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Michele Wagner of Mitchell's Hope, left, and Jeanie Bothell of Takin All Bets were the hosts of the event. Michele, a Fowlerville resident, formed Mitchell's Hope in memory of her son who died from an opiate overdose, while Jeanie, who is from Swartz Creek, started a shirt company after the loss of her son from an overdose, with the purpose of raising money for substance abuse awareness and prevention.

Overdose Awareness Day event held at Fowlerville Centennial Park

Overdose Awareness Day is observed internationally each year on August 31. A local event was once again held at the Fowlerville Centennial Park as part of this educational observance. Hosts were Mitchell's Hope, a local organization dedicated to educating the public about opiate abuse, and Takin All Bets, a Swartz Creek-based company.

Narcon Training started off the schedule, followed by several speakers. These included individuals telling about their personal journey of recovery, along with a former Drug Enforcement Agent Jason Davis.

Banners with photos of those who have died from opiate and fentanyl overdoses were displayed and a Candlelight Vigil concluded the event.

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Cindy Salfate of Fowlerville spoke about Oliver's Stones that she and her family started after the loss of her son, Oliver. These stones are for families of loved ones lost between the ages of 15-to-30 at the time of their passing and are in need of a grave stone or memory stone. Cindy said that the stones are for families unable to afford them, adding that their goal this year is to raise enough money to provide five of them.



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Caleb Jenkins Column



Leadership Virtues: Responding to Mistakes

We would have no use for a discussion on leadership virtues if leaders were perfect. No matter how great a leader may be and how much we respect him or her, we must be honest with ourselves that all leaders make mistakes and have flaws. To expect anything more is to set ourselves up for disappointment and disillusionment, and frankly, expecting perfection from a leader is unfair to him or her. Although we avow the importance of humility in leadership on paper, we often construct a catch twenty-two in which we expect leaders to be humble and honest but then show zero patience or understanding when they do make mistakes. This practice incentivizes leaders to pretend to be perfect and make excuses for flaws or blunders.

We expect leaders to be moral, competent, and effective, so I am definitely not saying we should not hold leaders accountable. However, we must be honest with ourselves about the limits of our expectations and forthright in describing those expectations. I think this is where we often fall short. We sometimes only have a vague idea of what we want in a leader and what kinds of decisions we want him or her to make. After all, these details can be difficult to conceptualize until we see the results firsthand. In turn, the leader must act based on a vague understanding of our expectations. However, we can be quick to martyr him or her the second a decision does not align with expectations that even we did not fully understand until the decision was already made!

Leaders should be honest and fair with others, and likewise, we should consider if we are being honest and fair with them. There is a threshold between allowing leaders to learn and

grow and holding them accountable, and just like leadership itself, this balance is difficult to recognize and maintain. How do we know when a leader has gone too far? How do we know when a leader is being sincere about learning from mistakes? When is an issue a legitimate complaint versus just a matter of personal opinion?

There is no formulaic answer to these questions. Leadership and followership make up an art of human interaction. Good leadership and followership require deep reflection and sound contextual perception. No generalizable equation will give us a final solution. However, we can equip ourselves with the appropriate mindset to help us be more discerning in our expectations of leaders.

This mindset is similar to the virtues already discussed. When seeking to appraise a leader and establish your personal expectations, start with humility, intellectual sympathy, and moral courage. Develop a firm understanding of what you believe is right and what constitutes a breach of moral courage. Remember that a leader who makes a decision that you do not particularly enjoy is not necessarily abandoning moral courage. And whether a question of morality or effectiveness, try to put yourself in the leader's shoes. What would you have done differently, given all compounding circumstances? Perhaps the answer is clear, but we should also keep in mind that armchair 'leadership' is a lot easier than actual leadership from the front.

Not everyone in a position of authority has altruistic motives, so holding leaders accountable is an important task. Still, we can go about it in a response manner. Sometimes, a leader deserves harsh criticism or punitive measures, but as a general rule of life, we should first be trying to help each other learn and grow. Granted, some people are simply unwilling to learn or change, and that is tragic for them. But we should not let them divert us from doing what is right. Give grace and allow for the benefit of the doubt. Rather than just tearing others down, seek to grow together.

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The Historical Village at the Fowlerville Fairgrounds will be the site of the annual Fall Festival on Oct. 1st.
Photo supplied by Livingston Centre Historical Society

Livingston Centre Historical Society to host annual Fall Festival Oct. 1st

The Livingston Centre Historical Society will host the annual Fall Festival at the Fowlerville Fairgrounds on Saturday, Oct. 1, 10am - 5pm. Admission fee is your donation to the Historical Society. Parking is free on the west side of the fairgrounds.

The event will feature Tours of the historic structures that make up Livingston Centre Village. There will also be Bicycle Races, Arts and Crafts for all ages, Food Vendors, Petting Zoo, Wagon Rides, Craft Demonstrations and Sales, Train Rides, Model Train Display, Blacksmith Display, Raffle, Live Entertainment and more! The Fall Fest is a great day for the entire family.

Vendors may still register for a space: food vendors, musicians, performance artists, craftsmen, artisans, specialty fandom followers, cottage-industry salespeople, and second-hand dealers are all welcome. For more information, please call Matt: 517-294-6710.

Fowlerville Varsity Tennis Team tops Lansing Eastern 7-1

The Fowlerville Varsity Tennis Team topped Lansing Eastern 7-1 in a home meet this past Tuesday.

Singles:

No. 1 - Lucas Anderson, FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL def. Nicholas Stevenson, Lansing EASTERN, 6-0, 6-0

No. 2 - Matthew Stevenson, Lansing EASTERN def. Cole Sova, FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, 6-4, 6-0

No. 3 - Mason Munsell, FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL def. Ryan Hipps, Lansing EASTERN, 6-2, 6-0

No. 4 - Ryder Lukasik, FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL def. Julian Vermetti, Lansing EASTERN, 6-0, 6-0

Doubles:

No. 1 - Alex Jonas, FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL - Oliver Farmer, FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL def. Jeremiah Campbell, Lansing EASTERN - Ben Smedley, Lansing EASTERN, 6-1, 6-2

No. 2 - Griffin Gonzalez, FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL - Dillon Wieas, FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL def. Kaleb Maldonado, Lansing EASTERN - Kenny Bey, Lansing EASTERN, 6-0, 6-0

No. 3 - Mike Hatfield, FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL - Ethan Way, FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL def. Kenyon Kenny, Lansing EASTERN - Valentino Pecina, Lansing EASTERN, 6-0, 6-1

No. 4 - Ben Durbin, FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL - Grant Wilkinson, FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL def. Evan Bywater, Lansing EASTERN - Matt Morres, Lansing EASTERN, 6-0, 6-0

Local students named to Southern New Hampshire University President's List

Jaclyn Jarvis and Tyler Wyatt, both from Fowlerville, have been named to the Southern New Hampshire University Summer 2022 President's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with an 89-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Learn more at www.snhu.edu.

Smith Elementary School News

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 am – 4:30 pm

School Hours: 8:50 am – 3:32 pm

IMPORTANT DATES:

- September 21 – PTC Meeting (4:00 pm)
- September 28- Student Picture Day
- September 30 to October 21 – PTC Pasta Fundraiser
- October 3 to 7 -Homecoming Spirit Week (Will post schedule soon)
- October 14 – NO SCHOOL – Teacher Professional Development
- October 17, 18 & 21 – K & 2nd Grade Hearing Screening With LCHD
- October 21 – Smile America DDS at Smith Elem
- October 24 to 26 – 1st Grade Vision Screening With LCHD
- October 27 – 1st grade Vision Rescreening Day With LCHD
- November 4 – Student Retake Picture Day
- November 7 to 9 – K & 2nd Grade Hearing Rescreening Days With LCHD

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Smile Programs DDS /Michigan Dental Outreach – The Smile Program will be coming to Smith Elementary on October 21st. You should have received a sign up application in your child's last Friday Folder, just complete the application and return to your child's teacher or the Smith office as soon as possible. If you need another copy, please contact the office. Another option this year is to sign up with the online application at www.MySchoolDentist.com

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PTC (Parent Teacher Club)-All families are members of our PTC! We are holding our first General Membership Meeting of the Year on September 21 at 4:00 pm at Smith Elementary. Please plan to attend and learn about all the great things in store for this school year!

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Gladiator Spirit Wear Available NOW- A flyer went home with students on Thursday, September 1 announcing our first spirit wear order of the year! If you want the order prior to Homecoming (October 7), please return the form with payment OR order online by September 12. GO GLADS!

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Geskus Student Picture Day – Student Picture Day is scheduled for September 28th. Packets will be sent home prior.

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Medication –If your child requires any prescription or non-prescription medication during the school year, a parent or guardian must bring the medication in to the Smith Office to drop it off and complete the necessary paperwork. **School Board Policy states that children are not allowed to transport medication.**

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FYI- Each school building in the Fowlerville Community School District has a Child Study Team / Response to Intervention process in place, which is a vehicle for staff members to review student performance, concerns, and collaboratively develop interventions. If you have concerns about your child's development and are interested in more information on special services, contact his/her building Principal.

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Fowlerville High School News

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Doors at FHS will be open at 6:45 a.m. on school days. After school hours if your student is not participating in a sport, math lab, credit recovery or meeting with a teacher they should make arrangements to leave the building by 3 p.m.

FT Techno of America is again opening our 950-acre proving ground for a one-of-a-kind, free of charge, teen driver training experience. This hands-on event goes well beyond traditional driver training and has transformed hundreds of local teen drivers. Attendance is limited to the first 30 participants, so register without delay!

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Anyone wishing to donate to the Micro food pantry please go ahead and put canned goods etc. into the pantry. Self-serve and self-fill. The pantry is located on 2nd St and Grand River next to State Farm.

Ordering Transcripts (Michigan eTranscripts) please visit the Fowlerville High School website for more information.

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Mattress Sale Fundraiser supports Fowlerville School band program

If you or someone you know is looking to replace a bed in your home, now is the time. Fowlerville High School & Middle School Bands are excited to announce they will be hosting a one-day Mattress Fundraiser on Sunday, October 9th, from 11am-4pm. For one day only, Fowlerville High School will be transformed into a mattress showroom. For information about the sale, go to bit.ly/beds4fowlerville22.

