

With everything changing daily, if not hourly, we would advise that you call ahead to be sure the event is still scheduled.

Ongoing
Mondays – Disabled American Veterans meet the third Monday, 5 p.m. at the VFW/American Legion Post 496 E. Houghton Ave. in West Branch. Call 989-473-3416.
Mondays – Rose City Lions Club meets the second and fourth Monday, 6:30 p.m. at the Log Cabin in the Rose City Park. Call Ed 989-387-0609.
Mondays – (Second of each month) **Coalition of Hope** 9 a.m. Meeting virtually. Suicide prevention, intervention and post-vention. Call 989-345-5571.
Monday – (Third of each month, April-Dec.) **Ogemaw County Genealogical and Historical Society** 12:30 p.m. at the Trinity Episcopal Church, 100 E. Houghton Ave., West Branch. Call 989-701-2525.
Tuesdays – Kiwanis Club of West Branch meets at noon at G's Pizzeria in downtown West Branch. Call 989-345-0978.
Tuesdays – Rose City Area Historical Society meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., April through November, except August. Meet at the Rose City Lions Club Cabin. Call Cathy 989-345-5659.
Tuesdays – T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) **weigh in**from 9:40 a.m. to 10:20 a.m., meeting

from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.. Ogemaw Hills Free Clinic, 2106 S. Gray Rd. in West Branch. Call Robin 989-343-0592.
Tuesdays – (First of each month) **West Branch Creative Arts Association meeting**, 7 p.m. located at 124 N. Fourth St. in West Branch. Call 989-345-1451.
Tuesdays – (First of each month) **West Branch Area Retail Merchants Association meeting**, 6 p.m. Held at the West Branch City Police Department. Call 989-345-5226.
Tuesdays – (Second of each month) **Christian Motorcycle Association** 6 p.m. for food and fellowship, 7 p.m. business meeting at G's Pizzeria, 200 W. Houghton Ave. in West Branch. Call Gary 989-343-9876.
Tuesdays – (Fourth of each month) **Rifle River Quilt Guild** 9:30 a.m. at the K of C Hall, 601 Columbus Dr. in West Branch. The meeting will be followed by a Show and Tell, mini-classes, quilting tips, demos and time to sew. Bring your sewing machine, a project and your lunch. Any level of quilter is welcome. Call Diane 517-304-6971. We do not meet in the month of December.
Tuesdays – (Third of each month) **Cardinal Optimist Club of Skidway Lake.** Third Tuesday 5:30 p.m.

at Café International, 4761 Sage Lake Rd. in Prescott. Call Janet 989-387-2640.
Tuesdays – (Second of each month) **Survivors of Suicide Support Group** 6:30 p.m. Call Vicki 989-510-0911 or info@coalition-ofhope.net for location. National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 800-273-8255 or text 741741.
Tuesdays – (Fourth of each month) **Ogemaw County Democratic Party** 5pm at the Ogemaw County Annex Building in West Branch. Call Ken at 989-345-1066.
Tuesdays – (Fourth of each month) **Ogemaw County Republican Party** meeting 5:30 p.m. at G's Pizzeria in downtown West Branch. Call Kristine 989-343-5120.
Tuesday – (Last of each month) **Diabetes Support Group** 1-2 p.m. Medical Arts Center, diabetes education conference room. Call 989-343-3276.
Wednesdays – West Branch Area Business and Professional Women's Organization meets the second Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. Different locations each month. Call 989-745-4067 for information.
Wednesdays – (First of each month) **Veterans coffee hour** 9-10 a.m. Held at the Ogemaw County Commission on Aging, 1528 S.

M-33 in West Branch. Call 989-345-3010.
Wednesdays – (First and third) **Grief Support Group** 6:30 p.m. Faith Alive Church, 2945 Hansen Rd. in West Branch. Open to the entire community. Call 989-345-5440.
Thursdays – (First and third of each month) **Newborn Parent Support Group** 6-7:30 p.m. My-Michgan Health - West Branch in the executive dining room. Call 800-999-3199.
Thursdays – Northern Blend Sweet Adelines meets every week 7 p.m. at Logan Township Hall, 4507 E. M-55, Prescott. Call Ellen 989-345-0978.
Thursdays – (Second and fourth) **Sit & Knit**, 1 p.m. Knitting, needlework, and friendship. Whatever you craft. Ogemaw Commission on Aging, 1528 S. M-33 in West Branch. Call Alicia 989-345-3010, ext. 201.
Thursdays – (Third of each month) **Rose City/Lupton Chamber of Commerce meets** at 6:30 p.m. at the Rose City Council Chambers. Call Carl 989-473-3268.
Thursdays – Optimist Club of West Branch meets at 7 a.m. at the Loggers Depot in West Branch. Call 989-942-6608.
Thursdays - The Ogemaw County

Fair board meets the first Thursday of each month in the main building at the fairgrounds. Call 989-345-5393.

