

## Consumers Energy Provides Assistance to Help Michigan's Seniors Stay Safe and Warm This Winter

*submitted by Brian M. Wheeler*

JACKSON— As Michigan prepares for another cold winter, Consumers Energy is highlighting energy bill assistance and safeguards for seniors. Those include shut-off protection and \$4 monthly electric bill credits that are available to most households headed by someone age 65 or older.

“Consumers Energy is committed to serving all of our customers, including ensuring that our seniors are using all resources that keep them safe and comfortable in their homes,” said Brian Lewis, Consumers Energy’s executive director of customer service and programs. “We hope to spread the word that Consumers Energy can help our friends and neighbors, no matter their needs.”

Consumers Energy recently updated its energy assistance webpage to help customers better understand their options to help pay their energy bills. Specifically, the company offers help for people 65 and older:

**Senior citizen bill credits** – Seniors can receive a \$4 monthly credit on electric bills at their primary residence. The credit cannot be combined with the Low-Income Assistance Credit or Residential Income Assistance. If there's an issue with receiving the credit, please confirm your birthday is correctly submitted by calling 800-477-5050.

**Winter Protection Plan** – The plan protects people 65 and older against shut-off and high payments during the wintertime. Enrollment runs from November through March.

**Shut-Off Protection Plan** – The 18-month protection from shut-off plan is available to seniors age 65 and older. Enrollment is year-round.

Consumers Energy offers assistance and connections to resources through an array of programs. Customers can learn more at ConsumersEnergy.com/Assistance. People can also learn about ways to save on their energy bills at ConsumersEnergy.com/Winter.

Consumers Energy this year has provided \$7 million to help electric and natural gas customers who qualify to receive help with bills.

Anyone who needs assistance with their energy bills can also call 2-1-1, a free resource that connects people with nonprofit organizations.

## 37th Annual Holiday Along the River & Holiday Mini Art Exhibit

*submitted by Piper Brewer*

The 37th annual SAC Holiday Along the River opened to the public Sunday, November 2nd with over 90 Michigan artists displaying and selling their original artwork, unique gift items and holiday decorations.

The Holiday Show is generously sponsored by Memorial Healthcare with outdoor decorating by Sunburst Gardens and runs through December 31st.

Shoppers are sure to find gifts at affordable prices for everyone on their gift lists. Or, SAC gift cards make great gifts. The Arts Center, which is decorated for the holidays, is available for rent for special events, meetings and holiday parties.

The Shiawassee Arts Center, located at 206 Curwood Castle Drive in Owosso, is open Monday through Friday 10am-5pm and weekends 12-3pm. The Arts Center features the artwork of local and statewide artists in eight galleries including the Frieske Gallery and a specialty Gift Shop. The public is welcome and there is no admission charge. SAC, which is celebrating its 53rd anniversary in 2025, is a non-profit organization whose mission is to educate, entertain and enrich the quality of life in our community. For more information call the Arts Center at 989.723.8354 or visit [www.shiawasseearts.org](http://www.shiawasseearts.org).



*Deb Knipe*

## Remembering A Few of Those We Lost in 2025



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Spartan Fan*



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## Social

### First Baptist Church of St. Johns Receives Farm Bureau Double-Up Match

submitted by Suzzy Pross

St. Johns – The First Baptist Church of St. Johns was recently awarded a Farm Bureau Double-Up Donation to fight food insecurity in the community. Clinton County Farm Bureau plans to make a monetary donation to purchase food for the church's food pantry, Beacon of Hope. The Farm Bureau Insurance of Michigan Agent Charitable Fund (ACF) has committed to match the county's donation up to \$100.

Clinton County Farm Bureau is proud to come alongside in service and support the Beacon of Hope Food Pantry. As Clinton County Farm Bureau Administrative Manager Suzzy Pross says, "The local food banks have been seeing a larger demand for resources and needs in the last couple of months. In particular, the holiday time is known for being a high-demand time of year for families in need to turn to the food banks for extra help."

The ACF Double-Up Donation Program supports county Farm Bureaus' efforts to end hunger in their communities by providing matching funds to local organizations and programs which represent the ACF mission. County Farm Bureaus initiate the nomination and donation process, and the selected program is approved for an ACF matching donation by a committee of ACF donors based on the need of the organization, population being served and overall goal of the program.

ACF donation match through the Double-Up program can also count towards the county's Harvest for All totals. Harvest for All is a year-long campaign, created by the American Farm Bureau Federation, that encourages Farm Bureau members across the country and in Michigan to work together to fight hunger in their communities. The district that contributes the most pounds of food, volunteer hours and dollars is recognized at the state level and given \$1,000 to distribute to a hunger-relief organization of their choice.

The ACF, whose mission is to end hunger in Michigan, is a donor-designated fund administered through the Michigan Foundation for Agriculture. The Michigan Foundation for Agriculture, a 501(c)(3) governed by Michigan Farm Bureau's board of directors, positively contributes to the future of Michigan agriculture through leadership and educational programming. Through grant programs like Feeding the Future, Farm Bureau agents, clients and partners provide food and educational programs to Michigan residents struggling with hunger and aid the more than 3,000 hunger-relief agencies throughout the state.

