

# Midland FFA Labor Auction Set For Thursday, March 28

The Midland FFA Alumni Association is holding its annual FFA Labor Auction & Meal on Thursday, March 28, 2024. Joyce and Kenny Poignant are hosting the event at their home located at 1530 Feazel Road, Lacon. This event is open to the public. The Midland FFA Chapter will serve Grilled Rib-Eye (\$8) and Pork Chop (\$7) sandwich meals that may be purchased from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. The Labor Auction immediately follows the meal and is scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m.

Do not miss this great opportunity to purchase 8-hours of labor (minimum bid \$120) because the Midland FFA members participating in the auction are eager to work. Bid on them for such tasks as spring cleanup, mowing, planting garden, weeding, farm work, yard work, window washing, hay making, running errands, babysitting, fall leaf raking, deck washing, car detailing, house cleaning...the list goes on. Your donations made payable to

the Midland FFA Alumni Association are tax deductible and the grant money given to the Midland FFA Chapter supports these students in developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education activities.

The FFA members participating in the FFA Labor Auction are Zach Allen, Brecken Bade, Jane Bella, Leah Bella, Conner Blunier, Morgan Blunier, Ryan Carlson, Joseph Denham, Evan Fandel, Seth Fandel, Will Fleming, Kyler Gauwitz, Leah Jeter, Hannah Klingbiel, Jack Knisley, Brielle Lindstrom, Evie Lord, Michael Madon, Anna McGlasson, Riley Parrot, Isaac Patellaro, Miley Rosen, Kiryn Schaer, Jacob Streitmatter, Jacob Strohmaier, Maddie Toman, Madeline Wallington, Gavin Weide, and Cheyenne Wildey. For more information, contact Darin Blunier or Lila Bobinski (Midland FFA Ag Advisors) at the Midland High School at (309) 463-2095.

# Midland H.S. Names Students To Third Quarter Honor Roll

## High Honors

**Seniors:** Ava Bade, Leah Bella, Kegan Bergman, Conner Blunier, Cole Bobinski, Alexander Briggs, Kanen Briggs, Alessandro Coccia, Benjamin Collins, Justine Evans, Evan Fandel, Keagan Faulkner, Quinlan Gauwitz, Sarah Henry, Conner Hill, Gabriel Jones, Connor Keinath, Sophia Milloy, Frederik Olsen, Haley Price, Madison Price, Madilyn Pyles, Victoria Sierzega, Jacob Streitmatter and Madeline Wallington.

**Juniors:** Cayden Bond, James Braun, Serenity Diaz, Kayla Doll, Noah Dorsey, Seth Fandel, Ellyanna Harper, Leah Jeter, Benjamin Kovach, Owen LaRoe, Austin Lerch, Brielle Lindstrom, Evangeline Lord, Seanna Nyboer, Michael Parker, Isaac Patellaro, Olivia Pyles, Dante Rosa, Brittney Rosen, Jocelyn Schaefer, Rhyken Schenck, Paige Shafer, Madison Toman, Isaac Tower and Samuel Tower.

**Sophomores:** Zach Allen, Tucker Bickerman, Morgan Blunier, Daniella Bumber, Sophia Coccia, Lauren Colby, CaiLynn Day, Mariska Faulkner, Ethan Fishel, Evan Fishel, Ella Foster, Angelina Gonzalez, Zoey Holmstrom, Hannah Klingbiel, Katerina Lenz, Carson Pagel, Jordyn Pyles, Claudia Quimby, Dominic Rosa and Kiryn Schaer.

**Freshmen:** Lilian Auza, Jane Bella, Caleb Dorsey, Margaret Dorsey, Autumn Dreger, Kyler Gauwitz, Hayden Grandsart, Beau Hattan, Jacob Dylan Loeser, Parker Lyons, Anna McGlasson, Anna Marie Rinaldo, Molly Smith, Rayne Smith, Adalynn Stickel, Isabella Thompson, Gavin Weide, and Cheyenne Wildey.

## Honors

**Seniors:** Will Fleming, Lily Leach, Vegas Lenz, Cooper Riddell and Jacob Spicer.

**Juniors:** Calli Doran, Sandy Jones, Abi Kelly, Toree Meinders, McKenna Mohan, Zachary Schwanke, Parker Shafer, Aiden Strong and Gavin Traver.

**Sophomores:** Olin Jakubek, Rayden Marliere, Landon McFadden, Jerrod Meffert, Mackenzie Peplow, Evan Robbins, Kayla Shafer, Delaney Stoecker and Chase Wyss.

**Freshmen:** Caitlin Allen, Trenton Allen, Brecken Bade, Stevie Green, Collin Hopper, Samuel Lord, Miley Rosen, Krystal Welch and Mackenzie Wilson.

# Three Sheets in The Wind . . . by Mary

Quit messing with me! I have had enough. Don't call me up to ask me if I have plan A or B or XYZ. It's none of your business, and I learned a long time ago that whatever you are offering "with no out of pocket cost" is too good to be true.