July 10

Civil War Encampment, Friday, July 10 and Saturday, July 11, Irons Park, West Branch.

July 11

West Branch Area Fireworks, Saturday, July 11, at dusk.

July 15

Golf for Life, benefitting the Life Choices Resources Center, Wednesday, July 15, at The Dream, 5745 Old M-76 and The Nightmare, 5266 M-76, West Branch.

August 6

West Branch First Ever National Night Out, Thursday, Aug. 6, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., located at West Branch Commons, 2460 S. M-76, West Branch.

August 8 - 9

Victorian Art Fair, Aug. 8 and 9, Irons Park, West Branch.

To place your event in the Community Happenings, email information to deanna@superior-news.com

FAITH & WORSHIP
God is love

“No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
—Romans 8:37-39 NIV

God is love. And He loves us all no matter where we are in life. God's love is unconditional. God's love is without limit. God loves us so much and his love is so deep that nothing can change his love or stop him from loving us.

God loves us in all seasons of life. God loves us every second of everyday. God loves us. God's love is permanent. God's love can never fade away.

God loves us and because of his love he cares for us. God Himself his love. God is full of love.

When I am waking up it's God loving me, God loves me in every situation and his love is always present in our lives. Even when I am not feeling well, his love is still there and yes I am not feeling well but that does not stop God from loving me, God does not want me to be in pain but his love is present to heal me of the pain. When I feel disappointed God loves me.

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Rev. Helen Alford

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Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. all ages
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Classy Chassis cruises into downtown WB



Each summer, downtown West Branch comes alive with the shine of chrome, the rumble of vintage engines and a celebration of automotive history during the Classy Chassis Car Show, and this year was no exception. Hosted by the West Branch Area Retail Merchants Association, the nostalgic event attracted classic car owners and enthusiasts from across the region. For three hours, people viewed classic rides, peered into engines and shared memories of vehicles they once owned. Which was your favorite?

Photos by Laura Bender



WB Little League presents 2026 awards



Courtesy photo

West Branch Area Little League players, coaches and fans gathered Tuesday, June 23, to celebrate with this year's award winners. Pictured (l-r) Graham Dzieszinski, Tayan Wangler, Luke Hughes, Andrea Wade, Avery Wade, McKenna Beaver and Hazel Hyde. Awards recipients not pictured are Connor Noffsinger, Blake Beaver, Kadence Palm and Emerick Culton.

Difference

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BY LAURA BENDER

For 18 years, Whittemore-PreScott High School students have been bringing help and hope to local cancer patients.

"We held the first Cancer Walk when I was a junior," Allison Schulte said.

Now a paraprofessional in the math department, Allison graduated in 2009. She and her sister, Ashleigh, a 2008 graduate, are the co-advisors of the Cardinal Leadership Program, created last year at the suggestion of principal Clinton Miller, who sought to combine several student groups with similar purposes. The Cardinal Leadership Program has over 25 members who work together to sponsor the annual Cancer Walk and other events throughout the school year.

"The students do all the work," Allison said. "They take shifts manning the bake sale and the sno-cone and face painting booths. They manage the walk in the gym, look for business donations, and even make all the baked goods themselves."

"This year we raised more money in a day than in any

previous year," Allison said. "Since there was a home game the night of the Cancer Walk, the Cardinal Leadership Program students continued their fundraisers during the game. We raised \$4,496, which we split between MyMichigan Medical Center in Tawas and MyMichigan Medical Center in West Branch. The money is used to buy gas cards for patients in need. Both my grandmothers died from cancer, so I have dealt directly with the impact cancer has on families. Making multiple trips for treatment each week can be hard on a budget. Providing gas cards can alleviate some of that stress."

Following the fundraiser, Cardinal Leadership members presented donations to both cancer centers and toured the facilities. During their visits, students met with staff members and learned how their contributions will directly impact patients receiving cancer treatment in their communities.