If you would like more information about the ACF, please contact Persis Sopariwala at 517-323-6628 or psopari@michfb.com.



### Memorial Healthcare Opens Flushing Health Center

submitted by Melissa Neuhaus

OWOSSO — Memorial Healthcare is excited to announce the opening of the Flushing Health Center at 218 W. Main Street, Flushing. This new facility offers enhanced access to high-quality family medicine, urgent care, outpatient laboratory and radiology services, rotating specialists from orthopedics and general surgery, and pharmacy services all under one roof.

This expansion not only addresses the growing need for healthcare services in Flushing but also revitalizes a vacant building, contributing to the community's development.

"We are excited to bring these enhanced services to the Flushing community and to make use of a vacant building in a meaningful way," said Brian Long, President and CEO of Memorial Health System. "Our goal is to provide comprehensive, accessible, and patient-centered care, and this new location is a significant step in that direction."

Memorial Healthcare Urgent Care provides convenient, walk-in care for non-life-threatening illnesses and injuries, 7 days a week from 9:00 am – 7:00 pm. Memorial Healthcare Outpatient Services (Lab and X-ray) is available on a walk-in basis for anyone needing laboratory or X-ray services, with orders accepted from all providers. Services are open Monday – Friday from 8:30 am – 7:00 pm, and on Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 am – 7:00 pm.

Memorial Healthcare Family Medicine & Multi-Specialty offers primary care by Dr. Urooj Beenish, a board-certified family medicine physician dedicated to building lasting relationships with patients of all ages. Dr. Beenish is currently accepting new patients with most insurances. To schedule an appointment or to learn more, please call (989) 720-7569. In addition, specialists from Memorial Healthcare Center for Orthopedics and Memorial Healthcare Surgical Associates are now available on a rotating basis. To schedule an appointment, please contact (989) 720-7570. Opening in early 2026, the Memorial Community Pharmacy will offer fast, friendly service and personalized support. Customers will have the convenience of dropping off and picking up their prescriptions either by walking in or using the drive-thru. The pharmacy will provide a wide selection of over-the-counter medications, and other common retail pharmacy items. Customers can conveniently manage their prescriptions through our online app, RX Local, and receive vaccine consultations and administration. We also offer the free FlavoRX flavoring system for liquid medications to help make taking medicine easier. The pharmacy is open to the entire community, no relationship with Memorial Healthcare is required.

To learn more about this new location, please visit [www.MemorialHealthcare.org](http://www.MemorialHealthcare.org) or contact (989) 720-CARE (2273).

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## A Look Back Through 2025



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### New School Board Members Sworn in at Special Meeting On January 2, 2025 January 19, 2025



From left to right: Sue Casler, Reverend Eugene Blair, and Paul Whelan with the quilt made using yellow ribbons tied around Manchester to keep him in our thoughts during his detention in Russia. Photo credit Lew Major.



### Yellow Ribbon Quilt Presented to Paul Whelan January 26, 2025

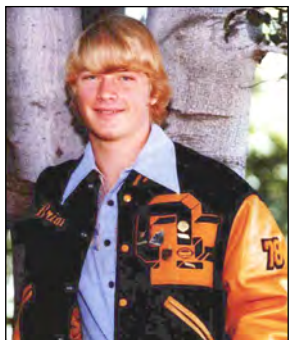
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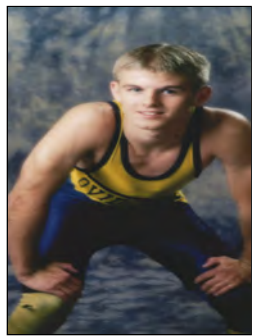
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## Happy New Year

As my staff and myself prepare to begin a new year, our 34th, here at the paper, let me take this opportunity to Thank the businesses, organizations and community members for all the support. We look forward to keeping the local news coming to the Ovid, Elsie, Ashley, Laingsburg, St Johns and Owosso communities in 2026.

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# Editorial

## 2025 Wrap-Up

As the year comes to a close, it is a good time to review what it brought for the planet. 2025 has been a significant year for the environment, in both positive and negative ways. Solar, wind, and hydro electricity exceeded new electricity demand in the first three quarters of 2025. Renewable energy sources surpassed nonrenewables, indicating clean power could be the leading source in the global energy system. And despite the earth amidst the sixth mass extinction, some species experienced remarkable recovery in population this year, such as the green turtle, the indian tiger, and the giant panda. New species even entered the scene in 2025, with 866 new marine species discovered, like the Guitar Shark. However, there were many negative impacts for the planet this year as well. The global tipping point for coral reefs was passed. The Great Barrier Reef experienced a mass bleaching. Arctic sea ice reached its lowest record level. These were among countless other issues, such as extreme wildfires, heatwaves, deforestation, biodiversity loss, and pollution.

