

## Cross Country Meets Underway



The Marauder Cross Country team competed in Corunna on Wednesday, August 26th during the Early Bird meet.



The Wolfpack Cross Country team competed in the Early Burg meet on Thursday, August 27th at Peacock Road Tree Farm.



Cross Country athletes from Laingsburg and Ovid-Elsie started their seasons this past week. Even tho they had to compete in very hot and humid conditions they were happy to be back in action.

Photos by Elaine Crosby, Clint Hawks and Charlene Wagner

## Laingsburg Schools Have First Positive Test for Covid-19

LAINGSBURG — Laingsburg's attempts to limit outbreaks of COVID-19 are so far proving successful in their initial challenge of dealing with a student who contracted the disease.

The Laingsburg Community Schools opened for in-school learning on Thursday, August 20. The following Sunday, they were notified of their first COVID case.

The student, a Clinton County resident, contracted the virus while off-campus and, as an asymptomatic carrier, brought it to school without knowing it. The student was sent home for quarantine; four other students that had come in contact with the student, as identified in contact tracing by the Clinton County Health Dept., were also sent home to quarantine.

The affected students were transferred to in-home learning by the school district.

As of this writing, their quarantine period was a 7 days. A full evaluation for their return to school is after 14 days.

In the interim, no other positive cases have been reported in the Laingsburg Community Schools.

## Community Wide Garage Sales

The Annual Carriage Days festival scheduled for September 11th-13th was cancelled for this year. However, the community garage sales are still on for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 10th, 11th and 12th. The traditional light parade held during the festival may also be held on Saturday, the 12th. See next weeks paper for final details.



## Secretary of State to Offer Special Appointments and Extended Hours

*submitted by Tracy Wimmer*

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson today announced branch offices would offer special appointments and extended hours for Michigan residents to renew driver's licenses or state ID cards that expire between Jan. 1, 2020, and Sept. 30, 2020.

Beginning today, customers can make appointments for between 4 and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday running from Aug. 24 through Sept. 30. To make an appointment, visit [Michigan.gov/SOSAppointments](http://Michigan.gov/SOSAppointments) or call 888-SOS-MICH (767-6424).

"These special appointments are another tool helping us to ensure continued service to Michigan residents during the COVID-19 pandemic," Benson said. "Since June 1, when our branches reopened for appointments, we've completed more than 3 million transactions at branches, online, through self-service stations and by mail to serve the people of Michigan."

These special appointments are specifically for renewing a Michigan driver's license or state ID that expires between Jan. 1, 2020, and Sept. 30, 2020, and must be renewed in person. Appointments made for license or ID renewals that do not require an in-person visit will be canceled and will need to be rescheduled. Many driver's licenses and IDs can be renewed online at [ExpressSOS.com](http://ExpressSOS.com) or by mail.

These appointments can't be used for any other type of transaction, and, like all appointments, aren't transferable to another customer. Appointments for other limited types of transactions can continue to be made using the advance and same-day appointment categories available through the online appointment system.

Most vehicle renewals can be conducted online, by mail, or at one of the more than 120 self-service stations across the state. Those vehicle renewals which were previously extended or expire on Sept. 30 must be conducted via one of those methods.

The state previously had extended the renewal dates to Sept. 30 for driver's licenses, IDs and vehicle registrations expiring after March 1.

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## Social




### Blood Drive

Duplain Church of Christ, 5565 E. Colony Rd., St. Johns will be holding a Blood Drive on Thursday, September 3, 2020 from 12:00pm to 5:45pm.


For info or appointment, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) (sponsor code DUPLAINCOC) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

### Volunteers Needed

Lainsburg Area Food Bank is in need of volunteers. If you can donate 2 hours a month, please call Linda Culpepper at 517-285-0789.



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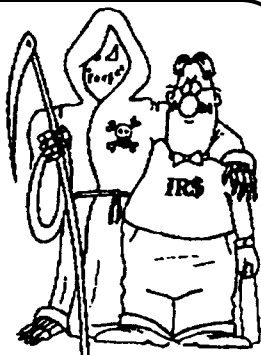
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## Ovid Public Library

In light of the recent library closings because of the COVID 19 virus, Ovid Public Library will still be offering curbside service only. The staff have been ordering new books and these titles are now ready for sharing. If you would like your name added to the list of any or all of these titles, please call the Ovid Public Library at 989-834-5800 and leave a message or call Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10:00 – 5:00 to speak to a staff member. Feel free to clip this article for future reference.

*The Silent Wife*, by Karin Slaughter

Investigations of two crimes force Trent to call on his girl-friend's expertise as a medical examiner.

*American Dirt*, by Jeanine Cummins

A bookseller flees Mexico for the United States with her son while pursued by the head of a drug cartel.

*Camino Winds*, by John Grisham

The line between fact and fiction becomes blurred when an author of thrillers is found dead after a hurricane hits Camino Island.

*1st Case*, by James Patterson and Chris Tebbetts

After getting kicked out of M.I.T., Angela Hoot interns with the F.B.I. and tracks the murderous siblings known as the Poet and the Engineer.

*The Guest List*, by Lucy Foley

A wedding between a TV star and a magazine publisher on an island off the coast of Ireland turns deadly.

*Near Dark*, by Brad Thor

With a bounty on his head, Harvath makes an alliance with a Norwegian intelligence operative.

