



Elsie Food Bank Resumes In-Person Visits

On October 5th, the Elsie Area Food Bank resumed in-person pick-up. The Food Bank also recently became a 501C3 Non-Profit Organization. Going forward all monetary donations are to be made out to the Elsie Area Food Pantry. Pantry Hours are Monday and Wednesday from 8am-9:30am, temperatures will be taken at the door and masks & gloves are required for entry (will provide if necessary). FREE PRODUCE Days are the 1st Tuesday and 3rd Thursday each month starting at 11am. Curb Side delivering will still be available by request. For more information call 989-388-8717.

Ovid Lions Club White Cane Days October 15th-18th

submitted by Mary Perrien

Every spring, Lions Clubs across the globe are seen outside local businesses seeking donations in exchange for a small white cane. The project is twofold. The obvious, is to raise money for sight related Lions projects, paying for eye exams or helping with the purchase of glasses for those who can not afford them.



The second, is White Cane Awareness. With the Stay at home orders in place in the spring, the annual White Cane fundraising event was put on hold.

The Ovid Lions will be trying a different approach to White Cane Days this fall. The United States Congress adopted a joint resolution in 1964 designating October 15 of each year as White Cane Safety Day and recognizing that white canes enable blind people to travel safely and independently.

In conjunction with National White Cane Safety Day, the Ovid Lions will be having a contactless White Cane Awareness and fundraising event.

Look for displays and canisters in Main Street Pizza, The Village Food Pride, Buc's Party Store and other local businesses. All donations will be used locally to help those in need.



Exterior Ballot Box

Some residents have expressed a desire for information as to how they can return their absentee ballots in person rather than by mail for the upcoming November 3, 2020 General Election.

Pictured here is Josie Medina, City of Ovid Clerk with the newly installed Ballot Box at City Hall. The box is securely installed and locked for residents to use for the return of their absentee ballot. See next weeks Meridian Weekly for information as to other city or township exterior ballot boxes made available for the return of voter absentee ballots. For those polling places without an exterior ballot return box, we will provide information as to how voters can return their ballot in-person with their clerk.



Logan Thompson ran for 116 yards and 3 touchdowns during the Chesaning Oct. 2nd game. See story on page 7.

Photo by Chuck Prikasky



Chandler Whitford #2 for OE fights for possession against Ionia. See story on page 9.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Elba Township will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 from 6:30pm to 7:00pm at the Elba Township office at 100 S. Sterling St. to review a proposed Township Blight Ordinance. All social distancing safety practices will be required.

Madalin Morris, Elba Township Clerk

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Elsie Lions Club Beef Raffle

submitted by Richard Easlick

These are the results from the Elsie Lions Club Beef Raffle held last Saturday Oct. 3rd at the old Elsie Bank lawn. Elsie Police Officer Mr. Travhonen did the drawings, 1st place winner, 1/2 beef, was James Coon of Ovid, 2nd place 1/4 of a beef Dan Bush of Elsie, 3rd place 1/4 beef Roseann Weyersberg of Owosso and 4th place, \$100 gift card Robby McCune of St. Johns. Please find picture attached, from left to right are Elsie Police officer Mr. Trahvonon and Elsie Lions Members Richard Easlick, Doctor Robert Peterson, Arden Densmore, Ike Hunt, Don Gilbert, Robin Wooley and Dennis Long. The Elsie Lions Club would like to thank everyone who has supported our Club this year in any way, Thank you, The Elsie Lions Club

Ovid Public Library

The Ovid Public Library Board added Saturdays to the current Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays that the Ovid Public Library is offering only curbside service. The Ovid Public Library is offering curbside service Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:00 – 5:00. Saturdays the curbside service will be from 10:00 – 1:00 p.m. Materials may also be requested from other libraries through the library interloan service MEL if you have a card from the Ovid Public Library. Please call the library at 989-834-5800 during the above hours to request titles, to be put on hold for certain titles, or other information.

OVID TOWNSHIP PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST NOTICE

On Thursday, October 15, 2020, at 1 p.m., Ovid Township will be conducting their Public Accuracy Test for the November 3, 2020, General Election. This test will take place at the Township Administrative Offices, 1015 Baese Court, Ovid, MI. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the Computer program used to tabulate the votes cast at the Election meets the requirements of law.

Claudia Barrett Plugger, Clerk

Dershey's Cafe

Dershey's Cafe, a staple in St. Johns since 1997, has been given a new life after the COVID-19 shut down.

Owners Roger and Mary Dershem, along with their daughter Dianne Dershem Smith decided it was time for a face lift.

They replaced flooring, painted, reupholstered chairs, refinished tables and put up great memorabilia from St. Johns.

Dershey's Cafe reopened on September 28th with the same great food, good friends and great service in a freshen up look.

In December 2019 a "Pay it Forward" fund was started and is continuing with the money received before the shut down, to date over 1,600 people have been blessed with a free meal.

The cafe is located at 111 W. Higham St., St. Johns.



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Carol Smith Retired from Ovid Public Library

Carol Smith has retired from her work at the Ovid Public Library.