But a new year means a new chance to make a change for the better. I encourage you to include the planet in your resolutions. Being more sustainable next year is an amazing goal to set for yourself. It takes everyone's contributions and efforts to ensure that next year will bring more positive environmental breakthroughs. Lets do our best to make 2026 an amazing year for our earth!



## Planet Perspectives

by Alison Kozlowski

# Obituaries

## Todd Leroy Winans

Todd Leroy Winans, age 61, of Elsie, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, December 20, 2025, at Memorial Healthcare in Owosso, Michigan.

Todd was born on January 24, 1964, in St. Johns, Michigan, the son of Harry Ralph and Betty Ann (Hunnicut) Winans. He graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School in 1982, and worked as a gas linesman for Consumers Energy, a role he took pride in throughout his career. Todd was a proud member of the Utility Workers Union of America.

Todd enjoyed being outdoors and spent his time hunting, fishing, golfing, boating, kayaking, and hiking. He was also a devoted Michigan State Spartans fan who followed the team closely and rarely missed a game, always up to date on the background and rankings. He especially enjoyed quiet evenings watching sunsets by the campfire at the lake.

In everyday life, known as a true handyman, Todd could fix just about anything and was the person people called for help. Kind and generous with his time, he always made sure the job was done correctly. He was devoted to Maria and showed his love through acts of service and a sense of adventure, living with integrity and seeing life through a lens of optimism and humor that kept her laughing and grounded. As a brother, he was known for his loyalty, steady presence, shared laughter, poker games with family, and the occasional double-dog dare.

Above all, Todd was most proud of his two sons. He taught them life lessons through everyday moments, always with humor and heart, instilling responsibility, honesty, integrity, and a strong work ethic. Whether coaching baseball and football or taking them along to work, Todd made learning hands-on and meaningful—hard work mattered, doing things right mattered, and there was always room for fun. The love and respect Levi and Logan have for their father is unmistakable. Levi now carries those lessons forward with his children, while Logan is a loving and engaged uncle who reflects Todd's example.

Todd is survived by his sons: Levi Winans (Shawna Dalton) and Logan Winans; his grandchildren: Brayven, Kashton, Blakely, and Wrenly; his life partner, Maria Ibarra; his stepchildren: James Rozell, Jr., Alex Rozell, and Christopher Rozell; his brothers: Scott (Penny) Winans and Jeff Winans; his sisters-in-law: Kathryn Ibarra (Eric Savitsky), Jacque Ibarra (Todd Hardy), and Stephanie Ibarra; his mother-in-law, Ellie Ibarra; and his nieces and nephews: Hunter (Tara) Hayden (KayLee), Hudson, and Dakota Winans. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Private Services will be held, with burial at Ford Cemetery in Elba Township. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Izzo Legacy Foundation. Online condolences may be sent at [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, Michigan.



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## Michael George Asher

Michael George Asher, age 85, of St. Johns, MI, passed away Sunday, December 21, 2025, at University of Michigan Health-Sparrow Lansing, MI.

Mike was born in Pontiac, Michigan on December 8, 1940, the son of Walter and Vera (Weber) Asher. He married Karen Mechem, on April 27, 1968, in Walled Lake, MI. They were blessed with 57 years of marriage.

Mike proudly served in the United States Air Force from 1960-1964. He worked at Federal Mogul as a tool & dye maker for 30 years and was a Big Brother, Jaycee member and an active member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in St. Johns, Michigan. After retiring, Mike and Karen spent three years traveling throughout the U.S. in their RV, doing volunteer work. After that, they settled in Homosassa, FL. In Florida, Mike volunteered with Daystar Life Center, where he drove a donation truck and performed carpentry and maintenance services. He also volunteered at the Homosassa Springs Wildlife Park as a shuttle driver.

Mike is survived by his wife Karen Asher; his three daughters: Vickie Bush, DeAnn Look, and Traci Asher; as well as his sister Carol Asher and his grandchildren Kaitlyn Muir, Aaron Bush, Marissa Look, and Kyla Look. He is also survived by 2 great-granddaughters, Alena Bush and Stella Muir. Mike was preceded in death by his parents, and his siblings Margaret, Mary, Ellen, Jim, William, Patrick, and Evelyn.

Visitation will be held at Smith Family Funeral Homes in Elsie, MI, on Monday, December 29, 2025, at 11:00 A.M., followed by a funeral service at 1:00 P.M.

Memorial gifts may be made to Wounded Warriors or Daystar Life Center, Crystal River, Florida. Online condolences may be sent to [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://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

Tomorrow is Christmas Eve and like most folks in the area I still have much to do... Three gifts left to wrap would be the easiest task. I need to finish de-cluttering the dining room and do a bit more pitch in the kitchen. I do have the lights on the tree but no ornaments. I do believe that they were shifted up and down the stairs several times in the past week. So now I have to hunt them down and put them up. Of course I had already misplaced the hangers that I needed, but Margie to the rescue, she gave me two boxes of hangers, some plain long ones and shorter green ones. She had gotten them for two cents a package when Wal-Mart had moved to its current location. A wise and thrifty woman. I have multiply pots and potting soil to temporarily move from the dining room until after Christmas, then hopefully the re-potting will be finished. Yes, the tree is stacked with gifts all wrapped and ready to be opened. Leave it to me to reverse the decorating process...

