where they made many lifelong friendships. He enjoyed the hobby of farming; gardening and his family looked forward to his homegrown sweet corn each summer. His favorite past time was the hours spent on the golf course. He was proud of the multiple holes in one, as recent as three years ago. Most of all, Don loved spending time with his family and attending his grandchildren's sporting events. The last few years, his interest had shifted to spending time with the family's most recent addition, his great-grandson, Griffin. Don proudly served his country in the United States Army.

He is survived by his wife Janet Cook of Elsie, MI; daughters: Susan and Daniel Bukovcik of Ovid, MI; and Karen and Richard Stutzman Jr., of Elsie, MI; his grandchildren: Gavin (Lauren) Bukovcik, Victoria (Connor Lloyd) Stutzman, and Ethan Stutzman, and great-grandson, Griffin Bukovcik. He is also survived by his sister Janet and Marvin Stine of St. Johns, MI and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Walter Allen Cook and sister Delilah Wilson.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes Elsie, MI, at 1:00 P.M. on Sunday, February 9, 2025. Burial has taken place at Riverside Cemetery, Elsie, MI.

Memorials may be made to the Tunnels to Towers Foundation. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



Gerald “Jerry” Meredith

Gerald “Jerry” Meredith, born on May 19, 1935, in Ovid, Michigan, passed away peacefully on January 29, 2025, in Largo, Florida.

He was a proud graduate of Ovid High School, Class of 1953. In 1954, he joined the United States Army and served his country during the Korean War from 1954-1956. Jerry dedicated his life to his family and he spent his career in education, serving as a coach, teacher, assistant principal, principal, and ultimately retiring as the superintendent of Concord Public Schools. An avid sports enthusiast, Jerry was a loyal supporter of Michigan State University and proud to be a Spartan. He played baseball for MSU and graduated in 1959 earning his bachelor's degree in Physical Education. He enjoyed golfing, and achieved the great accomplishment of golfing in all 50 states. He was also a competitive poker player and loved his trips to the casino. Gerald also enjoyed singing in the church choir and entertaining audiences on the stage. Singing brought him joy, and he often shared his talent with family and friends.

Gerald married his wife Sarah on June 8, 2007. They spent seventeen beautiful years together traveling the country and living life to its fullest.

Gerald loved his entire family deeply and took great pride in every single one of them. He is survived by his children, Lori Ernest, Terri (Brad) Buiwitt, Jackie (Scott) Shenk, and Jerry (Heather) Meredith. He was also the proud “Papa” of many grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Above all, Gerald cherished the time he spent with his loved ones, creating lasting memories that will be treasured forever. He is remembered for his warmth, humor, wisdom and an incredible life well-lived. Gerald will be profoundly missed by his family and friends.

A Celebration of Gerald's life will be held on Sunday, February 16, 2025 at 3:00 PM at Oakhurst United Methodist Church at 13400 Park Blvd. in Seminole, Florida. The family will receive friends at 2:00 PM.

An additional Celebration of Gerald's life will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 11:00 AM at the United Church of Ovid at 131 W Front Street in Ovid, Michigan. The family will receive friends at 10:00 AM. Burial will follow at Maple Grove Cemetery in Ovid, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Oakhurst United Methodist Church or the United Church of Ovid.

Attendees of Gerald's services are encouraged to wear green and white or Michigan State University apparel in his honor.



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Basil Janes

Basil went to the Lord on January 30, 2025, after suffering a stroke. He was born on March 28, 1940 to Lyle and Edith (Bullard) Janes in Carland, MI. He married Thelma (Dunham) Rubey on January 20, 1979. They shared 46 wonderful years together.

He owned Oak Ridge Archery where he met a lot of great people. His passion was to hunt and fish. He went on yearly deer hunting trips in Mio for over 50 years. He liked going to garage sales to find projects to work on in his garage. He enjoyed the challenge in rebuilding the projects. He always raised animals such as deer, pigs, chickens, dogs and several more. His favorite dogs were Bandit and currently Dolly. His family was special to him. He loved it when the kids would stop over to talk and bring the great-grandkids.

Basil is survived by his wife, four daughters and one son: Theresa (Frank) Thompson of Brant, MI; Lisa (Charles) Whisman of Bannister, MI; Kelli Janes of Ithaca, MI; Kathi Wycoff of Dowling, MI; and Scott (Kathleen) Rubey of Laingsburg, MI; daughter-in law, Melvia (Frank) Quine of Ovid, MI; 14 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren. Basil was preceded in death by his parents; two sons: Brad Janes and Paul Janes; four brothers: Leo Janes, Laverne Janes, Merlin Janes, Eldon Janes, a sister Doris Gregor, and one granddaughter, Chelsea Janes.

Funeral Services were held at Smith Family Funeral Homes Elsie, MI, on Monday, February 3, 2025, with Pastor Scott Seelhoff officiating. Burial has taken place at Fairfield Township Cemetery, Fairfield Township, MI.

