

Haley McClung Signs Letter of Intent With Cleary University

On Tuesday, November 11, 2025, Ovid-Elsie Senior, Haley McClung signed her Letter of Intent to play softball at Cleary University, a private university focused on business education, located in Howell, Michigan.

Haley, a 4 year catcher and utility player on the OE softball team, also a wrestler for 4 years, played volleyball and on the cheer team for 2 years and a one year cross country runner.



(l-r): Sarah, Haley, Aaron and Connor McClung



Previous to high school, Haley played the position of catcher on a travel team for almost 10 years, starting at the age of 10. At Cleary, she looks to study business and psychology. After her 4 years in college she looks to earn her Doctorate and become a Criminal Psychiatrist.

Haley signs Letter of Intent as Dad Aaron looks on

Village of Elsie

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Elsie Village Council was held Tuesday, November 11, 2023. A moment was taken to honor the veterans on this Veteran's Day. An overview was given regarding the Elsie water system and action was taken to put the former emergency services building up for lease.

Officials took action to approve expenditures totaling \$181,200.88.

Nicole Fickes, county commissioner, was unable to attend but did provide a written report. A few of the items included the following. The County Commissioners reviewed the LEAP contract the contract was not reviewed but it will be updated and resubmitted at the next meeting; training for planning commission and appeals board will be set in the near future, the process of the land use map update will take place beginning in January local input is encouraged and a United Fund survey data identifies people living in poverty, people unable to barely meet basic needs. The Village of Elsie stood out and the data indicated that 49% of Elsie residents are living below the poverty threshold.

Dorothy Ornelas presented a Heroes Park update. The committee is working on the installation of twenty-six additional bricks, weather permitting. An unrestricted donation for the park was received from the Elsie Lions Club.

Next, Ed White updated officials on the Elsie Village Park. Preparation for winter is taking place, the equipment, like nets and balls, will be stored until spring. Officials took this opportunity to thank Ed White for his commitment to the park it is appreciated. It was noted the park is being used a lot more since the improvements were made.

Jason Freeman reported on the FOIA complaint regarding excessive costs involved with complaint 2025-008 on behalf of Liza Kusiner represented by attorney Nichols. Action was taken to adjust the fee to \$95.20.

Destinee Bryce presented the Clerk/Treasurer report noting that budget amendments will be addressed under action items. First, it was noted that the village billing process has improved.

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Wolfpack Softball Standout, Peyton Stahr, Will Continue College Career at West Virginia Wesleyan

LAINGSBURG -- A standout player from a superlative softball program has announced the next step in her career.

Wolfpack coach Jeff Cheadle was on hand as his star infielder, Peyton Stahr, signed her National Letter of Intent to continue her softball career at West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, WV

Competing in NCAA Division 2, the Bobcats are members



Peyton signs Letter of Intent



Front: Casey, Peyton and Ryan Stahr. Back: Coach Jeff Cheadle

of the Mountain East Conference. A 2017 College World Series finalist in 2017, the 'Cats are rebuilding from a 18-34 finish last season, 13-17 in conference action.

Playing third base last season for Cheadle's Lady Wolfpack, Stahr was voted 1st Team All-Area, 2nd Team All-CMAC, All-District and All-Region as a utility player. Stahr did it all for the Wolfpack, leading the team in home runs (5) and was also their No. 2 pitcher behind All-Region honoree Addy Buchin. Stahr hit .410 and, in the circle, went 4-6 with a 4.17 ERA and 51 strikeouts in 67 innings pitched.

Peyton is the daughter of Ryan and Casey Stahr of Owosso.

The Mom and Pop Turkey Drop! 2025

submitted by Ronda Liskey

Local Roots Cannabis and Wholesome Grounds are teaming up again, to produce The Mom and Pop Turkey Drop 2025!! On Sunday, November 23rd, starting at 11am, families who could use the gift can get a free Thanksgiving turkey! Free turkeys will be given out in Laingsburg, and in Perry, as long as supplies last! This project is made possible with the help of many businesses and organizations in Laingsburg and Perry, and statewide cannabis business sponsors as well, with Redemption Foundation being a key sponsor again this year.

100 Turkeys will be given out in the parking lot in front of Wholesome Grounds in Laingsburg, 750 E Grand River, and 100 will be given out in the parking lot of Local Roots Cannabis at 685 N. Main St. Perry, starting at 11am, as long as supplies last. In addition to the 200 turkeys for Laingsburg and Perry, 25 turkeys will also be provided for the Lions Club Thanksgiving Day Dinner! For those in Laingsburg who would just like to have a prepared meal, they can visit the Lions Club Thanksgiving Day Dinner at the American Legion Hall, 1-3 pm, for a free sit down meal, or a take out dinner!



Jessica Metzgar, owner of Wholesome Grounds, Roy and Ronda Liskey

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Applications for Christmas Baskets

submitted by Holly Hibbard

The applications for the Ovid-Elsie Christmas Assistance will be available starting Monday, November 3, 2025. The applications will be available at the following locations:

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

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

Families MUST live in the Ovid-Elsie School District and must not be receiving holiday assistance from another agency. Applications must be turned in at one of the above listed locations by Monday, December 1st.



OVID: On Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27th, Suzanne and Chara, the Mother/Daughter team from Mary's Country Kitchen along with community volunteers, will be hosting a Free Thanksgiving Dinner at the Ovid Lions/VFW Hall in downtown Ovid. A delicious turkey dinner with all the fixings will be served from 11am-1:30pm. Shut-in deliveries will be available if pre-ordered by calling the restaurant at 989-834-9640. Donations will be accepted at the dinner and will be going towards the Ovid Christmas Basket Program.