During her 20 plus years assisting patrons at the library, Carol put protective covers on the new book jackets and prepared magazines for check out. Her most memorable duty at the library was her creative decorating ability to alter the appearance of the library in so many lovely ways.

If you would like to wish Carol well on her retirement, please send a card to her in care of the library at: P. O. Box 105, Ovid, MI 48866. Or you may bring the card with you the next time you visit the library.



Lansing Art Gallery

submitted by Katrina Daniels

Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center, 119 N. Washington Square, Lansing will be holding an Outdoor Pop Up Art Shop & Hands-On Activities

On the sidewalk in front of Lansing Art Gallery & Education Center; Tuesday - Saturday, Oct. 13 - 17, 11 am - 3 pm. each day

Join us for an Outdoor Pop Up Art Shop and Art Activities! Our team will support you whether you are interested in purchasing art or making art.

Come shop within a curated collection of art, fine craft and the work of Michigan makers - we will have cards, jewelry, pottery, wood products, hand crafted soaps and more!

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Purchase Sock Creature Art Kits!

Moolenaar Encourages Students to Apply for Service Academy Nominations

submitted by David Russell

The office of Congressman John Moolenaar is accepting applications from high school seniors for nominations to the U.S. military service academies.

"Many of our nation's leaders, past and present, have attended the service academies, and I encourage all those who are interested to apply for this year's nominations," said Congressman Moolenaar.

Members of Congress nominate candidates for appointments to the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY; the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD; the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO; and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, NY.

Students and parents who are interested about the application process can find more information online at moolenaar.house.gov.

Applications should be submitted to Congressman Moolenaar's office by U.S. mail:

Congressman John Moolenaar
200 East Main Street
Suite 230
Midland, MI 48640

The deadline for applications is November 13.

Additional questions regarding nominations can be directed to the office in Midland at 989-631-2552.



SCIOTA TOWNSHIP PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST OF OPTICAL SCAN and AUTO-MARK VOTING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that Sciota Township will hold a Public Accuracy Test of the optical scan voting system and the Auto-Mark machine to be used in the November 3, 2020 Election on:

Monday, October 12, 2020 at 7:45 p.m.
Sciota Township Hall
3990 Leland Road
Laingsburg, MI 48848

This test is being conducted as required by Michigan law (MCL168.798) to demonstrate to the public that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of law.

Jamie Parker-Wing
Sciota Township Clerk
(517) 651-5286

Duplain Township PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Public Accuracy Test for the November 3, 2020 General Election is scheduled for Tuesday October 13th, 2020, at 9:00 AM at the Duplain Township Hall located at 145 West Main Street, Elsie Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and county the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of law.

Richard Bates
Duplain Township Clerk

AUCTION



Undersigned, Shawnee Hucko, Estate will sell the following items at public auction on site at **8803 S. Crapo Road, ASHLEY, MICHIGAN**. Or 2 miles east of US127 on M57 to Crapo Rd. Turn south ¾ mile to the sale site. Watch for auction sale direction signs. Gratiot County.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16* 10:00AM*

FURNISHINGS & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

5pc queen size bedroom outfit, dresser, hutch, 2 night stands—nice cedar trunk—wicker love seat—wrought iron patio table w/ glass top & 4 wrought iron chairs—patio sofa—sewing machine in cabinet—nice step back modern china hutch—42" Toshiba flatscreen television on stand—large qty of pressed glass pieces—green jadite mixing bowl—rolling kitchen caddy w/ wood top—blue Shirley Temple pitcher—book case w/ drawers—pair matching dressers—treadmill—exercise items—milk glass dishes & vases—many figurines—microwave—easy chair—kitchen table & chairs—pressed glass—large glass pitcher—glass candle sticks—covered candy dish—kitchenwares—small kitchen appliances—granite roasters—new slow cooker—wood storage cabinets—glass dinner set—stemware—Correll dishes—Corning covered baking dishes—sundae dishes—tea pots—vacuum—silverware set—fry pans—utensils—fans—platters—books, records, VCR tapes—nice stereo system w/ speakers—matching loveseat & sofa—linens & blankets—cookware—card table—game table—folding chairs—coffee & end tables—painted dishes—religious figurines—hen & basket—nice flat top trunk—hall table—small jewelry cabinet—iron board—keyboard—bathroom items—night stand—Avon & candles—hats & gloves—luggage—wood shelving unit—space heater—stool—office chair—old mink coat—wall mirror—file cabinet—aluminum kettle

GARAGE ITEMS

Set Acetylene torches—new 8' screen house—rakes/shovels—hand tools—oil cans—wire—saws—nuts/bolts—tool boxes—old desk—sled—fence stretchers—window A/C—primitive stand—clothes dryer—Wolfs Head gas cans—old plastic Pepsi shelf—old Mad books—grain sacks—wood bin—wagon—wood bench—galv. Wash tubs—croquet set—corn knife—weed eater—hedge trimmers—arbor grinder—egg crate—ladder—air compressor—seeder—small smoker—painted cream can—SS milk

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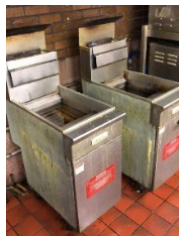
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Obituaries

Rolland “Ron” Thornton



Rolland “Ron” Thornton, age 80 of Lake, MI formerly of Elsie, MI passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 3, 2020 at Mid-Michigan Health, Midland, MI.

