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National FFA Names VIPs



INDIANAPOLIS (Monday, Aug. 23, 2021/National FFA Organization) - Eleven individuals will be honored with a VIP Citation during the National FFA Convention & Expo, held in Indianapolis, Oct. 27-30. The VIP Citation recognizes individuals' significant contributions to FFA and agricultural education.

Those individuals are Scott Bormann of Stilwell, Kan.; Leon Busdieker of Hawk Point, Mo.; Dr. Robert Flores of San Luis

Ovid-Elsie graduate, David Wyrick

Obispo, Calif.; Lyle Orwig of Chaska, Minn.; Terry Riekman of Salem, S.D.; Ronnie Simmons of Gainesville, Fla.; Dr. Michael Spiess of Montague, Calif.; Jack Staats of Alva, Okla.; and David Wyrick of Byron, Mich. Additionally, Robert Hays of Indianapolis, Ind.; and Jeffrey Hicken of Waypan, Wis., are being awarded the VIP posthumously.

The VIP Citation honors the dedicated individuals who contribute to the FFA mission of student success through their hard work and cooperation.

The National FFA Organization is a school-based national youth leadership development organization of more than 735,000 student members as part of 8,817 local FFA chapters in all 50 states and Puerto Rico.

Jeff Wilikangas, 12 Time Grand Ole Opry Performer to Play with Jack Clarkson Band

by Jack Clarkson

Ovid resident, Jeff Wilikangas, will perform with the Jack Clarkson Band on Saturday, September 18th from 1pm-4pm during the Warrior Appreciation Rally at the Elsie Park. "My first performance at the Grand Ole Opry was with Country Music Hall of Fame legend, Hank Snow. When I stood next to him on the stage I was awestruck and realized I had arrived as a musician," said singer, songwriter and producer Wilikangas. And arrive he did. He recorded in Nashville studios on the bass guitar with Tim McGraw, Kenny Cheney, Waylon Jennings and Alabama's Jeff Cook just to name a few.

"I played with Joe Stamply for 15 years. We were playing at Alabama's Ft. Payne June Jam Concert, I took a helicopter ride from there to Jeff's mansion for his wedding. "Country music has been a great extended family for me," he explained. You can see Jeff perform classic country music with his "Yesterday's Country" at the Willows in Bay City every Sunday. During the Pandemic last year, Jeff and his wife Carol did twice a week concerts raising money for meals for first responders, medical personnel and nursing home staff from Lansing to Bay City.

The Elsie American Legion recently enlisted Stan Saylor to secure the entertainment for the annual rally in Elsie. Stan is a Michigan Polka Hall of Fame member who has toured worldwide and is well known as an accordion player and band leader in the Midwest. "We are blessed to have a great musician and community contributor like Jeff Wilikangas to help honor our veterans," said Saylor.

Don't miss this performance by Jack & Tess Clarkson and keyboard player Rick Nalett for an afternoon of Classic Country Music.



The Lady Wolfpack volleyball team is off to a great 2-0 start to the season. Fall sports teams are in full swing. See pages 8 and 9 for reasons. Photo Burg Sports and Beyond.



Carriage Days Continues

Carriage Days Continues Thru Sunday, September 12th: A car show will take place from noon-4pm, the midway will run from noon-approximately 6 pm, Performing in the Entertainment Tent, Clarkson Band from 12:30pm-3:30pm, Ray Rodriguez & Friends from 3:30pm-6:30pm, Lions BBQ Chicken Dinner served from Noon-Until gone, \$10 for 1/2 chicken.



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The Ovid Public Library will be continuing our book sale after carriage days. We still have plenty of books to choose from. If you weren't able to make it to our sale during Carriage Days be sure to stop in and find something to read. All sales are by donation. Come and help support your local library!



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Alma Auctioneer Wins Auctioneer Championship



ST. IGNACE, MICHIGAN – Professional auctioneer, Jason Clark from Alma, Michigan took top honors at the GoToAuction.com Midwest Auctioneer Championship.