*When She Was Good*, by Michael Robotham

Criminal psychologist Cyrus Haven and Evie Cormac return in this new thriller from author Michael Robotham. Who is Evie, the girl with no past, running from? She was discovered

hiding in a secret room in the aftermath of a terrible crime. Her ability to tell when someone is lying helped Cyrus crack an impenetrable case in *Good Girl, Bad Girl*. Now, the closer Cyrus gets to uncovering answers about Evie's dark history, the more he exposes Evie to danger, giving her no choice but to run. Ultimately, both will have to decide if some secrets are better left buried and some monsters should never be named.

*Wonderland*, by Zoje Stage

A mother must protect her family from the unnatural forces threatening their new and improved life in a rural farmhouse.

The Bennett family - artist parents and two precocious children - are leaving their familiar urban surroundings for a new home in far upstate New York. They're an hour from the nearest city, a mile from the nearest house, and everyone has their own room for the very first time. Shaw, the father, even gets his own painting studio, now that he and his wife Orla, a retired dancer, have agreed that it's his turn to pursue his passion.

But none of the Bennetts expect what lies waiting in the lovely woods, where secrets run dark and deep. Orla must finally find a way to communicate with - not just resist - this unknown entity that is coming to her family, calling to them from the land, in the earth, beneath the trees... and in their minds.

Great summer reads recommended by Connie:

28 Summers, by Elin Hilderbrand

A relationship that starts in 1993 between Mallory Blessing and Jake McCloud comes to light while she is on her deathbed and his wife runs for president.

Kristy Woodson Harvey's Peachtree Bluff novels

1. Slightly south of simple
2. The Secret to Southern Charm
3. The southern side of paradise

## Pathways Adult Education Graduates and Honor Members

*submitted by Troy Napier*

The Pathways Adult Education program at Baker College of Owosso is pleased to announce that Nicole Black, Mike Connor, Jazmin Friend, Doug Hart, Yolanda Kish, Erika Madigan, Brandon Mann, Chaz Mercado, Melissa Prout, Ganesh Rajamonickam, Shawna Rigdon, Anthony Robinson, Casey Soard, and Shaleen Willard have completed their high school graduation requirements during the 2019-2020 school year.

The National Adult Education Honor Society pays tribute to those students that are dependable in attendance, cooperation, and work ethic. Having distinguished themselves in the Adult Education Program, Courtney Burch, Vanessa Byron, Doug Hart, and Joshua Voorhies have been inducted into the Honor Society.

For information about the Pathways Adult Education program, email [karen.wagner@baker.edu](mailto:karen.wagner@baker.edu).

## Ovid Historical Society

*submitted by Roger Matthies*

On Tuesday, September 1, the Ovid Historical Society will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the Mary Myers Museum.

We welcome all members and guests to be a part of our enjoyable evening.

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# Obituaries

## Eldon Norval Baese

Eldon Norval Baese, age 93, of St. Johns, MI, passed away Sunday, August 23, 2020, at Hazel I. Findlay Country Manor, St. Johns, MI.

Eldon was born in Elsie, MI on November 9, 1926, the son of Onas Penn and Thelma Irene (Doten) Baese. He was raised in a family of 9 brothers and 3 sisters. Eldon graduated from Elsie High School with the class of 1944. On October 25, 1947 he married Dolores Jeanne George in Elsie, MI; Jeanne passed away on March 15, 2012. Eldon served his country in the Army Air Corp during WWII.

Eldon worked at Federal Mogul for 35 years. He was one of the founders of Journey Federal Credit Union and served on the board for many years. He was dedicated to all Elsie and Ovid Elsie Sports. He was part of the chain gang and timing for football at Elsie and Ovid Elsie for 67 years and he was inducted into OE's Hall of Fame.

During his life he was a member of the Elsie United Methodist Church, a member of the American Legion Post 502, Lions Club, he served as Mayor and council member for the village of Elsie, he was a Little League Coach and a dance dad. He enjoyed music of any kind, sang with siblings and sang even if he weren't asked to. Eldon loved camping and traveling. He was a "people" person and talked to everyone he met. His knowledge of Elsie was appreciated by many.

He is survived by his sons: Dennis (Mary), and Kenneth (Mary Beth), and daughter Dawn; grandchildren: Dr. Melissa Baese-Berk (Peter), Matthew Jones (Mindy), Melissa Jones, Jenna Young (Tom), Jonathan Baese (friend Jessica Lewis), and Justine Paaske (Gordon); great grandchildren: Marcus, Maverick, Eloise and Dane; siblings: Mary Lou Hanold, Onalee Austin, Gale Baese, Merle Baese, Richard Baese and Diane Bates; and brother in law Albert Pontack. He is also survived by many brothers and sisters in law and many loving nieces and nephews that he cherished. He was preceded in death by his parents Thelma and Onas, wife Dolores Jeanne, brothers: James Versil, Robert, Lewis, Raymond, Owen, and infant brother Kevin Bryce, and sister in law Daleta Pontack.

A Private Family Graveside Service with military honors will take place at Riverside Cemetery, Elsie, MI.

Memorials may be made to Ovid Elsie Sports Boosters or Elsie United Methodist Church. Online condolences can be made at [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI.