We want to thank the staff at The Maples of St. Johns for the excellent care they gave Basil and our family.

Donations may be made to the WOES Polka Palace. 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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A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

It is another one of those interesting days. A bit icy this morning even though the snow plow had already made two passes north and one south on Mason Road. I was running a bit behind this morning and was stopped twice while the school buses waited for students to board. I never realized that the local buses picked up youngsters from in town (between the north tracks and the old high school building). I was even more surprised that I saw one stop before I crossed the railroad crossing and its lights were still flashing when I pulled up behind it... I didn't know that buses waited over five minutes, of course I couldn't see anyone waiting or getting on the bus. Then I believe that the bus headed out to the high school to unload.

Things I have learned as I mature... Barometric pressure can inflict a great deal of discomfort upon my muscles. Barometric pressure that measures thirty or below do not affect my muscles. Forty and above can be down right debilitating. I believe that the pressure was at sixty on Wednesday and didn't start dropping until after three in the afternoon. After leaving MG's at one, I headed over to St Johns to pick up our tax papers and do a bit of banking. I skipped picking up a prescription because my muscles were howling like a pack of coyotes on a midnight chase. I made it home by two and slipped into my wearable blanket and a cup of hot cocoa. I became more comfortable as the pressure dropped. Finally warm and snugly for the rest of the night. My Grandpa used to tell me about how his muscles could forecast the weather. I now truly believe...

I was quite happy with myself because I have caught up on my household chores. My dishes are all done, just have one sink full of clean utensils waiting to be put into their place. There are also a couple of pans and lids ready for the cupboard. I still do have a basket full of clean clothes to be folded and tossed into their respective dresser drawers. I'm not feeling very domestic right now. Must be time to finish reading an interesting novel or to peruse the Volume Library circa 1929. It is both stimulating and extremely informative. A very worthy read, that I found it in a second hand store and paid only one dollar.

Prudence has been keeping a sharp eye on me this afternoon. First she was pleased because I had settled into the recliner and she curled up on my lap. My pooch is now curled up on the wing back chair in the living room, watching me at the computer desk in the dining room. Every once and a while she scurries over to see if the screen is full. Then sits waiting for attention. If ignored she goes back to the living room to curl up in the recliner. She is back to encourage me. Smart dog.

The high winds last night was trying to annihilate my storm door on the north side of the house. I awoke several times to shut it and check the latch. At two I finally decided to re-purpose a plastic shopping bag. I tied it to the door handle and then laid it across the deadbolt. I shut the door and drove the bolt home. Fortunately it worked and the banging ceased, this morning the deadbolt was extra tight but I still managed to get it to slide open. Pru then proceeded to march out across the deck and find her favorite spot on the lawn that needed to be attended. Of course the cats marched out across the deck with her while waiting for their breakfast. I served, they were happy and Pru returned to her cozy chair.

Time for me to get into gear and up to the shop. I have carrot cakes to frost and coffee to make. Currently we have a pot of low octane going at all times because our regulars needed to change their caffeine habits. I am glad that I can still have my high octane cups of coffee daily. May your days be filled with interesting finds and your mugs filled with an enjoyable brew. May God bless you all.

Crystal Mitchell©2025



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
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Woody the Woodchuck

The alarm went off way too early this last Sunday morning the 2nd of February 2025. It was set for 5:00 a.m. and not for the purpose of work or even hunting and fishing in the cold weather.

Instead, the purpose was to go stand and watch a furry varmint as she predicted the weather at the Howell Nature Center. Truth be told, the Weekly Sportsman originally had intentions of traveling with a group of people to see Punxsutawney Phil, but maybe another year. The Weekly Sportsman was joined by fellow woodchuck aficionado and facebooker MI Garden Gnome Weather for the festivities.

The star of the morning was Woody, a twenty seven year old female woodchuck, who resides year round at the nature center. She doesn't live alone as there is another resident female woodchuck named Clover. Apparently, as an event volunteer explained to a crowd of four hundred that morning, a local farmer didn't know how to "coexist in nature with Woody's mother" so she was orphaned before even emerging from a bur-

rough. The farmer's wife then found baby Woody a few days later when she emerged and couldn't help but give her care. After a short bit of time she was given to the nature center because being released into the wild was not a possibility. So she lives out her life educating nature center visitors about the benefits of woodchucks and of course having the title as Michigan's Official Weather Forecasting Groundhog.

After a continental breakfast the crowd started to gather around a hay wagon that sort of looked like a homecoming or parade float. There was a house with a front and rear entrance for Woody and a spring side with an umbrella and flowers along with skis and snowshoes on the winterside. After trivia, a costume contest, and other activities to warm the crowd up Woody was brought to the rear of the house in a cage and then transferred into the house. The front door was opened and she sauntered out to see the crowd. If she stayed outside for less than thirty seconds this would indicate an extended winter and early spring should be expected if she walked around for longer than thirty seconds. Woody has been right about 65% of the time and she was in no hurry to go back inside that morning. This of course runs contrary to her cousin Phil who saw his shadow last Sunday and predicted six more weeks of winter but his record is actually below 40%.