The GoToAuction.com Midwest Auctioneer Championship saw a field of 16 top quality auctioneers from around the Midwest competing for the title of the Grand Champion of the coveted auctioneer championship. The championship was held in conjunction with the Midwest Auctioneers Roundup hosted by the Michigan Auctioneers Association.

The highly esteemed auctioneer championship saw five finalists including: Noah Smith of Howard City, Michigan (5th place), Jason Lamoreaux of Belding, Michigan (4th place), Grant Cole of Beulah, Michigan (3rd place), Ed Leist of Petoskey, Michigan (2nd place) and of course, the Champion Jason Clark. All finalists received a plaque commemorating their achievement and a cash prize.

The Champion, Jason Clark was born and raised on a small dairy farm and exposed to a lot of auctions. One of his earliest memories of an auction was a small farm liquidation that his



Uncle Dick and Bill Clark conducted north of Breckenridge, Michigan. Clark says, "I remember this sale because it was the first sale I felt the excitement of the auctioneer saying 'SOLD' to me personally. I was bidding on a small two-wheel trailer that I could haul my pig manure in. I remember the excitement of the auction, with the huge crowd of people standing around and visiting, the auctioneers on the loudspeakers, and the food wagon – it seemed more like the county fair than an auction!" Determined to be a good auctioneer like his Uncle Dick, he practiced around the farm and sold a lot of cattle off a 4010 John Deere while feeding them. He didn't realize it at the time, but pretty much everyone around the farm could hear him, but instead of laughing, they encouraged him.

That encouragement led to his first paying job with John Tomaschko working as a contract auctioneer. After four years working for other auctioneers, he felt comfortable enough to be in business on his own and purchased Pioneer Auction Service from his Uncle Dick. Over the fifteen years he's been in the industry, he's competed five times in the Michigan Auctioneer Championship. The first few times, his nerves got the best of him and was so hard on himself he didn't come back for a few years. Every time he competed, he felt he left as a better auctioneer, so he kept trying. In 2020, took home the Championship. "I'm proud to say that I have worked hard to become all of these things thanks to the help and encouragement from others. I would strongly encourage any auctioneer to become a member of the Michigan Auctioneers Association and to compete in the available competitions. You will better yourself and your auction business all around." This was the first time Jason competed in the GoToAuction.com

Midwest Auctioneer Championship. He said "The appeal of this contest is that it's all about bid calling. I was nervous, but not having an interview made it less nervewracking." Jason dedicated his win to his Dad and his Uncle Dick, who have both passed in the last two years.

The GoToAuction.com Midwest Auctioneer Championship was broadcasted live to a worldwide audience. If you missed it, the videos are available on www.youtube.com/michiganauktioneers. "This is a unique competition in the sense there isn't much in the way of rules – other than they must wear a hat, any hat and sell what they are selling within a two-minute time frame. Contestants are scored exclusively on their real-world auction chant – and man, do they put on an authentic show!" Said GoToAuction.com co-founder and Marketing Director, Kenny Lindsay, CAI.

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Religious Thoughts

by Chris Hearn
www.letsmeetgod.com

In Isaiah 59:1–2, it says, “Behold, the Lord’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.”

What does this mean?

In short, it means that our sins separate us from God. We are so separated that we can’t even reach God by our own good works, religious rituals (like being baptized or church attendance/membership) or anything else.

It also means that our sins have a fine or price attached to them. Just as there are fines to pay for breaking our country's laws, there is also a fine for breaking God’s law, which is what we break when we sin against Him. We know that the worse the crime committed, the greater the punishment. Our offense, or sin against God, is the ultimate “crime” and the fine for our sin the ultimate; permanent separation from God.

There is good news in all of this, and it is that Jesus died in our place.

Just as one person can pay off the financial debt of another, so Jesus paid off the debt of our sin to God. Christ died and was separated from God for us, so anyone who believes in Him can say that while we could never pay off the debt by our own efforts, we can point to Someone who was a substitute for us. We can say to God that Jesus paid the price in full all for our sins.