"We are incredibly grateful for the compassion, initiative, and generosity demonstrated by the students in the Cardinal

Leadership Program," said Kelsey Killinger, director, MyMichigan Health Foundation. "Their commitment to supporting local cancer patients will make a difference by helping ensure patients can access the care they need without the added burden of transportation challenges."

"I love working with the Cardinal Leadership Program because it helps to grow these kids and instills in them the need to be involved in their community," Allison said.

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The Kiwanis Club meets at noon on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the G's Pizzeria, West Branch. Anyone interested in learning about our organization is welcome to attend. If you would like to be a guest speaker to show us what you do, text Denny at 315-725-1199. If you want to help the children of West Branch and around the world, we are here.

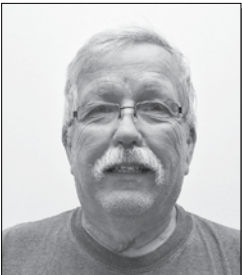
AKTION CLUB

The Aktion Club continues to collect bottles and cans. You can text 315-725-1199 and make arrangements for pick up or drop off locations. We sold water at Music in the Park on July 9. On the 4th of July, we held a corn-hole tournament in Rose City Park. On July 17 we will be having our annual garage sale, located at 385 W. M-55 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hope to see you there so look for the ads. Help us support organizations in West Branch. Those with special needs interested in joining our club, you have to be over 18 and completed school. Our members range in age from 20 to over 60. Come on the second Wednesday of the month at noon at the First United Methodist Church on the corner of Fairview and State roads, West Branch.

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 FOOD PANTRY

We have around 12 people who come to help pack and distribute boxes of food to 50 to

Kiwanis
 CORNER



DENNY SHUMWAY

75 families each week. I would like to thank them for their assistance. Donations of food or money to help us with the influx of families is always welcome. We had over 220 families in June. You can add to your grocery bill at Meijer Store with a card found at the checkouts or customer service. It is only \$10 added to your bill to help someone in need.

We will take donations every Wednesday of the month from 8:30 to 11 a.m. We are located in the outreach building behind the Trinity Episcopal Church, 100 E. Houghton Ave., PO Box 543, West Branch. We thank all those that have donated. If bad weather, text ahead to 315-725-1199 to see if we are open. We are open every Wednesday from 9-11 a.m. or until we run out of food. Families can come once a month. We want to thank those individual donors for their generosity at this special time. We also have several businesses to thank, Starbucks, General Dollar stores of West Branch and St. Helen, and last but not least, KFC. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

FOOD TRUCK

The monthly food truck will be at the First United Methodist on the corner of Fairview and State roads on Aug. 14. Line up starts at 9 a.m. This institution is an equal opportunity provider. If you have a box, bring it with you. See you there.

‘Music on the Porch’ to feature Joel Sheltroun



BY SALLY A. REA
 HISTORIAN AND
 CURATOR

On July 14, starting at 6:30 p.m., Joel Sheltroun will headline the entertainment on the Ogemaw County Museum porch. Be sure to bring a lawn chair. If the weather is bad the event will be cancelled and not rescheduled.

On Thursday, June 25, we had a very busy day. Our donation box took in \$61. We also sold one of the “Prescott History books. People keep telling me how clean our museum is. Thanks to our cleaning lady, Jennifer Hueber.

I left all the glass cases still on display that I set up for West Branch High School, Rose City High School, and St. Joseph’s Catholic School. Be sure to come and see them, it would be worth the trip. I have Ron Goldy’s and Clifford Gildner’s saxophones on display.



Our Ogemaw County Museum is such an asset to our community and all who come from out of town. I have been able to connect people with different family histories. Right now, Vicki Seltz Barnes and I have been working with Udo Huff from Ogemaw Springs on its history. Udo has been a blessing with all of his research on this area.

I’ve also been working with Kevin White and his metal detector and he is coming back this Thursday with more artifacts.

Barry Wilkinson has been working hard on getting a contractor to repaint the areas of our

building and we have found one and he is working on a bid for us.

I want to thank all of our greeters who take the time to greet our visitors and make sure they sign our guest book.

It has been voted to close our Ogemaw County Museum on Labor Day of this year and not reopen until Memorial Day 2027. However, I will be available for people to make appointments for tours, selling books, and donations. My phone number is 989-343-0177. For more information call me, Sally Rea.