"My daughter and I are excited about continuing the tradition that my Mom started years ago. My staff and I will be preparing the meal and will be accepting desserts from those who would like to contribute from the community," explained Suzanne. Those desserts can be dropped off at the hall on Wednesday the 26th after 3pm. All are welcome to bring the family and enjoy this holiday meal together.

LAINGSBURG: The Laingsburg American Legion Post 248 along with the Laingsburg Lions Club will be hosting a Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner on November 27th from 1pm-3pm at the Post home hall located at 1240 East Grand River in Laingsburg. The menu will consist of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cole slaw, rolls, pumpkin pie and beverage. **"Dine-In or Take Out"**

The Greater Recyclers will be taking part this year in a Zero Waste event during the dinner. GLR members will be onsite to assist with the recycling of food, plates and utensils.

ST. JOHNS: The St. John's Lutheran Church, 511 E. Sturgis St., St. Johns, will be holding a 11:00am Worship service followed by dinner from Noon until 3pm on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27th. RSVP at (989) 292-0972 or CCThanksgiving.org
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Mom and Pop.... continued from front

"With these combined efforts in the communities we hope that everyone will have a delicious Thanksgiving meal this year!" said Roy Liskey, Owner of Local Roots. "This year people's budgets are particularly tight, and food prices are particularly high" said Jessica Metzgar, Owner of Wholesome Grounds. "This offering gives families the opportunity to have a great Thanksgiving meal without stressing their budgets! We are honored to be able to do this!"

Huge thanks to Mike Hami of Village Fresh Marketplace in Perry for providing the 225 turkeys at cost, to make this doable. Also many thanks to the LBCA for being a very helpful sponsor of this event. Redemption Foundation has provided a partnering sponsorship again this year. Also, cannabis companies around the state have made contributions!

"We are blown away by the generosity of the businesses that have contributed to this 4th Annual Mom and Pop Turkey Drop! We cannot thank them enough. We encourage our community to support these Sponsors for their gracious collaboration!", said Roy and Jessica. Here is a complete list of Sponsors of the 2025 project:

Village Fresh Marketplace, of Perry, The Laingsburg Business and Community Association. Redemption Foundation, Aspire Wealth, The Laingsburg Connection, Spirit Expressions Dance Studio, The Clothesline, Twin Oaks Mowing and Snowplowing, Watermark Apparel, Elevated Beauty, Junior Achievement of Mid-Mi. Farm Bureau/Craig Luna, Greater Laingsburg Recyclers, Laingsburg Animal Hospital, Tanks Tavern, Frank McGillis/Remax, Town & Country Plumbing & Heating, Dairy Den, Ayven Grace, Scott & Jill Danek/Equanimity Wealth Mgt., Elevated Real Estate, Lakeside Gardens, DgHair Design/Propagation Station, Grand River Events, Bellwether Bees, Bonnie Lucille Hair Studio, Reform Wellness Pilates, DBD Dumpsters, Maddie & Rose Permanent Jewelry, Shiawassee Economic Development Partnership, Old School Organics, Rove, Element, Loco, DNK Growers, Caliblaze, WYLD, Five Star Extracts, True North, Jeeter, Shattered Thoughts, Wholesome Grounds and Local Roots Cannabis.

Village of Elsie.... continued from front

The Village continues to be in compliance with the Deficit Elimination Plan and is a little ahead of the projections due partially to the reduction of employees. Noting at this time there are five employees doing numerous jobs. State Treasury is encouraged with the progress and the next meeting with Treasury is slated for November 20, 2025. Water meters are being installed; an inventory of trash bins is being taken and those with multiple bins will be charged accordingly or the number reduced.

Chief Bryce presented the October police report. There were sixteen traffic stops and complaints for service were up in October with a total of fifty-five. Halloween was a safe and an uneventful night, it was very pleasant interacting with village residents. The Elsie Fire Department was thanked for helping keep the evening streets safe. Elsie PD continues to assist EE Knight with traffic safety in the morning and afternoon during school hours and behavior issues. Code enforcement continues to be in progress.

Next Bryce presented the monthly manager's report. The required grant reports have been submitted, 42 water meters have been installed, goal 6 meters per week to be installed. Village residents are encouraged to set up appointments for installation as soon as possible. The goal is to have them installed by May 2026. It was noted there are three employees installing the meters and residents are asked to be patient. The timing for leaf bag pick-up was addressed, things happen, doing their best with limited staff to keep up.

The Village with governmental entities is developing a plan for water system improvements. The priority is water mains and an iron removal plant was touched upon. The recent quote for the iron removal plant is two-million dollars. Currently officials will be reviewing the reliability study completed by the Spicer Group. Residents complain about the smell, water pressure, and rust levels. The water system priorities will align with EGLE requirements. Currently addressing the priorities outlined by the State of Michigan.

The current plan - scope of work to begin in 2027. First, replace 1500 feet of four-inch water main with eight inches along East Main; 6,600 replace four inch and six-inch mains along North and South Ovid Street with eight-inch water lines and dead ends would be addressed. It was noted that this was a quick overview of the plan. An advisor has been assigned to the Elsie water project. 1022-38-49 is the reference number for the grant funding. A written plan is available at the business office.

Chris Ormes, Department of public Works, updated officials and reported that sixty meters have been installed to date. The water tower maintenance was discussed.