## THANK YOU

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appreciate you all.*

*Denise Fry*



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## Thad LeRoy Cartwright

Thad LeRoy Cartwright, age 79, of Ashley, MI, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family Sunday, August 23, 2020, at Ashley Care Center.

Thad was born in Chapin, MI, on August 2, 1941, the son of Francis LeRoy and Gladys (Kidder) Cartwright. He attended Maple Rapids Schools. Thad worked for Federal Mogul for 41 years, retiring in 2003.

On January 10, 1980, Thad married Connie Marie Hufnagel in Ithaca, MI. They were blessed with 40 years of marriage. Together they attended First Baptist Church of St. Johns.

Thad enjoyed deer hunting, camping, and golf. He was a kind man who had a gift for making people laugh. Most of all, Thad loved his family and time spent together.

Thad is survived by his wife Connie, 6 children: Charles Cartwright of TX, Alan (Penny) Cartwright of St. Louis, Darren (Jennifer) Cartwright of TX, Luella Rosencrants of Adrian, Bradly (Cathy) Cartwright of TX, and Jaclyn (Cody) Priestley of Ovid; 6 grandchildren: Cody, Courtney, Wyatt, Jessica, Zach, Ryah, and one on the way; 4 step grandchildren, 3 siblings: Leonard "Bill" (Linda) Cartwright, Margaret Wise, and Mary Jo (Dave) Redman; and many nieces and nephews. Thad was preceded in death by his parents, and 4 siblings: Charles, Joann, Susan, and Jean Ann.

A Memorial Service was held at Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, MI, on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 1:00 P.M., with Pastor Tim Knaus officiating. Burial followed at Duplain Township Cemetery, St. Johns, MI.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of St. Johns or Beacon of Hope - 512 S. US 27, St. Johns, MI 48879. Online condolences can be made at [www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com). The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Osgood Chapel, St. Johns, MI.



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### Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn  
www.letsmeetgod.com

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How do you read this?

Does it say, "God is now here?" or "God is nowhere?"

Where is God?

By asking this question, I don't mean to say that we don't know where God is, or that God doesn't exist.

But rather, to ask more specifically, where is God in our world, our church and especially in our lives?

Sometimes it is good for us to take a personal inventory and ask, "How am I living for the Lord? How is my prayer life? Am I reading the Bible as much as I should?"

When we do, we'll see some positives and we should praise and thank God and celebrate them.

But we'll also see some areas for improvement. We shouldn't shy away from these but instead tackle them with the Lord's help.

Being involved in spiritual disciplines can be a great aid in improving our walks with the Lord, which in turn improves who we are as individuals.

Such disciplines include prayer, reading the Bible, fasting and attending church worship services (the latter two as one is medically able).

Be honest with yourself and see if you have fallen off a bit in one of these areas. If so, ask the Lord for forgiveness and help in getting involved in that discipline again with renewed vigor, excitement and freshness.

As Psalm 51:10 says, "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."

### Rep. Frederick: Additional Mental Health Services Now Available

submitted by Christina Guenther

State Rep. Ben Frederick today announced a new federal grant will help the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services expand a crisis counseling program for Michigan residents experiencing mental health effects from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$1.9 million grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will provide funding for an additional nine months of crisis counseling activities begun under a previous, short-term FEMA grant. It also allows for statewide expansion of behavioral health outreach services previously focused only in the Detroit metro area.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has not been easy on anyone's mental health," said Frederick, of Owosso. "There's no doubt many people are experiencing stress, anxiety and other challenges due to the changes in community life and isolation which has been experienced in recent months. This program is meant as another line of support for anyone who is in need of help."

The grant will expand the current Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program by providing more trained crisis counselors available for free counseling. Residents in need can reach the Michigan Stay Well crisis counseling line by calling the state's COVID-19 hotline (888-535-3136) and pressing "8."

In addition, the grant will increase the number of trained outreach specialists connecting with members of COVID-19-vulnerable population groups to provide guidance for healthy coping.

Existing outreach specialists will continue to serve seniors and older adults; children and families; healthcare providers and first responders. Additional specialists will be brought on to support unemployed residents; homeless or housing-insecure individuals; people with substance use disorder; school teachers and staff; and people with Autism Spectrum Disorder and other intellectual and developmental Disabilities.

Residents can visit Michigan.gov/StayWell to learn more about services and resources to help manage COVID-19 emotional distress.



### A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

The rain is delightful this morning....even though I have been well rinsed while making a quick trip to the garden.....and to move the truck.....and to roll up the garden hose. I can almost see the grass turning green and some of the late planted seeds are doing a tremendous jump. My young zucchini plants were fainting in the mid afternoon heat and yet they are now surging forth and appear to be well situated and thriving. This has been a bad year for zucchini.....and I use a lot of it. Wow, I just found my other garden flip flop that the Tiny Terror had absconded and hidden.....now I know why she was trying to purloin my good sandals. At times she is quite the dickens!

I was blessed again this morning.....I got to meet with a three generational group. Great Grandma, Grandma, and grandson joined me at the east park and ride on US 127 to hand over a plethora of canning jars, rings and lids. I know that I should have enough canning jars to last a lifetime.....but I'm delighted because I always seem to find someone who needs them. This year it helps that I'm teaching my grandkids how to can and the artisan skill gets passed on. Again, I want to thank Kathy and family for their stories, canning supplies and the time that they took to bring them to me.