News from the Skidway Lake area

BY APRIL HARKEY-MASON

On June 22, the Blight Advisory Committee worked on a project. Volunteers were Whittemore Prescott volleyball coaches and players. They cleaned up a yard for a resident that was physically not able to do it themselves. The yard now looks nice and will be able to be maintained in the future. One more blighted yard is gone. This was awesome of these young girls and coaches to volunteer to do this for our community.



APRIL HARKEY-MASON

Also, the Blight Advisory Committee has did a project for

another resident that had a 28-foot boat dumped in the yard and no way of getting rid of it. Steve Yuchasz, our Mills Township Ordinance officer, and volunteers Mike Sova, Tom Angel, and Charles Wiltsse all gathered there and cut the boat up with saws and put it piece by piece in a 30-yard dumpster. The drivetrain from the boat will be sold to recoup some of the cost of the dumpster. The dumpster was not completely full, so they left it there for the neighborhood to top it off with anything they needed to get rid of, resulting in a much cleaner neighborhood.

One by one our Mills Township/Skidway Lake people are helping to make our area better.

At the last Mills Township monthly meeting on June 9, Steve Yuchasz reported he had 60 plus open cases. He is actively working on all of them with major time spent trying to contact the owners. Many cases have been closed, and owners complied with the requests, and all was great. Others just ignore getting anything done and then citations are issued. Steve Yuchasz has a list of grants the township can apply for to use on blighted properties. These grants would be used for large projects and would help greatly.

Mills Township offered a curb side trash pickup on June 20; it went very well. Residents who wanted to participate were asked

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Millage back on the August ballot

BY GAIL HUGHEY

The West Branch-Rose City Area Schools has a proposal on the Aug. 4, 2026, ballot. This proposal, which will have no effect on a homeowner’s primary residence, is to restore the millage to the maximum allowed by the state of 18 mills.



GAIL HUGHEY
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This millage is levied on properties not otherwise exempt by law, such as businesses, second homes, vacant properties, and rentals.

The proposal will restore millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and is considered a Headlee Override. The

total amount levied can only restore the amount that has been reduced from the maximum amount of 18 mills. The school district is asking for approval of five mills to address the current rollback and the rollbacks over the next eight years of the operational millage.

In previous years, the rollback has been relatively small. In the 2025-26 school year, the rollback resulted in a loss of \$397,106. In the coming school year, the loss will be just over \$540,000. This affects our general funds, which are used for general operations of the school district, including

classroom supplies, transportation, staffing, utilities, facility maintenance, and athletics.

The Michigan Headlee Amendment requires local governments to “roll back” property tax millage rates if the total assessed value of existing property in a community grows faster than the rate of inflation.

For more information about this proposal or about our school district, contact us at 989-343-2001. Check our website at wbrc.k12.mi.us, or the district Facebook page.

Join us at Ogemaw Heights High School for a tour on Monday, July 20, at 7 p.m. or Tuesday, July 21, at 9 a.m. Let us show you how we have put your tax dollars to use, providing opportunities for our students to have a successful future.

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Obituaries

Faynis Mildred Price

Sept. 25, 1930 – June 28, 2026

Faynis Mildred Price, passed away on Sunday, June 28, 2026, surrounded by her family at her home in Prescott, at the age of 95. She was born on Sept. 25, 1930, in Fargo, N.D., to her parents, Maurice and Mildred (Evanson) Hagen.

Fay's life was characterized by her nurturing spirit, unwavering faith, and devotion to her family and friends. A member of Faith Lutheran Church in Prescott, Fay found deep fulfillment in her faith. She was an active participant within her church community, and her involvement extended to membership in the Red Hat Society, where her warm personality and sense of camaraderie were treasured by fellow members.

In her leisure time, Fay found joy and inspiration in simple pleasures. She delighted in baking for her loved ones and sharing recipes that became family treasures. Her flower gardens were a testament to her patience and appreciation for beauty. She was devoted to Bible study, deepening her faith and wisdom while fostering meaningful relationships. Moments spent at Hardwood Lake, especially embracing the serenity of the outdoors and the fun of square dancing, filled her days with happiness. Above all, Fay cherished precious time spent surrounded by



her family, creating generations of warm memories.