Officials took action to approve the nine budget amendments. Bryce gave an explanation of each amendment. The budget amendments were approved as outlined. Most of the nine amendments were accounting matters recommended by Steve Adair who provides financial oversight as outlined by the memorandum of understanding and the grant requirements. The original plan outlined by State Treasury was a yearend general fund balance of \$10,000 Currently with mid-fiscal year projections the year end general fund balance could be approximately \$28, 527 which is better than projected. Saving money, negotiating services and working hard for the Village of Elsie is the goal of the village staff. "The Village of Elsie is not going to fail," Bryce.

Additional action items included approval of the Elsie Area Christmas celebration kick-off slated for December 6, 7 pm. Next, an Ordinance Committee meeting is set for December 5, 6 pm and authorization was given to Jason Freeman, village president, and Destinee Bryce to list 145 W Maple for lease, the former Emergency Services Building for \$1,800 per month. The building will be shut down and winterized and utilized for the village for cold storage until it is leased. The building will be available after November 24, 2025.

Under public comment officials received a complaint regarding the lack of response from the village manager and the lack of communication. Don Passmore noted that managers should be available 24/7. The Village Manager and officials need to communicate better and respectfully with village residents.

Memorial Healthcare Welcomes Headache and Migraine Specialist to Howell and Okemos

submitted by Dianna Vsetula

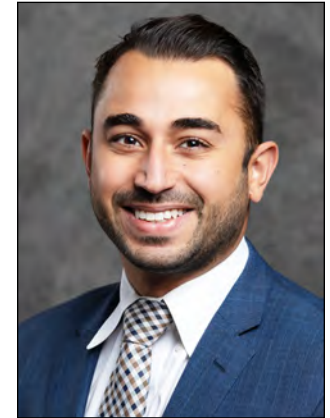
Owosso — Memorial Healthcare is pleased to welcome Justin Nofar, MD to the Memorial Healthcare Institute for Neuroscience in our Howell and Okemos locations.

Dr. Nofar earned his medical degree from Michigan State University College of Human Medicine. He completed an internship in Internal Medicine and his residency in Neurology at Henry Ford Health. Dr. Nofar also completed a Headache Fellowship at the Thomas Jefferson Headache Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Prior to joining Memorial Healthcare Institute for Neuroscience, Dr. Nofar has been involved in medical education and has received the Resident and Fellow Research Recognition Award from the American Association of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine, and the Wayne State University Teaching Award.

Dr. Nofar has co-authored numerous journal articles and book chapters and has served as a reviewer for various journals. He is also a member of American Academy of Neurology (AAN) and the American Headache Society (AHS).

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On Wednesday, November 19 we will have another Classic Movie. This week's movie will be 'Where the Boys Are' starring George Hamilton and Delores Hart. Movie time will be 1:00. We will have light snacks available but you are welcome to bring your own.

Also on Wednesday, November 19 we will have another health presentation from Jackie Medley RN, BSN, Natural Health Practitioner. This month's presentation will be Cholesterol: Friend or Foe. This will begin at 5:00 and is open to everyone. There is no cost to attend.

Friday, November 21 we will have Story Hour at 10:30. This month Ms. Shelly will be reading some Thanksgiving themed books and we will be making a Thanksgiving craft. We hope to see you there.

We have started collecting items for the Christmas baskets. Please help us to provide a wonderful Christmas for local families. You can bring non perishable food items, personal and household items, toys and winter gloves, hats and mittens.

The Ovid Public Library will be closing at 5:00 on Wednesday, November 26. We will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday and will reopen on Monday, December 1 at 10:00.



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Obituaries

Paul Edward Stanley

Paul Edward Stanley, 82, of Corunna, passed away November 8, 2025 at Henry Ford Hospital after a brief illness.

He was born April 18, 1943 in Charleston, WV to Millard (Bud) and Evelyn (Yates) Stanley.

On December 1, 1989 he married Maureen Wilson at People's Church in East Lansing, MI.

Paul's life long love of the outdoors began in his childhood in West Virginia and upstate New York.

He worked 29 years at Johnson Controls, D&S Manufacturing for over six years.

Paul was a member of Ducks Unlimited, MI DNR Campground host for 22 years, avid hunter and fisherman, any outdoor activity. He was also an avid sports fan especially anything his grandchildren did and MSU basketball, football and tennis, Lions and Buffalo Bill football fan.

He is survived by his wife Maureen; daughters Penney (Charles Wells) Mills, Melissa (Ron) Casaday. Grandchildren Michael Mills, Adrianna Hetfield, Macie Casaday, Sadie Casaday, Keigan Ormes. Brother Jim (DeDe) Stanley. Sisters Gail Stutzman and Sarah Croaft. Many loving nieces & nephews and cherished friends. His beloved dogs Izzo (Izzy) and Ella B.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters Ava Forman, Patty Bitterman, Bernice Hooven; brothers Jack Stanley, Henry Stanley and mother-in-law Marie Wilson.

Per Paul's request there will be no service. Cremation has taken place.

Donations can be made to the family for ICU expenses or Shiawassee Humane Society.

Paul's family would like to thank the ICU staff at MHCC and Henry Ford for their extraordinary care.



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Consumers Energy Foundation Provides \$250,000 to Support Emergency Food Delivery for Michiganders

submitted by Trisha Bloembergen

JACKSON- The Consumers Energy Foundation is proud to announce a grant of \$250,000 to the Food Bank Council of Michigan to support home delivery of nutritionally balanced, protein-rich, shelf-stable food boxes to households with seniors, people with disabilities, and children.

This initiative comes in response to economic pressures and the recent disruption in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits caused by the federal government shutdown, which has left more than 1.6 million Michigan residents without consistent access to essential nutrition.