Here’s another way to look at it—a news story I saw a few years ago spoke of a “suspended pizza.”

It’s an Italian tradition that started over sixty years ago and it at the time of the story it was making a comeback in the home of the pizza, Naples, Italy.

The simple idea is this: a customer pays in advance for a pizza for someone else—a total stranger.

At the shop, the pizzeria owner keeps track of how many free pizzas have been paid for and marks it on a board outside. If someone needs a free pizza, that person comes in, asks for one, and it’s already been paid for. The person getting the free pizza may not be the next in line, or come in that hour, or even come in that day. The free pizza is there waiting for the asking.

It’s an illustration of what Jesus Christ did when He died on the cross for our sins. Obviously, what He did was of infinitely greater worth, but the idea of substitution is the same. It’s a sacrifice.

It’s one Person paying in full for something that another person could not afford to pay for on his or her own. It’s salvation that God offers to all who repent of their sins and believe in the Gospel. God is waiting for you to ask.

Concealed Pistol License Class

submitted by Norm Martin

The Shiawassee Conservation Association, 4247 N. M-52, Owosso, is hosting concealed pistol license classes on Saturday, September 18th. Class hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

All firearms, ammunition and classroom materials furnished.

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Class fee is \$120.00 (\$15 to support SCA).

Pre-register by calling Norman Martin at 989-834-5628 (home) or 989-277-1002 (cell).

Social

Fredrick-Allen Reunion

Descendants of Mable (Allen) and August Fredrick met August 29th at Bates-Scout Park in Laingsburg for the 88th Fredrick-Allen reunion after canceling last year due to COVID.

Shirley (Allen) Marriage of Ovid gave the invocation before the potluck dinner.

Bob Dahl, 91, of Montague was the eldest family member present. He is the son of the late Hazel (Fredrick) Dahl, the 2nd of the 14 children of Mable and August. Youngest was Ariya Conklin, seven-month-old daughter of Ashley and Jacob Conklin of Owosso and great great grand-daughter of the late Gerald Fredrick, the eighth of the Fredrick children.

Traveling the farthest was Glen Dahl of Montague. He also had the lucky name tag; and the Dahls had the most family members present.

Prizes were awarded for seven through fifty-three consecutive years of attendance.

Family members shared updates; and Mick Danek of Laingsburg, historian, reported deaths in the family in the past two years. Greeting cards were signed for Faye Dahl of Montague and Bob Mann of Durand, who were unable to attend.

The 2022 reunion will be August 28th at the same location.

Calling All Senior Bingo Players

The Clinton County Senior Center is offering Bingo to senior citizens on Tuesdays and Fridays starting at 1:30 pm each day. The cost is \$1.50 per person and each person wins 5 prizes (most are food or personal products).

Lunch is available at noon before Bingo for a \$3.50 donation. These meals are also available for take out.

The Senior Center is located at 201 E Walker Street in St. Johns and is currently open Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays between 9 am - 3 pm. Come and enjoy good meals, play games, put together a puzzle, play Euchre or just socialize.

Any questions, please call 989-224-4257.

Laingsburg School Board Meeting Rescheduled

The Board Meeting originally scheduled for September 15, 2021 has been rescheduled until September 20, 2021.

Laingsburg Community Schools Board of Education will conduct a regular board meeting on Monday, September 20, 2021. The meeting will begin at 7:00pm in the Middle School Media Center, please see our website at www.laingsburg.k12.mi.us for up to date information.

The major tentative agenda items for this meeting include the following: student enrollment/class size, 2021-22 budget update, legislative update, personnel, bond Construction and finance update and any other business that may properly come before the board

Upon request to the Superintendent, the District shall make reasonable accommodation for a person with disabilities to be able to participate in this meeting.

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Hummingbird Watchers: When to take down the feeder?