She is survived by her loving children, David Price, Denise Batchelor, and Duncan Price. Fay leaves behind a vibrant legacy through her grandchildren - Mary Batchelor, Brenda Batchelor, Amber Price, Amy (Yancy) Arguilez, Andrea Romero, Angela Price, Dominique Price, Dione Price, and Duncan Price Jr. She is also survived by many great-grandchildren and her sister, Gloria Ayotte.

Fay is preceded in death by her beloved husband of 63 years, Albert Price; her parents; her son, Daniel Price; her grandsons, Allen and Jamie Price, and her brother, Kent Hagen.

Family and friends were invited to honor Fay's life at Faith Lutheran Church in Prescott, where visitation was held on Thursday, July 2, with the funeral service following. Interment took place at Mills Township Cemetery in Prescott. Pastor Edward Meyer officiated.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Faith Lutheran Church in Prescott, Mich.

Arrangements were handled by Steuernol & McLaren Funeral Home in West Branch, Mich. www.steuernolmclaren.com

Dallas Wendell Wiltse

Sept. 30, 1937 – July 4, 2026

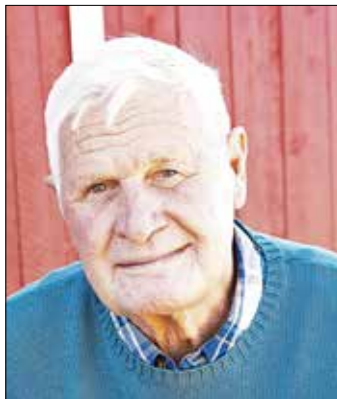
Dallas Wendell Wiltse, born on Sept. 30, 1937, in Detroit, Mich., to Roy and Vella (Rose) Wiltse. He passed away suddenly on July 4, 2026, in West Branch at the age of 88 years.

His family moved from Detroit when he was very young. He graduated from West Branch High School in 1955. He then worked for over 30 years as a dairy farmer at Wiltse Dairy Farm. He committed his hard work and time to the farm and its success. He became a respected and familiar figure in the local farming community and was a proud member of the National Farmers Organization.

Dallas found great joy in Michigan's great outdoors. He especially enjoyed hunting, fishing, and camping.

Among Dallas's proudest accomplishments was the family he raised - a source of pride and happiness throughout his life.

Dallas is survived by his children: Daris Wiltse of Lupton, Lisa Diehl of Lupton,



Eric (Leslie) Wiltse of Lupton, and Walter Wiltse of Alpena. He leaves behind seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. He is also fondly remembered by his brother Roy (Marlene) Wiltse of Rose City, his twin brother Dalton (Bonnie) Wiltse of Lupton and brother-in-law Bob (Carol) Grenkowitz of Romeo, Mich.

Dallas was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Vella (Rose) Wiltse, his beloved wife Barbara Wiltse, in 2021, and his son-in-law, Ron Diehl.

Those fortunate to have known Dallas will remember his commitment to his family, work and his readiness to help others. His legacy will live on in the stories he told, the friendships he built, and the love he shared with his family.

Per his wishes, cremation has taken place.

Arrangements were handled by Steuernol & McLaren Funeral Home. www.steuernolmclaren.com

Skidway Lake

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to call to register for the pickup. Registering was important to cut the cost of the garbage truck having to travel every road for this extra service. About 70 residents participated in the spring cleanup. Mills Township also was approved for the tire recycle grant and will be doing that again this year. The dates will be Aug. 21 and 22.

The Mills Township/ Skidway Lake Beautification Committee has done a great job. The area is beautiful with flowerbeds and flowerpots all through town and at the cemetery. There was a lot of hard work in planting and watering them all. Chairperson Wendy Chesnut, Co-Chair Sue Boom, Treasurer Jackie Allen and Secretary

Ashley Mannino are on the board of the committee

At the meetings several volunteers meet to make plans for new projects and maintenance of existing projects. They are planning a fun time for kids called Chalk, Talk & Tailgate. It will be at the Skidway Lake Beach Park on Aug. 15. The kids will use washable chalk to do their artwork on the marked off squares of the sidewalk and basketball court. Plans are still being worked on, and it should be a great time. If you would like to help, the next meetings for this will be July 15, 29, and Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. at the new Mills Township Hall.

James Burton Zambeck

March 24, 1946 – June 30, 2026

James Burton Zambeck, known to everyone as Jim, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 30, 2026, at Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord, Mich., at the age of 80.