Today was a busy day, I was at the shop at six but left it at nine. First I introduced Peppy to Diane and Brent, they agree that she is a gem of great value. I then had to get changed and go to St Johns for a Mass at the funeral of a dear friend. Alzheimer had taken another kind soul. She was my daughter's name sake and a childhood friend of great worth. We used to go picking wild flowers in our woods and crisscrossing the river whenever the need arose, when I was growing up she was the 'why child'. Memories are sweet.

On the way home I stopped to get a few groceries at Krogers. Somehow during the checkout my bag with the much needed ricotta cheese didn't make it back into my cart. I failed to check the bags when I loaded them into my car. Notice I did say that I failed... When I grabbed the bags to carry into the house I realized that the ricotta was missing. I called Kroger and they told me to pick them up even though I didn't have a receipt because it was in the bag. I was frustrated because I needed it for tomorrow and it was a round trip of forty miles to contend with... They told me to pick them up at the customer service desk, no one was there when I got back which in a way was okay. I had to now pick up my daughter's prescriptions and the ingredients for a chocolate rum cake. I did that and of course double checked the bags before going back to the service desk. The folks there couldn't find my stuff at first, it was listed but not back there. I let them know that I was frustrated because of the extra mileage... Guess what, they gave me a ten dollar gift card for my inconvenience, which is more than what Wal-Mart has ever done. Just a thought and a blessing.

Speaking of blessings, my week has been filled with them. Diane came over and scrubbed my kitchen floor for me, she didn't like the idea of me being on my hands and knees. Truthfully I can no longer address the floor in that manner. It would be one of those times when knee pads would be well appreciated. Brent zipped over for a few to hang the new curtain rods on the slider and he with Diane's assistance put the drapes up. My granddaughter Ryan came over on Saturday to help clean my house for the holiday festivities. While in St Johns today I did drop off another box of Tupperware bowls and strawberry decorated canister jars at St Vincents. I also got a quick visit with Margie and Sally who generously gifted me with a lavender top and a marvelous key chain with an engraved picture of Prudence and an adorable puppy coffee mug. I did drink a couple of mugs of coffee and chomped on some yummy cookies while there. Plus I was surprised with a fifty-one dollar check from a class action suit that I didn't know about, it was a lovely surprise.

Tomorrow after the shop is closed I have a list of necessary items to address. Finish the kitchen and make the meaty sauce for the lasagna dinner on Christmas evening, only seven for dinner. I hope to get to the candle light services in the evening at seven. Speaking of MG's Perx & Pastries, we will be closed at noon on Christmas eve and will open again January 6, 2026. I'm excited because we now have home made bagels on our menu and they are absolutely delicious. I'm hoping that they don't all sell out in the morning so that I can enjoy a few. I know, I'm being self-centered and decadent.

May your Christmas have been delightful and May God bless you with a Happy New Year filled with peace, prosperity, good health and contentment. God bless.

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## Faith Focus

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### "Does God Throw Monkey Wrenches"

"You meant evil...but God meant it for good (Genesis 50:20)."

When I helped my Father in the garage and he called for a wrench, it was always, "Hand me that Monkey Wrench." I heard that term a lot as a boy, and thought nothing of it, but what is a Monkey Wrench? It can also mean when things go sideways unexpectedly (like the Foo Fighters' song by the same name), or even done on purpose as an act of sabotage.

This bad luck-chimp moniker is a bit of a mystery. Most think it's named after Charles Monk, who made tools in Brooklyn in the 1880's, but it goes back to at least 1826 and likely named for an English toy where a monkey moved up and down on a pole after you twisted his tail (the same look and motion used to adjust the grip on the wrench's jaws).

The British called it a spanner, and rightly surmised a hefty wrench tossed in the air or dropped into life's machinery is indeed a very bad idea, as they put it, "to throw a spanner in the works." But when our lives don't go right, is it only fate? Or is God sovereign in our lives? Consider an Egyptian "game of catch" with Joseph and God.

In Genesis chapters 35-50, Joseph (who is a type of Jesus in the Old Testament) was rejected, betrayed, and sold into slavery by his brothers, then falsely accused, imprisoned, and left for dead. But God raised him up and Pharaoh made him his primary ruler who saved the nation of Israel (from which the Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth, would be born).

As God's image-bearers He gave us His traits, like freedom to choose, to do good or evil. Unfortunately, we chose to rebel against Him, and now we chuck Monkey Wrenches at each other with great abandon so that our dented world doesn't resemble His intended Paradise. And yet, God can still rearrange our awful circumstances (Romans 8:28).

Does your life feel messed up, like God threw a Monkey Wrench at you? Perhaps He allowed it to get your attention, to come back to Him? Joseph's true story shows how God fixed a mucked up mess of bad choices "to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives (Genesis 50:20)." I know firsthand about such miraculous twists.