"We believe no one in Michigan should go hungry," said Brandon Hofmeister, president of the Consumers Energy Foundation. "This grant reflects our commitment to care for our communities and ensuring everyone has access to the nutrition they need to stay healthy and safe."

The Food Bank Council of Michigan will use the grant to launch a home delivery program for seven-day food boxes. The program will operate through a hub-and-spoke model, with a central food bank coordinating logistics and deliveries to local partners and directly to homes across the state.

"This support from the Consumers Energy Foundation is a lifeline for thousands of Michigan families," said Dr. Phil Knight, executive director of the Food Bank Council of Michigan. "By bringing food directly to the doorsteps of those who can't reach distribution sites, we're ensuring that no one is left behind."

The Consumers Energy Foundation is working collaboratively with government partners and a wide network of corporate, philanthropic, and nonprofit organizations to address the urgent needs facing Michigan families. Consumers Energy employees will have the opportunity to extend additional care to families in need through volunteer efforts and financial contributions with matching gift funds from the company.

This coordinated effort ensures that resources are deployed where they are needed most. Among these partners, United Way continues to be a critical resource, helping families stay afloat with wraparound services such as rent assistance, utility support, and other essential needs. Together, these efforts demonstrate a shared commitment to ensuring all Michiganders have the support they need during this time of uncertainty.

The Consumers Energy Foundation is the charitable arm of Consumers Energy, Michigan's largest energy provider. The Foundation contributes to the growth and strengthening of Michigan communities by investing in what's most important — our people, our planet and Michigan's prosperity. In 2024, the Consumers Energy Foundation, CMS Energy Foundation, Consumers Energy, its employees and retirees contributed more than \$15 million in support of Michigan nonprofits and communities. For more information, visit ConsumersEnergy.com/Foundation.



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A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

What a week, I spent much of Sunday searching for my hand sewing supplies... I didn't really need many of them, just a needle and a spool of thread. What I ended up doing was sorting through my excess of reading material. I did thin it down considerably, packed up four good sized boxes of books for the thrift stores. Oh, did I mention how beautiful the snow was? Or that at seven in the morning the deer were cavorting out on my northwest lawn. The scene was beautiful but I am looking forward to the corn being harvested, then the on hoof venison will be gleaming the surrounding fields. And then I should be able to see them coming and not just them popping out of the standing corn. My burning bush was a spectacular red and it was eye catching beautiful covered in that fluffy white snow. I did not go outside on Sunday.

Then came Monday and I was glad that the roads were clear. The deck wasn't but I had the necessary pathway to the steps which I did clear. I carried the four boxes of books out to the trunk of my car and headed to St Johns to do banking and shop for groceries. I dropped the books off at St Vincent's. Stopped at the bank and headed over to Wal Mart to pick up cat food, dog food, milk and the sewing needles and black thread that I needed to repair the aprons. Called Margie, she agreed to meet me with Sally for breakfast at Big Boy's. We had a nice chat then split, I went south east and I believe that she went northeast. I headed to Laingsburg to drop of some more yarn to Therese where I had coffee and examined a baby afghan for cuddling. I still need to find out whether Susie is spelled Suzy... Before I got back home I dropped off some frozen venison for Brianna and laughed with Yvonne. What I failed to get done was the laundry, the dishes, bringing the flat headed shovel up to clean the deck, forgot the potting soil and didn't get the six pints of pickled beets delivered to my sister. I was pooped when I got home but lucky for me Diane came by and picked up the pouch and took my garbage to the dumpster. I repaired the six aprons so that they could be used again, funny how important those ties are...

So I made a new list for Tuesday... I had the day off but I went in so that I could get the peanut clusters made and dip the Christmas pretzels. I'm glad that I had picked up two bags of the pretzels, they are fresh but half of them are broken. So I sorted the pretzels. I went back home at noon and then removed excess from my car but I didn't take the two thirty-five pounds of cat food out of the trunk. Three weeks ago when I picked up that brand of cat food the bags weighed forty-four pounds and cost the same. I guess that I better encourage my cats to do more mousing. I then picked up Ada Mae and we headed up to Clare to Yoder's Kountry Market where I picked up apples for Tammy and Marge. One of the main reasons that I headed up there was for some more dipping chocolate. You got it, I forgot them but still filled my cart with apples, onions, and deli meats. Ada finished her shopping first and after transferring the carts stuff to the trunk of my car we headed into Clare and 'Cops & Donuts' for some coffee and a donut. Then we headed back to the Alma area where we shopped at Ollie's and again filled my cart. It was a very satisfying day, I dropped Ada off at her home and headed over to Tammy's to deliver apples. I think that I finally arrived home shortly after six. I was pooped.

Wednesday I had planned on finishing up my 'to do' list but crashed after I closed the shop. So I went home and took a long nap. I was surprised that I had tired myself out so much. I cancelled my visit with Robin in St Louis and didn't get the pickled beets over to Connie. I just vegetated, had a cup of soup and let Pru take proprietary license of my lap. I came to the conclusion that I had been overtly active all week and that I should slow down. I was happy to have made headway through my lists but even happier to do a bit more relaxing. I thank God that I have been blessed with the energy needed to stay functional and even the brains that tell me when to restrain my 'get it done' theme. May God bless you with the energy that you need to be functional. Enjoy the beauty of the first snow and be able to just sit and enjoy the scenery. Time to get ready for Thanksgiving...