Andy, My wife thinks the Hummingbird feeder should come down Labor Day weekend to give the birds a chance to migrate without getting caught in a winter storm. When is a good time to take down the feeder? Hummingbird Watcher

Good news! Keep your feeder up as long as hummingbirds are still feeding off them. There was a time some people recommended Labor Day. Recent studies have stated, "... it is not the lack of food that sends the hummingbird South." Birds do start to fatten up and get an urge to migrate; Fact: There is a biological rhythm that corresponds to the changing length of the day light hours. A hummingbird and many other species of birds have an internal biological calendar called Circannual Rhythms.

Keep your hummingbird feeder full of fresh sugar water to help the tiny birds to "fill up" with energy for their long trip South. We keep our feeder up as long as we still have summer-

type weather. We get some small birds that may have been hatched later in the season; we call them the "stragglers." When they stop coming around, usually after day light savings time ends, we change over to winter seeds.

If you are lucky enough to travel south for a winter vacation or a retirement stay, "hummers" have favorite well-known places at the Kentucky/Alabama line in early Spring and late Fall. Other famous places include the Sonora Desert Museum in Tucson, Arizona and Rock Port – Fulton area, just south of Austin, Texas for the "Hummerbird" Festival held annually at the end of September to celebrate the ruby-throated hummingbird's migration. This area is known for over 500 species of birds resting before heading to Mexico, Costa Rica and Ecuador.

If you are headed South or West, check with www.bird-watching.com. The professional birdwatchers can give you a timeframe for sightings and landings so you can plan your vacation south. There are some places in the West where the Anna hummingbirds have year-around homes.

So hummingbird lovers, full feeders are not going to tempt the migrators to overstay their welcome. Try becoming a winter birdwatcher. Don't forget to feed the colorful Michigan Chick-a-Dees in the winter months. They need the seeds and nourishment in our harsh weather, as well. Once they depend on your generosity, keep it full. They pay you back with their lovely winter songs. Thanks for asking Andy at ask_andy@aol.com



A Little Common Sense

by Crystal Mitchell

Who da.....have you ever realized that you needed to change where you were stepping while in midstride? Well, I was being pretty pleased with myself this morning as I baked for the St Louis Farmer's Market. I had already baked the zucchini bread, the fresh apple bread, and had taken the hummingbird bread out of the oven. Kneaded the plain white yeast bread and it was getting into raise mode. At this point, I checked my notes from last week, thankfully the chocolate zucchini bread was already in the oven....but I had to change from making lemon blueberry to rhubarb bread and there was a demand for banana nut bread. Oopsy, I headed out to the big freezer and grabbed some rhubarb and now I need to find the recipe. So much for things flowing smoothly..... (I didn't get the rhubarb bread finished in time to package it)

Obviously it has been another busy week, the horse show at the Shiawassee Fairgrounds was a bit fun and we did decent there. I hope that they were pleased with us. The second day was better than the first, and that was because word of mouth works well for us. The judges and workers were thrilled with our cheeseburgers, and the breakfast burritos flew off the grill on the second day. Plus once we got folks to try the muffins they moved well.

I even had Gary, who works on the fairgrounds, ask for my apple nut muffin recipe.....I had to email it to him on Monday because unlike some items this recipe was not burned into my brain. I had to look through my stash of well-liked recipes to get a copy made for him. I don't mind sharing my recipes but as a rule they seldom work well the first time someone else uses them. So I try to explain what I do that isn't written down. Such as I use homemade applesauce (with no added sugar) to replace half of the butter or oil that I used in the muffins. And when I put the spices into the mix.....ya know my standard procedure.

I did take my minication on Tuesday....and yes I did get caught in the storm that was raging up around Mt Pleasant. Cars were pulled off to the side of the road on south US127 and we went through gushing rain, some of it mixed with hail and managed not to do any hydroplaning on the way home. As we got back to the Alma area I planned on stopping at the Farm & Home store but changed my mind, I really didn't want to get soaked. I drove my neighbor Karen and myself west on M46 until we found our destination. Along the way we stopped at a couple of farm stands and picked up a few items. This of course means that I must can a bushel of tomatoes tomorrow. Of course this is fine with me, I really do like having my shelves full, and this will probably give me another twenty-one or two quarts of stewed tomatoes. Sad to say, I haven't even had a BLT this season.....I have everything needed, I just haven't done it yet.