On a flight to visit and encourage a former pastor - who was betrayed by his church leaders who fired him without cause or explanation, which disrupted his life, his career, and about a hundred families who left that church - I met a New

Yorker seated right next to me. Sadly, it turned out he was going to a funeral...for a fellow 9/11 firefighter.

We chatted on the flight and I gave him my business card with an offer to send him my "52 Thinks About God" book to help deal with his loss, and so later on, when he contacted me, I did. After several phone calls, we became friends, and after reading my book, he bought the sequel ("52 Thinks About God II"), and then he became a Christian!

What are the odds that the evil from 2001 in New York City that nearly killed my new friend, and the treachery to my pastor friend, would be redeemed by God for his own salvation? Consider the mind-boggling array of Monkey Wrench circumstances for all three of us since 2001 to have me sitting next to him on that very plane (Acts 17:24-31)!

So, does God throw Monkey Wrenches at us? I don't think so. I think He catches them, and uses that wrench to fix the problem, so that a new life can come out of disaster. Even the very worst King Kong of all Monkey Wrenches...murdering Jesus, God-in-the-flesh, our hope, was turned into the most glorious second chance of all (2 Corinthians 5:21).

## Advancing Rep. BeGole Plan Cuts Red Tape, Prioritizes Public Safety Resources

submitted by Denny Schwarze

House Government Operations Committee Chair Brian BeGole recently led the passage of a bill that provides greater flexibility for local public safety efforts.

BeGole's plan, House Bill 5234, allows for salvage vehicle inspection fees to be used for broader law enforcement purposes. Vehicles that have been damaged beyond repair and deemed to be a total loss by an insurance company go through a process that provides them with scrap or salvage titles. Prior to giving repaired salvage vehicles a new full title, local police agencies inspect them to make sure they are safe and road-worthy and charge a fee of \$100 or less for that work.

The revenue from these fees is currently restricted to efforts that address auto theft. Instead of this rigid bureaucratic requirement, HB 5234 allows revenue from salvage vehicle inspection fees be used for public safety initiatives. This includes police equipment, training and road patrol services - areas where local departments can sometimes run into shortfalls.

"We shouldn't restrict how departments can use these funds, especially when there is only so much funding available to a department each year," BeGole said. "The funding from these provided services can go to other areas to help law enforcement protect our communities and neighborhoods."

The plan advanced to the full House for consideration after its unanimous, bipartisan approval by the House Government Operations Committee.

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All aspects of the Project are open for discussion at the public meeting and all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard. If you would prefer to send written comments for consideration, please forward them prior to the public meeting to J. Kevin Cole at [walkerroadsolar@rwe.com](mailto:walkerroadsolar@rwe.com). Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the public meeting should contact J. Kevin Cole at [walkerroadsolar@rwe.com](mailto:walkerroadsolar@rwe.com) at least seven (7) calendar days in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

# A Look Back Through 2025



Kay Goeckel

### Ovid Post Master Retires After 38 Years

February 16, 2025

### 100th Wins for Local Wrestlers

February 2, 2025



Trey Milner Scores 100th Victory at O-E Wrestling Invitational on January 25th



Laingsburgs Marlon Graham Recorded his 100th Career Victory on January 28th During Dual Meet

### Tucker Loynes Signs Letter of Intent

February 16, 2025



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



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### 1978 State Champion Wolfpack Feted for Induction into Lansing Sports Hall of Fame

March 2, 2025



Players from the 1978 State Champion Wolfpack softball team in attendance at the Laingsburg vs Bath Basketball game.



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## Olivia's Second Wish is Granted by a Second Wish by Demetrius Inc.

submitted by Sharlene Powell

Olivia, a remarkable 16-year-old resident of Ovid, MI who was diagnosed with Neuroblastoma Cancer, recently experienced a special moment of joy as her heartfelt second wish was granted. Known for her resilient spirit and positive outlook, Olivia is a determined young girl who is always up for a challenge despite the health obstacles she faces each day.

In her free time, Olivia enjoys swimming and embracing activities that allow her to feel active and carefree. Like many teenagers, she also has a favorite comfort food-pizza-which never fails to bring a smile to her face. Her strength, optimism, and courage continue to inspire those around her.

Olivia's second wish was granted in December 2025, which included a massage chair to provide comfort and relaxation during difficult days, along with a Klokick swing set that encourages outdoor play, movement, and moments of fun and freedom. These gifts were thoughtfully selected to support both her physical well-being and emotional happiness, creating opportunities for rest, laughter, and normalcy.

The second wish was granted by A Second Wish By Demetrius, a Tampa, Florida-based non-profit organization founded by Angela Small., in memory of her nephew Demetrius whose second wish went unfulfilled before his death at age 12. The organization serves children ages 10-18 who are facing life-threatening illnesses by granting personalized "second wishes" that uplift spirits and strengthen families nationwide.

"My heart is truly overwhelmed with so many emotions," said Angela Small, Founder of A Second Wish By Demetrius. "I feel happiness knowing our organization has impacted Olivia's life as she battles health challenges each day, and knowing this will bring such joy to her entire family because of her smiles. I am also saddened that Demetrius is not here to share in this experience and see the impact he is still having on the lives of others. I am humbled and more determined than ever to continue working to grow the organization's resources so we can grant second wishes faster and help even more deserving children."