Ron was born in St. Johns, MI on November 13, 1939, the son of Earl Thornton and Cereta (DeVries) Kiger. Ron grew up in the Rochester Colony and Elsie area where he worked with his grandfather T.C. Thornton and his uncles on their farms. Ron graduated from Elsie High School in 1957 and enlisted in the Marines. He was in the 3rd Marine Air Wing, Legal Office at El Toro, CA. He was honorably discharged and returned to Elsie in 1959.

In June 1960, Ron married his first wife Sharon Loznak and started hanging drywall. In 1984, he opened his own fabricating business called Michigan Carts and Dollies. Along with his second wife, Ruth Ann (Raymer) Thornton, they built their primary contract with Dominos Pizza. In 1988, he sold his welding business and went into real estate where he became a broker.

Ron was very civic minded and had a great love for the Village of Elsie. He belonged to the Elsie Improvement Association and the DDA. The values Ron’s family instilled in him created a lifelong personal commitment to family and respect for others. In gratitude for all they taught him, Ron and Ruth started an annual cousin’s get together at their home in Lake which was laughingly called “YoHo” which ran for about 12 years.

Ron is survived by his wife Ruth, of 32 years, his three children; Wayne (Silvia) of Medina, OH, Randy (Lesa) of Concord, NC, and Ronda (Andrew) of Belmont, MI, two stepchildren; Joel Darnell and Lee Ann Darnell, both of Elsie, MI. Together Ron and Ruth have 13 grandchildren; Travis, Chelsy, Nik, Alex, Austin, Brandon, Britney, Heather, Nicole, Jon, Dustin, Eric, Alicia, and 16 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother Keith (Patsy) of Sturgis, MI, sister Lora White of Rochester Colony/St. Johns, MI, loving members of Ruth’s family, and many special nieces and nephews. Ron was preceded in death by his parents, brother Marlynn “Mert” Thornton, and brother-in-law James White.

Memorials may be made to Hospice or the Elsie Food Bank. Online condolences can be made at www.smithfamily-funeralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, Elsie, MI.

Jeanne M. Alaga



Jeanne M. Alaga, age 57 of Ovid, MI, passed away Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at her home.

Jeanne was born in Lakeview, MI on April 27, 1963 the daughter of Vincent Lewis and Carol Ann (Bradley) Miller. Jeanne married Alan Alaga on May 8, 2010 in St. Johns, MI. She resided most of her life in St. Johns.

Jeanne worked as an Administrative Assistant at Abraham & Gaffney PC in St. Johns. She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church. Jeanne enjoyed camping with Alan and she loved to spend time reading, walking and doing yoga.

She is survived by her husband Alan Alaga of Ovid, MI; 6 daughters: Erin and Scott Heitstuman of Union Town, WA; Julie and Doug Mason of St. Johns, MI; Leanne and Mitch Toribio of Ovid, MI; Renee and Tony Bush of Ovid, MI; Lisa and Brad Manzullo of Okemos, MI; Brooke and Matthew Keilen of Valdosta, GA; 12 grandchildren; parents Vincent and Carol Miller of Remus, MI; 2 brothers: Mike Miller and Janet Hunt of Mecosta, MI; Dave and Holly Miller of Stanwood, MI; and son in law Chris Haywood of Ypsilanti, MI. Jeanne was preceded in death by her daughter Marcy Davy Haywood, sister Cathy Hitchmough, and her first husband Thomas Davy.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Holy Family Catholic Church Ovid, MI. on Saturday, October 10, 2020 with Rev. Fr. Michael Kuchar officiating. Burial will take place at Maple Grove Cemetery, Ovid, MI at a later date.

Memorials may be made to St. Vincent DePaul, St. Johns, MI or Holy Family Catholic Church Men’s Club. Online condolences can be made at www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes - Houghton Chapel, Ovid, MI.

Betty Louise (Goodrich) Morden



Betty Louise (Goodrich) Morden, age 91 of Midland died peacefully after a long battle with Alzheimer’s on September 28, 2020.

Born December 24, 1928, she grew up in Ovid, Michigan. After graduating from high school at age 16, she worked at Oldsmobile in Lansing.

On December 4, 1948 she married Virgil Morris “Sandy” Morden and they moved to Midland, MI. She was a homemaker and later worked as a secretary at Bullock Creek High School, always encouraging everyone to reach for their potential. She attended St. John’s Episcopal Church.

Betty loved to travel and organized several family vacations throughout the U.S., enriching the lives of her family.