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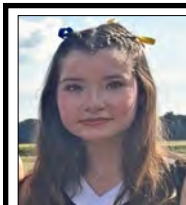
The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
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Historic Laingsburg/Swarthout Deer Camp

Eckerman, Michigan (located north of the intersection of 28 and 123 in the Upper Peninsula) during the early 1900's. (L to R) A.T. Swarthout, Theodore Jorae, Joseph Watters, Martin Dix, Floyd Martin, Roy Simpson, and Charles Pope. This photo was given to Dave Nickols in January of 2008 by his cousin Steven E. Swarthout. Both are Great-Grandsons of A.T. Swarthout (1865-1929). This photo hung on the wall for many years at Dave's gunshop, "Mid Michigan Guns & Gear", located in downtown Bath, MI.



Planet Perspectives

by Alison Kozlowski

Coral Reef Tipping Point

Earth has passed its first tipping point, and that is in coral reefs. An Earth Tipping Point is the highest degree of damage that can be tolerated by an environmental system before becoming irreversible. Coral reefs' tipping point is 1.2 C, and our oceans are currently at 1.4 C. This is a result of rising ocean temperatures, acidification, and pollution. The high temperatures cause stress to the coral which leads to bleaching. Bleaching is the process of the reefs expelling the algae that lives in their tissues and gives them food. This is a disastrous development because coral reefs are essential to life in both the ocean and on land. They provide habitat for 25% of the earth's marine life. They filter toxins and contaminants out of the oceans. They reduce wave impact, which prevents loss of life, property damage, and erosion.

Each of us needs to do our part to undo the damage that has been done. The most direct way you can is reducing pollution and your carbon footprint. This can be done through simple changes like choosing eco-friendly transportation like walking or carpooling, minimizing your use of chemical-filled products, and reducing your accumulation of waste. It is of utmost importance to do our part and not let any more tipping points of our planet be crossed.

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IT'S OK NOT TO ANSWER...

Dear Andy,

My cell phone starts to ring at 8:00 am. And double up at dinner time. I get 12 - 15 calls per day that are spam or robo-calls. When they are in my area code, I feel I need to answer. It might be important. It could be a neighbor of my mother's or my kids with no signal. It is driving me crazy. I actually get 3 or 4 legit calls on any regular day. What can I do?

Frustrated Cell Phone recipient.

Dear Frustrated,

I visited my cell phone carrier. They suggested I change my phone number or just delete as I receive them. Yes, it is frustrating if you're expecting a phone call and not have the number in your list. Yes, it is frustrating they do not say hello and you only hear silence. And, just as you are about to hang up, you hear a cheerful, friendly and happy voice offering a chance of a lifetime.

The best suggestion I can give you is to contact DONOT-CALL.gov. Get yourself on a no-call list. Unfortunately, with the recent government shutdown, you will likely not reach anyone or even get online services. It works, but only for a year. You must sign up annually.

One thing that might ease your mind; is that the calls are just people trying to make a living. At least they are working. As for me, I would not want that job...Not sure I could handle the rejection. I try to be polite and say "NOT INTERESTED". Then Delete. Delete. Takes too long to Block, due to too many questions. They are going to keep calling. I take a few minutes at the end of my day to delete them.

Another suggestion from a reader said she set specific ring tones on her phone, to know when it is her mother or the kids. Try that option. And as for feeling obligated to always answer...STOP! If it is important, they will leave a message or call back. And, when you check to see who was calling, it only takes a few seconds for you to return their call.

Don't let your cell phone run or ruin your day. Never answer while driving; it could ruin your life. It's ok not to answer. If it's an emergency, it will still be an emergency one minute later. We are all experiencing the same sales call dilemma.

Thank you for asking. I hope one of these options will work for you. Ask_andy@aol.com



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Members of BetterLife Bannister ZCBJ Lodge met at the Bannister Veterans Memorial to honor all who have served in our country's Armed Forces and to pray for the safety of all who are currently serving. Many thanks to Sally Stoll for making and attaching a new wreath to the monument.

Ovid Lions Club Thank You

submitted by Holly Hibbard

The Ovid Lions Club wants to thank all those who attended our annual Halloween Party! It was a great night; we loved seeing all the costumes and HAPPY faces at the party and while we passed out candy.

We want to thank our rockstar volunteers: Jody, Maddie, Amanda, Jennifer, Renae, Patti, Karen, Angel, Deb, Mary, Paul and Al; our amazing judges Connie, Denise and Erica and our magnificent MC for the night Marie.

We also want to extend our gratitude to those that attended our Carriage Days Pancake breakfast as the proceeds went towards this free community event.



Ages 2-3
Winners from left to right: 1st Place – Harlow Lysh, 2nd Place – Vivian Hunter and 3rd Place – William Horsley



Ages 4-5
Winners from left to right: 1st Place – Ellie Lawler, 2nd Place – Lillian Hoke and 3rd Place – Evelyn Lohr



Ages 6-8
Winners from left to right: 3rd Place – Remington Lockwood, 2nd Place – Amelia Gasche and 1st Place – Charley Call



Ages 9- 12 years old
Winners from left to right: 1st Place – Gabriel Darnell, 2nd Place – Payten Rose, 3rd Place – Isaac Nault



These boys had GREAT costumes, and we wanted to recognize them as they fell outside our age groups.

Winners from left to right: 2nd place Zachary Zimmerman as the Swedish Chef from the Muppet Show and 1st place Daniel Vieyra as Freddie from Five Nights at Freddy's



Rockstar Volunteers for the Halloween party. Holly Hibbard, Jody Thornton, Amanda Herblet, Marie Spiess, Jennifer Hills, Renae Huyck

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Elsie Lions Club Donations

Elsie Lions Club hand out donations on Monday night, November 10th.