I have been canning this week.....fourteen quart jars of stewed tomatoes yesterday, seven quarts and three pints of peaches the day before, nine quarts and one pint peaches on Monday and four batches of peach jam on Sunday. I'm getting a bit frazzled and still have about a bushel of Red Havens to can. My friends really like the jam so I had better make a couple more of peaches. I still have blueberry, elderberry, and cherry to make.....just finding the Sure-gel is the problem. Did I mention that I also have a bushel and a half of tomatoes sitting in the living room that will need attention shortly? Also my electric Whirlpool stove takes forever to bring things to a boil.....I think that there must be some kind of heat governor on it.

Wahoo, my new furnace has been installed .....and is ready to add an air conditioning unit which is a maybe for next year. The five hundred gallon tank of propane has been delivered and the hook up to the furnace has the air bled out. Now the furnace folks will be stopping by in the morning to make sure that the pressure is correct. They took the old boat anchor away on Monday (that's what they called the old oil furnace).

I'm looking forward to our trip up to the Amish Swap and Quilt Auction at Clare on the Friday before Labor Day. My sister, Connie and I have done it together for years and this time we are being accompanied by my daughter Diane. Also different this time my daughter will do the driving. I've mentioned visiting the Amish Natural Way 'cheese factory' and bakery that is situated right around the corner from the Pine Valley Store. We are rather fond of their cheese curds.....it reminds my kids of visiting the Springville Farmer's Market in New York.

I also started my sweet chunk pickles yesterday. Five days of dumping out the foamy water and refilling the five gallon jug with boiling water. Three more days of that, then I make up the syrup, boil it and pour over the cucumbers that have been chucked. The final process will be the heating up everything together and bringing it to a boil then into the canning jars. What I end up with is enough crisp sweet pickles to have a two year supply.....I use a lot of them for making ground bologna sandwiches.

I hope that you have also had another interesting week and haven't gotten yourself into a pickle. May God bless you as your follow your daily routine, I know that I am blessed. Enjoy laughter daily and use your common sense. Be blessed.

Crystal Mitchell©2020



**YOUR NEWSPAPER:**  
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#### The City of Laingsburg Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on September 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. REMOTELY via Zoom, to review the following:

A petition for special land use and site plan review has been submitted by Laingsburg Property Acquisitions, LLC to convert an existing office/retail building located at 105 East Grand River Road to a Marijuana Retailer and Processor which will allow for the processing and retail sales of recreational and medical marihuana. The subject property known as 105 E. Grand River Rd. (Parcel ID# 022-42-001-002-00) is legally described as the following:

WEEK'S ADD PART OF LOTS 1,2 & 4 BLK 1 DESC AS: BEG ON NELY LN OF GRAND RIVER ST AT PT 22 FT SELY OF W COR OF LOT 1, TH NWLY ALG SWLY LN OF BLK & ON NELY LN OF ST 44 FT, TH NELY PARL WITH NWLY LN OF LOT 1 150 FT SELY PAR WITH SWLY LN OF LOT 4 BLK 1 44 FT, SWLY 150 FT TO BEG EX DRIVEWY R/W OF ADJ PROP OWNERS OVER 10 FT STRIP OFF NELY END OF SD DESC ALSO PT OF LOT 4 BLK 1 & PT OF LOT 4 BLK 5 VIL OF LAINGS DESC AS COM ON SELY LN OF LAING ST AT PT 108.08 FT SWLY ALG SD LN FROM N COR OF LOT 3 BLK 5 VIL OF LAINGSBURG, TH SWLY ALG NWLY LN OF LOT 4 BLK 1 OF WEEKS ADD 43 FT TO A LN 25 FT (MEAS AT RT ANG) NELY OF & PARL WITH SWLY LN OF SD LOT 4 TH SELY ALG SD PARL LN 89.75 FT TO IRON STAKE WHICH IS 25 FT NELY FROM NE COR OF LOT 1 BLK 1 OF WEEKS ADD, TH NWLY 78.80 FT TO PT OF BEG EX DR/WY. EX A STRIP OF LD .62 FT IN WIDTH M/L WHICH RUNS IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO NWLY WALL OF HARDWARE STORE.

To consider the following amendment to the City of Laingsburg Zoning Ordinance ("Ordinance"): Amendment to Section 406 – To provide outside seating and dining standards within the Ordinance.

To hold the required five (5) year review of the City's Master Plan. The Planning Commission will assess the relevancy of the current plan and determine whether updates are needed.

For individuals who wish to give public comment on this issue, the method for providing public comment during this remote-participation meeting is to call the following toll-free numbers:

1-646-876-9923 or 1-312-626-6799 (Meeting ID: 5165368664#) Participant ID is not required.

Callers wishing to give public comment may call in before the meeting starts and wait in a "virtual waiting room." These instructions will be included in every official published agenda of the Commission. Those calling in will be able to hear the audio of the Commission meeting, yet their microphone will be muted. Callers who do not wish to give public comment are encouraged to view the meeting live-streamed, with a closed caption option on you tube:

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## Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP for Seniors)

*submitted by Rebecca Zemla*

Applications for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (Senior CSFP) are currently being taken by phone. This program provides nutritious food, on a monthly basis, to low-income residents of Shiawassee County who are 60 years of age or above.