Surviving are her daughters, Sandra (Jess) Dunham of Ft. Myers, FL; and Phyllis “Pam” Ritchie, of Lansing, MI; sons, David (Jean) Morden, of Florence, KY, Dennis (Jan) Morden, of Midland, MI and Richard, of Federal Way, WA; sister, Sarah (Ron) Woodruff, of St. Johns, MI. 9 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, 3 great-great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Betty was predeceased by her husband, Virgil Morden; mother, Helena Goodrich; father, Lewis Goodrich Sr.; brothers, Lewis Jr, Paul, and Harold, and daughter-in-law, Fe Morden.

There will be a private graveside funeral. A celebration of life will be held at St. John’s Episcopal Church at a later date to be announced. In lieu of flowers, consider making a donation in Betty’s name to St. John’s Episcopal Church of Midland, MI. Arrangements were entrusted to the care of Ware-Smith-Woolever funeral directors.

Editorial



The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster
theweeklysportsman@meridianweekly.com

Support Proposal 1

The Weekly Sportsman is proud to stand with a diverse group of environmental, conservation, business, labor and community leaders from across the partisan spectrum to endorse Proposal 1 to invest in protecting and expanding access to our natural spaces for future generations.

For decades, the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) has been protecting our drinking water sources, wildlife habitats and outdoor spaces by receiving oil and gas royalties and directing them towards land acquisition and public recreation projects in all 83 counties across Michigan. However, the MNRTF reached its cap in 2011. These royalties are now directed to the State Park Endowment Fund to fund land acquisition for state parks and maintenance, operations and capital improvements of state parks. But that has a cap too.

This November 3rd, Michigan voters have a historic opportunity to update and expand the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund so that it can continue supporting the places that make Michigan unique – from Great Lakes beaches and public lands to our trails, paths, parks and playgrounds. Best of all, it achieves this as it always has, without tax dollars from Michigan families.

Proposal 1 will protect our water, wildlife & parks by:

- Removing the cap on the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, allowing it to again receive revenues from the royalties on oil, gas, and mining on state-owned land once the SPEF reaches its cap – safeguarding a constitutionally protected revenue source for conservation and recreation for future generations.

- Adding renovation and redevelopment of public recreation facilities as an allowable use of Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund dollars, allowing it to help communities reinvest in their aging recreation infrastructure in addition to creating new facilities.

- Requiring at least 25% of Trust Fund disbursements be made available for development, renovation and redevelopment of public recreation facilities to match the minimum 25% for land acquisition and protection, allowing the flexibility needed to fund and update trails, playgrounds, parks and more in communities across the state, while continuing to prioritize land conservation and protection.

These changes were put on the ballot with unanimous support from the Michigan Legislature and are endorsed by a wide range of environmental, conservation, business, labor and community leaders from across the state. You can learn more about the proposal and the organizations endorsing it at www.miwaterwildlifeparks.com. Join with the Weekly Sportsman in voting YES on Proposal 1 to protect Michigan's water, wildlife & parks on November 3rd or by absentee ballot!

-WS

This is a Thursday morning and here I sit.....but not too fit. Of course this means that I'm a tad bit lame again. Yesterday afternoon I helped Diane and Brent pick up twenty-six bales of straw, six for the northeast corner of my house and twenty to bed their chickens. Of course we used our pickups for the job, mine has a topper on it and theirs has a short box. I believe that sixteen bales fitted snugly into mine and ten into theirs. Thank heavens for tailgates, they aren't just for parties. It was a beautiful afternoon and it was actually fun finishing the task. First we unloaded at the farm then came back to my little homestead and placed the bales. While they were here they kindly dumped three five gallon buckets of biodegradables on the edge of the garden... I pulled a few clumps of burdock and then Diane had to deburr me.

I really am looking forward to organizing my space. Right now there is too much clutter in both the living room and dining rooms. I have a few large bags of Christmas presents sitting on the dining room floor waiting to be wrapped or at least put into temporary storage. Hopefully I won't forget where I put them. There is also a stack of zucchini that need to be processed and about a half bushel of apples for applesauce plus three fifty pound bags of potatoes. Ryan, Isabella and I are having a potato canning party on Monday. Which will increase the clutter for a bit.....at least until the canned potatoes are ready to be moved to their home base.

So my weekend goal is to get the applesauce made and canned, finish up the apple butter and get it canned, and finish grating up the zucchini and finding a place for it in the freezers. I believe that the hardest part will be the needed freezer space. If I can get this done then I will have the time to repot some plants that the Tiny Terror has been flinging soil out onto the furniture and floor. It appears that she has found a stone in the ceramic pot filled with Mother-in-laws Tongue.....the stone clunks against the ceramic pot and resonates loudly. It gives her much joy. I have removed the stone and I will be setting a few water bottles around the house in strategic places to catch the little varmint as she wrecks havoc.

Yes, I still need to do the baking for the Farmer's Market and need to finish making the jams so that I can deliver them on Saturday afternoon.....just so that I can have a cup of coffee and a chat with Therese. I can finally put the garden to rest.....providing that I get the winter squash all picked. Then it will be time to get it mowed and tarped for the winter. I have such big plans and may or may not accomplish them all. Who knows? Today I need to stop at Robin's to get three of the stainless steel trays that are needed for the pepper experiment. I think that they will hold six pots each. Interesting.....