The reason that we ended up in M46 was that we wanted to stop at the thrift store on Mill Street in St Louis. I had downsized some more and had two big boxes and a medium sized box of stuff to drop off. Out of my downsizing I added things to my burn pile and also only kept three of the dishes that were packed away. I had just donated some Home & Garden Party pottery to the Sunshine Club's white elephant sale so I'm pleased that I've created more space upstairs.

Cousin Arden just stopped and dropped off some yellow summer squash, zucchini and a recipe that I want to try. He also told me that he liked to add some small pieces of ham to the casserole. It looks yummy! I will probably try to decarb it or else save it for a cheat day. Yup, I'm on a low carb feasting time. I have just finished fifty-three loaves of quick bread, four loaves of white yeast bread and six dozen chocolate chip cookies. So I hope that everyone at the market will be happy. I do not have time to make the rhubarb bread this week. My bad for not looking at my notes.

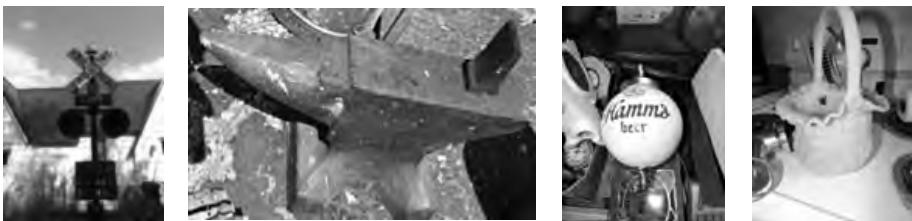
So...please take the time to read your notes, they are helpful and can make you stay focused. Of course, I have failed in that this week but will try again. May God bless you with good focus that is filled with more than good intentions. Be sure to laugh daily

Crystal Mitchell©2021

Look for the Fall Home Improvement Section in The Weekly September 19th!

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UIA Virtual Appointments

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In addition to phone and in-person appointments, customers can now also schedule virtual appointments. Virtual appointments provide the personal contact with a customer service agent with the convenience of a remote connection.

The 20-minute virtual appointments can be scheduled online up to one week in advance at Michigan.gov/uia. Click on "Schedule an Appointment." The UIA expects to schedule up to 340 virtual appointments per day.

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Once the virtual appointment is scheduled, customers will receive an email with a link to join the appointment via Google Meet at the appointed day and time. Customers will need to have a Gmail account to join from a mobile device. They do not need to have a Gmail account to join from a computer.

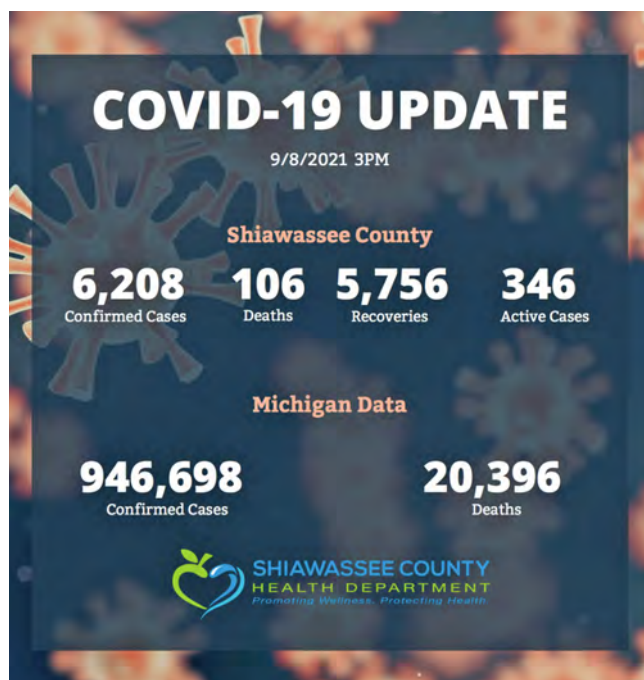
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In addition to scheduling a virtual appointment, Customers may contact UIA by:

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Senior Spotlight

Social Security Payee Portal

submitted by Vonda Van Til

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Please visit www.ssa.gov/payee if you have questions about representative payees.