There will be 25 different mattress styles on display in all sizes in styles for customers to try, priced below retail. Adjustable power bases, premium pillows, bed frames, and mattress protectors will be available as well. Brands like Simmons Beautyrest, come with full factory warranties, are made to order, and will be available 2-3 weeks after the fundraiser. Delivery is available. Best of all, the Bands benefit from every purchase.

The company, Custom Fundraising Solutions (CFS) first introduced The Mattress Fundraiser to the Cleveland, Ohio market in 2005. The company now has nearly 100 locations and works with more than 3,000 schools nationwide. The unique business model helps schools raise thousands of dollars in just one day, and to date, the company has given back over \$50 million.

Link: bit.ly/beds4fowlerville22 Watch this quick video that explains how the Mattress Fundraiser works! <https://vimeo.com/637591323>

Contact Tyler.Millard@cfsbeds.com or call (616) 460-1872 for more information.

Fowlerville Junior High School News

Picture Re-take Day- Wed. Sept. 21st

Fundraiser Day of Awesomeness- Mon. Sept. 26th

Count Day- Wed. Oct. 5th

Homecoming- Fri. Oct. 7th

No School-Teacher Prof Development- Fri. Oct. 14th

Parent Teacher Conf. 5-7:30pm- Oct. 19th and 20th

SPORTS FOR WEEK OF 9/12:

Mon., 9/12: VB Opener vs Portland-4:30; 7H,8A. 2 matches. Bus-3:00

XC-HOME-5:00 vs Okemos, Eaton Rapids, Ionia. Course is located off East Access Rd. No admission.

ADMISSION is charged for the VB matches, home and away: \$3-grades 9 & adult. \$2-K-8th

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Wed., 9/14: VB vs Haslett-4:30; 7A,8H; bus-3:30

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Fowlerville student named to Southern New Hampshire University Dean's List

Emily Garrett of Fowlerville has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Summer 2022 Dean's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

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Fowlerville High School's "ATHLETES" OF THE WEEK



Jud Scott

Boys Cross Country

Brett Marschall is a four-year, Varsity member of the Fowlerville High School Cross Country team. Brett has qualified twice for the MHSAA State Finals, once with the 2020 boys team and last year as an individual. Brett is an outstanding member of our senior leadership team and is currently a Captain of the boys program. In the first two races of the season, Brett has posted Top 20 places and has medaled in both competitions. So far this season, Brett has posted a season best time of 17:35 at the St Johns "Under the Lights" Invitational. Brett's goal is to qualify for his third state final and finish in the Top 50.

Harrison Lamar is a three-year, varsity member of the Fowlerville High School Cross Country program. Harrison has worked very hard all summer to rise and become our #2 runner on the team. Harrison is a member of our senior leadership team and has posted a season best time of 19:44 at the Laingsburg Invitational. Harrison's goals this year are to get his times down close to 18:30 and to focus on qualifying for the MHSAA Track & Field State Finals in the spring in the 400m.

JUD'S FOOTBALL FORECAST

THURSDAY, SEPT. 15

LA Chargers 34 at Kansas City 38

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17

Univ. of Conn. 3 at Univ. of Mich. 44

Mich. State 28 at Washington 17

SUNDAY, SEPT. 18

Washington 24 at Detroit 28

Atlanta 17 at LA Rams 35

Seattle 17 at San Francisco 28

Cincinnati 35 at Dallas 31

Houston 24 at Denver 31

Arizona 31 at Las Vegas 28

Chicago 17 at Green Bay 28

Tennessee 21 at Buffalo 31

NY Jets 17 at Cleveland 27

Tampa Bay 31 at New Orleans 38

Carolina 28 at NY Giants 17

New England 21 at Pittsburgh 17

Indianapolis 31 at Jacksonville 17

Miami 24 at Baltimore 35

MONDAY, SEPT. 19

Minnesota 24 at Philadelphia 28

Every week through the season two Fowlerville H.S. athletes will be saluted for their efforts. Athletes will be selected by the coaching staff and Athletic Dept. For that "Winning Deal" on a new or used car or truck, see Dick Scott Motor Mall.

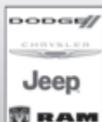
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Michigan House Report

By Bob Bezotte, 47th District

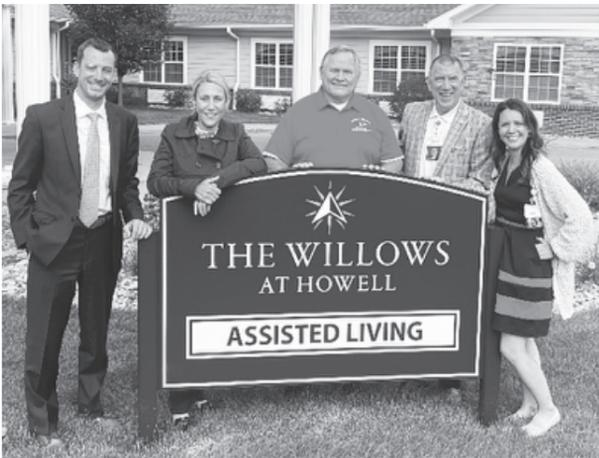
As students throughout Michigan return to school, I'd like to wish you all the best of luck on your upcoming school year! I'd also like to remind everyone of some of the Legislature's work on behalf of Michigan students.

Due to a large surplus of state tax revenue and leftover COVID-19 relief funding, the Michigan Legislature approved record funding to the tune of \$19.6 billion for the K-12 budget for this fiscal year. This will not only help our students, but also provides much-needed stability for families and communities as we return to normalcy after the pandemic.

The budget provides resources for local schools so they can provide a good education. Additional aid will be used for special education and at-risk programs. After last year's budget provided schools with equal per-pupil foundation allowance funding for the first time, the new plan maintains the equal funding and increases the amount of each to \$9,150 per student. The Great Start Readiness Program for at-risk preschoolers will also receive \$9,150 per child.

Closed schools during the pandemic led to learning loss for far too many students in Michigan. Our budget invests funding to address this crisis and help students catch back up. Keeping students safe remains a top priority as well, which is why we devoted \$168 million in school safety grants and \$25 million for school resource officers.

Recently, I had the amazing opportunity to tour *The Willows*, which is an assisted living facility in Howell. I got to see first hand that seniors in our community, some of our more vulnerable friends and family, are in fantastic care here. Thank you to the staff and residents for welcoming me to your facility!



Rep. Bezotte (middle) with staff from The Willows on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at (517) 373-8835, or RobertBezotte@house.mi.gov.

NOTICE TO CONWAY TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Position available for Zoning Board of Appeals

The Conway Township Board of Trustees is currently looking to fill two openings on the Zoning Board of Appeals

The purpose of the Zoning Board of Appeals is to hear and decide on questions in administering the zoning ordinance. Receiving the variance applications and supporting documents and performing an on-site evaluation when needed to make a determination on the variance request.

The Zoning Board of Appeals meets on an as-needed basis.

The Conway Township Board will be looking to fill these positions at the next Board of Trustee meeting on October 18 at 7 p.m.

Conway Township Resident interested in applying for these positions should send a resume to Clerk P.O. Box 1157, Fowlerville MI 48836 or by email to clerk@conwaymi.gov.

Elizabeth Whitt
Conway Township Clerk
(8-28, 9-11 & 9-25-22)

Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance will host "Laugh Teal You Cry" comedy event at Historic Howell Theatre

The Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance (MIOCA) will host their ovarian cancer awareness comedy night "Laugh Teal You Cry" at the Historic Howell Theatre.

MIOCA is bringing the laughs to Howell on Friday, October 7, starting at 6pm.

Nine-year ovarian cancer survivor and national touring comedian, Karen Mills, will headline while local musician Chris Himburg will kick off the night. Tickets are \$50 general admission and \$25 for ovarian cancer survivors. Event link to purchase tickets is <https://app.donorview.com/4rXq>

A Ticket purchase includes one drink, appetizers, pre-show musical entertainment and admission to the comedy show.

"We are very excited to bring the community together in the beautiful city of Howell and the surrounding areas for a night of something fun and meaningful this Fall," said event coordinator Diann Glaza-Helbling.

She added that the LAUGH TEAL YOU CRY event holds a unique message to those impacted by ovarian cancer and anyone who is facing a challenge: stay positive and embrace the humor. Karen knows first hand that even when your body is weak, your spirit can be strong. Chris is a talented acoustic guitarist strumming and singing in Oakland County since 2004.

Doors will open at 6pm for a mix and mingle hour of cockTEALS and a cold appetizer buffet while listening to Chris perform. Karen's show will start at 7pm.

Every 23 minutes a person is diagnosed with ovarian

Letter to the Editor

I'm writing to thank Iosco Township Supervisor Pete Miller and the other Supervisors in our county who are supporting high-speed internet access for everyone who wants it. They have committed new federal Township funds for that purpose, and service providers have also agreed to contribute significant money. In order to get the whole job done, the Supervisors are now asking the Livingston County Commissioners to use a portion of the \$37 million in new federal funding the county has received. Internet is one of a limited number of purposes for which the money can be spent.

We often complain that Washington doesn't listen to what we want & spends money foolishly. We citizens have made clear how important dependable, affordable high-speed internet has become in our daily life. The federal government has recognized the need, the Supervisors have heard us and want to act. Now the County Commissioners can and must make it happen. Townships are government closest to the people. You can participate in your government by contacting your Commissioner about this issue.

Cherie Mollison
Fowlerville

cancer in the U.S. and this is the deadliest gynecological cancer. Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance (MIOCA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded in 2011. MIOCA strives to save lives by promoting the early detection of ovarian cancer and improved treatment outcomes to all of those with ovaries throughout the state of Michigan.

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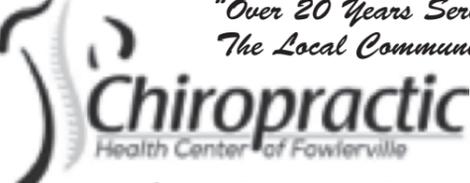
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Fowlerville Police Report for the Village of Fowlerville Council Meeting for Monday, September 12, 2022

The Fowlerville Police Department responded to **823** calls for service over the past two-week reporting period.