Both the Weekly Sportsman and facebooker MI Garden Gnome Weather enjoyed the event but were very disappointed to not walk away with an event t-shirt or sweatshirt as none were available for purchase. If you are looking for a fun and free family event consider attending next year.

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ATTENTION VILLAGE OF ELSIE RESIDENTS Village of Elsie Public Hearing Scheduled for February 11, 6:30 pm

Public hearing scheduled for February 11th 2025 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the Vacation of the Street Right-Of Way. The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public input and comment on the proposed street vacations that have been held as required by the General Law Village Act (Act 3 of 1895). Vacated portions of the foresaid right-of-way are hereby given to the adjacent property owners of property along and adjacent to the former right-of-way.

VACATION NO. 1: Third Street between Main Street and Pine Street, along lots 1 - 13 of Block 4, AND along lots 9 - 21 of Block 2 of the recorded plat of BISHOP & BROWN'S RESUBDIVISION OF PARTS OF BLOCKS 2 AND 3 VAN DUSEN'S ADDITION VILLAGE OF ELSIE, CLINTON COUTY, MICHIGAN.

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Notice of Public Hearing

City of Laingsburg, City Council
219 W Grand River Special Assessment
March 4th, 2025 at 7:00pm, at City Hall Council Chambers

To the owner of the following described property:
Parcel #022-40-001-005-00, more commonly known as 219 W Grand River, Laingsburg, MI 48848.

TAKE NOTICE that the Laingsburg City Council intends to assess expenses incurred by the city to the above listed parcel, for the amount of \$800.00.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE the Laingsburg City Council will meet at the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 114 N. Woodhull Street at 7:00 p.m., on Monday March 4th, 2024, to review the special assessment roll prepared by the City Assessor and hear complaints by any person to be affected by the incurred charges. The special assessment roll is available for public viewing at the City Clerk's Office located at 114 N. Woodhull Street, Laingsburg, Michigan during normal office hours.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at the hearing in the special assessment proceedings is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal, and that an owner or party in interest, or their agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment or may file their appearance or protest by letter and their personal appearance shall not be required. The owner or any party having an interest in the real property may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the state tax tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll if that special assessment was protested at the hearing held for the purpose of confirming the roll.

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Western Weekend in Ovid

On February 13th-16th, Ovid will be hosting a Western Weekend. Food and drink specials, art, live music and line dancing will take place at various downtown businesses during the weekend. The event is happening in conjunction with Tom's Western Stores Annual February Sale.

The following events will take place:

Feb. 13th, Zumba with Molly, 6pm-7pm Lions/VFW Hall, Coloring Contest at Ovid Cafe, all 3 days.

Feb 14th, Main Bar Prime Rib Special, Feb 14th-15th, Wild West Lazer Tag at Vineyard Family Entertainment, Lori Alley Studio 40 Over 40 Art Show.

Feb 15th, Live Music, 7pm, Ovid Inn. Feb 16th, Muse Hair Lounge, Galentine's Event, and Line Dancing, 2pm, Ovid Inn.

For more information as to costs, locations or specific times for some events, email Jennifer at jennifer@ovidinn.com or call (517)944-0114.

LCC Jazz Band and Happendance Host Concert

submitted by Paige Tufford

LANSING— The LCC Jazz Band, led by music faculty, Jonathon Gewirtz will share the stage with Happendance Professional Company this Valentine's Day weekend. The concert, titled Sway with Me, will feature the 20 plus member jazz band playing jazz standards including Summertime (George Gershwin), Almost Like Being in Love (Lerner & Loewe) and Sway (Pablo Beltrán Ruiz).

Dancers and choreographers with Happendance will perform five of the pieces played by the jazz band. Happendance is led by CEO, Rachel Miller, and Rehearsal Director, Jennah Quinn Gray who have both choreographed pieces for the concert.

Admission is free.

WHO: Lansing Community College

WHAT: Sway with Me – Jazz Band and Dance Concert

WHEN: February 14 -15 @ 7 p.m.

WHERE: The Dart Auditorium, 500 N. Capitol Ave.

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Memorial Healthcare Auxiliary Host'ss Valentine's Day Pop-up Chocolate Sale

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

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—The Memorial Healthcare Auxiliary will be hosting a Pop-up Chocolate Sale on Tuesday, February 11, from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm in the Memorial Healthcare main lobby. A portion of proceeds from this event will go to benefit hospital improvements.

Just in time for Valentine's Day, this event is a great opportunity to purchase delicious candies and chocolates from Murtle's Handmade Chocolates. The event is open to the public. Cash, checks, credit/debit cards, and payroll deduction for qualified Memorial Healthcare employees will be accepted.