Sometime today, after I finish up at the office I should be able to roll out, cut out and bake some sugar cookies. Isabella would be delighted if I had them ready for her to frost and take home with her Monday afternoon. I know that it may be a bit messy but it will bring a sparkle of joy and much amusement to us all. Note to self, get the pickled beets put up.....Connie and Laurel stopped by on the weekend and I sent some home with her and some tomatoes, peppers and winter squash home with Laurel. And the beat goes on.....

May your beat be steady and may your common sense well used. God bless you daily.

Crystal Mitchell©2020



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

In Loving Memory of
EVELYN DARLING
October 9, 2005



It's been 15 years since you left us. There is not a day goes by we don't think of you. We all love and miss you dearly. You were a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother.

Miss and love you,
Your husband,
children,
grandchildren,
and great-grandchild

CITY OF OVID

PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the November 3, 2020, General Election has been scheduled for Thursday, October 22 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the City Hall Activity Room located at 114 E. Front Street, Ovid.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the programs and the Election Equipment being used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by the law.

Josefina Medina, Clerk
City of Ovid

On November 3rd Vote for EXPERIENCE



Re-Elect **KAY NICKOLS**

For

Woodhull Township Supervisor

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- 8 Year Member Shiawassee County Zoning Board of Appeals
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Paid for by the committee to elect Kay Nickols for Woodhull Township Supervisor
9384 Lookout Point, Laingsburg MI 48848

In Loving Memory of Richard Reha

1-5-33 to 10-9-03

It's been a long 17 years without our Dad-Papa. He was the most awesome guy you'd ever meet. He always had a smile on his face. He loved to drive truck. He started out driving milk truck and had his own milk route (with milk cans), then drove semis with milk and onto semis for the farm. He waved to everybody he met, smiling and honking his horn. Wish was still here to do that as it's harvest time and we miss seeing him trucking to the elevator. Kids need their parents & grandparents in their life and we miss him dearly.

"A Father's love is forever imprinted in his child's heart."

Love & miss you Dad – PaPa
Robin, Joey, Jason & Families





Owosso Speedway Holding 'Terror on M-21'

On Saturday, October 17th Owosso Speedway will be holding a Trunk or Treat combined with a Destruction night.

General admission will open at 2:00pm for the public with Trunk or Treat taking place on the racetrack from 2:30-3:30pm with the participants of the destruction night giving away treats!

A \$50 prize will be given out to the best costume.

Pit gates for participants in the destruction events will open at 12:00pm.

The events for the destruction will begin at 4:00pm.

Classes and order of events:

FWD- 20 lap race; Push race; Spec Drags; Pull race; Enduro 75 laps; Flag Pole race; and crowd favorite Trailer race.

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Peppermint Creek 2020-2021 Season of Free Events

submitted by Chad Swan-Badgero

LANSING – Peppermint Creek Theatre Company (PCTC) strives to produce theatre that addresses vital issues in our society and encourages dialogue. PCTC announces our 2020-2021 season of theatrical events titled 'The Voices Project'.

Throughout the upcoming season, PCTC will offer four different free events that will highlight the voices of individuals and groups in America. "Peppermint Creek's 2020-21 season will not only challenge our audiences to engage in some timely and thorny topics, but it's also going to challenge US as a theatre company as we explore new and radical ways to connect with audiences during a time when gathering together in a theatre building as we typical do isn't permitted," said Chad Swan-Badgero, Artistic Director of PCTC. "Hear Our Cry", running October 22 -24, 2020, will bring audiences together in a classic drive-in movie style set-up in downtown Lansing for a film created both centuries ago and yesterday. For more information about the season line-up, visit www.peppermintcreek.org. No tickets or season subscriptions will be issued during the entirety of the 2020 – 21 season. All events are free and open to the public, with donations accepted at the Peppermint Creek Theatre website.

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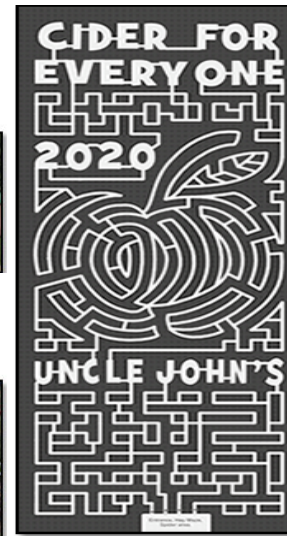
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Sports

Ovid-Elsie Digs Deep to Play Book, Run Past Chesaning 34-10

OVID- ELSIE -- When you've beaten an opponent 10 years in a row, you may have to dig a little deeper in the play-book to keep said opponent back on their heels.

October 2 at Mark O'Donnell Field, the Marauders did just that.

Using some new wrinkles that included a TD out of the "wildcat" formation, the hosts made it 11-straight over the Chesaning Indians, this time by a 34-20 count.

The Marauders also turned to their youth, getting exceptional all-around play from sophomores Logan Thompson, Kevin Ley and Landon Stoneman. Mix that with the veteran leadership they're getting from players like Dylan Carmen and Eddy Evans, and you've got a winning combination that upped O-E's record to 2-1 in the MMAC, 2-1 overall. Chesaning fell to 1-2 in the league, 1-2 overall.