Total citations issued during this two-week reporting period is **17** (parking and moving citations)

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Warrant Authorized/Declined

Incident #22-00763 – Operating Under the Influence of Drugs – Under Review

- 32 y/o male, Lansing, September 4, 2022 at 0048 hours

Incident #22-00741 – Domestic Violence – Under Review

- 14 y/o male, Fowlerville, August 28, 2022 at 1344 hours

Incident #22-00778 – Operating Under the Influence of Drugs, Violation of Controlled Substance Act, Obstructing Justice, R&O – Under Review

- 43 y/o male, New Hudson, September 8, 2022 at 0102 hours
- 46 y/o female, Highland, September 8, 2022 at 0102 hours

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Officers Investigated the Following Types of Complaints:

- 9-Assist to EMS/FAFD
- 1-Abandoned vehicle
- 176-Area check
- 8-Admin duties
- 2-Animal complaint
- 1-Alarm
- 3-Assist other agency
- 1-Assault report
- 217-Building/property check
- 7- Citizen assist
- 1-Civil complaint
- 17-Community policing
- 1-DHS referrals
- 1-Disturbance/trouble
- 3- Domestic Verbal/Physical
- 1-DWLS
- 1-Electrical hazard
- 35-Foot patrol
- 14-Follow up
- 2-Fraud
- 60- General Non Criminal
- 4-Hazard
- 1-Juvenile complaint
- 2-Info-general
- 3-Intimidation
- 3-Larceny
- 20-Liquor investigation
- 1-Lost/found
- 6-Meetings
- 3-Motorist assist
- 1-Noise complaints
- 1-Open door
- 1-Operating while intoxicated
- 22-Ordinance investigation
- 6-Park/traffic complaint
- 5-Patrol information
- 1-PDA
- 1-Person locked in a vehicle
- 1-Personal injury accident
- 13-School events
- 7- Suspicious Situations/Vehicle/Person
- 65-Subdivision patrol
- 76-Traffic details
- 78-Traffic stops
- 1-Tree hazard
- 3-Warrant arrest
- 3-Welfare checks

The above statistical information is retrieved using the computer aided dispatching module, provided by Livingston County Central Dispatch. All supporting statistical documentation can be provided upon request.

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Assists to Other Agencies:

Officer Coln was requested to assist the Livingston County Sheriff Office with a physical domestic that was occurring inside a vehicle on I-96 at Fowlerville Road. Dispatch advised per witness that the suspect had pulled onto the shoulder and had a knife and the female had ran away from the vehicle. The suspect and the victim were located and the suspect was arrested for domestic assault and taken into custody.

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Additional Information:

I attended a DDA (Downtown Development Authority) meeting.

It comes with great sadness that the man, the myth, the legend, Sgt. Jeffrey Soli, is retiring after 28 years of dedicated service to the Village of Fowlerville. He has worked in the Fowlerville School District as the School Resource Officer for over 25 years. To ease your weary minds, Sgt Soli will be taking a position as Director of Safety & Security for

the Fowlerville Community School District. His tentative retirement date will be September 30, 2022. If you see Sgt. Soli around, please give him a hug and thank him for his many years of service to this great community.

Officer Tony Coln of the Fowlerville Police Department has been chosen as the next School Resource Officer for the Fowlerville Community School District. Officer Coln has been a Police Officer for 17 years and has worked as an SRO in the past. He has significant training and experience that will benefit him in this position. He will began working with Sgt. Soli immediately.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Chief John J. Tyler

Fowlerville Fire Department Report September 1

6:39 a.m. Power line down on Bull Run Rd in Iosco Township.

1:06 a.m. Reported structure fire/false call on S Grand Ave in the Village.

6:37 p.m. Medical response on Roberts Rd in Iosco Township.

8:04 p.m. Medical response on Nicholson Rd in Handy Township.

8:23 p.m. Medical response on E Van Ripper Rd in the Village.

September 2

4:53 a.m. Medical response on S Grand Ave in Handy Township.

September 3

12:54 p.m. Medical response on Sistek Dr in Iosco Township.

September 4

NO CALLS

September 5

10:00 p.m. Medical response on W Coon Lake Rd in Iosco Township.

September 6

4:00 a.m. Fire alarm activation on W Grand River in Handy Township.

September 7

NO CALLS

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Conway Township is now taking bids for the 2022/2023 Snow Removal Season for plowing and salting the Township Hall as specified.

All bids **MUST** be on Conway Township Snow Removal Bid forms; any bids turned into Conway Township that are not on the Bid Forms will not be considered. Forms can be picked up at the Conway Township Office during regular office hours.

Bids will be accepted until November 1, at 3:00 p.m. All bids submitted on Conway Township Snow Removal Bid Form will be reviewed and a decision will be made during the November 15, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting. Please contact the Township Clerk during regular business hours, Tuesday or Wednesday 9 am to 3 pm.

Elizabeth Whitt
 Conway Township Clerk
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A blue jay, which often mimics the call of a red-tailed hawk. Credit: Jonus Cottrell



A Virginia opossum cleaning itself. Credit Jonus Cottrell

Green outlook on mental health a privilege not all can access

Commentary by Jonus Cottrell
Capital News Service

I dreamt of photographing exotic places around the world before COVID-19 put the planet on hold.

I wanted to document wildlife and natural landscapes that were unlike those I grew up seeing every day in mid-Michigan. I was ready to trade the familiar white-tailed deer and squirrels of my childhood for the big cats of India and the parrots of South America.

When quarantine was announced and I was confined to the walls of my apartment, I felt my dreams of environmental stimulus drift further and further away. My apartment overlooked a law firm’s desolate parking lot, and I began to pace – much like a zoo animal under stress.

Back and forth.

Between meals and Zoom meetings, I slept or paced to escape often-overwhelming boredom and anxiety.

Back and forth.

Sleep, pace, eat. Repeat.

As the pandemic wore on, I became less engaged with my immediate environment and more engaged with the world inside my mind. Even as others engaged in public activity again, I stared at the floor as I walked from one wall to the other, longing for the days when I could explore faraway lands.

And then my lease was up.

I moved. My new place has a balcony and windows that overlook a small wetland. It also has more room for pacing. The back and forth continues – but instead of pacing wall to wall, I pace outside or from window to window, enamored by the squirrels, birds and feral cats that were absent outside my previous residence.

After each rain, my balcony is a hangout for the tree frogs that I used to catch as a child. I re-experience the familiar biodiversity of my home state, eagerly snapping photographs of the amphibians to share with my friends.

I realized that while I had grandiose visions of documenting

“exotic” wildlife, I’d never documented the wildlife around me.

Why did my immediate surroundings not deserve the same attention that I planned to pay elsewhere, especially when a simple tree frog evoked so much excitement?

I spent more time outside, photographing the wildlife around me. And my outlook on life changed drastically.

As engagement with my natural environment increased, I became less anxious, less bored and less lethargic. This isn’t to say those feelings immediately disappeared into a mysterious void, but they no longer controlled my day-to-day life.

This phenomenon is not unique.

Academic research increasingly documents how interaction with green space has a positive impact on mental health. In a review of nature and mental health in the journal *Science Advances*, 26 researchers from around the world established three points of consensus across the natural, social and health sciences:

--Evidence suggests that nature experience is associated with multiple facets of psychological well-being, including a sense of meaning and purpose and increased memory, attention, imagination and creativity.

--Interaction with natural environments is associated with better sleep and lower stress. Evidence suggests that green spaces correlate with fewer incidences of anxiety, depression and attention deficit disorder.

--Opportunities for engagement with nature are decreasing globally as we spend more time indoors and on screens.

Luckily, there’s evidence that many benefits of nature begin after only one interaction and can occur while visiting a local park or passively viewing one’s immediate surroundings – no passport required.

But it’s a bit more complicated than that.

“We need to be focused

on understanding the quality of those green spaces,” says Amber Pearson, a professor of health geography at Michigan State University.

The quality of green space is important to receiving its benefits. And not everybody has access to quality green space, said Pearson, who is the co-director of the Space, Health and Community Lab at MSU.

That’s an aspect of environmental justice.

“We know that in low-income and predominantly minority neighborhoods, not only are there fewer green spaces, they’re not as frequently maintained,” Pearson said.

A vacant lot might have a lot of vegetation, but residents can feel unsafe or stressed if it’s overgrown, she said.

“[We] have to support green spaces equitably. [We] need to make sure that green spaces across all neighborhoods are maintained and that they’re high-quality,” she said.

And after my experience during the pandemic, I agree.

My testimonial is just one example of how green space can improve psychological well-being. I understand how lucky I am to have access to nature that allows me to feel safe and relaxed. Everybody deserves that opportunity.

Watching feral cats chase each other or listening to blue-jays mimic hawks really can rejuvenate the soul.

While I still dream to see as much of the natural world as possible, I no longer dismiss my own environment as stale or unworthy of attention.

I recognize the quality of nature around me. I encourage others to take time out of their screen-dominated lives to appreciate the privileged access they may have to their own natural surroundings.

It could very well be the thing that makes life worth living.

Jonus Cottrell is a reporter for Great Lakes Echo.

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CALENDAR OF KREEGER EVENTS

- 9-12-22 Deadline for Art Club Sign Up
- 9-14-22 Mumkin Flower Sale Begins – Details Coming Soon

- 9-28-22 Last Day for Mumkin Flower Sale
- 10-5-22 Student Count Day
- 10-6-22 Fall Picture Day – Kreeger
**Date Change
- 10-14-22 NO SCHOOL – Teacher Professional Development
- 10-14-22 Flower Pick Up Day – Details Coming Soon

ART CLUB

Art Club flyers have been sent home. Art Club is an after school activity and runs until 5:00p.m. Your student would be expected to attend the majority of the club dates due to limited seating. The club will start the week of **September 26, 2021** and runs through the beginning of January 2023. **The deadline for sign-up is September 12th.**

Kreeger Spirit Wear

Spirit Wear order forms were sent home with students. All orders that are submitted by September 12th will be here before Homecoming. You can place orders all year using the following link:

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Fall Mumkin Fundraiser

We have chosen Foertmeyer & Sons Greenhouse to help us raise our funds again this year. Flyers will be sent home with your children, but all sales will need to be ordered ONLINE! Also, be on the lookout for communication from fundraiseit.org including the link to order online. **ONLINE SALES ONLY.**

Our Fall Mumkin Sale dates are as follows:

- Wednesday, September 14th– Online store goes LIVE!
- Friday, September 28th– Online store closes.
- Friday, October 14th – Flower Delivery Day
- Your flowers pick up time is from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Please note: If you are unable to pick up your plants on this date and time, please make arrangements with friends or family to have them picked up. We are NOT responsible for any plants not picked up.