Pick the Perfect Valentine's Day Flowers

Valentine's Day is steeped in tradition. Giving flowers is a popular tradition each February 14, and the National Retail Federation estimates that people spend around \$2.6 billion on flowers for Valentine's Day, when an estimated 250 million stems of flowers are sold globally. Valentine's Day is the most lucrative day for florists, with the red rose the most popular flower given on this day for lovebirds.

Just because millions of roses are prepared in advance of Valentine's Day sales doesn't mean this is the type of flower that one has to choose for a bouquet or arrangement. A surprise bouquet can feature unique blooms. Here are tips to give the perfect bouquet to the person who claims your heart.

- Identify your loved one's favorite colors and flowers. Understanding your partner's floral preferences is the first step in choosing a Valentine's Day arrangement. Many have a favorite flower type or color, and everyone's isn't necessarily a red rose. Some people love bright daffodils, while others like exotic lilies. Pay attention to these likes to select flowers that will delight your partner.

- Select fresh flowers. When buying flowers in person, make sure they are fresh by gently feeling the part of the petal that meets the stem. If this part is firm, then the flower is fresh.

- Opt for neutral tones. If you're unsure of which flowers to buy, stick with varieties in white and soft, neutral tones. This will lend a more romantic vibe to the bouquet. Bright, high-contrast florals may come off as tacky unless you can guarantee that the person prefers them.

- Keep allergies in mind. Valentine's Day should be about offering love, not a case of the sniffles. If the person in your life suffers from floral allergies, avoid certain blooms, like sunflowers, chrysanthemums and hyacinths, suggests Funny How Flowers Do That, a United Kingdom-based flower company. Tulips, irises and hydrangea are less likely to cause an allergic reaction.

- Order early. Time is of the essence when getting flowers for Valentine's Day. Florists may rush or have fewer flowers to work with as Valentine's Day draws closer. Ordering well in advance means you'll get your desired arrangement.

Choosing flowers comes down to a few simple steps to offer a gift of love on Valentine's Day.

Editorial

Psalm 13 starts out with the following-

"How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart?"

- Psalm 13:1-2a

Marion Stroud writes in the article, "I Am Not Forgotten"-

"Satan whispers that God has forgotten us, and that things will never change. We may be tempted to give in to despair. Why bother to read the Bible or to pray? Why make the effort to worship with fellow believers in Christ? But we need our spiritual lifelines most when we're waiting. They help to hold us steady in the flow of God's love and to become sensitive to His Spirit."

Some of the most difficult times for a Christian is when we think that God is not listening to our prayers. Let's be honest, unanswered prayers (as we call them) can be very difficult to deal with.

Maybe we're dealing with a health issue that won't go away. Or try as we might, we just can't get on top of things financially. Perhaps a job or relationship just isn't working out. There's been a death in the family or of a close friend.

There are no easy answers to such things. We know intellectually that God is listening to our prayers and that "No" or "Wait" are valid answers. But that doesn't do much to calm a troubled spirit.

At such times it is good to trust in God and His Word the Bible and to remember when God has answered prayer. This is one reason why it is good for some of us to keep a prayer journal. Since God has answered, "Yes" in the past to our prayers, there must be a good reason for Him saying, "No" now.

As Jesus says, "Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"

- Matthew 7:9-11

We have good reason to trust God even when we don't see our prayers being answered.

God is not being callous or indifferent to our needs. He may be working behind the scenes. It may be a timing issue. Or it may simply be that while we think that the prayer should be answered in the affirmative, God knows that it is the wrong thing for us and it will always be wrong.

Having patience and trusting in God when our prayers aren't being answered leads to a deeper walk with the Lord. To a stronger faith in Him and His Word.

This article started with a look at the beginning to Psalm 13, but how does it read in full? Especially- how does it end? Let's take a look-

"How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? 2 How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me? 3 Look on me and answer, Lord my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death, 4 and my enemy will say, 'I have overcome him,' and my foes will rejoice when I fall. 5 But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. 6 I will sing the Lord's praise, for he has been good to me."

- Psalm 13:1-6



Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn
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Watch out for Seasonal Blues

Dear Andy,

I am getting the winter blues and so is everyone else in our family. Even our teens seem to be more anxious than usual. So many kids in our schools seem to be sad or misbehaving for no apparent reason. I am worried. Mom/Teacher



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Submit them to:
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Dear Mom, Before anything gets too overwhelming, take your kids to your family physician or someone they can talk to comfortably. Find out or help them find out what is making them sad, angry, or anxious. Teach them non-violent ways to deal with situations. Some ups and downs are normal for teens as their situations in school often changes daily. Serious mental health and depression among teens is estimated to be 1 in five. Many cases teens and children are dealing with more serious problems than we can imagine. If any concerns, always seek get professional help.