Elsie Lions President, Richard Easlick, presenting Sue Peterson from the Elsie Food Pantry a check for \$300.



Elsie Lion, Douglas Sturgis, presenting a check of \$185 to Dorothy Ornelas for Elsie's Hero Park.



Elsie Lion, Dennis Long right, presenting a \$250 check to Elsie United Methodist Church treasure Dr. Robert Peterson for the Elsie Community Christmas.



Elsie Lion, Sara Fernholz, presenting The Elsie First Baptist Church treasure Richard Easlick a \$250 check for the Elsie Community Christmas.



Golfing buddies: (L-R) Doug Sleep, George Smith, Bill Aldrich, Fred Gibbs and CJ Lowe.

Bill Aldrich Celebrated 100th Birthday

On Sunday, November 9th, a Celebration was held to honor member and local Veterans at the Emerald Golf Course in St Johns. Typically, each year, a golf outing event is held late in the season around the birthday of member Bill Aldrich. But Mother Nature did not cooperate this year as the course was snow covered. A few of Bill's golfing buddies played a few holes on Saturday, November 8th, the day before his 100th Birthday.



Bill Aldrich with his Special Proclamation from Governor Whitmer's Office

Family and friends filled the room at the Emerald honoring Bill on his milestone 100th birthday. He was presented a Special Proclamation from Governor Whitmer's office, honoring the World War II Veteran for his service and dedication. Bill is also pictured here with a few of his many golf buddies who played with Bill every week during the season, yes, he still played regularly at the age of 100.

Capital City Ringers 42nd Annual Holiday Handbell Concerts

The Capital City Ringers' 42nd Annual Holiday Handbell Concerts--"Retro Holiday Spectacular!"--will be at the following dates, times, and locations:

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Join CCR and Music Director Mark Loring for a family-friendly concert with a wide variety of holiday music! For info, www.capitalcityringers.com/events.html or call 517/321-3221.



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Gears in Motion: Laingsburg's Award-Winning Robotics Team is at it Again

submitted by Leigh Seger

Five words sum up Laingsburg High School's robotics pre-season this fall: Competitions, Canada, Ketchup Chips, and Compassion. How do these all tie together? Read on!

Competitions

It's been a busy off-season for Laingsburg's robotics team! They kicked things off in late September at RoboDay at Ferris State University, getting warmed up and back in action. In October, they competed in Cullen's Cancer Clash, a two-day event dedicated to raising awareness and support for young cancer survivors. The event honors Amanda Cullen, an aerospace engineer and STEM advocate who was diagnosed with cancer at a young age and later founded the Young Survival Coalition. Laingsburg proudly joined the cause, bringing not one but two robots—and made it all the way to the finals!



Cullen's Cancer Clash Trophy

Canada

To wrap up the pre-season in a big way, the team headed north to Canada for their first international competition, the STEMly Cup. This invite-only event selects teams by lottery, and Laingsburg was one of just two U.S. teams chosen to compete. They faced off against 35 incredible teams, including six ranked in the world's top 50. After battling through several rounds, Laingsburg landed an impressive third-place finish—a

huge moment that's fueling excitement for the 2026 season kicking off in January.

And yes, there were ketchup chips. While in Canada, the team got to try the iconic snack, hit up Tim Hortons (rumor has it it's better up there), and even visited Niagara Falls—a first-time experience for many and a highlight of the trip.

Compassion

One of the core values of the Laingsburg Robotics program is giving back. In November, students from the middle and high school teams volunteered with Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a nationwide organization (local chapter located in Haslett, MI) that builds beds for kids who don't have one. The stats are eye-opening - many children in our own communities go to sleep without a bed. Laingsburg's team jumped in to help, using their robotics skills to cut, sand, and assemble beds, turning engineering into compassion.

"Watching these students use their skills to serve others is incredibly rewarding," said Melissa Kramer, District Robotics Coordinator and Head Mentor for the Laingsburg teams. "They're not just building robots—they're building a culture of compassion and giving back, and I'm proud of each of them".

To learn more about Laingsburg's award-winning robotics programs, please visit www.wolfpack-robotics.com.



Ovid Christmas Basket Donations

submitted by Holly Hibbard

As November arrives, the Ovid Christmas Basket Committee is filled with gratitude for the incredible generosity that shines so brightly in our community each year. Because of your kindness, we were able to help more than 75 local families last Christmas with food, personal goods and the joy of a "Christmas Shop" filled with clothing, toys and household items like blankets and sheets.



This year we once again turn to our wonderful community - our local businesses, organizations, schools, churches and caring neighbors - to help us make the holidays a little brighter for those in need.

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

We also gratefully welcome donations of non-perishable food (vegetables, soups, breakfast items, pasta and sauce, etc.), personal care or household products. Items can be dropped off at:

Ovid Public Library, Ovid City Hall, Meridian Weekly.

All donations will be gathered on Saturday, December 13th for distribution on the 15th. If you have any questions or would like to arrange a pick-up, contact Holly Hibbard at 989-666-2215 or email allsmileshkh@aol.com.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

CITY OF LAINGSBURG
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED TREE ORDINANCE

The Laingsburg City Council will hold a Public Hearing on December 2, 2025, at 7:00 pm at Laingsburg City Hall, 114 N Woodhull Laingsburg, Michigan 48848 to receive public comments on the proposed City Tree Ordinance.

The purpose of the Tree Ordinance is to establish standards for the planting, maintenance, protection, and removal of trees on public property and within the public right-of-way. Adoption of this ordinance is a requirement for the City's participation in the Tree City USA program and supports the City's ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship and community beautification.