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Regular Meeting Minutes
***Synopsis**
Monday, August 1, 2022

*A Synopsis is a brief summary of the motions that were made at the meeting.
The complete set of minutes can be viewed on the website at www.fowlerville.org
The Regular Village Council Meeting was called to order by President Hill at 7:30, in the Council Chambers.
Trustees present: Bell, Curtis, Heath, Mayhew, Mills and President Hill.
Absent: Helfmann.
Also, present: Chief of Police, John Tyler, Village Clerk/Manager Kathryn Rajala-Gutzki and Village Attorney, David Stoker.
MOTION HEATH, SECOND MILLS, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS PRESENTED. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.
MOTION CURTIS, SECOND HEATH, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, CONSISTING OF ITEMS 6.a. THROUGH 6.g., AS PRESENTED. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.
MOTION CURTIS, SECOND MILLS, TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY COVERAGE FOR THE RENEWAL PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2022, TO JULY 1, 2023. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: CURTIS, MILLS, MAYHEW, HEATH, BELL, AND HILL. NAY: NONE. ABSENT: HELFMANN. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.
MOTION BELL, SECOND HEATH, TO AUTHORIZE THE ATTORNEY TO DRAW UP AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FOWLerville AND CONWAY TOWNSHIP FOR ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: BELL, HEATH, CURTIS, MAYHEW, MILLS AND HILL. NAY: NONE. ABSENT: HELFMANN. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.
MOTION MILLS, SECOND HEATH, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:06 P.M. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathryn Rajala-Gutzki, MiPMC, CMMC
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Kayla Lehner of Howell was named as the 'Homemaker of the Year' at the recent Fowlerville Family Fair.

Fowlerville Fair 'Homemaker' winner believes in the importance of learning self-sufficient, hands-on skills

By Steve Horton

Call it old-fashioned or an embrace of what she feels is a more rewarding way-of-life, but Kayla Lehner—the current Fowlerville Fair Homemaker of the Year—believes in the importance of being self-sufficient and learning the hands-on skills that go with it, but with the caveat of adapting them to these modern times.

It's an embrace that includes being a good homemaker.

"If you would have asked teenage me 'Where do you see yourself in 20 years?', homemaker would not have been my answer," Kayla wrote in the essay she submitted with her Homemaker application. "In fact, I'm not even sure I could have given you an accurate definition of the word; at least not what I know it to mean now... Today, I can confidently say I am a homemaker. I am proud to be."

Noting that the dictionary defines the word "as one who manages a household, especially as a spouse or parent," Kayla said that "While I don't disagree with their definition, it certainly is simplistic and doesn't come close to everything the role encompasses. I believe the role to be an ever-changing thing, now more than ever."

Kayla won the title at the recent fair, taking part in a contest that saw two other participants.

The 33-year-old Howell resident, who lives on a 13-acre hobby farm in the Argentine area with her husband Chad (an engineer) and seven-year-old son Chase, practices what she preaches.

She's self-taught herself to garden, including canning and freezing the produce that her family uses throughout the year. She grows flowers as well and began selling them last year at a farmers market. Hand knitting and crafting are other skills she's acquired.

In addition, having earned a degree in photography at Washtenaw Community College, she owns a business called 'Memories Restored and More by Kayla' where she restores old and damaged photos and negatives, along with doing family portraits, senior pictures, and shooting weddings.

Kayla is also a worship leader at the Centerpointe Church in Howell where she is part of the choir.

Most important on her list of 'things to do' is home schooling her son.

Some might look at that list and feel she must be busy 'balancing a hectic life,' but in her essay Kayla wrote: "While not every homemaker is afforded the luxury of staying home, I have been blessed to be able to do so since my son was born. My experience may look different than others', but we all have a part to play in preserving the art of homemaking. For me, some of my favorite aspects include cooking, baking, gardening, canning, decorating, and crafting. None of those trump my most important and favorite job of mother, but I have learned over the years how to beautifully intertwine them.

"I strive to create a warm, loving and safe environment

for my son to grow and learn in," she added. "Translating that environment into one that can entertain family and friends well is also something I thoroughly enjoy."

Family is a key ingredient in this multi-faceted life.

"I grew up in a household that included my grandparents, so I never had a babysitter and we did things together," Kayla pointed out. "Both of our families live close by, so we see each other on a regular basis."

Her childhood was spent at the family home on Big Crooked Lake in Brighton and included rock hunting in the Upper Peninsula and going to the Fowlerville Fair.

"I was pretty far removed from the agricultural scene in Brighton," she said. "There wasn't much 4-H, but I always felt like a country girl and the fair was always a special place to go and a highlight of our summer."

She ended up entering the Fair Queen Contest in 2006 while in high school, finishing as second runner-up. She ran twice more—in 2007 and 2008—being named first runner-up both times.

"While I didn't win, I was able to do a number of things during fair week, like introducing the Grandstand events, and taking part in parades," Kayla said.

After graduating from Brighton High in 2007, she enrolled at Concordia University in Ann Arbor, with a major in criminal justice.

"I quickly realized after a year into the program that if I was going to have a family, it would be really hard to separate that from this kind of career," Kayla said.

Instead, she switched to Washtenaw Community College, with the idea of taking the basic courses and going from there. Photography turned out to be what interested her.

She and Chad were married during that time frame, having known each other from church (Brighton Church of the Nazarene) where he played guitar on the worship team and she sang.

"We've lived in our present home since our marriage," she noted. "We started off with five acres and then added two adjacent parcels. That's how I ended up with a big garden."

Part of her "platform of self-sufficiency" includes the premise that it takes time and patience to achieve certain skills and to reach desired goals. Hand-in-glove with that is perseverance.

"...I believe there is an art of homemaking, and a core belief that unites every homemaker's unique life," Kayla stated in her essay, adding that this core belief is that "family is paramount, no matter what that looks like, and that the best things are worth the time invested."

"There's a struggle in our society with instant gratification," she continued. "No one wants to put in time and effort, and therefore the value of things has decreased."

A good illustration of that point might be her own example. This was her second time to enter the Homemaker

Contest. She was one of seven contestants in last year's event, but failed to finish in the top three.

Undeterred, Kayla signed up again.

"I think the experience helped, but I don't think that I really changed my approach too much," she said. "My plan was to just go in and be me. But I did feel more comfortable talking with the judges."

Along with taking part in the contest, Kayla brought some open-class projects for judging.

"I had entries in hand knitting, photography, flowers, canning, and baking," she said, noting that she earned a Best of Show and a couple of blue ribbons.

Her son has been in 4-H for the past couple of years as a Cloverbud, so there was that involvement as well.

"He graduated from that level and wants to do rabbits for next year," Kayla noted. "My husband was in 4-H and had rabbits and pigs, so we have some experience."

As the new Homemaker, Kayla spent part of the fair week wearing her crown and sash as she strolled the grounds.

"I enjoyed walking through the barns," she said. "I wanted to make sure that I was present for the kids and showed support for their projects and activities. I really think that the work they're doing is so important and goes unnoticed by the average fair-goer. When I walked through the midway, I encouraged people I talked with to visit the barns and see what the kids were doing. It's part of what I spoke about during the Homemaker Contest; this need to keep alive the ability to do things by hand and to keep these skills from dying off.

"I was also able to help present the blankets to the winning horses during the harness races on Monday, and I enjoyed doing that," she said.

Kayla described her interactions as "really good," but added that there were a few people she met who viewed the role in a stereotypical fashion.

"I think I expected it, but one person said that 'I must be good at baking cakes' and another guy mentioned washing windows," she said. "You can't explain everything during a brief interaction, but going forward I want to educate people a little better on what it means to be a homemaker."

To that end—and to push her view on the importance of self-sufficiency and the hands-on skills that go with it—Kayla plans to approach private schools, churches and other organizations with an offer to give a talk.

"To be a homemaker does not mean perfection," she pointed out. "I think some people equate you with Betty Crocker and that it's an old-fashioned thing that doesn't have as much relevance nowadays. But I want to tell people that it doesn't have to be that way or have that limitation. It's more about having an ability 'to do for yourself.' It's putting others above yourself, too. It's an embodiment of taking care of others, and of making others feel valued and important. And it's about being open to learning new things."



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Fowlerville Community Theatre to present '12 Angry Men' at courthouse

Join us at the Livingston County Historic Courthouse as Fowlerville Community Theatre presents '12 Angry Men.' Sit in Livingston County's historic courtroom as twelve men decide the fate of a 19-year-old accused of murdering his own father. Be a "fly on the wall" as the jurors look at the evidence and decide the fate of the defendant. Can they be objective

and look past their own experiences and prejudices? Will justice prevail?

Shows are Thursday, September 22 at 7pm, Friday, September 23 at 7pm, and Saturday, September 24th at 3pm at the Historic Courthouse, 200 E Grand River Ave, Howell. Tickets can be pre-purchased at <https://bit.ly/FCT-BoxOffice-2022>. This show is recommended for ages 14 and up.

Fowlerville Community Theatre holding auditions for murder-mystery play

Fowlerville Community Theatre is excited to announce auditions for 'Death By Dessert', a dinner theatre directed by Matt Hughes and produced by Sue Charron. There are parts for teens and adults. The show will be held at the Howell Opera House on January 13th & 14th.

It's dinnertime, and you're invited to a meal so good, it's to die for! In New York's Little Italy, the Donnaduce family and the Duccedonni family have been feuding

for a generation, while operating two competing Italian restaurants that share a common wall. At rise, the building's landlord is dead at center stage and everyone is suspect- from the Old-World Italian grandmother and mafia don grandfather to the passionate chefs and bumbling waitstaff.

Auditions will be Monday, Sept. 26th, Wednesday, Sept. 28th, and Thursday, Sept. 29th from 6:30-8:30 pm at Fowlerville Senior Center, 203 N. Collins Street, Fowlerville.

Auditions can be scheduled on Sign-Up Genius at <https://bit.ly/FCT-DbD-Audition-Signup>

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Letter from the Fowlerville District Library Director
By Ellen Peters

I feel so much gratitude for this community. This week I'd like to spotlight two people.

We received a lovely card that included a generous donation from an anonymous community member. They asked that we use the donation to continue to inspire our future leaders, and the writer added that what we do for the community is greatly appreciated. On behalf of the library, I'd like to say thank you! The encouraging words mean everything to the staff who are dedicated to serving Fowlerville, and donations always help us provide great services.