For more information about A Second Wish By Demetrius or to learn how to support future wish recipients, visit [www.asecondwish.org](http://www.asecondwish.org).



Olivia Enderle

## Rep. BeGole: Review of Spending Projects Will Cut Waste, Fraud, and Abuse, Deliver Clarity

submitted by Denny Schwarze

State Rep. Brian BeGole supported actions the House Appropriations Committee took this week to stop wasteful spending and further overhaul the state's process for earmarks.

The House Appropriations Committee voted to pause funding for numerous projects within the 2025 fiscal year budget. Over \$600 million in project funding will be reviewed.

"Through our budget agreement and transparency reforms that were recently signed into law, we were able to closely look at funding requests and make sure they were a good use of tax dollars and money would actually go where it was intended," BeGole said. "Many of these projects we will be looking at have not even received money yet from the state since that budget was signed over a year ago and it's not really known why," BeGole said. "It just continues to sit in the state's coffers. This is money that should be going to improving our communities and helping families, not serving as a slush fund for Democrat pet projects and state departments."

BeGole underscored funding within several controversial programs that will be reviewed, such as initiatives that assist illegal aliens and encourage kids to report their parents for potential firearm storage violations, a program that would've paid to put tampons in boys bathrooms, a radical green energy push tied to economic development, renovations for multiple private baseball stadiums, ineffective IT projects, and more. There are also several "emergency" funding projects, but those dollars have not yet been used more than a year later despite being initially approved under urgent circumstances.

"People have been wanting Republicans to fight harder to protect their tax dollars, and that's what they're seeing from this Legislature," BeGole said. "We are using every tool we can to deliver on our mission for Michigan workers, families and taxpayers."

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# Sports



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## Six Players, Lady Marauder Team Honored on All-MIVCA Volleyball Squad

OVID-ELSIE -- Five Marauder volleyball players -- and, in fact, coach Angela Ehle's entire team -- have been honored Academic All-State for the 2025 season.

Academic and performance awards are handed out annually by the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association (MIVCA).

Lillian Bates, Ashton Ehle, Jolene Hebler, Sarah Newman and Isabella Phillips all earned individual Academic All-State plaudits. The Lady Marauder collective compiled a glittering 3.90 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) to be an Academic All-State Team.

On the court, Ashton Ehle and Allison Veith were named to the MIVCA All-Region Team.

Despite missing more than one-third of the year, Ehle, a Northwood University signee managed 275 kills, 169 digs and 51 aces. Ashton is also O-E's all-time kills leader with 1,227 for her career.

Freshman middle hitter Veith earned post-season honors with 191 kills, 53 digs and 38 blocks on the season.

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## Lady Wolfpack Keeps Potterville Winless in CMAC Basketball Action

LAINGSBURG -- After a slow first quarter, both offenses began to open up -- in an early-season Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) girls basketball clash.

But it was the host Wolfpack's defense that ruled the night in a 33-19 victory over Potterville.

Mallory Woodbury led coach Dan Morrill's Wolfpack with 11 points, and Brooklyn Holm added 10. Harper Strouse had 10 big rebounds to go along with her 5 points. Leah Mills also chipped in 5 points for LHS.

For the Vikings, Remmi Lienenrath had 12. Potterville remained winless in league play at 0-3, 0-4 overall.

The Lady Wolves kept pace with the CMAC front-running teams at 2-1 in the conference, 3-1 overall.

## Lady Marauders Keep Winning Streak Going With Tough 54-52 Win Over Blue Devils

OVID-ELSIE -- Kendal Tokar dropped in 16 points, adding four assists, and Dannika Campbell ripped down 10 rebounds as Ovid-Elsie extended its girls basketball winning streak to three games.

The Marauders' tight 54-52 victory over the Grosse Pointe South Blue Devils lifted Shaun McKinney's team to 3-1 overall -- after a season-opening loss to Okemos, 44-27.

Tokar swiped four steals to go along with her excellent floor game. Kourtney Loynes was a perfect 7-for-7 from the free throw stripe in the non-league win.



Laingsburgs Harper Strouse #5 had 10 big rebounds and 5 points against Potterville.

Photo by Burg Sports



Laingsburgs Leandro Dolega-Caceres #23 had a season high double double, 23 points and 10 rebounds against Potterville

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## St. Pats Stay Hot in CMAC Cage Race, 59-42 Over Wolfpack

PORTLAND -- Portland St. Patrick ran its early-season CMAC record to 2-1, pulling away in the second half for a 59-42 over Laingsburg's boys basketball team.

Tim Beebe's Wolfpack fell to 1-2 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC), 1-2 overall with the loss.

Landon Freeman led the LHS attack with 11 points. Josiah Hawes pitched in with 8 points, Everett Rodriguez 6, Collin Logghe 6, Leandro Dolega-Caceres 6, Colton Heaton 2, Kade McLean 2 and Nate Malone one. Logghe led Laingsburg's 28-rebound effort with 5.