Persons 60 years of age or older must meet the 130% Poverty index. Family size 1 - \$16,588; family size 2 - \$22,412; family size 3 - \$28,236. For each additional family member add - \$5,824.

Distribution for Shiawassee County will begin September 1 through September 23rd, 2020.

The process - **THE PROCEDURE WILL BE DRIVE THROUGH THE FIRST DAY ONLY.** You will begin on Corunna Avenue, drive to the ramp area (there maybe a line - STAY IN YOUR CAR - and you will wait your turn.) Please have your ID in your hand for verification. We will check off your name at the back of the building where your food will be put in your vehicle and you may drive out the back driveway. This will be a one way drive-through; AT NO POINT WILL YOU LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE. This PROCESS is being put into place to protect you and CACS staff.

If you do not already have someone designated to pick up your food, you may call the CACS office at 989-723-3115 and let us know who you are designating to pick it up. If you are not registered, please call the office at 989-723-3115 to pre-register.

Available hours are 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## Local Groups Partner on Regional Electronics Recycling Day

*submitted by Katherine Neese*

The Regional Electronics Recycling Day is a great way for all residents in the Capital Area to take care of unwanted items from their attics, garages, basements or storage units. The event will be held at Chippewa Middle School (4000 Okemos Road, Okemos) on Saturday, September 26th from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Social distancing and mask requirements will be adhered to during the event.

Safely recycle a variety of unwanted items such as:

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\* A \$20 donation is requested for each television or monitor, payable at the event or in advance by visiting [www.meridian.mi.us/recycle](http://www.meridian.mi.us/recycle).

The event is generously supported by the Regional Recycling Coordinating Committee; The City of East Lansing; Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy; The City of Lansing; Clinton County; Eaton County; Ingham County Health Department; Meridian Township; Mid-Michigan Environmental Action Council; Hammond Farms; Delta Dental; Vision Collision; Granger Waste Services and the Clerical Technical Union of MSU.

For additional information about the event, including non-accepted items please see the flyer at [www.meridian.mi.us/recycle](http://www.meridian.mi.us/recycle) or contact LeRoy Harvey, Environmental Programs Coordinator at [harvey@meridian.mi.us](mailto:harvey@meridian.mi.us) or call 517.853.4466

## Michigan Apple Growers

LANSING— Michigan's official crop estimate of 22.5 million bushels (946 million pounds) of apples was announced this afternoon as part of the USA Apple Outlook meeting which was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2020 estimate is in line with the size of the 2019 crop.

"Many factors contribute to the size of an apple crop, including weather and the size of the previous year's crop. To make the estimate, growers and other industry experts report on what they are seeing in various regions of the state, then come to a consensus on the crop size estimate," said Diane Smith, executive director of the Michigan Apple Committee.

According to the USDA, Michigan harvested 22.5 million bushels of apples in 2019. There are more than 14.9 million apple trees in commercial production, covering 34,500 acres on 775 family-run farms in Michigan.

"Growers used many tools to prevent damage from frost in early May. While some areas of the state were impacted more significantly than others, overall we are hearing reports of a quality crop with minimal frost damage," said Smith. "Growers report that Honeycrisp, in particular, are looking exceptionally good this year, which means we'll have great opportunities for retail programs for that consumer favorite variety."

Michigan Apples are typically shipped from mid-August all the way through the following June. Michigan Apple packers and shippers work throughout the year to bring Michigan Apples to more than 30 states and 18 countries worldwide, according to Smith.

"Michigan Apple growers dedicate their lives to producing fresh, flavorful, high-quality apples. As always, they have been working hard to produce this year's crop and are excited to share their great-tasting apples with consumers this fall" said Smith.

The Michigan Apple Committee is a grower-funded non-profit organization devoted to marketing, education and research activities to distinguish the Michigan apple and encourage its consumption in Michigan and around the world. For more information, visit [MichiganApples.com](http://MichiganApples.com).



## Ovid-Elsie Varsity Softball & Sports Boosters 27th Annual Golf Scramble

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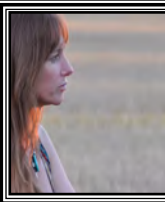


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Women diagnosed with breast cancer who want to speak with someone who has survived the disease can do so thanks to a unique program sponsored by the American Cancer Society. The Reach to Recovery program from the ACS connects current cancer patients with breast cancer survivors via an online chat. Patients, regardless of where they are in their cancer journeys, can connect with volunteers for one-on-one support. Volunteers can help patients cope with treatment and side effects while also offering advice on speaking with friends and family, working while receiving treatment and more. Even people facing a possible breast cancer diagnosis can sign up. The program works by asking patients and volunteers to join the program and create profiles on the Reach to Recovery website ([www.reach.cancer.org](http://www.reach.cancer.org)). Patients then look for a match by searching volunteer profiles, filtering through suggested matches and sending an online chat request to volunteers. Patients and volunteers can then schedule a chat and discuss any concerns patients may have. Volunteers with the Reach to Recovery program are breast cancer survivors who have been trained by the ACS to provide peer-to-peer support to people facing a breast cancer diagnosis. Volunteers can provide support to patients, but are prohibited from offering medical advice. More information about the Reach to Recovery program, including how to join as a patient or volunteer, is available at [www.reach.cancer.org](http://www.reach.cancer.org).

Having a healthy life is an important part of living. Getting enough sleep, eating properly, exercise and caring for the body physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually, are all necessary for a persons overall wellness.