Jackie Dahlgren

Also, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Jackie Dahlgren, or as many of you know her, "Mrs. D."

Jackie, who's last day was this past week, started here in 2012, heading up our preschool programs.

Prior to working at the library, Jackie worked as an early childhood educator for nineteen years at Fowlerville Cooperative Preschool. She has a way of making it fun to learn!

Jackie received her BS in Early Childhood Education, as well as her Masters in the Art of Teaching Degree for Elementary Education, both from Oakland University.

I'm sure all of you who know Jackie no doubt appreciate her as much as we do and will miss seeing her at the library. Thank you, Jackie. Please take our gratitude with you to your next adventure.

Overdose Awareness Day event held, continued

International Overdose Awareness Day is the world's largest annual campaign to end overdose, remember without stigma those who have died, and acknowledge the grief of the family and friends left behind.

The campaign's goal is to raise awareness of overdose, which is one of the world's worst public health crises and stimulate action and discussion about evidence-based overdose prevention and drug policy.

The campaign also acknowledges the profound grief felt by families and friends whose loved ones have died or suffered permanent injury from a drug overdose and encourages efforts for people to express their loss.



Elizabeth Hundley

Elizabeth Hundley named 2022 'County Clerk of the Year'

Elizabeth Hundley has been named the 2022 'County Clerk of the Year' by the Michigan Association of County Clerks ("MACC") at their 114th Annual Conference recently held in Grand Traverse County. Hundley has served as the Livingston County Clerk since 2016, and she is the first County Clerk from Livingston County to be honored as Clerk of the Year.

Hundley currently serves as the second vice president of MACC and was sworn in as the association's first vice president for 2023. In 2021, Michigan Supreme Court Justice Brian Zahra appointed her to serve on a workgroup within the Justice For All Commission. MACC appointed Hundley to represent Michigan's county clerks on the Local Leadership Council. This federal advisory board provides input to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission about local election administration topics.

"I am truly honored that my peers selected me as the Clerk of the Year. Clerks across our state have been through so much over the past two years. This is such a prestigious award and to be recognized by my peers is meaningful," said Elizabeth Hundley. "I want to thank my fellow clerks, family, friends, and all of the staff who work so hard within the County Clerks' office. Without them, this award would not have been possible."

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Buyer: Jacob Dixon

—Area Deaths—



George Grover

George Grover passed away in Arcadia, Florida on Monday, June 6, 2022. He was born January 28, 1935, in Handy Township, Michigan. He was preceded in death by his parents Shirley and Ella (Bradley) Grover, son Brian Grover (2021), sister Bettie (infant 1921), brothers Robert (2007) and Harold (2014) Grover.

George was a longtime Fowlerville resident and graduated from Fowlerville High School. He served in the USAF from 1954 to 1958. He retired from the GM Proving Grounds in Milford after 30 years of service. He served as a Constable and president for the Livingston County Constables Assoc. and later a Deputy on the Livingston County Sheriff's Department, teaching hunter, gun, bow, snowmobile, and water safety. George received a sharpshooter award during his tenure as a Constable. George was also a member and officer for the Fowlerville Volunteer Fire Department, receiving awards and merits for life-saving actions.

George married Nancy on September 5, 1964, lived on Maple St. for over 30 years, and retired to Arcadia, Florida. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Lee (Schlarb) Grover, Arcadia, FL; sister, Margaret Sharpe, Highland, MI; sons Todd (Charles) Grover of Pleasant Garden, NC and Jeffrey (Tina) Grover of Mancelona, MI; along with several nieces and nephews.

George was interned to his final resting location, along with his son Brian, within the columbarium at the Sarasota National Veterans Cemetery, Sarasota County, Florida, State Rd 72.

Fowlerville Varsity Football Team wins 26-14 game against Bullock Creek

The Fowlerville Varsity Football Team hosted Bullock Creek on Thursday, Sept. 1 and won the game by a 26-14 score.

The Glads took a 14-0 lead with touchdowns late in the first quarter and midway through the second quarter, then kept their opponents from Midland at bay for the remainder of the game.

Brady Hanna completed a 48-yard pass to Adam Aeschliman with 36 seconds left in the opening stanza to give the team a 6-0 advantage. The PAT kick was blocked.

Fowlerville's next score came when Evan Atkinson finished off a drive with a five-yard run, followed by Hanna's successful two-point conversion pass to Caleb Shermoe.

Bullock Creek came back with their own touchdown and a successful PAT kick at the 2:20 mark to narrow the Gladiator lead to 14-7.

Fowlerville widened that margin with a touchdown in the third period, the result of Hanna hitting Shermoe on a 13-yard pass. The extra-point kick, however, was missed.

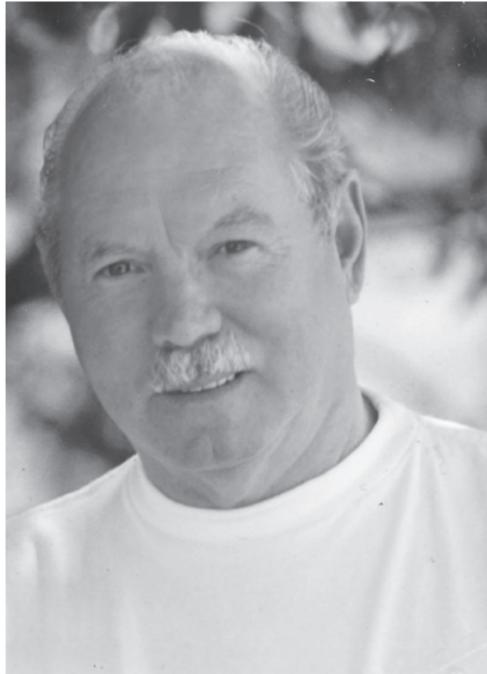
The final Gladiator points came when Blake Juopperi crossed the goal line on a run from eight yards out.

Bullock Creek took some of the sting out of their loss with a touchdown and extra point in the closing seconds of the game.

Fowlerville accumulated 220 yards on offense, with 80 of them coming on passes and the remaining 140 on the ground. Bullock Creek, meanwhile, piled up 296 yards, with 142 passing yards and 154 rushing yards.

The Gladiator defense, while giving up a lot of ground, intercepted two passes and allowed their opponents only three third-down conversions on 11 tries and only two fourth-down conversions on five attempts.

Hanna completed 4 of 8 passes and ran 9 times for 28 yards. Juopperi carried the ball 15 times for 94 yards. The four receptions were spread out among Aeschliman, Shermoe,



Earl Hanna

DOB: 1/14/1934 DOD: 9/1/2022

Earl Hanna, age 88, of Fowlerville, Michigan passed away peacefully on September 1, 2022. He was born on January 14, 1934 in Selma, Michigan to the late Claude Hanna and Ester (Bishop) Hanna. He married Margaret (Clapper) Hanna on December 26, 1955.

Earl was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Earl was a mechanic and wrecker driver for Bob Smith Ford in Fowlerville, MI. from 1954 until he went into the United States Army in 1955 where he served until 1957 and was honorably discharged from the US Army Reserves in October 1959. He went back to work for Bob Smith Ford in 1957 until they closed in 2016.

Being the hard worker that he was, Earl then went to work for Jeffrey Automotive until his retirement in 2018. Earl and his wife Margaret, along with their sons, 2 brothers and sisters-in-laws spent many vacations in Curtis, MI. on Little Manistique Lake where they loved to fish and play cards.

Earl also served his community for 20 years, from 1960 to 1980, on the Fowlerville Fire Department with several of those years as Assistant Fire Chief.

Earl is survived by his son Steven Earl Hanna and daughter-in-law Barbara (Soderquist) Hanna, and his grandchildren Joshua Earl Hanna, Allison Kay DeGroot (Matt) and Nicole Hanna. He is also survived by his great-grandchildren Mackenna, Morgan and Averi Hanna, also Ella and Sophia DeGroot, his brothers Lee and Bob, sister Marcie Hatt, brother-in-law Thomas Clapper, and many nieces and nephews.

Earl was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 66 years Margaret and their son Kevin William Hanna. Also preceding him in death were his brothers Ron, John, and Billy and his sister Marie.

Services were being held at Herrmann Funeral Home in Fowlerville, MI. on Saturday, September 10, 2022 at Noon. Visitation was taking place prior to funeral starting at 10:00 A.M. Interment was going to be immediately following the funeral at Greenwood Cemetery.

Arrangements were entrusted to Herrmann Funeral Home. Online condolences may be expressed at: pjherrmannfuneralhome.com

Will Shrader, and Evan Atkinson, with the first two being for touchdowns.

On defense, Logan Koven had 3 solo tackles and 7 assists, Travis Loose had 3 solo tackles and 3 assists, and Shrader had 2 solo tackles and 4 assists.

Shermoe played key role on defense, being the one who made both interceptions.

Fowlerville is now 1-1 for the season.



Nika Price (Kusmierz)

Nika Marie, 30, was born March 15, 1992, to Jen Everly. After attending Fowlerville High School (Class of 2009) she went on to graduate from Grand Valley State University where she continued to reside in Grand Rapids. Nika transitioned on August 3, 2022, in her home, with her family by her side.

Nika lived a vibrant and inspiring life. She was passionate about uplifting her community which led her to work and/or volunteer in organizations including Girls on the Run, Boys and Girls Club, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. She proudly spearheaded the Social Impact Division at Carnevale where she worked as the Director of Social Impact and as a Project Manager.

Nika loved her dog Zora, honest conversations, eating and exploring, a target run, singing in the car, a stellar outfit and she especially loved a big laugh. Nika loved and was loved deeply by her family and friends who will greatly miss her, her light, and that contagious laugh.

A Celebration of Life is to be held at The Ponds of Coldwater at 368 S Jefferson St, Coldwater MI 49036 from 1:00pm-5:00pm, on Sunday, September 25, 2022. Join us in celebrating and honoring Nika's life.



NOTICE
CONWAY TOWNSHIP TAXES

The last day to pay Summer Taxes without incurring Interest and Penalty is September 14th. The Township office will be open from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. on September 14th to receive Tax Payments. We also have a drop box located next to the front door for your convenience and we also do not accept post marks.