Jim was born on March 24, 1946, in Taylor, Mich., to Nicholas and Dorothy (McNiven) Zambeck. Although he had made his home in Atlanta, Mich., for the past year, he spent more than 50 years in West Branch, where he built a life, raised his family, and became a familiar face throughout the community.

A proud graduate of Taylor Center High School's Class of 1964, Jim attended Northern Michigan University for one year before answering the call to serve his country. In June 1966, he enlisted in the United States Navy Seabees, serving honorably during the Vietnam era. Following his honorable discharge in 1968, he returned to Taylor for a short time before settling in West Branch in 1975.

After moving to West Branch, Jim began working as a mechanic at Ben Hodges Chevrolet, where his love of automobiles and talent for fixing them quickly became evident. His entrepreneurial spirit later led him to open his own used car dealership, Milds to Wilds. He eventually returned to retail automotive sales, building lasting friendships and earning the trust of his customers during his years at Team Hodges and Hart GMC.

Jim never met a stranger. He had an incredible memory for names, families, and hometown connections, and he could strike up a conversation with just about anyone. His quick wit, infectious laugh, and gift for storytelling made him the life of many gatherings. Whether you knew him for decades or had just met him, Jim had a way of making you feel like an old friend.

His passion for automobiles extended far beyond his career. Jim loved restoring and building cars, attending car shows, and spent many years as crew chief for Rosebrugh Racing, where he combined his mechanical talent with his love of racing. He also treasured the outdoors, feeding

animals in his backyard, hunting, boating, or simply enjoying Northern Michigan.

Above all else, Jim loved his family. He rarely missed an opportunity to cheer on his sons as they competed in youth and high school sports. He was their biggest supporter, whether standing on the sidelines, stands, or celebrating their accomplishments afterward. More than anything, he encouraged them to build lives of their own and pursue their dreams, wherever those roads would take them. In recent months, nothing



brought him greater joy than becoming "Grandpa" to his cherished granddaughter, Iyla. The time he spent with his family was what he valued most.

Jim is survived by his beloved spouse, Teresa "Mary T" Schaiberger; his sons, Nicholas (Michelle) Zambeck and James W. (Ashlee) Zambeck, both of California; his cherished granddaughter, Iyla James Zambeck; his sisters, Carol Showler and Kay Roe; and many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Nicholas and Dorothy Zambeck; his brothers, Nicholas, Thomas, Joseph, and Michael; and his sister, Donna.

Jim will be remembered for his kindness, humor, generosity, unwavering loyalty, and his remarkable ability to make everyone feel welcome. His legacy lives on in the stories he told, the friendships he built, and the love he shared with his family and friends.

A memorial visitation honoring Jim will be held at Steuernol & McLaren Funeral Home in West Branch on Saturday, July 11, 2026, beginning at 11 a.m. until a Celebration of Life, time of sharing, starting at 1 p.m. with military honors.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America in Jim's honor at <https://vva.org/donate>.

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Independence Day parade in West Branch with Veteran of the Year Don Card.



Independence Day parade in Skidway Lake. Photos by Laura Bender



Raelynn Conover, age 3, and her brother Luke, age 2, hoping for some candy. wait for the Rose City parade to begin.

Pictured right, John and Kristine Detroyer show their patriotic spirit in the Skidway Lake parade.



Resident of West Branch flies her flag during the parade.



Kevin Wellisley is the willing chauffeur for three generations of his wife's family: Grandmother Deanna Gullifor, mother Wendy Stellwag, and daughter Diamon Stellwag Wellisley in the Skidway Lake parade.



Horses on parade in downtown Rose City.



Historical figure celebrates 250 years in West Branch. Photo by Emily Reed

Cardinal Optimist Club of Skidway Lake hosts ‘Fun in the Sun’



As part of the Independence Day festivities in Skidway Lake on Friday, July 3, the Cardinal Optimist Club of Skidway Lake once again hosted its annual "Fun in the Sun" celebration, bringing smiles to children from across the community. The family-friendly event featured games, a bicycle raffle and a variety of activities throughout the day. Thanks to the dedication of club volunteers and generous community supporters, the annual tradition provided an afternoon filled with fun, laughter and lasting memories for all the kids who attended.