## Overall Wellness

by **LeeAnna Woods**  
Licensed Therapist, Reiki Master and Owner  
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Maintaining a balanced, healthy, body and life will lower a person’s stress levels, reduce anxiety and depression, decrease muscle tension and provide a better quality of living.

There’s many ways to begin the process of a healthier lifestyle. But, just like with anything, the person must first want it. After all, without a desire to improve there won’t be any advance because there’s no motivation to do so. Therefore the first step must be a mindset to achieve the goal set.

Now, setting goals to achieve is great but shouldn’t be done in one huge leap. Let’s be realistic about it. Taking small steady steps forward are always better than overwhelming oneself which only leads to stopping before anything is even achieved.

Everyone is different and needs to start in different areas, so pick the place that fits best.

For some, that may be drinking more water. For others, cutting back on portion sizes. Some are ready to begin exercise like walking or yoga. While others need help with healing through Reiki, meditation, etc.

Wherever a person begins is perfectly fine because starting is the hardest thing. Adding to the routine, once it’s going, gets easier each time too.

The drive to be healthier will grow with each small step achieved, making self esteem increase as the body begins feeling better and better.

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The first step is choosing what area in your life, needs the work. If there’s more than one, make a list. Then start with the one that is the simplest to achieve. By doing this, your body will begin to feel the changes occurring, while you’re mind will see the rewards of completing the goals and mentally the body will thrive from its accomplishment.

Remember, slow and steady wins the race and the world is, as you are. You need to be invested in some way before you will receive any true benefits. After all, a goal without a plan is only a wish. So start planning now for your healthier life and future.

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# Sports



(l-r): Ovid-Elsie's Alexis Spitzley and Ryan Gavenda finishes first for Ovid-Elsie at Corunna Early Bird

## Marauders Harriers Open Season at Corunna Early Bird Invitational

CORUNNA -- The Marauder Cross Country teams opened their 2020 season at Corunna High School on August 25 in a smaller version of the annual Corunna Early Bird Invitational.

The heat and humidity came on strong as the races went on, but the athletes persevered. Said Ovid-Elsie coach David Pastula, "With this being the first meet of the year and due to the heat, no returning runners achieved a personal record. However, six Marauders completed their first ever high school cross country meet. Congratulations to Kaia Spiess, Rachel Spitzley, Cole Workman, Christian Schmidtfranz, Dalton Love, and Joseph Humrich."

As far as the overall standings, two Lady Marauders came home with hardware: Alexis Spitzley took 3rd place and Kaia Spiess finished 10th. "Our two opponents for this race were Goodrich High School and Flint Powers Catholic. Our boys finished in third and our girls took second. Congrats to Goodrich, who won both races," said coach Pastula.

The Marauders will have two weeks off before their next race at Corunna on September, 10th.

**"RUN WHEN YOU CAN, WALK IF YOU HAVE TO,  
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Dean Karnazes



## MHSSA OKs Volleyball, Soccer, Swimming in Northern Michigan

EAST LANSING — The Michigan High School Athletic Association representative council Thursday approved the start of competition in girls volleyball, boys soccer and girls swimming and diving in the Upper Peninsula and northern Lower Peninsula.

Those regions are authorized to begin play under Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's executive orders. Competition in those sports are pending in regions where those activities are not yet allowed as part of preventing spread of COVID-19.

Schools in the northern Lower Peninsula and Upper Peninsula — designated as Regions 6 and 8, respectively, under Whitmer's MI Safe Start Plan — are allowed to begin competition today, as originally scheduled.

Schools in all other regions (1-5, and 7) may continue outdoor practice, pending further executive orders allowing for the opening of indoor facilities and physical distancing while competing in those areas. Shiawassee County is in Region 5.

Teams began outdoor practice in volleyball, soccer, swimming and diving, cross country, golf and tennis Aug. 12. Lower Peninsula girls golf and boys tennis, and Upper Peninsula girls tennis began competition Wednesday, with cross country competition beginning today.

Football practice began Aug. 10, but on Aug. 14 the representative council voted to postpone the season to spring 2021, due to COVID-19 concerns.

"Our council has made clear it is ready to offer students these opportunities, pending approval from Gov. Whitmer that we may do so," MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl said. "We have been told that within a week, future guidance will address athletic issues that exist in current executive orders. We are awaiting that guidance."

"The MHSAA and representative council are committed to following all current and future executive orders and safety precautions. However, we need more answers before we can give all of our member schools the go-ahead to play each other again, and the majority of our schools are in regions that are not yet allowed to take part in volleyball, soccer and swim."

For attendance purposes, schools in Regions 6 and 8 may have for indoor volleyball a total of 250 people, or 25 percent of a facility's capacity, whichever is smallest. Indoor pools in Regions 6 and 8 are limited to 25 percent of established bath capacity for that pool.

Outdoor competition in Regions 6 and 8 may have 500 people or 25 percent of capacity, whichever is smallest. For all three sports, the total numbers of people allowed to be present include all participants, officials and school and game personnel, media and fans.

The council also approved out-of-season coaching adjustments allowing football and spring sports coaches more contact with their athletes in advance of the 2021 season.

The council approved 16 contact days for football and all spring sports to be used for voluntary practices among students from the same school only. Football may schedule their contact days from Aug. 24 through Oct 31.