Teenagers and school aged children have daily bullying, pressures to succeed, worry if they are worthy, and grades, as well as, pressures about their safety and future. Many of these fears are fed by social media. In fact, it is recommended that anyone under the age of 16 should not have a cell phone. Some countries have ban cell phones until older; Also, cell phone need to be banned in the classrooms or in most social and family settings.

While raising our children to not settle for what is considered a norm. Teach them to be a part of the world as it could be, not accept it as it is. We are not made to be bullies, fear mongers, and/or negative people. We are made to be loved and to love. So express love to your family and friends. Build security and confidence. Cuddle your kids, don't coddle them. Protect them with guidance to be good people, to have high moral standards, to be kind to one another by being kind to yourself and your family.

Many generations before us got along by playing outside, by being kind, and walking to school without a cell phone or having computers available 24/7 for information and entertainment. Maybe we need more family time by eating dinner together, playing games, or just talking without the TV blaring or the internet getting all the attention. Limit computer time for members of the family. It starts at home, folks.

If you have problems communicating at home or your children are stressed or anxious, get professional help. It could be something that can be easily delt with counseling and/or mild medication. Care for yourself or anyone for anxiety, depression, and Schizophrenia or Bipolar by calling 866-891-3043. Now this is the time to have a cell phone.

Referrals: Tri-County Mental Health in your county listings. Your health care provider or family physician, Crisis Suicide & Crisis Lifeline call or text 988, care is available for 24-7. Be Happy.

Thanks for writing to ask_andy@aol.com.



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Sports



Chandler Hart Butcher with a strong arm bar during the MMAC Wrestling Championships

Marauder 6th at MMAC Wrestling Championships

by Tom Turek

CHESANING -- Ryker Parsons wrestled to a runner-up finish at 132 lbs., and the mat Marauders finished in 6th place as team at the annual MMAC Wrestling Championships.

Otisville-Lakeville won the meet with 220 team points, followed by Montrose 173.5, Mt. Morris 119.5, Birch Run 1160, New Lothrop 91, coach Kyle Spiess' Marauders 51, Durand 50, Chesaning 41 and Byron 35.

Joining Parsons on the victory stand for O-E was Trey Milner, 3rd place at heavyweight, and Anthony Silva, 3rd place at 113.

-- Marauders nip Perry in annual 'Brothers Brawl' dual meet: Kevin and Kyle Spiess were standout wrestlings at O-E ... and nowadays the brothers coach grappling at neighboring schools. The annual "Brothers Brawl" dual meet is " ... always a fun match and I get to see so many friends and family that have supported both Perry and O-E," explains Marauder coach Kyle Spiess. "I appreciate my older brother Jason for inviting O-E to the quad, always an enjoyable competition to attend."

In the 2024-25 edition, the Marauders scored a narrow 36-33 team victory. The win concluded regular season dual meets for O-E with a record of 5-8.

Ovid-Elsie entered MHSAA Team District 177 action last Thursday at home, opposite Corunna.

Ashley Boys Battle in Two Losses

by Ashleigh Shaw

First the Bears battled the Wolverines from Vestaburg and had a great first quarter only being down by a score of 12-9, but the Wolverines kicked it up a notch in the second quarter putting the Bears down 32-12 at halftime and the Bears struggled to play catch up the rest of the night, taking the loss. Carson Litwiller scored 12 points and added 11 rebounds, and Michael Kiefer added 5 points and 6 rebounds.

In the second loss of the of the week Fulton came out fast against the Bears going up quick in the first quarter and the Bears loss 57-40. Litwiller had another stellar game scoring 20 points and grabbing 5 rebounds, Robert Kral added 6 points, Tristian Ringle 4 points and Kiefer and Gibby Jason each had a bucket.



OE Bowling

Riverbend Lanes in Corunna was the setting for Conference play for Ovid-Elsie who would go against Byron.

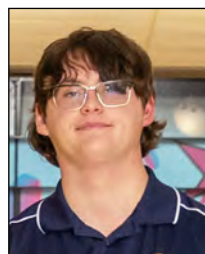
The girls had a close match and were on the losing end 12-18. Scores included Victoria Dennis 150; Alexah Heckman 122, 136; Haylee Arnett 163; Brooke Pugsley 156, 165.

The boys came out on top 17-13. Scores included Peyton Holmes 141; Collin Jullie 114; Landyn Adkins 118; Brayden Gruesbeck 137, 221; Devyn Pugsley 169-183.

Next up Feb. 8th at Colonial Lanes and Feb. 9th back at Colonial Lanes for a singles tournament.



Haylee Arnett



Peyton Holmes

Lady Wolfpack Keeps Rolling Along, 60-21 Over Valley Lutheran

by Tom Turek

LAINGSBURG -- The Wolfpack's Brooklyn Holm had 21 points to lead all scorers and helped Laingsburg to a 60-21 non-league girls basketball victory over Saginaw Valley Lutheran here Monday night.