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Prevent Medication Errors

Prescription medications are a necessity for many people. Approximately one-third of adults take five or more medications at the same time.

The potential for adverse drug events is elevated when people are taking multiple medications at one time. For example, mixing pills has the potential to cause serious injury or even death.

Doctors, patients and pharmacies must work together to ensure that medication is taken safely. One of the best ways to prevent errors with medications is for patients to take an active role in their health care management.

- Know your dose. Children are at an especially high risk for medication errors because they require different doses than adults, offers the Mayo Clinic. Adults of different weights who share medications can run into trouble as well. It is key to follow the dosing instructions, as even a minor error in regard to dosage can potentially cause a big problem.
- Follow up with your doctor. Certain medications can cause side effects that only can be noticed by lab testing, such as an impact to the liver. Doctors also may be under an obligation to follow up with patients taking psychological drugs to ensure the efficacy of treatment. Make sure you keep all follow-up appointments.
- Maintain a current list of meds. It is up to patients to share information with prescribing doctors regarding any and all products being taken to avoid harmful interactions. Using the same pharmacy for all prescriptions also is helpful.
- Be honest about height and weight. Medication labeling and package inserts typically use metric units to correlate dose to a person's physical attributes. Individuals should know their information in metric measurements and be honest with themselves about what they weigh.
- Use medications correctly. It is important not to chew nonchewable pills or cut pills unless the pharmacist or doctor has said it is safe to do so. Accurate dosing also requires using the right spoon or syringe, not silverware. Store certain types of medications, such as eye drops and ear drops, separately so they're not mistaken for one another.



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Caregivers Managing Money



Caregiving is a big responsibility. One crucial role caregivers may take on involves managing a loved one's finances. AARP states that acting as a money manager becomes especially important if a loved one begins having trouble keeping a checkbook or becomes confused about money. The Family Caregiver Alliance® indicates millions of Americans are managing money or property for a family member or friend who is unable to pay bills or make financial decisions.

Juggling one's own finances and the responsibilities of another person's money can take its toll. Here are several ways to navigate these often tricky waters.

- Discuss plans in advance. Have conversations even before an aging loved one needs caregiving. Talking through difficult topics when parents are healthy can simplify decisions later on.
- Open a joint account. Joint bank accounts make it easier for caregivers to manage loved ones' money if the person becomes physically or mentally incapacitated. When necessary, you can step in as a money manager to pay bills, make deposits and withdrawals and monitor account balances.
- Make legal fiduciary changes. AARP suggests drawing up legal documents to manage all financial accounts. A power of attorney is a legal document in which one person assigns another the power to make financial decisions on their behalf. This also protects family interests, so that another relative like a sibling, who may want his or her share of a loved one's money, will not have access. Documenting fiduciary changes in the letter of the law can serve as a measure of protection against potential problems.
- Put your priorities first. You may end up running yourself emotionally and financially ragged catering to a loved one's needs. According to a 2015 study from the National Alliance for Caregiving, an estimated 43.4 million American adults provide unpaid care to an adult or child. Taking repeated time off of work or paying for loved ones' needs out of your own pocket can take its financial toll. Do not take on unmanageable debt.
- Ask for help. Speak with a financial advisor and/or elder care attorney about the best ways to manage a loved one's money to ensure an aging parent or child will be provided for. Arranging assets in certain ways can make individuals eligible for certain benefits.

Ways to Show Appreciation to Grandparents

Some seniors live alone, while others may be living with their adult children and grandchildren, offering care and support to help make the household function. Whether grandparents, aunts and uncles or older friends live close by or elsewhere, there are many ways for their loved ones to show them how much they're appreciated.