Copies of the proposed ordinance are available for public review at City Hall during regular business hours.

Written comments may be submitted to the City Clerk at clerk@laingsburg.us prior to the hearing and will be entered into the public record.

The City Hall and Council Chambers are barrier free. Persons with disabilities needing accommodation for effective participation in the meeting should call 517-651-5374 one week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

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BREADSTICKS -- Ben Hudson 10-2
 (tie-breaker)

The tried-and-true veterans of our grand Guru Game showed their true colors (kinda like Flag Day?) for last week's coming-out party.

Contest vet Edith Lagunas was at her very best with a nearly-perfect mark of 11-1. That won her a delicious pizza.

A Guru-rific EIGHT players tied for second place at 10-2. Guru vet Jack Nutter topped that group by winning the ultra-low tie-breaker (34 points) with his choice of 40. Ben Hudson was right behind Jack with a selection of 41 points. Others in the running at 10-2 were George Gates, Russ Ginther, Brandon Grieder, Lena Skaryd and Lisa Skaryd -- all contest veterans in their own right.

Our "expert" staff runoff tightens up each week, with The Wolfman holding a slim 18/100th edge over Amon-Joy with 76 wins over 74 (.678 to .660). Down the homestretch they come!

We will be running the contest every week until the end of the regular college football season (no bowls). The picks will include six NFL games and six collegiate games each week.

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MOST IMPORTANT: make sure your entry gets to The Weekly before each Thursday at 4 pm.

Don't forget to fill in the tiebreaker as this will decide any and all ties. Entries are accepted in person at The Weekly's offices at 200 S. Main in Ovid, by e-mail at "news@meridianweekly.com" or "tomturek20032003@yahoo.com," or via USPS delivery.

For those of you that get your Weekly fix on line at the paper's website -- remember to email your picks to news@meridianweekly.com.

Each week the top three winners will receive a coupon for redemption at the sponsor of their choice; 1st place (pizza), 2nd place (sandwich) and 3rd place (breadsticks) will be awarded.

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GRIDIRON GURUS

by Tom Turek
 tomturek20032003@yahoo.com

Sports

Historic Marauder Volleyball Season in District Finals Loss at Bath HS

BATH -- The weapon that helped lead Ovid-Elsie's varsity volleyball team to the best season record in program history failed the Lady Marauders at the worst time.

Angela Ehle's Marauders were favored to be the team to make it out of MHSAA District 93 at Bath High School, but suffered a five-set loss -- including a 15-10 setback in the District-decider -- as the host Bees advanced to Regional action.

"We fell short in the District Final due to poor serving -- which was our team's key strength -- and overall errors which gave away many unearned points," said coach Ehle.

O-E's final overall record was 19-10-2 -- the best record in O-E program history to date.

In the District semifinal, the Marauders rolled to a 25-11, 25-15, 25-11 victory over the Perry Ramblers. Ovid-Elsie leaders were Ashton Ehle (2 aces, 11 kills, 5 digs), Kortlynn Loynes (13 kills, 2 blocks), Bentlie Kelley (2 aces, 1 kill, 32 assists, 4 digs), Allie Veith (1 ace, 7 kills, 3 blocks, one dig), Kendal Tokar (2 kills, 6 digs), Lily Bates (one ace, one kill, 6 digs), Isabelle Ryal (one assist, 12 digs), Isabella Phillips (one kill), Jolene Hebler (one kill) and Sarah Newman (4 digs).

In the District Final, Bath scored a 11-25, 23-25, 25-21, 25-21, 10-15 victory. Ashton Ehle again led O-E with 5 aces, 29 kills and 20 digs. Kelley added 5 aces, one kill, 3 assists and 10 digs; Veith one ace, 4 kills, one block and one dig; Tokar one ace, 2 kills, one block and 7 digs; Bates 2 aces, 2 kills, one assist, 11 digs; Loynes 2 kills, one dig; Ryal one kill, 3 assists and 15 digs; and Newman an ace and a dig.

Consumers Energy's New Energy Assistance Web Page

submitted by Matt Johnson

JACKSON-- Consumers Energy has made updates to its energy assistance web page to help customers find resources to assist with paying their energy bills this winter season.

The new, more user-friendly web page comes complete with filter functionality to find various programs tailored for groups such as veterans and seniors. Its development is the result of co-design collaboration between the company and its customers.

Customers are encouraged to visit ConsumersEnergy.com/Assistance for a complete view of each of the eligibility requirements, programs, and services, including:

- State Emergency Relief (SER): Eligible residents with a past due bill or shut-off notice can receive up to \$900 in immediate one-time assistance.
- Home Heating Credit (HHC): Eligible Michiganders can file tax form MI-1040CR-7 to see if they qualify for help with heating expenses. Customers receive an average payment of \$250.

• MEAP and CARE program: Get fixed monthly payments for two (2) years and forgiveness of your past due balance when enrolled in the CARE program through the Michigan Energy Assistance Program (MEAP). MEAP also offers as-needed assistance payments for customers needing short-term support. Dial 2-1-1 or visit mi211.org to learn more or to connect with your local MEAP agency to enroll.

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Elsie American Legion Post 502 held their annual Veterans Day Service on the 11th Month, 11th Day, 11th Hour Service. Post Commander, Brian Valentine addressed those in attendance. Pictured here, the firing squad performing the 21 gun salute.



Commander Brian Valentine

Rep. BeGole Supports Michigan National Guard Members, Families with Advancing Bills

submitted by Denny Schwarze

State Rep. Brian BeGole this week voted for multiple proposals that provide critical benefits for those who sacrifice to keep residents and communities safe.