Spring sports — baseball, softball, girls soccer, track and field, girls and boys lacrosse, boys golf, Upper Peninsula girls golf, and Lower Peninsula girls tennis and Upper Peninsula boys tennis — may schedule their 16 contact days for voluntary practices from Sept. 8-Oct. 31, if the school permits and all safety protocols are followed.

Football and spring sports then may conduct skill work with coaches and up to four players at a time beginning Nov. 1 until the first day of official practice this upcoming spring. Coaches also may work with an unlimited number of players on general conditioning during that time.

A calendar for the inclusion of football into Spring 2021 will be released later this fall.

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### The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster  
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### Delicata Squash

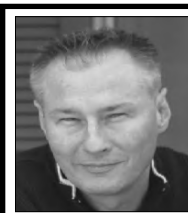
As the upcoming days become shorter and cooler many different varieties of winter squash will soon be showing up at farmer's markets and roadside stands. Everyone has their favorite and for many different reasons and are often resistant to change or even sampling something new. For those willing to try something new, the Weekly Sportsman highly recommends trying delicata squash. Proceed with caution if you are a fan of acorn squash because you probably won't want to settle for another one after tasting a delicata!

Delicata squash is unusually oblong in shape and predominately tan with dark green lengthwise striping with additional flecks and spots. It became popular among home gardeners in the 1890's until around the end of the Great Depression. Not much effort had been put into developing a delicata strain tolerant of diseases or high yielding for commercial use so it fell by the wayside until about twenty years ago when some professors at Cornell University started breeding some disease resistance into the variety. While the new bush variety was not a hybrid it still proved to be such an improvement that it won the 2002 All-American Seed (AAS) seed industry award. The best part is for you seed savers out there this squash is for you. Of course, like everything attempts have been made to improve on this variety and some hybrids are also now available.

So what makes this squash so great? It all depends on how you like to prepare your winter squash; cut in half and roasted, stuffed, for soups, or diced or cut into rings with skin left on. First, let's cover the standard slicing in half lengthwise, removing seeds, slopped with butter and brown sugar or maple syrup and roasted. It has moisture like an acorn or butternut but the improved sweetness with or without sweetener similar to drier squash like buttercup or hubbard. The skin is very edible so no need to worry about scraping away the squash from the outside shell. If you are a stuffer then the boat shaped halves are so much easier to balance and cook compared to acorn. Think of balancing a canoe floating on water versus a ribbed sphere cut in half and teetering on a hard surface. Replace delicata for butternut in your typical squash soup recipe and you will be impressed. Cut delicata squash widthwise and you can get nice rings for roasting after you remove the center of minimal seeds. Hard to beat a winter squash that is easy to cut, minimal seed cavity, moist, and sweet.

The Weekly Sportsman has often tried to stuff acorn squash and despite a lot of tasty ingredients you are still left with a stringy and flavorless vegetable with an inedible skin. Expect nothing left on the plate if you prepare stuffed delicata for guests. Expect compliments similar to when a well prepared twice baked potato is served. The Weekly Sportsman suggests any of the following stuffing ingredients; chopped walnuts, dried cherries or cranberries, ground pork sausage, chopped apple or pear, turkey bacon, wild rice or quinoa, cider, maple syrup, brown sugar, and cinnamon. Try several different variations so dinner guests have a choice. Serve entire halves or cut into smaller portions. You won't be disappointed!

-WS



### Religious Thoughts

by Phil Hoppersberger  
Graham Community Church

### Forewarned is Forearmed

*"The greatest danger occurs at the moment of victory."*  
—Napoleon

The hardest man to rescue is the one who thinks he's safe. We've all seen that ending in a movie. Oblivious to the danger (but we see it coming), they lose it all because they think they're safe, lulled into a false sense of security. Convinced of victory, as Napoleon warns, they lose. If you think you're safe, read no further. But...if you want assurance for that happy Hollywood ending, then consider these four warnings.

- You think you're safe because of your religion. "Unless one is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God (John 3:1-15)." Jesus gave only one requirement that had nothing to do with denominations. Jesus told Nicodemus, the religious expert with the "right" religion, that you must be born again. He did not say be Jewish, Catholic, or Protestant. He said you must be born again. So what is born again exactly?

We are born physically, but cursed with a spiritual cancer called Sin. Sin is fatal (we die) and it is only radiated if you are made again, recreated by a second spiritual birth, when you choose to let Him come inside your body. He will only invade upon invitation, if you vacate the throne in your heart, which is repentance (you acknowledge your sin, your helplessness, and give up your will to Him). If not, then the second death is your ending, which is your choice too, to pay for your sins yourself (Hell). His love is never forced.

- You think you're safe because you're not that bad. "If you keep the whole Law, and break just one commandment, you are guilty of all (James 2:10)." If you are trusting in you...your efforts, your religion, your denomination, your ancestry, then Jesus died for nothing (Galatians 2:21). God's standard is perfection, not just being good enough because just one sin means you're guilty of all, imperfect. You trying is impossible because you are a spiritual corpse, dead in your un-radiated sin (Ephesians 2:1).

- You think you're safe because you believe. "Even the demons believe and tremble (James 2:19)." The demons saw Him, so what's the difference in your faith and their faith? They are not going to Heaven. If your belief is not a saving, eternal faith, and just head knowledge, an intellectual assent, then you're not safe. Believing is not trusting. You can believe a rickety old bridge over a canyon will hold you up, but running out on it is genuine trust.