Payge Woodworth chipped in 14, Lilli Morrill added 10 and Mallory Woodbury 9 for coach Dan Morrill's Wolfpack, which improved to 8-5 overall.

Lillian Bender had 5 points for Valley Lutheran, which stumbled to 6-7 overall.

Lady Wolfpack rides Holm's 20 points, defeats Perry Ramblers 62-28

LAINGSBURG -- The Lady Wolfpack basketball team took on the Perry Ramblers on Wednesday night and walked off with a 62-28 CMAC victory.

The Wolves moved to 9-5 overall, 7-4 in the conference with the win. The win completed a regular season sweep of the Ramblers, after a 56-41 victory at LHS on December 17.

Laingsburg's Brooklyn Holm led all scorers with 20 points, 18 of which came in the first half. Payge Woodworth added 14 and Mallory Woodbury dumped in 13 for LHS.

For Perry (5-9, 3-9), Emma Cochrane had 11 points.



Laingsburgs freshman Brooklyn Holms scored 20 points during the Perry matchup on February 5th. Photo by Burg Sports

Tribe Stuns Marauders at O-E, Leapfrogs to 2nd Place in MMAC Cage Race

by Tom Turek

OVID-ELSIE -- The visiting Chesaning Indians sprinted out to a 28-18 halftime lead, then held off a relentless Marauder comeback in the 4th quarter to leapfrog the hosts in the MMAC basketball race.

The Tribe's 57-52 win vaulted CHS to 10-2 in the league, 13-3 overall, while O-E dropped its 2nd-straight conference game to fall to 9-3, 12-4. Chesaning sits one-game behind Mt. Morris as the MMAC race enters the home stretch.

Chesaning -- which went unbeaten through the regular season in 2023-24 -- rolled to a 10th-consecutive victory as Matt Florian, Luke Barta, Brady Sager and Max Volk all scored in double figures in a balanced Indian attack.

O-E head coach Canyon Walker said he was proud of his team's tenacity in its comeback attempt, even though it was a rough week that saw the squad lose twice and a usually potent offense struggle to make shots. The Marauders suffered a close loss at Durand in its previous MMAC showing.

O-E scored a 58-55 win over Chesaning on Dec. 16 that helped vault them to the top of the MMAC standings.

Travis Milner Jr. scored a game-high 14 points for the Marauders. Tryce Tokar scored 12 points, Tucker Loynes finished with 10 and Javen Belill added nine for O-E.

With the Marauders trailing by 16 in the second half, O-E began its comeback. Tucker Loynes hit a three to pull O-E within five at the start of the fourth quarter and Milner finished two layups to pull the Marauders within 43-40 with five minutes left.

Milner then delivered a three-point play with to get the Marauders within two with 3:00 left, but Ovid-Elsie couldn't overcome the Indian's balance.

Milner scores career high, Marauders romp past NL

NEW LOTHROP -- Travis Milner dumped in a career-high 26 points, as Ovid-Elsie's varsity boys basketball team ran past the host Hornets, 60-36 here February 4.

Coach Canyon Walker's Marauders stayed hot on the heels of the MMAC leaders (Chesaning and Mt. Morris) with a 10-3 league mark, 13-4 overall. New Lothrop slumped to 2-7, 5-10.

The Marauders vaulted to a 32-17 halftime lead. Joining Milner in the O-E scoring column was Tryce Tokar with 10 points, Tucker Loynes 8, Mike Bancroft 8, Jayce Herblet 4, Owen Long 2 and Braxton O'Bryant 2 tallies.

Lady Bears Suffer Losses

by Ashleigh Shaw

The Ashley Lady Bears also took on the Wolverines and the Pirates. In the first game against the Wolverines, Ashley got off to a slow start and Vestaburg didn't, going up quick. The Bears continued to fight but just couldn't chip away fast enough after digging themselves a hole. "We got off to a slow start in the first quarter and were unable to overcome that deficit" said Coach Shaw. Ellie Drummond had a big night, scoring 22 points, grabbing 7 rebounds and having 4 steals, Karissa Brady also added 12 points, 6 rebounds and 6 steals, Marissa Brady scored 7 points and had 5 rebounds.

Against the neighboring Fulton Pirates, who is one of the top teams in the league, Ashley struggled against their strong defense, coming up short in the loss 61-36. Drummond once again led the Bears with 16 points, 7 rebounds and 5 steals, M. Brady scored 10 points, K. Brady scored 6 points and had 7 rebounds and Peyton Rohn had 4 points and 5 steals. "Fulton was strong defensively and was able to build a lead early that we couldn't come back from" exclaimed Coach Shaw.



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Sports

Marauder Girls Win Big

by Tom Turek

In the girls contest against Chesaning, O-E scored a dominant 45-18 victory behind 10 points, 6 steals and 7 rebounds from Dannika Campbell. Kendal Tokar pitched in with 9 points and 4 assists, and Alyson Moore added 8 points.