### Wolf defense comes up big in 15-point win over Potterville

LAINGSBURG -- Leandro Dolega-Caceres tossed in 23 points, and Laingsburg's boys basketball Wolfpack dropped Potterville's record to 3-2, cooling off the Vikings with some solid defense in a decisive 62-47 victory.

The final Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) tuneup before the Christmas break moved Tim Beebe's Wolfpack to 2-2 in the CMAC, a solid 4th place moving into 2026. Overall, LHS stood 2-3 with wins over Bath and Potterville, and losses to Olivet, Fowler and Portland St. Patrick.

Dolega-Caceres enjoyed a season-high double-double, also leading LHS with 10 rebounds. The Wolves shut down the Vikes scoring chances with 59 total rebounds and 8 steals.

Points-wise, Kollin Bentley-Barr added 8 points, Colton Heaton 8, Landon Freeman 8, Jake Rivet 4, Cash Holton 3, Josiah Hawes 3, Waylon Rowley 2, Everett Rodriguez 2 and Collin Logghe one.

### Wolfpack cagers fall for 2nd time in a row by identical 59-42 count

FOWLER -- Well. That's weird.

In back-to-back games, five days apart on the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) boys basketball slate, Laingsburg fell by identical 59-42 scores.

The first game on December 12 at Portland St. Patrick. The Fowler Eagles duplicated the feat on their home floor December 17, staying unbeaten at 5-0 overall, 3-0 in league play.

Jonah Thelen led all scorers with 22 points for the Eagles, and Garrett Kline added 16 in dropping the visiting Wolfpack to 1-2 in conference play, 1-3 overall.

A balanced Wolfpack attack was led by Landon Freeman with 13 points, Josiah Hawes 11, Leandro Dolega-Caceres 9, Everett Rodriguez 3, Cash Holton 2, Collin Logghe 2 and Jake Rivet 2 tallies.





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## Josh's Frogs Announces Winner of 2025 Amphibian Conservation Grant Program

submitted by Evan Klinkoski

Owosso — Josh's Frogs is proud to announce the results of the 2025 Josh's Frogs Amphibian Conservation Grant Program, chosen through a public vote that rallied amphibian lovers from around the world. Thanks to overwhelming community participation, \$5,500 in grant funding will support seven impactful conservation projects spanning Asia, Africa, and the Americas.

Taking first place and \$1,500 is the Nepal Conservation and Research Center for their project, "Conservation Awareness of Mahabharat Torrent Frog in Palpa and Gulmi Districts of Nepal." This initiative focuses on protecting Amolops mahabharatensis, a frog of both ecological and cultural importance, through community education and regional conservation awareness.

In second place, receiving \$1,000, is the El Valle Amphibian Conservation Center (EVACC) Foundation for "Renovations and Lighting Additions to Rescue Pods." For one of the world's most important amphibian conservation facilities, these upgrades will directly improve care and captive breeding outcomes for some of Central America's most critically endangered species, including the Panamanian Golden Frog, *Atelopus zeteki*.

A third-place award of \$1,000 goes to Asociación Pro Fauna Silvestre (Pro Wildlife Association) for "Eradication of Invasive Species and Habitat Conservation of the Huancavelica Golden Frog (*Telmatobius ventriflavum*) in the Eastern Andes of Peru." This project targets invasive species and habitat protection for one of Peru's rarest amphibians.

The remaining finalists each received \$500 to advance critical research and conservation work:

University of Notre Dame's Rohr Lab for "Developing a prophylactic treatment for the deadly chytrid fungus *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis*," which aims to introduce a revolutionary new tool to combat one of the greatest threats amphibians face worldwide.

J&R Aquatic Animal Rescue for "Statewide Bd/Bsal Testing Initiative for Surrendered Amphibians," improving disease monitoring and biosecurity for at-risk animals.

PA Woods & Forests for the "Mountain Chorus Frog Conservation & Acoustic Monitoring Initiative," using sound-based monitoring to track and protect native populations.

Endangered Wildlife Conservation Organization (EWCO) for "Building Uganda's First Citizen Science Platform for Amphibian Conservation," empowering local communities to participate directly in conservation efforts.

"We strongly believe that linking commercial activity to conservation projects is an essential model for conservation," said Josh's Frogs founder and CEO Joshua Willard. "It's a great opportunity for our customers to impact native populations through participation in their hobby."

The Josh's Frogs Amphibian Conservation Grant Program is part of the company's ongoing commitment to ethical captive breeding, improved animal husbandry, and real-world conservation outcomes. 2025 marks the program's 6th consecutive year of funding projects that protect amphibians where they live—and where they're most vulnerable.

For more information about the grant program and Josh's Frogs' conservation initiatives, visit [joshsfrogs.com](http://joshsfrogs.com).

## MDARD Opens Application Period for the 2026 Equine Grant Program

submitted by Lynsey Mukomel

LANSING— The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) and the Michigan Horse Racing Advisory Commission (HRAC) announced today that they will accept proposals for the 2026 Equine Grant Program until February 27, 2026 at 5 p.m. ET.