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Aktion Club continues to raise money for the community



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Members of the Aktion Club of West Branch recently gathered at “Music in the Park” to sell water. Sponsored by Kiwanis Club of West Branch, the club continues to make a positive impact through service work, fundraising efforts and participation in community events across Ogemaw County. The group, consisting of special need adults, is always looking for new members. For those interested or more information, their meeting is scheduled on the second Wednesday of each month at the First United Methodist Church, located on the corner of State and Fairview roads, West Branch.

Pioneer

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delicious meals and baked goods, a daily tractor parade and a flea market will round out the event.

Bring your family and explore our local heritage together. Pioneer Power Field, 302 M-55, is located about six miles east of downtown West Branch, behind Midwest Supply.

Gates will be open Thursday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will open Sunday for the 9 a.m. church service. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for kids, 12 and under. For more information visit them on facebook.

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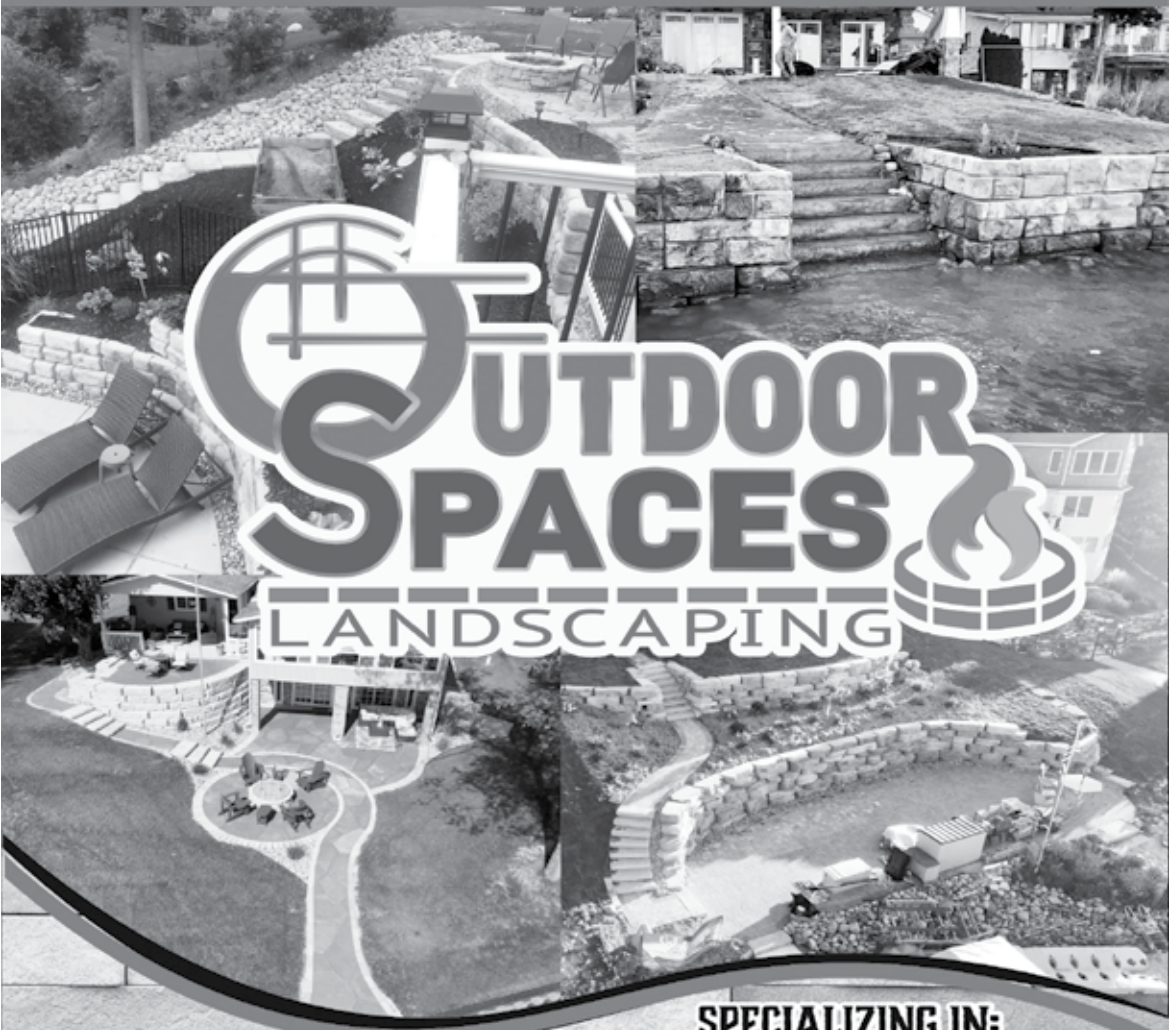
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As cyber threats continue to evolve, small businesses have become the number one target for cybercriminals. To help local employers protect themselves, the Ogemaw County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) is hosting a free Cyber Security Event on Monday, July 27, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Ogemaw County EDC/Michigan Works! offices, 2389 S. M-76, West Branch.