1. Become pen pals. Seniors may have limited mobility or opportunities to get out of the house. Receiving mail is one way to connect with the outside world. Regularly send letters to a grandparent or other senior, sharing tales of daily life and key moments that will bring them joy. Chances are they'll return the favor with a letter of their own.
2. Explore technology together. Younger generations can introduce seniors to available technology that can bring them closer. This may include digital assistants that enable them to share videos, tablets to send email or access social media, mobile phones for calling and texting, and anything else families can customize to their needs.
3. Offer companionship. Spending time with younger generations can motivate seniors to stay active and engaged. Have games and activities at the ready or simply provide a listening ear.
4. Shop and run errands. Help aging loved ones perform the tasks that they may not be able to tackle on their own. This can include picking up groceries or prescriptions or taking them to appointments. Simple work around the house, like doing laundry or light clean-up, also can be a big help.
5. Start a hobby together. Develop a hobby that seniors and young people can enjoy together. Watching classic movies, painting ceramics, going to sporting events, or gardening are just a few of the many hobbies that seniors can enjoy with their young loved ones.

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Logan Thompson # 25 gained 37 yards on the ground caught two passes for 53 yards in the Marauder victory against Durand.

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Marauders Bounce Back

DURAND -- Ovid-Elsie got past a heartbreaking loss in the season opener vs. Portland, kicking off the MMAC season with a convincing 28-8 victory over the host Railroaders here September 2.

Coach Travis Long's football Marauders moved to 1-1 overall, 1-0 in the MMAC. Eddy Evans rushed 20 times for 102 yards and two TDs, and Dylan Carman passed for 75 yards and two scores.

"We just got our heads right and came back as a team and played some Marauder football," said coach Long.

Evans scored on a 2-yard touchdown run late in the first quarter, moments after O-E receiver Logan Thompson came down with a 30-yard strike from Carman.

That score put Ovid-Elsie on top 6-0, with :54 seconds left in the first quarter. Ovid-Elsie jumped the lead to 14-0 with 3:39 left in the second quarter when Carman — who completed 4 of 6 passes for 75 yards, two TDs and two interceptions — found Thompson with his second big catch of the game, for a 22-yard touchdown.

With just 8 seconds left in the half, Carman completed a 24-yard scoring pass to Thompson. The Marauders’ final TD came on Evans’ 4-yard scoring run with 7:12 left in the game.

Fluharty rushed twice for 38 yards. Thompson ran nine times for 37 yards. Tomasek caught two passes for 54 yards and one TD, while Thompson had two grabs for 53 yards and one TD. Adam Barton had one reception for 21 yards.

Defensively, Clay Wittenberg and Landon Stoneman each had nine tackles for Ovid-Elsie. Fluharty had two sacks while Rudy Ramirez had one sack.



Freshman, Axell Newell, #2, stops a Railroader in his tracks on Friday, September 2nd at Durand.

Marauder, Wolfpack Harriers Excel at O-E Cross-Country

by Tom Turek

ST. JOHNS — Cole Yaros was seventh in 18:09.19 and New Lothrop’s boys placed fifth out of 12 teams in the Small School Division at the annual Marauder Cross-Country Invitational on September 8.

Pewamo-Westphalia placed first with 50 points. New Lothrop scored 147 points while Chesaning was sixth with 153. Laingsburg was eighth (164), Ovid-Elsie ninth (202) and Byron 12th (370).

Laingsburg’s Miguel Ramirez was 16th (18:58.64). Ovid-Elsie’s Clay Powell placed 17th (18:58.87) and Laingsburg’s

Nolan Gregg finished 21st (19:12.84).

The Ovid-Elsie girls finished third out of 14 schools in the Small School Division at the 20th annual Marauder Cross Country Invitational.

O-E scored 96 points, trailing Pewamo-Westphalia (31) and Leslie (88). Laingsburg was sixth (143), New Lothrop eighth (223), Perry ninth (223), Chesaning 10th (273), Morrice 13th (372) and Byron 14th (376).