Established by Michigan's Horse Racing Law of 1995, the Equine Grant Program provides a total of up to \$125,000 in grant funding annually for:

- The promotion and marketing of horse racing
- Equine-related research
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To qualify for the Equine Grant Program, entities must be in good standing with the State of Michigan, must be able to provide financial statements for the prior fiscal year and must have been in business for at least two years. Additional program information, eligibility requirements and application instructions are available on MDARD's website.

Prospective applicants must submit their grant proposals to MDARD no later than 5 p.m. ET on Friday, February 27, 2026. Proposals for this grant program are subject to a competitive process that includes review by an evaluation committee.

MDARD and the HRAC plan to announce grant recipients for this round of funding in April 2026. MDARD will issue funding to grant recipients on a cost reimbursement basis.

For more information about the Equine Grant Program, email [MDARD-Equine@michigan.gov](mailto:MDARD-Equine@michigan.gov).

Visit MDARD's grant web page for more information about agriculture and rural development grants.

## Sports

### Marauders Get First Boys Basketball Win in 5 Tries, 51-40 Over Chesaning

OVID-ELSIE — Travis Milner went 8-for-8 from the free throw stripe down the stretch, showcasing Ovid-Elsie's toughness in a hard-fought, 51-40 boys basketball victory over Chesaning.

After an 0-5 start to the 2025-26 season, Canyon Walker's young Marauder contingent finally picked up its first victory. The Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) triumph lifted O-E to 1-3 in the league.

Chesaning fell to 2-5 and 1-3 in MMAC action.

After narrow 45-40 and 45-41 MMAC losses to Montrose and Durand, respectively, Walker explained, "I'm hoping this can snowball into some really great things for the future here. We've had a couple of close (losses) already this year."

A sold-out crowd watched as O-E fell behind early, 19-8, before finding its way defensively. The Marauders fought back to within 21-13 at halftime, igniting a furious rally.

Ovid-Elsie raced to a 9-0 run after the intermission to strike its first lead of the contest -- with the home crowd in a frenzy. "It's some of the most fun games you could have because the student sections are going, the fans are going, the kids are playing their absolute hardest."

"The fans show up, the towns support their squads."

Buoyed by the boisterous home-floor advantage, the Marauders fought to a 35-32 advantage into the final quarter. The combatants settled into a back-and-forth slugfest, O-E up by one with just under 2:00 remaining. That's when Brody Howard drained a 3-pointer, giving the Marauders the cushion they needed and setting up Milner's foul-strike heroics.

Milner led the Marauders with 16 points while Joie Fabus added 11. Indian sharp-shooter Justin Lange led all scorers with 22 points.

Next up for Walker's charges was hosting the M-21 Classic, starting December 30 at O-E. Ovid-Elsie takes on Fowler in the first round, in a field that also includes the Owosso Trojans and St. Johns Redwings.

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Lot 221, Assessor's Plat of City of DeWitt-North, City of DeWitt, Clinton County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 8 of Plats, Page 1, Clinton County Records. 302 E Main St, Dewitt, Michigan 48820

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. Dated: December 14, 2025 File No. 25-015093 Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084 Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

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Estate of DAVID WAYNE WILDMO Date of Birth: April 28, 1974  
**TO ALL CREDITORS:**  
**NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS:**  
 The decedent DAVID WAYNE WILDMO Died on November 18, 2025 Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to Tyler Wildmo, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 100 E. State St., Ste. 4300, St. Johns, MI 48879 within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Tyler Wildmo  
 3881 Audrey Rae Lane  
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### Hearts Are Warmed as Laingsburg Winterfest Includes Holiday 'Thoughtful Trees' Initiative

LAINGSBURG -- The 2025 holiday season shone just a little brighter with what has become a community tradition at Winterfest this year: "Thoughtful Trees."

Local businesses and volunteers decorated holiday trees with a special intent; to donate them to families who could use a little extra this Christmas season.

"Congratulations and thank you to our 2025 Thoughtful Tree Winner: Farmers Insurance (Budnick Insurance Group)," explained organizer Gail Geasler. "Also thanks to the Clothesline, DG Hair Design, Lakeside Garden Floral, the City of Laingsburg and Tank's Tavern for decorating a Thoughtful Tree."

Thoughtful Trees is a unique opportunity for local businesses to decorate with purpose; the community then voting "with kindness," explains Gail, and every single tree being donated to families " ... who could use a little extra holiday magic," she says.

Thanks to community partnerships organized through the Laingsburg Business and Community Association (LBCA), all six decorated and donated trees were delivered to deserving local families — each accompanied with a \$100 gift certificate for needed food.

"A special thanks to Home Depot for donating the trees and (Lions Club member) Terry Fraidenburg for facilitating this," said Gail. "Also special thanks to Peacock Tree Farm for donating the gift certificates."

The new holiday tradition would not be possible without the dedicated committee of volunteers who organize, coordinate, and bring this project to life each year.

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