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Pop-Up Book Sale being held at the Webberville Library on Sept. 24

The Friends of the Webberville Library will hold a small Pop-Up Book Sale at the Library on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 10 AM to 1 PM. Donated books provided by Friends of the Webberville Library. All proceeds will be used to benefit future Library programs.



Webberville Report

Williamston Farmers Market highlights libraries this Sunday, September 11

The Eastern Ingham Farmers Market in Williamston, which is open Sundays from 10am to 2pm in McCormick Park's large parking lot, highlights *National Libraries Week* this Sunday, September 11.

The Market always welcomes new and returning visitors and volunteers to stop by and take advantage of the bounty and great selection of fresh, locally-produced fruits and vegetables. It's easy to take care of much of the family's shopping needs while supporting local small businesses.

Over 20 vendors will be at the Market this Sunday, selling tomatoes! sweet corn! peaches! peas, beans, zucchini and other squashes, kale, fresh and dried herbs, micro-greens, all kinds of lettuce, carrots, beets, cheese, beef, pork, lamb, brats, chicken, eggs, melt-in-your-mouth pastries, bread and baked goods including gluten-free choices, amazing cookies, teas, kettle corn, lemonade, honey, canned food, canned salsa, canned sauces, prepared food, handmade jewelry, soap, human and doll clothing, candles, cut flowers, yard and garden decor, and so much more for your family, home and yard.

Michigan-returnable Bottles and Cans Collection occurs at every Market and it is the most successful fundraiser of Sowing Growth, the non-profit that operates the Market. Load up your car and drop off your bottles and cans at the "Bottleground", any Sunday between 10am and 2pm. If your business collects bottles and cans, consider donating them. Special collections can be made directly at your business address during the week. Just call or email any member of the Sowing Growth Board of Directors (listed on the website: www.EasternInghamFarmersMarket.org) or contact the Market Manager Tom Cary to make arrangements for special pick-ups.

For more information about Sowing Growth, the non-profit organization that operates the Eastern Ingham Farmers Market in Williamston, to become a vendor, to be added to the newsletter email list, to volunteer or to donate to the Market, visit the Market website www.EasternInghamFarmersMarket.org, visit its Facebook page or contact Market Manager Tom Cary (517-618-1630) or EasternInghamFM@gmail.com.

NIESA Fire Report (Northeast Ingham Emergency Service Authority)

On Wednesday, August 31, 2022 NIESA responded to nine calls. All of the responses were emergency medical calls which were spread throughout the District. Four of the responses occurred in Williamstown Township, two in Leroy Township, one in the City of Williamston, and one in the Village of Webberville. NIESA also assisted Lansing Mason Ambulance by responding into Dansville.

Thursday, September 1, 2022 NIESA had five calls. Again all of the responses were emergency medical calls, with two occurring in Williamstown Township, two in the City of Williamston, and one was an assist to Lansing Mason Ambulance into Dansville.

On Friday, September 2, 2022 NIESA responded to three calls. Two were emergency medical calls. One response was in Wheatfield Township, and another was in Williamstown Township. NIESA also responded to a fire alarm activation in the City of Williamston, which was determined to be a faulty alarm.

Saturday, September 3, 2022 NIESA responded to three calls. All were emergency medical calls, with one each in Locke Township, Williamstown Township, and the Village of Webberville.

On Sunday, September 4, 2022 NIESA responded to seven calls. Five of the responses were emergency medical calls, with two occurring in Williamstown Township, one in the City of Williamston, another in the Village of Webberville, and the fifth was an assist to Stockbridge ambulance. NIESA also had two fire responses, one into Williamstown Township for an odor investigation, and the second in the City of Williamston for a utility pole issue.

Monday, September 5, 2022 NIESA had two calls. Both were emergency medical calls, with one occurring in the City of Williamston, and the second in Williamstown Township.

Tuesday, September 6, 2022 NIESA had six responses. Four were emergency medical calls, with two occurring in Williamstown Township, one in the City of Williamston, and another in Leroy Township. The remaining two responses were fire related, and were into Leroy Township. One response was for a car fire, and the second was for a minor kitchen fire.

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September 2022 Events

Please check our website www.williamstonseniorcenter.com or our Facebook for specific announcements of upcoming activities.

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Monday, September 12th – Euchre 9am-Noon, Grandparents Day Party with Ingham County Medical Care 12:30pm, and Garden Club 5pm-8pm

Tuesday, September 13th – Senior Picnic at noon at Williamstown Township and National Peanut Day! (Senior Center will be closed)

Wednesday, September 14th – Euchre 9am-Noon, Lunch & Plinko with Independence Village of East Lansing at Noon, National Cream Filled Donut Day, and Needle Work Group 1pm-3pm

Thursday, September 15th – Euchre 9am-Noon, Matter of Balance 9:30am-11:30am, and Travel Show to Hawaii at 12:30pm

Monday, September 19th – Euchre 9am-Noon, Lunch with the Willows, and In the Kitchen with Susie-Let's make smoothies...Susie will share samples and recipes for a healthy breakfast, snack, or dessert!

Tuesday, September 20th – Euchre 9am-Noon, National Pepperoni Pizza & Punch Day! Pizza & Punch for lunch at noon, Williamston Area Senior Center Board Meeting 1pm, and Knitter Group 1pm-3pm

Wednesday, September 21st – Euchre 9am-Noon, Presentation by Mitch Lutzke about the history of the Williamston Historical Museum at 12:30pm, and Needle Work Group 1pm-3pm

Thursday, September 22nd – Euchre 9am-Noon, Matter of Balance 9:30am-11:30am, and Fall Fling with Karen 12:30pm

Sunday, September 25th – The Great Trains and Grand Canyons Travel Excursion Starts

Monday, September 26th – Euchre 9am-Noon, Lunch with Red Cedar Lodge at Noon, Presentation by Pam Smith on Enhanced Fitness at 12:30pm, and Johnny Applesed Day!

Tuesday, September 27th – Euchre 9am-Noon, Crush a Can Day, Mind Games with the Library at 12:30pm, and Knitter Group 1pm-3pm

Wednesday, September 28th – Euchre 9am-Noon, Chair Exercise 12:30pm, and Needle Work Group 1pm-3pm

Thursday, September 29th – Euchre 9am-Noon, Matter of Balance 9:30am-11:30am, and lunch at noon with Brookdale of Meridian, and Author visit with Susan Frazier of "Picking Up Pieces" 12:30pm

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Webberville Woman's Advance Club to hold meeting on Sept. 19th

By Betty Dodge,
Publicity Chair

The Woman's Advance Club of Webberville was founded in 1893 by eight ladies and has stayed active ever since. We will resume our meetings this September after a summer break with a current number of 13 active members and one honorary member. We meet the 3rd Monday of each month, with January, February, July and August off. Most meetings are held at the Webberville United Methodist Church at 1:30pm. Our President is Mrs. Nancy Webb.

The Executive Committee Chairperson is Phyllis Webster and members Kathy Ward, Rosemary Cahaney and Sallie Brodie. They have passed out the lovely books with the meeting dates for 2022 and 2023. On the cover is a beautiful Lily of the Valley, our club flower. "The fragrance of flowers only spreads in the direction of the wind. But the goodness of a person spreads in all directions." Chanakya.

Our first meeting will be on Sept. 19 at 1:30pm at the Webberville United Methodist Church. It will be a Circle of Kindness and a Memorial to Jean Johnson. The program and roll call will be asking each member to bring a treasure from home and tell about it. We also are asked to bring personal hygiene items for Homeless Angels of Lansing, "In a world where you can be anything — Be Kind." Snoopy.

Refreshments will be served by Kathy Ward.

The current membership consists of Sallie Brodie, Rosemary Cahaney, Judy Christie, Betty Dodge, Carolyn Freyaldenhoven, Marge Lawson, Jill Moon, Lynn Reed, Marion Sherburne, Kathy Ward, Nancy Webb, Phyllis Webster and Janice Wheeler.

We always welcome ladies to the club, just ask a member if you are interested in any of the meetings. The dates and location of each meeting will be published in the *Fowlerville News & Views* a month before we meet.

Let's Talk Seriously

By Jace Arledge

This week's column is written in hopes that anyone who has gone through or is going through a similar experience, who might be struggling with finding out 'who am I', will know that even in the dark, there is still a light, shining to guide us through to the other side.

I want to tell them to not give up, but to be 'who you are meant to be'.

Everyone has a story...

I was born to a normal, middle class family, Mom, Dad and an older brother. We moved to a small country town when I was 3 years old, dad worked and mom stayed home taking care of the kids. Typical for the 1970's. What wasn't so typical.... ME.

I knew I was different from the age of 4. Everything felt different. Even though my parents raised me as their daughter, I didn't feel like it. I despised the dresses and the pony tails, the lace socks and ribbons. I longed for the torn jeans, cowboy boots, short hair, mud and dirt. The dirtier I got, the happier I was.

As the years went by, I struggled, hid behind silent tears, turned down play dates with others because I just didn't feel like them. I endured ridicule, loneliness, and 'yes' not wanting to be here.

I created an alter ego, started a successful country band that had the opportunity to perform all over the country, opening for some of the most famous entertainers of that time. Yet I was still unhappy.

And 'yes', I attempted to end that life. Multiple times.

The reason I chose to write about this subject is that too many young people struggle with many things adults just don't understand, especially if they didn't go through it themselves. These kids shut themselves off from the world, separate themselves from family and find others who align with them, all because they need to feel accepted, loved and seen.

When they can't find that, they feel the only option is to find relief from the pain that they feel no one else understands.

Society makes one feel that if they aren't conforming to the standards, then there is something wrong with them. The family gets looked at funny and is "black balled" if they support their child and the kids get made fun of for a variety of things. From the clothes they wear all the way down to the kind of phone they carry. Materialistic things that actually don't matter in the grand scheme of things, but at a young age it matters a lot.

Being accepted for who you are seems trivial, but to the young kid who isn't, it matters and could be the bridge between life and death.

According to the National Institute of Mental Health:

- Suicide was the twelfth leading cause of death overall in the United States, claiming the lives of over 45,900 people.
- Suicide was the second leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 10-14 and 25-34, the third leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 15-24, and the fourth leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 35 and 44.
- There were nearly two times as many suicides (45,979) in the United States as there were homicides (24,576).