Coach Travis Long's Marauders (2-1, 2-1 Mid-Michigan Activities Conference) sported a pair of 100-yard rushers — Thompson ran for 116 yards and three TDs and Evans ran for 113 yards and one touchdown. O-E dominated on the ground, especially pounding the ball inside, rushing 54 times for 261 yards. They also won the battle for time of possession, 33:43 to 13:37.

Chesaning got off to a promising start. The Tribe stopped O-E twice inside the Indian 20 in the first quarter and led 7-0 when senior defensive back Matt Warby scooped up a fumble and raced 79 yards the other way.

Ovid-Elsie — which possessed the ball for the entire first quarter with the exception of one Chesaning play — regrouped and took a 14-7 halftime lead despite two turnovers. Thompson scored both first-half TDs for the Marauders, darting eight yards with 4:01 left in the first quarter and scooting three yards in the second quarter. The three-yard scoring scoot came out of the Wildcat, and seemed to catch the Indians off-guard.

Said coach Long, "We blocked well, but I give credit to (Chesaning coach) John Mimranek. "He had his defense (ready) and we weren't as successful as I thought we'd be, but we made some adjustments at halftime in our blocking scheme and the guys adjusted well."

Ovid-Elsie stretched the lead to 27-7 with two more scores in the third quarter. Jacob Schaub caught a 20-yard pass from Carman in the left flat and Thompson ran in his third TD, also from 20 yards out.

In the fourth quarter, CHS quarterback Alex Thiel bolted 97 yards on a keeper down the right sidelines. Thiel also completed a 58-yard scoring pass to Dave Smith with 1:33 left.

Ovid-Elsie added a fourth-quarter TD of its own as Evans ran it in from a yard out.

The Marauders led in first downs (20-3) and in total yardage (312-173). Ovid-Elsie ran twice as many plays, 62 to 31.

Ike Guziak and Colin Fluharty split the place-kicking duties for O-E, with Guziak booting two PATS and Fluharty four point-after.

Carman completed 4 of 7 passes for 51 yards, one TD and one interception. His favorite target was Schaub, who hauled in three catches for 29 yards.

Cal Byrnes had one catch for 22



Alex Eichenberg stops Chesaning offense during the Oct. 2nd game.

yards. Byrnes also rushed 37 yards on six carries. Thiel was Chesaning's leading ground gainer with 97 yards on 10 carries.

Nick Fowler, Chesaning's starting quarterback had 16 yards rushing before being injured in the first half. It was a costly loss for Chesaning, who also lost Quackenbush to a leg injury. Smith had two catches for 63 yards and a TD for the Indians.

Stoneman led the Marauders' defense with nine tackles. Ley had eight tackles, and the Marauder 'D' also got stops from Alex Eichenberg, Clay Wittenberg, Schaub, Jackson Thornton, Byrnes, Maxwell Spiess, Theron Brooks and Evans.



Eddy Evans ran for 113 yards and one touchdown during the Oct. 2nd game against Chesaning.

Photos by Jody Thornton



Ashley Homecoming Court

Front Row (L-R): Jordan Saylor, Lydea Ergen. Back Row (L-R): Aaron Drummond, Tim Nierescher, Jimmy Fabus, Nate Reser. Missing is Kirstin Sperling and Nicole Pioszak

Baynes, Ramirez Pace Wolfpack X-country Harriers at CMAC Meet

DANSVILLE -- Miguel Ramirez ran 17th for the Wolfpack boys, in 18:53.73, and Shaily Baynes finished 19th in 23:16.89 for the Lady Wolfpack, leading Laingsburg's effort at the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) meet here October 6.

Coach Shawn Baynes' had a solid contingent of runners both on the boys and girls side, for the 5000 m jaunt.

Joining Ramirez as top finishers for the male Wolfpack was Nolan Gregg in 19:28.05, Caleb Clark 19:28.66, Aden Baynes 21:09.28, Garrett Mathews 21:38.12, Dano Winans 21:51.77, Sawyer Shastal 22:42.21, Dawson Shastal 23:22.03, Kadin Beck-Kusnier 23:57.65, Levi Stephens 26:46.54, Zach Slider 28:58.76, Tanner Scanlan 32:29.40 and Jacob Slider 37:42.22.

Filling out the Lady Wolves' ledger was Saige Wurm in 23:48.53, Danielle Winans 25:00.02, Hayleigh Mertens 25:19.19, Emily Gutzman 25:27.05, Desire Knoblauch 26:45.65, Kezzie Dietz 26:47.37, Sierra Price 30:36.63 and Grace Mathews 37:39.12.

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Sports

O-E Volleyballers Have 'Rough Night' Versus Mt. Morris

OVID-ELSIE -- It wasn't the best outing for the Marauder volleyball team in a three-set sweep by the Mt. Morris Panthers.

"Ovid-Elsie had a rough night," said Lady Marauder coach Kourtney Miller. "We struggled to play together as a team and get our offense moving. Once we got our offense going these girls put the ball down.