- You think you're safe because you asked for forgiveness. Forgiveness does not happen because you ask for it. Forgiveness is on His terms. You must come to Him broken; sorry, and admitting your good works are useless. Ask Him to come inside and save you because of His sacrifice in your place (John 1:12-13). Four warnings and forewarned. A happy ending is assured to all who give up (John 5:24). Surrender your crown to the One who loved you so much, He died in your place. Be saved or be safe.



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## Moolenaar Votes Against Democrats' Partisan Postal Bill

submitted by David Russell

Congressman John Moolenaar voted against partisan legislation offered by House Democrats that would give the U.S. Postal Service \$25 billion.

The Postal Service already has billions of dollars on hand, and earlier this week The Washington Post reported "the Postal Service has \$15 billion in the bank, plus a \$10 billion loan from an early round of coronavirus relief as a backstop. That's more cash on hand than it had at the start of the pandemic."

Also, before the vote on today's bill, House Republicans offered an amendment to the bill that would have implemented penalties for any postal service employee who is caught tampering with ballots sent by mail. Congressman Moolenaar voted for that amendment, however, it failed after Democrats rejected it.

"The Postal Service is essential for seniors, veterans, and so many residents in Michigan," said Congressman Moolenaar. "That's why I took action in March and voted for the CARES Act which provided USPS with access to \$10 billion in funding to address challenges caused by the pandemic. This funding already provides USPS with the resources it needs to deliver the packages Americans depend on including medications, checks, ballots, and more. The vote by the Democrats was nothing more than political grandstanding that fails to address the problems at USPS. In the long-term, USPS will need to take additional steps to ensure service while addressing issues that have plagued postal operations for more than a decade."

Earlier in the week, the Postal Service posted on social media about its capacity to handle ballots during the upcoming election.

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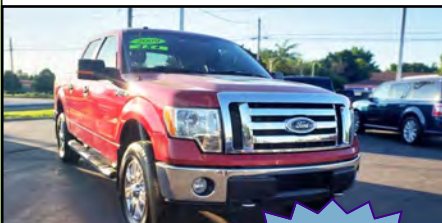
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submitted by Sue Kadlek

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Services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to meet the needs of customers. He provides preventive maintenance, repair and installation of most furnaces, air conditioners, water heaters, gas fireplaces, and gas log fireplaces.

As we near the heating season, Tim is able to assess your furnace and fireplaces for readiness and provide maintenance and repairs as needed. At this time of year, he offers this advice to home owners:

"With the heating season approaching, it is recommended that you have preventative maintenance done every fall or winter on your furnace and other heating equipment to assure that it is operating properly, safely, efficiently and to meet the manufacturer's requirement for warranty purposes."

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Tim can be reached at Delaney Heating and Cooling at 989-277-3841. Give him a call today to schedule your fall check up. Or reach out to Tim at [twoodswater07@gmail.com](mailto:twoodswater07@gmail.com).

## Bannister ZCBI #225

submitted by Joanne Fornusek

A socially distanced and masked meeting was held in the lodge parking lot on August 9th to make decisions on lodge activities for the rest of 2020. The meeting was called to order according to ritual by Pres. Bob Ladiski. A moment of silence was observed and the Lord's Prayer recited in memory of James Cermak, Walter Strebel, Bernard Pesce, Shawnee Mach Hucko, Lucille Chovanec, and Marie Pelc Davidek. Then just three days later, we lost Joe Malek, a very active member and trustee of our lodge. Members extend prayers and sympathy to all their families and friends.



Due to continued concerns about COVID 19 and in accordance with directives from our Governor ALL lodge activities for the remainder of 2020 have been canceled. This includes all lodge meetings, the Firekeepers Casino bus trip, the fall Appreciation Dinner, Annual Fall Dinner, Holiday Bazaar, Christmas Dinner and Program, and bowling party. The Ashley Country Christmas has also been canceled by the Steam Railroading Institute and the Ashley Village Council and Country Christmas Planning Committee. We will miss seeing all our members and friends at these events but our first priority is everyone's health and safety. Hopefully, 2021 will bring significantly decreased risk and many opportunities to be together again. Because we will not have election of officers in November, officers and committees will remain the same until we meet again.

Joe Smolka reported that \$855 had been collected from the lodge, from individual members, from St Cyril's Knights of Columbus and the Elba Sunshine Club for the United Way Stuff the Bus Project. He then applied for Community Matching Funds from the home office and received a \$500 check to add to our total. With all this help we were able to support 18 1/2 classrooms this year. Eli Hall, the United Way of Gratiot and Isabella Counties representative was very grateful for our donation because many organizations and businesses who usually support the project were unable to contribute this year.

Adopt-a-Highway pick up was completed by Tom Bradley, Gary Andrews, John Chvojka, Joe and Ruth Malek, and Ed and Joanne Fornusek.

On the day that the Harvest Festival would have taken place, Chairpersons Tom and Diane Bradley presented a beautiful program on WOES radio station, playing music from last year's festival, announcing the names of all the workers and dancers from 2019 and sharing lodge and festival (Dozinky) history.

Several members continue to make masks for administrators, teachers, students, and essential workers.