According to the Jason Project:

- Each day in our nation, there are an average of over 3,703 attempts by young people grades 9-12. If these percentages are additionally applied to grades 7 & 8, the numbers would be higher.
- Four out of five individuals considering suicide give some sign of their intentions, either verbally or behaviorally.
- LGBTQ youth are often considered to be at higher risk for suicide than their heterosexual peers.
- 81.9% of LGBT students have experienced harassment at school because of their sexual orientation
- 63.5% have felt unsafe at school
- 60.4% of LGBT students never reported an incident of harassment or assault to school personnel.

Those are some eye opening statistics and 'yes' not all are attributed to not being accepted. But we already know the reasons. Now it's up to us to make a change. I hope that we can make this world a better place, where one day there will be no comparison, no bullying, only love and acceptance for all mankind.

Growing up I would play a song that, though it made me cry, it brought me comfort and hope. Take the time and listen when you have the chance.

TRUE COLORS – Cyndi Lauper (1986)

*You with the sad eyes
Don't be discouraged
Oh I realize
It's hard to take courage
In a world full of people
You can lose sight of it all
And the darkness inside you*

Can make you feel so small

*But I see your true colors
Shining through
I see your true colors
And that's why I love you
So don't be afraid to let them show
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True colors are beautiful
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By Vonda Van Til,
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JUST for KIDS

Say It With Emoji
Did you know that if emoji were a language, it would be the fastest-growing language in the world?

In this activity, put your visual communication skills to the test — by using them to correctly (and creatively) share and identify information written in emoji.

- For each of the categories below, write out your answer in the first column.
- In the second column, use emojis to write the same response. Get creative! Can you use emojis in unexpected ways?
- Fold the paper in half. Can a partner correctly identify your meaning based on emojis alone?

Tip: For a complete directory of emojis, visit unicode.org/emoji/charts/emoji-list.html

Writing	Emoji
LAST MOVIE I SAW Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	LAST MOVIE I SAW 🍫 🍬 🍭 🍮 🍯 🍪
AN HISTORICAL EVENT	AN HISTORICAL EVENT 🏰 🏛️ 🏹 🏰 🏛️ 🏹
A SONG I LIKE	A SONG I LIKE 🎵 🎶 🎸 🎹 🎺 🎻
MY FAVORITE MOVIE	MY FAVORITE MOVIE 🎬 🎥 🎦 🎩 🎩 🎩
DESCRIBE YOURSELF	DESCRIBE YOURSELF 👤 🧑 🧒 🧓 🧔 🧕
MY FAVORITE BOOK	MY FAVORITE BOOK 📖 📚 📕 📗 📙 📛
HOW I SEE MYSELF IN THE FUTURE	HOW I SEE MYSELF IN THE FUTURE 👤 🧑 🧒 🧓 🧔 🧕

NUMBERS: Turn numbers into drawings!
Take the shapes of the numbers 0 - 9 and see how many drawings you can make out of them! Here are some examples.

0 is nothing so it can be anything.	5 is a vicious cat.
1 is half of a house.	6 likes to roll around and turn into 9.
2 is a snake that doesn't want to be stepped on.	7 is almost a triangle.
3 is gymnasts practicing.	8 is a snowman that isn't finished.
4 can be made with your arms.	9 likes to roll around and turn into 6.

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--Facebook Storytime (Ages 2-8)

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 Thursdays, Sept. 8 - Dec. 22 • 12:00pm

--Pajama Storytime (Ages 2-6)

Wear your pajamas for an evening storytime! We'll have hot cocoa and crafts, too. Bring a blanket and a stuffie to be extra cozy!
 3rd Tuesdays, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, & Dec. 20 • 6:00pm
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Kids Crafters (Ages 7-11)

Drop in and get crafty with a new and exciting craft each month! Supplies provided.
 1st Tuesdays, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec 6 • 4:00 – 5:00pm
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Homeschooling Cooperative

Engage with other homeschooling families for fun educational and social opportunities.
 Every Monday, starting Sept 12 • 12:00pm – 1:30pm
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ADULTS

Yoga with Ellen Zezula from Simply Authentic

Lean into Yin Yoga at the library with soft stretches and yoga asanas, including a touch of meditative practice. No cost.
Mondays, 10:00am
Mondays, 6:00pm
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Crafting Corner

--Monthly Crafts - Registration required

1st Thursdays (except Dec.) • 6:30pm
 Oct. 6 (Zentangle)

--Monthly Cardmaking - Registration required

3rd Thursdays • 6:30pm
 Sept. 15 (Sympathy)

--Scrapbooking - Registration required

Bring your favorite photos and stay for the day or just a few

hours.
 Sept. 17 • 10:30am – 3:30pm
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Literary Corner:

--Adult Writers' Group

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 Tuesdays • 2:30pm – 3:30pm

--**Monthly Book and Coffee** (Traditional book club with coffee and dessert) Registration required

4th Mondays (except Dec.) @ 2:00pm

Sept. 26 *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah

--**Monthly Beyond the Book (Book discussion plus the movie, recipe, or more)** Registration required

4th Thursdays (except Nov.) @ 6:30pm

Sept. 22 *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
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TEENS

Tabletop Wednesday (Drop-in)

Every Wednesday, the library is open and available to come and play your favorite tabletop RPGs. Play with your friends or have teen librarian Connor run a one-shot. All are welcome.
 Program room, East (left) door.
 Wednesdays • 2:30pm-5:00pm
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Teen Craft Wednesday (Drop-in) Ages 10+

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 Wednesdays • 2:30pm-5:00pm
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Teen Creative Writing Wednesday (Drop-in)

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Twitch Streaming (Online)

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Fowlerville Varsity Volleyball Team falls to Mason in league match

The Fowlerville Varsity Volleyball Team traveled to Mason on Wednesday night, September 7th, playing a tough CAAC Red opponent. The Glads went 0-3 on the night, losing 15-25, 17-25, 13-25.

Leading the team for both blocks and kills was Ava Rajala with 4 and 2 respectively. Angelle Haan, Ava Kuch, Meadow Browne, and Morgan Thomas also each added 1 block. Kuch also tallied 8 digs while libero Kaitlyn Seiter added 15. Senior Sara Wilkinson stepped in at the service line with 4 points and 1 ace.

Overall, the team is 1-6-0 on the season and is preparing for their first tournament in Perry on Saturday, September 10th.



Village of Fowlerville 213 South Grand Avenue Fowlerville, MI 48836 517-223-3771 Regular Meeting Minutes *Synopsis August 15, 2022

*A Synopsis is a brief summary of the motions that were made at the meeting. The complete set of minutes can be viewed on the website at www.fowlerville.org

The Regular Village Council Meeting was called to order by President Hill at 7:30, in the Council Chambers.

Trustees Present: Bell, Curtis, Heath, Helfmann, Mayhew, Mills and President Hill.

Absent: None.

Also, present: Chief of Police, John Tyler, and Village Clerk/Manager Kathryn Rajala-Gutzki.

MOTION MAYHEW, SECOND HELFMANN, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS PRESENTED. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION HEATH, SECOND MILLS, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, CONSISTING OF ITEMS 6.a. THROUGH 6.f., AS PRESENTED. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION CURTIS, SECOND MILLS, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 22-25, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE SECTION 3 POLICY, AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION COMMUNITY BLOCK DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR THE BENJAMIN, DEVONSHIRE AND PINEWOOD STREETS GRANT PROJECT. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: CURTIS, MILLS, BELL, HEATH, HELFMANN, MAYHEW AND HILL. NAY: NONE. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BELL, SECOND HELFMANN, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 22-26, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FAIR HOUSING POLICY, AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION COMMUNITY BLOCK DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR THE BENJAMIN, DEVONSHIRE AND PINEWOOD STREETS GRANT PROJECT. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: BELL, HELFMANN, CURTIS, HEATH, MAYHEW, MILLS AND HILL. NAY: NONE. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION HELFMANN, SECOND BELL, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 22-27, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE UNDER SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973, AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION COMMUNITY BLOCK DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR THE BENJAMIN, DEVONSHIRE, AND PINEWOOD STREETS GRANT PROJECT. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: HELFMANN, BELL, CURTIS, HEATH, MAYHEW, MILLS AND HILL. NAY: NONE. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION HELFMANN, SECOND CURTIS, TO APPROVE THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN, AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION COMMUNITY BLOCK DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR THE BENJAMIN, DEVONSHIRE AND PINEWOOD STREETS GRANT PROJECT. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: HELFMANN, CURTIS, BELL, HEATH, MAYHEW, MILLS AND HILL. NAY: NONE. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BELL, SECOND MAYHEW, TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LABOR NEGOTIATIONS AS ALLOWED BY THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT 267 OF 1976, 15.268 SEC. 8.C., AS AMENDED. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: BELL, MAYHEW, MILLS, HELFMANN, HEATH, CURTIS, AND HILL. NAY: NONE. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION CURTIS, SECOND MILLS, TO APPROVE THE LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING FROM TEAMSTERS' LOCAL UNION 243, AS PRESENTED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022, TO JUNE 30, 2023. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: CURTIS, MILLS, MAYHEW, HELFMANN, HATH, BELL AND HILL. NAY: NONE. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BELL, SECOND MILLS, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:01 P.M., VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Kathryn Rajala-Gutzki, CMMC, MiPMC
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Savvy Senior Column

By Jim Miller

Daily Check-In Services for Seniors Living Alone

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you recommend any services that check in on elderly seniors who live alone? I live about 200 miles from my 82-year-old mother and worry about her falling or getting ill and not being able to call for help.

Worrywart Daughter

Dear Worrywart,

There are actually several different types of check-in services, along with some simple technology devices that can help keep your mom safe at home while providing you some peace of mind. Here are some top options to look into.

Check-in app: If your mom uses a smartphone, a great solution to help ensure her safety is Snug (SnugSafe.com), a free app that would check in on her every day to confirm she's OK. This app is used by thousands of elderly seniors who live alone and want to make sure that if something happens to them, their loved ones will be notified quickly so they can receive help in minutes, rather than days.

Here's how it works. After downloading the app, your mom will choose what time(s) throughout the day she'd like for Snug to check in. Snug will send a push notification at those times asking your mom to check in by tapping the big green check button on her smartphone screen. If she doesn't check in within 10 minutes or respond after multiple pings, Snug will notify her emergency contacts and share her last known location so that she can receive fast help.

For extra peace of mind, your mom can purchase Snug's premium plan (\$10/month) where in addition to notifying her emergency contacts, Snug will request an in-person wellness check by a police officer who will visit her house to confirm she's OK and provide assistance as needed. The app works with iPhone and Android smartphones.