The presentation will feature Tarek Sasy, Dark Web Intelligence Analyst with the Michigan Cyber Command Center, who will provide practical, real-world strategies to help businesses recognize vulnerabilities before they become costly incidents.

Many cyberattacks don't begin with highly sophisticated hacking techniques. Instead, they exploit everyday security gaps, making businesses of every size vulnerable. This educational session is designed to provide attendees with practical knowledge they can put into action immediately.

Participants will learn:
How to better understand their organization's real level of cyber risk.
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"Cybersecurity is no longer just an IT issue. It is a business issue," said Penny Payea, executive director of the Ogemaw County Economic Development Corporation. "Whether you have two employees or 200, protecting your business from cyber threats is essential. We're excited to bring this important resource to our local business community."

The event is made possible through a sponsorship of Northern Initiatives, whose ongoing support helps provide businesses with valuable educational opportunities and access to financing and business development resources.

This event is free to attend; however, registration is required. Participants may register using the QR code on the event flyer or by emailing ppayea@michworks4u.org.

Business owners, managers, nonprofit organizations, local governments, and anyone responsible for protecting organizational data are encouraged to attend.

For additional information, contact: Penny Payea, Executive Director, Ogemaw County Economic Development Corporation, 989-345-1090, ppayea@michworks4u.org.

MyMichigan Health successfully performs first robotic-assisted lung biopsy

Galen Ohnmacht, M.D., board-certified thoracic surgeon at MyMichigan Health, and his team have successfully completed the health system's first robotic-assisted lung biopsy using the newly acquired ION Intuitive system. The advanced technology helps physicians diagnose lung cancer and other lung conditions with greater precision.

"The robotic-assisted biopsy system gives us the ability to access areas of the lung that were once extremely challenging to reach," said Dr. Ohnmacht. "This technology also increases our diagnostic accuracy and helps us detect lung cancer earlier, when treatment options are often most effective."

The ION system strengthens MyMichigan Health's comprehensive lung cancer program by working alongside low-dose CT (LDCT) lung cancer screening. While LDCT scans can find suspicious lung nodules before symptoms appear, the ION system helps physicians safely reach and biopsy many of those nodules, that can be smaller or even deeper in the lungs, allowing for earlier and more accurate diagnoses.

Using ultra-thin, shape-sensing technology and 3D CT-based

planning, the ION robotic-assisted platform allows physicians to navigate deep into the lungs with greater stability and control. This makes it possible to reach small nodules in hard-to-access areas that were once difficult to biopsy.

"MyMichigan Health is investing in minimally invasive procedures and advanced technology to provide the best possible care for our patients," said Melwyn Sequeira, M.D., oncology service line chief for MyMichigan Health. "We are the region's destination of choice for cancer care and are recognized for delivering high-quality care while keeping the patient experience at the center of everything we do."

In addition to the ION system, as well as low-dose CT lung cancer screening, MyMichigan's comprehensive lung care program also includes board-certified thoracic surgeons and pulmonologists, multidisciplinary tumor board review, personalized cancer treatment, a lung cancer coordinator and a lung cancer nurse navigator.

Those interested in more information on MyMichigan Health's comprehensive cancer program may visit www.mymichigan.org/cancer.

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Mrs. Roper's Romp returns to WB



Photo by Laura Bender
Jenni Munroe (l-r), Kathy Shelley and Gina Hurd don their favorite colorful caftans and chunkiest jewelry for the Mrs. Roper Romp on Friday, June 26, in downtown West Branch, hosted by the Dirty Mitten. If you remember correctly, Mrs. Roper, along with her husband, Stanley, were popular characters in the 1980s hit comedy Three's Company. The annual event includes a best-dressed contest, margaritas, photo ops and prize giveaways. Although three may be company, a sea of fun-loving Mrs. Ropers is a delight and brought many smiles to people's faces.

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