"Members of our state's National Guard selflessly help people and communities in need during emergencies and protect the public," BeGole said. "Many are juggling these commitments with other jobs, and some may have trouble covering the costs of childcare and other needs. This is the right move for our state and looks out for those who help look out for us."



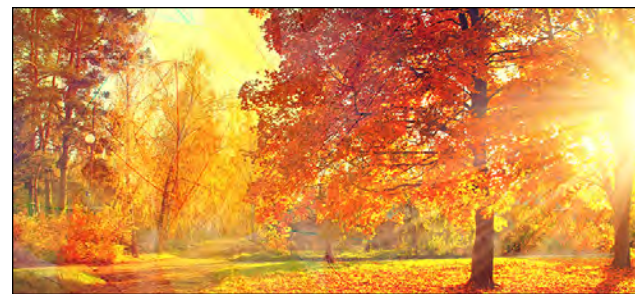
BeGole recently voted for a signed budget that fully funds TRICARE health care coverage for Michigan's National Guard members so their health care is covered when they are called up – even outside of federal deployments. A corresponding plan BeGole voted for this week provides reimbursements for health and dental insurance premiums.

Other advancing plans support Guard members with childcare and tuition assistance. Senate Bill 540 would permit eligible active service members or eligible spouses to apply for childcare assistance for up to 12 hours per day for weekend drills and annual training and up to 39 days each year. SB 542 continues existing tuition support through the Michigan National Guard Members Benefits Fund.

With support from BeGole and other House legislators, the bills will soon move to the governor for review.



Ribbon Cutting: On Saturday, November 8, 2025, a Ribbon Cutting was held for Lakeside Garden & Floral, The Propagation Station and Grand River Events in downtown Laingsburg. Pictured here at the center are business owners, Eric Randolph, Dawn Giampa and Lori Wurm. Family, friends and members of the Laingsburg Community & Business Association were on hand to congratulate these three to the business community.



City of Ovid Draft Regular Meeting November 10, 2025

Open Regular Meeting:

Mayor M. Perrien called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers located at 114 E. Front Street, Ovid, Michigan.

Roll Call:

Present: M. Soliz, L. Perrien, M. Olger, M. Perrien, E. Brown, M. Jones, E. Starn.

Absent: none

Guests:

There were 10 people in attendance

Agenda:

Motioned by Council Member E. Starn and seconded by Council Member M. Olger to approve the agenda as presented. Carried on a voice vote.

Minutes:

Motioned by Council Member E. Brown and seconded by Council Member L. Perrien to approve the minutes from October 13, 2025 regular meeting as presented. Carried on a voice vote.

Invoice/Check Register:

Motioned by Council Member E. Starn and seconded by Council Member M. Soliz to approve the invoice/check register from October 15, 2025 through November 11, 2025 for a total of \$62,943.11. Carried on a voice vote.
County Commissioner: 7:03 pm to 7:08 pm Nicole Fickes updated the board on county activities.

Open Public Comment: Opened 7:08 pm Closed: 7:08 pm -none

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer L. Kusnier updated the council on her report. Motioned by Council Member L. Perrien and supported by Council Member E. Brown to amend the budgets for General Fund (101), Water Fund (591), and Capital Improvement Fund (401) as presented by the Treasurer. Carried on voice vote.

Report Motion:

Motioned by Council Member E. Brown and seconded by Council Member M. Olger to accept receipt of the reports from Treasurer, Attorney, Police and DPW. Carried on a voice vote.

New Business:

- a. FY 2026 Budget Review: Motioned by Council Member L. Perrien and supported by Council Member M. Olger to place the 2026 FY Budget out for review and set the Public Hearing for December 8th at 7:00 pm. Carried on voice vote.
- b. Closing Streets for Light parade: Events will be starting at 5:00 pm. Motioned by Council Member E. Starn and seconded by Council Member L. Perrien to close Main St. from N. Oak St to High Street on Friday Dec 12th from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Carried on a voice vote.
- c. CAASA 5th Amended and Reinstated Articles of Incorporation: Strike completed last month.
- d. MMPA Industrial Development District -Motioned by Council Member E. Brown and seconded by Council Member M. Soliz to set a Public Hearing for the Industrial Development District for MMPA on Wednesday, December 3rd 2025 at 7:00 pm Carried on a voice vote.
- e. Generator /Thee Mayor Perrien updated the board on the generator.
- f. Leak adjustment case- Dani Collins presented information about the utility bill water issue. Motioned by Council Member E. Starn and supported by Council Member M. Soliz to approve leak adjustment of \$411.73 for account # 07794 and to credit the \$328.00 over charge of 2-unit house unit to a single house unit for a total credit of \$739.73. Carried on voice vote.
- g. Code Enforcer/Zoning Administrator Motioned by Council Member E. Brown and supported by Council Member M. Olger to approve the job position of Code Enforcer/Zoning Administrator description as presented and to post the position. Carried on voice vote.
- h. Longevity Policy: Motioned by Council Member E. Brown and supported by Council Member M. Olger to approve the Longevity Policy as present and to have it go into effect on Jan 1st of 2026. Carried on voice vote.

Adjournment-

Motioned by Council Member E. Starn and seconded by Council Member E. Brown to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 pm. Carried on a voice vote. Full minutes can be viewed at www.ovidmi.org or at City Hall located at 114 E. Front St. during lobby hours.

Respectfully submitted by
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The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comments on the proposed Industrial Development District designation. Interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Written comments may be submitted to the City Clerk's Office prior to the hearing at 114 E. Front Street, Ovid, MI 48866.

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