Check-in calls: If your mom doesn't use a smartphone, another option to help ensure her safety is a daily check-in call service program. These are telephone reassurance programs usually run by police or sheriff's departments in hundreds of counties across the country and are usually provided free of charge.

Here's how they work. A computer automated phone system would call your mom at a designated time each day to check in. If she answers, the system will assume everything is OK. But if she didn't pick up or if the call goes to voice mail after repeated tries, you (or whoever her designee is) would get a notification call. If you are not reachable, calls are then made to backup people who've also agreed to check on your mom if necessary.

The fallback is if no one can be reached, the police or other emergency services personnel will be dispatched to her home.

To find out if this service is available in your mom's community, call her local police department's nonemergency

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number. You should also check with the Area Agency on Aging in your mom's area – call 800-677-1116 for contact information.

If, however, her community doesn't have a call check-in program, there are businesses like CARE (*Call-Reassurance.com*) and IAmFine (*Iamfine.com*) that offer similar services for under \$15 per month.

Technology devices: You may also want to invest in some simple technology aids to keep your mom safe. One of the most commonly used devices for this is a medical alert system that cost about \$1 per day. These systems come with a wearable "help button" that would allow her to call for help 24/7.

Another option that's becoming increasingly popular is smart speakers, like Amazon Alexa or Google Home. These devices work with third-party applications – *AskMyBuddy.net* and *MySOSFamily.com* – that would let your mom call multiple emergency contacts with a simple verbal command.

And be sure to check out Amazon's Alexa Together (*Amazon.com/AlexaTogether*), a new \$20 monthly subscription service that helps families support and keep tabs on their older loved ones who live alone through an Alexa-enabled device.

Send your senior questions to: *Savvy Senior*, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the *NBC Today* show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

Calvary Church offers new care group for young moms called Moms Chat

The Calvary Church of Webberville's ministry is growing by leaps and bounds! We are excited to invite all young moms to join Moms Chat on Tuesday mornings from 10:30am – 12:00. We will kick off this new launch with a Buffet Luncheon at 11am in the morning on September 13th. At the free luncheon you will learn about the many programs that women and families can be involved in starting this fall.

Moms Chat will begin on the following Tuesday morning at 10:30am in our church Nursery at 500 N Howard St in Webberville. Preschool children can play while their mom chats.

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Will Michigan remain the U.S. auto industry's center amid switch to EVs?

Commentary by Rick Haglund
Michigan Advance

Nearly seven years ago, General Motors CEO Mary Barra said she had “no doubt that the auto industry will change more in the next five to 10 years than it has in the past 50 years.”

She was prescient, to say the least. About the only thing that hasn't changed is Barra, who still runs GM.

Unless you've been held hostage in a garage for the past few years by a bunch of old Baby Boomers working on their 1960's-era muscle cars, you must know that automakers are making a sweeping transformation from gasoline- to battery-powered cars and trucks.

Just in the past few weeks, there's been a trunkload of developments designed to hasten the manufacturing of electric vehicles and their adoption by consumers.

It's a critical time for Michigan's automakers and policymakers. Vehicle electrification presents a huge opportunity for the state to keep and grow its signature industry. But there's a significant risk it all could go south — literally.

The biggest development on the electric vehicle front is the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act, which will make \$369 million in climate and energy investments. Included are lucrative consumer incentives to purchase North American-built electric cars.

But the rules are complicated. The old \$7,500 electric vehicle tax credit went away on the day President Joe Biden signed what supporters called a historic measure to tackle climate change.

The new \$7,500 credit is available only on vehicles manufactured in the United States, Canada and Mexico. There also are domestic content requirements for batteries, vehicle price limits and income limits for buyers. Used electric vehicle buyers can get a \$4,000 credit.

Most vehicles on the market won't qualify for the incentives initially. But the sweeteners are seen as crucial in making the United States far less dependent on battery materials from China, boosting affordability of electric cars and reducing destructive, climate-changing greenhouse gasses.

Transportation is the leading producer of greenhouse gasses, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

“Overall, we believe the package as a whole is good for the industry,” said Glenn Stevens, executive director of MICHauto, which promotes the state's auto industry.

August was a good month for Biden, as he also signed the long-delayed CHIPS and Science Act into law.

The act is potentially a godsend for automakers, whose sales have plunged since the COVID pandemic due to semiconductor and other parts shortages. The new law provides more than \$52 billion for U.S. companies to make computer chips domestically, lessening reliance on Asian producers who dominate the market.

That could be a boon to Detroit automakers moving away from the internal combustion engine. An electric vehicle requires 2,000 chips, double the number needed in a gas-powered car, Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo said in a speech last year in Detroit.

Producing more chips domestically also is crucial in meeting the Biden administration's goal of having half of all new vehicles being electric by 2030, Raimondo said.

Those still skeptical that electric vehicles will dominate the roads got a shock from automaker Stellantis, which announced on August 15 that it will end production of its Dodge Charger and Challenger muscle cars — the kind of rubber-burning, gas guzzlers Detroit has long been famous for — at the end of 2023. They'll be replaced with electric models.

And Ford Motor Co. said last week it will slash 3,000 salaried and contract jobs. The automaker has said it will reduce jobs on the gas-powered vehicle side of its business as it transitions to an electric future.

But it's not a given that this new electric vehicle industry will be based in Michigan. A recent CNBC story carried this ominous headline: “The Motor City is moving south as EVs change the automotive industry.”

Automakers have invested \$11.8 billion in the South since 2017, nearly double the \$6.7 billion they've invested in Great Lakes states, CNBC reported, citing data from the Center for Automotive Research in Ann Arbor. Much of the spending is for electric vehicles.

Stevens acknowledged it's unlikely Michigan will capture electric vehicle manufacturing investment from foreign automakers, which have long been established in the South. But the state can successfully compete for plant investments from Detroit's automakers, he said.

And it must intensely focus on maintaining its competitive edge in engineering, research and other knowledge jobs required to drive the electric vehicle industry.

Michigan leads the nation with 26 automaker and supplier headquarters and technical centers. But it's in a serious competition from places such as Silicon Valley, Ontario and even Ohio, Stevens said.

Tax incentives, energy costs and availability of land are all important in landing electric vehicle investments. But the Supreme Court's recent ruling overturning the right to abortion under *Roe*

v. Wade could also play a role in retaining and attracting young, educated talent Michigan needs to grow the critical knowledge segment of the electric vehicle industry, Stevens told me.

“What's the moral climate in the state? Is it welcoming, inclusive and gives people the ability to make choices? That's a factor,” he said. “We're seeing that play out in Indiana.”

Ball State University economist Michael Hicks recently predicted that Indiana's new, ultra-restrictive abortion ban will exacerbate Indiana's already serious brain-drain problem and harm the state's economy.

“Every human resource official in every major business in America is watching the abortion debate,” he said. “They are well aware that abortion access is now a bellwether issue for Americans considering relocating for a job.”

Michigan policymakers working to promote the state's electric vehicle industry need to keep that in mind.

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Livingston County United Way kicking off 2022 Campaign

By Anne Rennie
Executive Director

Livingston County United Way is kicking off our 2022 Campaign and we need your help! Since the pandemic, our community agencies continue to report escalated struggles, with families in need having greatly increased. The stress of inflated gas prices and food costs will cause these additional needs in our county to persist into 2023.

We need your support in order to bridge this gap for local families and cannot do it without the donations we will receive during this campaign year. We will direct your donations straight into the hands of the people that need it most by working with local agencies to identify current and critical needs, vetting those agencies through financial and reporting measures to ensure they are good stewards of the dollars we give them and then supporting their work to ensure our neighbors can get the support they need, when they need it.



As explained by James Johnston, Vice-President at Bank of Ann Arbor, "United Way is the best way to get the most impact for your community".

Listed below are the agencies we are funding in 2022-23,

with some providing multiple programs.

- LACASA
- Livingston Educational Service Agency (LESA)
- Livingston County Catholic Charities
- Childcare Network
- Gleaners
- The Salvation Army
- Meals on Wheels
- Livingston Family Center
- Habitat for Humanity
- Work Skills Corporation
- Community Catalysts
- The Arc of Livingston
- Hartland Senior Center
- Howell Senior Center
- Howell Teen Center
- Legal Services of South Central Michigan
- Pantry Network Funds - Bountiful Harvest Pantry, Family Impact Center Pantry, St. Joseph Pantry, Farley Hill Elementary Pantry, SonRise Pantry and Dora's Cupboard
- MSU Extension
- Recovery Advocates in Livingston (RAIL)
- Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA)
- VINA Community Dental
- Pregnancy Help Clinic
- Community Connect
- Homeless Awareness Week

From the ALICE Report data, we still have 24% of our neighbors who are working, but not making ends meet. That is about 1 in 4! Your donations last year supported all 51 programs that are helping to keep our neighbors healthy, housed and safe.

As we embark on the 2022 Campaign, our goal is to ensure we have enough funds to keep everyone in our community healthy, whether that is a young person with mental health needs, a family struggling with basic needs or even an older adult limited by their fixed income, together we can make a change in our hometowns.

So we ask you to please consider donating to the United Way Campaign. If you work outside of the county, please make sure to designate your donation back to Livingston County in order to make a difference where you live.

Donating is easy:

- Go to www.lcunitedway.org and select the Donate button
- Mail to 2980 Dorr Road, Brighton, 48116

If you have questions or need more information, please reach out to Nicole Mandziuk at nmandziuk@lcunitedway.org

Michigan DNR Fishing Tips—

What to do when taking a photo of your catch

Are you an avid catch-and-release angler? Do you like to take photos of the fish you catch, prior to returning them to the water? Do you know the safest way to take these photos so you ensure the fish can live to be caught another day?

Here are some steps you can follow:

- Wet your hands before you handle the fish; that way you won't remove any of the protective mucus (or slime) that coats the fish's body.
- Remember fish can't breathe out of water, so they will become uncomfortable rather quickly. Keep the fish in the water until your camera is ready to take the shot.
- Take the photo with the fish fairly close to the water, so if it squirms out of your hands it will land in the water and not on a hard surface.
- While holding the fish, don't pinch or squeeze it and don't stick your fingers in its gills.
- Be mindful of the different kinds of fish that have teeth and/or spines that could stick you.



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