Coach Shaun McKinney's Lady Marauders are looking to close out the MMAC championship, after compiling a 9-1 MMAC record, 13-2 overall through 15 games. The Lady Tribe fell to 1-9 in the loop, 2-12 overall.

Lady Marauders score crucial win over New Lothrop, tie for MMAC lead

OVID-ELSIE -- Alyson Moore drained a three-pointer with :02 seconds left on the clock, vaulting Ovid-Elsie's Lady Marauder basketball team into a first-place tie with New Lothrop.

O-E's thrilling 41-39 victory pinned the first league loss on NL, the Hornets dipping to 11-1 in MMAC play, 13-2 overall. Shaun McKinney's Marauders -- the three-time defending league champions -- moved to 11-1 in the conference, 14-2 overall.

"That's a tie for first place," enthused McKinney, the Marauders' first-year coach. "That was a big, big team win."

Moore finished with 13 points to lead O-E. Ellyanna Carman netted 12 tallies, and Kendal Tokar 7.



OE #15 Alyson Moore going up for a layup and making two
Photo by Denise Burgess

Perry Turns the Tables on Wolfpack Cagers, Earns 58-55 CMAC Triumph

PERRY — Perry avenged a 22-point loss from earlier in the season, turning the tables on Laingsburg in a 58-55 Central Michigan Athletic Conference boys basketball victory here.

The visiting Wolfpack fell to 9-7 overall, 8-6 in CMAC play while the Ramblers moved to 9-8, 7-6.

Coach Tim Beebe's Wolves could have been considered prohibitive favorites entering the contest, after a 73-51 blowout of Perry on December 18 at LHS. But Trey Selbig scored a team-high 15 points for Perry and Alex McEwan recorded 12 points. Two other Ramblers, DJ Jenks and Anthony Cochrane, added 10 points apiece.

Mitchell George led all players with 19 points for the Wolves. Logan Holm finished with 11 points.

Corunna Nips Marauders in MHSAA District Meet, 42-39

by Tom Turek

OVID-ELSIE -- It was a night of winning streaks, back-dropped against some good, old-fashioned wrestling nostalgia.

Harkening back to some epic Mid-Michigan 'B' League showdowns, O-E fell just short in an exciting dual meet against old MMB foe Corunna, 42-39, to end the 2024-25 dual meet season.

Coach Kyle Spiess, himself a former Marauder standout, will remember those iconic MMB showdowns, under legendary coach Jim Maidlow. Spiess' Marauders finished their dual meet campaign with a 5-9 overall record.

"It takes an entire team to win in dual meet wrestling, and this family was sooo close," Spiess explained.

It was an exciting dual, with O-E's Chandler Hart-Butcher pinning his opponent in the first period to stake the Marauders to a 6-0 lead.

Corunna took the lead 42-6 winning the next 7 matches, all by pin.

O-E then followed up with 6 wins in a row to finish the meet and almost catch up.

Winning tonight for the co-ed Marauders were Chandler Hart Butcher by pin, Ava Juhas by pin, Anthony Silva, Travis Wright by decision, Piper White, Ryker Parsons -- and John Kelly finished the meet with a pin, getting O-E within three points.

CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

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 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): Jonathan Wesley, a single man
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC

Date of Mortgage: May 15, 2020
Date of Mortgage Recording: May 20, 2020

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$146,597.06

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Dewitt, Clinton County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 272, Clinton Village No. 3, DeWitt Charter Township, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 5, Clinton County Records.

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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: February 9, 2025
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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 months 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
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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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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
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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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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.

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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: February 9, 2025
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by Tom Turek

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CLINTON COUNTY LEGALS

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 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 February 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 BARBARA L. COOK to PNC Mortgage, a division of PNC Bank, National Association dated March 26, 2014 and recorded April 2, 2014 as Instrument No. 5213159, Clinton County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by PNC Bank, National Association by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$40,490.39. Said premises are located in Clinton County, Michigan and are described as: ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN CITY OF BATH, CLINTON COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS FOLLOWS: A PARCEL OF LAND IN SECTION 30, TOWN 5 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, BATH TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN: THE SURVEYED BOUNDARY OF SAID PARCEL BEING DESCRIBED BY MICHIGAN REGISTERED LAND SURVEY# 18998 AS COMMENCING AT THE WEST 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 30, THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 30, 451.29 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST, 33.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; SAID POINT BEING ON THE EASTERLY ROW LINE OF CHANDLER ROAD; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST 200.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 100.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST 200.00 FEET TO THE POINT ON SAID EASTERLY ROW LINE OF CHANDLER ROAD; THENCE NORTH ALONG SAID, ROW LINE 100.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. BY FEE SIMPLE DEED FROM ROSE