I am particularly fed up to my eyeballs with the inconsiderate robo jerks who call my number, let the phone ring, then click off when I finally drag myself over to my phone from my nice comfortable easy chair on the other side of the room. At least say "hello" before you click off to bother the next unfortunate person who has to run out of the bathroom, trip over the dog, slip on the throw rug, just to be asked, "do you have your new Medicare card?"

I feel like I'm being picked on. Now, it's this time change. Spring forward, fall back. Just leave it alone. By the time I get myself used to one or the other, we are springing and falling again.

Last Saturday night, I managed to change all the clocks in the house. Or so I thought. I forgot the most important clock which is in the room where I sit and read, watch TV and look out the window at the birds. So, on that peaceful next day Sunday, that's just what I did. I sat. I read. I watched a little TV and counted the cardinals at the feeder. Having worked up an appetite and a thirst, I headed for the kitchen where I stood in front of the open refrigerator looking. I moseyed around the house, found the dog sleeping, grabbed some chips and headed back to my chair. As I passed the kitchen clock, I noticed I had just spent a whole hour doing absolutely nothing. This was an entire hour. It was an hour I could have been doing something really important and it was gone. I could have been learning a new language, writing an important essay or trying a new recipe for upside down cupcakes. An hour gone.

Feeling a little like I'd been robbed, I went back to my easy chair and believe it or not, I had my hour back. I sat down and really thought about it, and finally, my

sanity returned. Sort of. This time changing business is not for the weak. And confusion, for no good reason, is not fun.

Also not fun is changing batteries on the remote control. It seems easy enough. Turn it over. There is a little arrow indicating which way to push to open the battery compartment. I did. Nothing happened. Maybe I didn't push hard enough. I did. The remote flew across the room, skidded on the floor and landed under a side table pressed against the wall. Recovery required a hands and knees crawl followed by a fifteen minute effort to get back up on my feet with the remote in hand. A few tears, a lot of banging around and much language not fit for any day much less a Sunday, batteries replaced.

I needed a Tylenol so I reached for the brand new bottle. Oh! Woe is me. Move the little thin cap so the arrow meets with the arrow on the bottle. Push up. The cap comes right off - in whose dream? My thumb turned white, my nail broke off and there was blood. Still the

bottle remained safely closed. I attacked it with a spoon and finally a table knife. By the time I broke through the safety foil under the cap, I need a whole lot more than Tylenol.

It's time all these companies from the medical industry to the coffee makers hire some grouchy, arthritic fingered folks to design everything with an "easy open" label.

The real, important, true reason I'm feeling so "put upon" is jello.

The other day, when I was not feeling quite up to snuff, I reached for one of the individual servings of jello. What would taste better than cold, cherry jello. This is the convenient, ideal single serving size, perfect for one person. At least it would be perfect if that one person could figure out how to get it open. I pulled the corner tab on the top of the plastic container, but it didn't budget. I punched the cover. Finally, squeezing with one hand, I pulled with the other. I think it was the squeezing that finally forced the lid off. Red jello does not really go with my hair, and it's not a good feeling as it slithers from my ear down my neck.

And so, I say, once again, quit messing with me.

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**Molly**

Cute little Molly is a two-year old chihuahua girl who is accustomed to living in a home. She knew exactly what that soft blanket prop was really meant for - she was more interested in gathering the blanket and nestling up in her makeshift bed than smiling for a picture! This precious little girl is looking for a family to spoil her. She is spayed, micro-chipped and current on all his shots.



**Luigi**

Sweet LUIGI is a Super Senior who came to us after his two previous owners (also seniors!) were no longer able to take care of him. He has been well loved and cared for all his life, and he still acts young and vibrant. Luigi is very affectionate with people and does well with other kitties, and he is looking for another loving person or family - maybe seniors too! - who will love him for the rest of his life. Luigi is neutered, micro-chipped and current on all his shots.

# Fieldcrest Track

(From Toluca Front Page)  
with his 55.09 with splits of 26.5 and 28.5.

Auden Meierhofer was busy placing 28 of 86 in the 60-meters with a 8.00 clocking. He followed that up by running a leg on the 4 x 2 before running the open 200 in 27.11. Rylan Vallazza had his hard work in training pay off. Opening his first ever track race in February he covered 1600 meters in 6:30. Using smarter pacing and renewed strength, he was able to knock 15 seconds off his lifetime best which now stands at 6:08.1.

# Court News

(From Toluca Front Page)  
Grantee: Carolyn Cassidy, Charles Lutz, Harold J. Lutz Jr., Mary Miller, Janet Zavada. Section 33, Township 30N, Range 1E, Govt Lot - NW, Notes E1/2. Section 33, 30N, 1E, - NE. Section 28, 30N, 1E, - SE, Notes W60A, Ex Pt. Section 28, 30N, 1E, - SW, Notes E1/2, 6.411A, Ex Pt. Section 33, 30N, 1E, - SE. Notes S 1/2 of N5A. Parcel Number. 07-33-100-00. 07-33-200-003. Gr 07-28-400-001. 07-28-300-004. 07-33-400-004. Quit Claim Deed.

Grantor: Erin J. Jennings, James J. Lenc. Grantee: Sean M. Webb Jr. Section 35, Township 29N, Range 3W, Govt Lot -SW. Notes Pt, 3.21A. Warranty Deed.

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