"They are ready to bounce back and work even harder."

Final scores were 12-25, 5-25 and 15-25 -- game, set and match to the Lady Panthers.

Top players for O-E were Tristin Ziola, with a touch on almost every single block, 4 hitting attempts and 2 kills; and Braylon Byrnes with 8 serves and 6 hitting attempts, with 1 kill.

Lady Marauders turn in solid effort, but get swept by Lady Tribe

OVID-ELSIE -- Ovid Elsie played a great game against Chesaning, said coach Kortney Miller, but came up on the losing end of 20-25, 24-26 and 23-25 volleyball scores.

"We played together as a team and pushed each other to work together and stay positive," said coach Miller. "We focused on our weakness and improved tremendously. Madison Cunningham was playing with a hurt back all game and she stood out and was the leader on and off the court. She kept her team up and killed it with 7 kills herself.

"Kalista Bancroft had an exceptional night both in the front row and back row. We have struggled to get our offense moving this year and last night Braylon Byrnes made it happen. She worked extremely hard to keep our offense moving strong and taking care of the ball."

Topping the Marauder stat line was Madison Cunningham with 7 kills, 9 serves, 2 aces and 10 serve receive passes, and Kalista Bancroft with 10 kills, 11 serves, 1 ace, 15 serve receive passes, 10 digs and 5 solo blocks.

Ovid-Elsie Volleyball Come Up Short Against Byron Eagles

OVID-ELSIE -- The Marauder varsity volleyball team came up a little short against the Byron Eagles, despite fighting back and showing some resiliency.

The Lady Eagles went home with a hard-fought 23-25, 25-18, 25-9, 20-25 and 15-5 victory on a night that went five sets.

"We came out strong but had lots of errors," said coach Kourtney Miller. "Too many missed serves and bad serve-receive errors."

After losing two of the first three sets, O-E came out and played together to fight back to win the 4th set. "These girls fought hard all game and brought Byron to the 5th set," said coach Miller.

"Even though the outcome of the game was not what we wanted, I am a proud coach that these girls continued to fight and play hard."

An important note in the contest: O-E's Jolene Nash went down in the 1st set by landing on another players



Kalista Bancroft battles at the net against the Byron Eagles on Oct. 3rd. Photo by Chuck Prikasky

foot.

Key for the Marauders were Maddie Cunningham with 12 kills, 15 digs, 13 serves and one 1 ace; Braylon Byrnes with 12 serves, 1 ace, 62 attempt assists with 11 assists and 9 digs.

Laingsburg Wins 2nd-Straight CMAC Contest, 26-6 at Fulton

FULTON-MIDDLETON — Laingsburg's varsity football team continued to dig itself out of a 0-1 hole -- after a season-opening 56-0 loss to Pewamo-Westphalia -- with an impressive showing here October 2.

It didn't start all that pretty, as QB Doug Matthews rebounded from a second-quarter pick-six to account for three touchdowns as coach Brian Borgman's Wolfpack ran past Fulton-Middleton, 26-6.

The host Pirates fell to 0-3 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC), 0-3 overall with the lopsided loss.

Michael Brooks' 6-yard run put the Wolfpack (2-1, 2-1 in the CMAC) up 6-0 in the first quarter. Matthews then had his pass intended for Zach Hawes returned for a touchdown with 7:22 left in the second to tie it at 6-6.

Matthews, however, found DayShawn Bowman for a 55-yard scoring strike with 2:20 to go

before halftime to regain a 13-6 edge. Matthews then tossed a 62-yard TD to Hawes at the tail end of the third quarter and then stunned the Pirates when he ran for a 72-yard score himself early in the 4th stanza.

Addison Goff connected on two PAT kicks to complete the scoring for LHS.

Matthews finished 11 of 25 for 218 yards and two scores — and two interceptions. He also led the team on the ground with 75 yards on three carries. Brooks had 47 yards on 12 attempts. Hawes finished with three catches for 101 yards. Brooks had three grabs for 65 yards.

Defensively, Taylor Zdenahlik had 11 tackles for the Wolfpack, while Hawes recorded six tackles and an interception. Josh Roosa had nine tackles and one sack. Also spearheading the red-and-white defense was Lucas Woodruff with 5 tackles, Michael Rutila 5 stops, Jack Byrnes 4, Tyler Flynn-Lacey 3, Miguel Fajardo 3, Zach Fortino 2, Brooks one, Thomas Cecil one, Bowman one and Matthews one.



Wolfpace defenders including #7 DayShawn Bowman swarm Fulton rushing attack. Photos from Burg Sports



Wolfpace running back Michael Brooks and blocker Taylor Zdenahlik.



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Editorial



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Project Friendship

Andy,

I was so excited to read your column last week! We have a group of ladies from my church called Project Friendship. We created it because we get so overwhelmed with things to do and this is just one way, we can show appreciation and help our friends. We take turns going to each other's homes. We work on a project together and have dinner. Sometimes we have dinner. There are always projects to be done but sometimes you need to get things done and you just don't want to do it alone. We share our concerns, pray together and we actually get things done. For example, last week it was at my house. We put liners in my kitchen cupboards and painted my trim in my upstairs bedroom. Smelling the crockpot full of yummy garden stew and bread in my bread maker was a motivator.