Alexis Spitzley ran fifth for the Marauders in 20 minutes, 56.74 seconds.

Emily Muller (O-E) finished in 22:44.33 for 18th place; Piper White (O-E) 22:50.2; 21st; Emily Rathka (Laingsburg) 23:08.75; 22nd; and Evelyn Logghe (Laingsburg) in 23:09.48.

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Sports

Same Story, Different Day: Pirates Rack Up Another Big CMAC Win Over Wolfpack



here September 2.

After a big 27-9 win over non-league Perry in the season opener, coach Brian Borgman's Wolves fell to 1-1 overall, 0-1 in the CMAC.

Characteristically, the Pirates opened the season at 2-0, outscoring their opponents 88-12 following a 33-6 win over Redford Union in their 2021 opener on August 26.

Dayshawn Bowman scored the Wolves' lone touchdown on the night, and finished with 10 carries for 69 yards. Hayden Johnson caught one pass for 23 yards, while QB Ty Randall completed 2-of-11 passes for 23 yards. Jack Byrnes led the Wolves in carries with 11, good for 4 yards.

The Pirate machine ran only 29 plays, but rolled to 329 yards on the

LAINGSBURG -- Veteran broadcaster Tim Staudt addressed the issue during remarks at an alumni event at Laingsburg High School recently.

Staudt, while noting the success of the LHS athletic teams -- in the top half of the nation when analyzing performance metrics -- had one monster problem ...

The Wolfpack plays in a conference with Pewamo-Westphalia.

The Pirates dominate in most sports in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC), and they keep buzzing along in football, with a 51-6 crushing of the Wolves



Ty Randall, #10, carries the ball for the Wolfpack.

ground, with four different players scoring touchdowns. Through the air, the Pirates completed 4-for-5 aeriels for 105 yards and two TDs.

Defensively, Kyle Boettcher led the the Wolves with 10 tackles, five of them solo stops. Michael Brooks was in on 7 tackles, Byrnes 6, Connor Hulliberger 5, Thomas Gousetis 5 and Matt Freels four stops.



PW player, #10, breaks away from a defender for big gain.



Wolfpack Volleyball Girls Quick Start in CMAC

LAINGSBURG -- The Laingsburg girls varsity volleyball team is off to a good start in the CMAC (Central Michigan Athletic Conference).

Coach JJ Strieff's Wolfpack defeated Potterville on August 25 in three sets, then powered past Saranac on September 1 in three sets.

Leading the way for the Wolfpack in the Potterville game was junior Ellie Baynes with 11 kills and senior Lorna Strieff with 6 kills, 10 digs and 2 aces.

Versus Saranac, Lora Strieff led the way with 10 kills and 10 digs, while sophomore Bella Strieff delivered 10 kills and 5 digs.

Wolfpack Girls Volleyball

LAINGSBURG — Junior Ellie Baynes led the Wolfpack with 12 kills, 5 aces and 2 blocks, and the Laingsburg girls varsity volleyball team moved to 12-4 on the young 2021 season with a non-league win over neighboring Perry on September 7.

Senior Lorna Strieff contributed 9 kills, 10 digs and 2 aces, and sophomore Bella Strieff chipped in with 9 kills and 2 aces.

The Wolves stood 2-0 in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) entering a September 8 matchup with Fowler.

Wolfpack Boys Soccer Victory

LAINGSBURG — The Wolfpack varsity boys soccer scored a 2-1 win over Vermontville Maple Valley on Sept. 8, led by a first goal by Trevor Barrett in the first :20 seconds of the contest, and a second goal off a corner kick from Dylan Hulliberger, finished by a header from Dano Winans.

Coach Natalie Elkins' Wolves improved to 3-1 on the young season, following a 2-1 loss to Lakewood.



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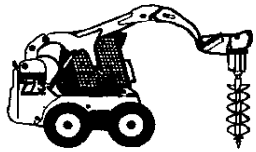
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