LENORE COWLING AND DR. KATHLEEN MARIE COWLING AND ROBERT LEE COWLING, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH FULL RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP AND NOT AS TENANTS IN COMMON AS SET FORTH IN BOOK 682 PAGE 168 DATED 12/29/1995 AND RECORDED 01/05/1996, CLINTON COUNTY RECORDS, STATE OF MICHIGAN. Tax ID: 010-030-300-040-00 Said property is commonly known as 15379 Chandler Rd, Bath, MI 48808. The redemption period shall be 12 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 13, 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. 22-02437

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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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35th Shiawassee County Walk for Warmth

submitted by Becky Zemla

Capital Area Community Services, Inc., will hold their 35th Annual Walk for Warmth on February 22, 2025 at The Shiawassee Council on Aging, 300 N. Washington St., Owosso MI. Registration for the 3 mile Walk will open at 9:00 A.M., and the Walk will begin at 9:30 A.M.

Walk for Warmth is a statewide effort to raise public awareness of people experiencing heat-related emergencies. Funds are raised through contributions from individuals, businesses, civic organizations, clubs and church groups and are used to assist area residents with heat-related emergencies. With the rising costs of basic needs which may create an economic hardship, the need for heat-related assistance has become far greater than service agencies and churches can resolve without additional resources, such as Walk for Warmth. 100% of the funds raised through the Shiawassee County Walk are used to assist low-income households within Shiawassee County. ZERO administrative fees are taken by the Agency.

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

Donations may be mailed or hand delivered to: CACS, Shiawassee County Service Center, 1845 Corunna Avenue, Owosso MI 48867.

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

Pledge Sheets are now available in our office and posted on the CACS website: CACS-inc.org

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

CACS - Shiawassee Service Center Staff

Dairy Business Builder Grant Now Accepting Applications

submitted by Lynsey Mukomel

LANSING – Michigan dairy farms and producers can once again apply for funding to support and grow their operations, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) Director Tim Boring announced today.

The Dairy Business Innovation Alliance (DBIA) – which MDARD joined in Sept. 2022 – is now accepting applications for the Dairy Business Builder Grant opportunity. The grant encourages small and medium-sized dairy farmers, entrepreneurs, and processors in the Midwest to pursue projects such as dairy farm diversification, on-farm processing, value-added product creation, and efforts to market dairy products for export.

“The dairy industry in Michigan continuously makes a large economic impact while providing nutritious products across the state,” said Director Boring. “This funding will support growth and sustainability, so we’re encouraging dairy farms, processors and producers to apply.”

Since its creation in the 2018 U.S. Farm Bill, the DBIA has awarded over 250 grants totaling more than \$20 million to dairy businesses within the Midwest service area. Reimbursement grants of up to \$100,000 each will be awarded to different dairy businesses after a competitive review process.

During previous rounds of funding, 44 businesses were awarded over \$3.5 million. Two Michigan companies were among those awarded during the last round: Leelanau Cheese Company and Reny Picot – Old Europe Cheese, Inc. Information on previous award recipients is located on the grant website.

Applicants are encouraged to attend a webinar for the Dairy Business Builder Grant that will take place Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 1 p.m. Central Time. Registration for the webinar can be found on the DBIA website. Applications are due by 5 p.m. Central Time on April 2, 2025. Award announcements will occur in late May 2025.

For more information on grant opportunities and DBIA, visit the DBIA website.

USDA Sets Michigan Deadline for Stewardship Applications

submitted by Brian Buehler

EAST LANSING — A U.S. Department of Agriculture program that provides annual payments for land stewardship is available to Michigan farmers and non-industrial private forest owners. Applications for the USDA Conservation Stewardship Program must be submitted by Feb. 14, 2025, to be eligible for the current selection period.

Through the Conservation Stewardship Program, the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service provides farmers and forestland owners a minimum annual payment of \$4,000 for maintaining their existing stewardship practices. Program participants earn additional financial assistance for implementing new conservation activities while maintaining agricultural production on their land. The Conservation Stewardship Program also encourages adoption of new technologies and management practices. Program participants enter into 5-year, renewable contracts that encompass the entire farming or forest operation.

Farmers and forestland owners who have participated in USDA conservation programs and have a conservation or forest management plan are ideal candidates for enrollment in the Conservation Stewardship Program. Applications for the Conservation Stewardship Program are selected on a competitive basis. Additional program funding through the Inflation Reduction Act offers an excellent opportunity for farmers and forestland owners to be selected for enrollment.

The Conservation Stewardship Program is offered in Michigan on a continuous basis. The program provides many benefits including increased crop yields, decreased inputs, wildlife habitat improvements and increased resilience to weather extremes. The program is for working lands including cropland, pastureland, nonindustrial private forest land and includes land under the jurisdiction of an American Indian tribe.

For additional information about the Conservation Stewardship Program, contact your local USDA Service Center. Producers can also apply online using the farmers.gov portal.



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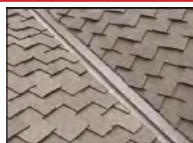
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