The week before we worked at another friend's house on a beautiful sunny day and cleaned her shed, rearranged her living room. That takes a few people to move things about. We have a sign-up sheet and have made some great connections. I set up the times and make the call reminders and we sometimes get together once a week. Nancy from St. Johns

Nancy,

Thank you for writing in. I love the idea. I think I will put together a group myself. Projects can be more fun when it can be shared. What a neighborly and helpful idea. Getting together to play cards, bunko, coffee, scrapbooking, and prayer and to help each other out is not just for the retired. Readers, send me messages if you have some experiences like this and let me know at ask_andy@aol.com



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Sports

Ashley Football Tramples Akron 46-6

by Ashleigh Shaw

Even though the Bears had a rough game with six fumbles and a few bad penalties they were able to step in the right direction and take a win from Akron. "We had a lot of kids grow this week with their leadership and play. I'm proud to be the coach of these young men, fielding nine young men again in an eight man league and not only competing but coming out on top" expressed Coach Saylor.

Defensively the Bears were led by Aaron Drummond who had 6 tackles and 12 assists. Jimmy Fabus had 4 tackles and 5 assists also adding 3 sacks, 3 forced fumbles and 1 fumble recovery. Dillion Beebe had 4 tackles and 7 assists, Bailey Long had 8 tackles and 8 assists.

Fabus lead Ashley on the offensive end with 196 yards and 4 touchdowns also grabbing 2 passes for 33 yards. Logan Drummond carried 12 times for 25 yards and a touchdown. Dillion Beebe caught a 48 yard pass for a touchdown.

Bears Earn Win Number Two

This was a good win for the Bears although they still had a few turnovers and penalties that plagued them. Ashley also had to figure out how to use Jimmy Fabus as Carsonville Port Sanilac kept on eye on him. The Bears were able to win 50-8.

"As always, I am beyond proud of this team. We started the game with 9 and ended it with 8 and not only competed but dominated on both sides of the ball. I am very impressed with this team's heart" expressed Coach Saylor.

Jimmy Fabus and Logan Drummond dominated on the offensive side, Fabus rushing 20 times for 115 yards and 4 touchdowns and L. Drummond rushing 11 times for 123 yards and 2 touchdowns Bailey Long also added 37 yards on the ground.

Aaron Drummond once again lead the Bears defensively with 13 solo tackles, 2 assists and 2 fumble recoveries. Fabus had 5 solo tackles and 3 assists. Long added 8 solo tackles and 3 assists, while L. Drummond added 6 solos and 1 assist

Ashley Volleyball Gets First Win

by Ashleigh Shaw

The Ladies of the Ashley Volleyball team earned their first wins of the season again the Montabella Mustangs in some close matches. The Bears won the first 26-24, lost the second 23-25, came back to win the third match 25-23, but again lost the fourth match 24-19, but were able to come back in match five winning 15-11 to take home the win.

"The girls have definitely shown improvement and are implementing the things we've asked them to. This win was a team effort and I am proud of the way they played together" comment Coach Howe.

Ashleigh Jelinek had 6 aces, 6 kills and a block, Alexa Burlingame had 3 aces and 2 kills and Korryn Brown, Jenna Wirt and Renee Wirt each had 2 aces.



Cam Cuthbert scores in the shut out game against Chesaning on Oct. 5th.
 Photo by Jody Thornton

Bulldogs Whitewash O-E Soccer Boys 5-0

OVID-ELSIE -- Ionia got shutout net-mending and downed Ovid Elsie, 5-0, on October 3.

The Bulldogs came out early with a quick goal " ... and didn't let up the whole game," said O-E Justin Fluharty.

Ionia scored 2 goals in the first half and 3 goals during the second.

Nate Reser had 13 saves for the Marauders.

"This was our third game of the week and our team is battling injuries," said coach Fluharty. "The boys started off strong but faltered as the game progressed."

For Ionia, Zane Sarka had 2 goals, Devon Reyes 2 goals and Wyatt Montgomery one goal.

Ovid-Elsie's Reser, Marauder defense shut out Chesaning soccer boys, 3-0

OVID-ELSIE -- Ovid-Elsie scored two quick goals in the first 5 minutes, and Nate Reser pitched a shutout at Chesaning with 7 saves in goal, all adding up to a 3-0 MMAC soccer victory for the Marauders.

Josh Swender scored the first goal, assisted by Ian Hehrer, and then Ian netted the next goal, assisted by Camren Cuthbert.

"We possessed the ball well but couldn't seem to finish our shots," said coach Justin Fluharty.



Colin Fluharty maneuvers the ball down the field against Chesaning.
 Photo by Jody Thornton

Scoring for the Marauders went like this: Camren Cuthbert 1 goal 1 assist, Ian Hehrer 1 goal 1 assist, Josh Swender 1 goal and Colin Fluharty 1 assist.



Caden Passmore goes out for a pass during the Sept. 26th Akron game.
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