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Fowlerville Athletic Boosters Scholarship—From left, Lillian Copeland, Ryan Dixon, presenter Jill Thomas, Kylie Arbenowske, and Tyler Bigos.

Fowlerville High School holds Senior Athletic Awards Night on June 2

Fowlerville High School held its Senior Athletic Awards Night this past Wednesday, June 2, in the Competition Gym. Brian Osborn, the high school athletic director, emceed the event, providing both welcoming and closing remarks aimed at the seniors and their parents.

During the program, the CAAC Scholar Athletes were recognized, four-year awards presented by the various coaches to seniors who played a sport throughout their high school career, gifts were given out by the Athletic Boosters to each of the senior athletes, the winners of the scholarships were announced, and the Ironman Awards presented.

There are 63 senior athletes who were involved in the athletic program, being a member of at least one team during their high school career.



Ironman Award which is given to athletes who played in three sports a year for all four years of high school. From left, Adam Simon (football, basketball, baseball and track), presenter Brian Osborn, and Gavin Champs (football, basketball and track). Photos continue on page 2

Fowlerville High School Senior Athletic Awards, continued



CAAC Scholar Athlete Awards which are given to the ten seniors who have the highest grade-point-average and earned a varsity letter in two or more sports their senior year. From left, front row, Morgyn Muck, Trevor Peterson, Billy Hutchins, Brendan Young, Logan Flanery; second row, Brendon Bickley, Garrett Hearl, Gavin Champs, Lillian Copeland, and presenter Brian Osborn, the high school athletic director. Missing was Nathan Ash.



Morgyn Muck was recognized by the Michigan High School Athletic Association as an outstanding scholar athlete, a recognition given to him for being a finalist for a scholarship awarded by Michigan Farm Bureau. He was among the top finalists in the state.



Lisa Jolliff Memorial Scholarship—From left, presenter Bob Jolliff, Parker Douglass, and presenter Lorrie Osborne.



Hutchins-Near Memorial Scholarship—From left, presenter Courtney Hutchins, Elizabeth Bilyk, Ryan Dixon, Billy Hutchins, presenter John Hutchins, and presenter Morgan Near.



Rotary Athletic Scholarship—From left, presenter Dr. Hank Vaupel, Lillian Copeland, Brendan Young, and presenter Dawn Horton.



Maison Wilkinson Memorial Scholarship—From left, Morgyn Muck, presenter Maylene Turnbo, Cierra Henley, and Nick Atkinson.





Letter to the Editor

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

June 15th is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. On that day, communities in the USA and all over the world will sponsor events to highlight solutions to this systemic social challenge. The Livingston County Elder Justice Coalition is proud to host a POP (Put on Purple) for Elder Abuse Awareness education and proclamation signing; proclaiming every June 15 to be Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Livingston County.

The event will be held on the lawn of the Howell Courthouse on June 15th from 1:30-2:30pm and will include special speakers along with the proclamation signing. Join us to show your support of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day!

As Americans, we believe in justice for all. Yet we fail to live up to this promise when we allow older members of our society to be abused or neglected. Older people are vital, contributing members of American society and their maltreatment diminishes all of us. Just as we have confronted and addressed the social issues of child abuse and domestic violence, so too can we find solutions to address issues like elder abuse, which also threatens the well-being of our community.

Our policies and practices make it hard for older people to stay involved with and connected to our communities as they age. As a result, older people are more likely to experience social isolation, which increases the likelihood of abuse and neglect. We can design stronger societal supports to keep our older people connected and protect them from abuse, whether financial, emotional, physical or sexual.

When we address a root cause, like social isolation, we also make it less likely that people will become neglected. Older adults who are socially connected and protected from harm are less likely to be hospitalized, less likely to go into nursing homes and less likely to die.

We can and must create healthier and safer living environments for older adults, including their homes, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities.

To learn more about elder abuse, neglect and exploitation, how you can recognize it, what you can do to protect yourself or loved one, how to report suspected abuse and local community services and supports, visit the National Center on Elder Abuse https://ncea.acl.gov or call Beth Newman at Livingston County Catholic Charities at (517) 545-5944.

Thank you! Livingston County Elder Justice Coalition

Fowlerville High Class of 1980 holding rescheduled 40th reunion August 13

The planning committee for the Fowlerville High School Class of 1980 has rescheduled their 40th class reunion. Originally, the 40th reunion was to be held in August of 2020, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic it was canceled and rescheduled for this year, which technically makes it our 41st high school reunion.

The planning committee is inviting all FHS 1980 classmates who were part of their class (regardless of the number of years spent with them) to attend. If they would like to, classmates may bring a guest.

The reunion will take place on Friday, August 13, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to midnight and will be held at the Crystal Gardens Banquet Facility which is located at 5768 E. Grand River – Howell, MI 48843.

Cost is \$52.00 per person which covers a nice dinner and drinks (beer, wine, soda). Payment is due no later than Tuesday, July 13, 2021 and can be mailed to either Daryl Wise Sr. at 505 E. Pondview Drive – Morrice, MI 48857

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Call (517) 223-8760 for details

or to Ann Schultheis at 4033 Hogback Road – Fowlerville, MI 48836. Please be sure to make your check payable to either Daryl Wise Sr. or Ann Schultheis.

Updates regarding the reunion will be posted on the "Fowlerville High Class of 1980" Facebook page.

Additional information regarding the venue's amenities is available on their website: www.cgliv.com

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NEW HOURS: Monday - Friday • 8am - 5pm Saturday • 8am - 1pm

5TH Annual Fun In The 'Ville

Saturday, June 12th • 10am – 3pm • Centennial Park

Food Line-up

Tony's Dogs- Hot Dogs, Pop & Chips.

Mr. B's- Loaded Chips, Brats, Corn Dogs & More.

The Torch- Piña Colada Smoothies, Slushie's, Hamburgers, Fries, Pulled Pork Tachos, Cookie Sandwiches.

NPC- Kettle Corn.

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Blankets, Hats & Accessories

Massage Rehab- Free chair &

table massages. Cure products & apparel.

The Giving Barn- Homemade Décor Items

Fowlerville Police Department-

Vendor Line-Up

Crafts & Wood Toys
LuLaRoe

The Connection Youth Services
Scentsy

Quilts & More by Celeste

Salvation Army Matilda Jane Clothing

Fowlerville United Methodist Mission Team Bake Sale

Fowlerville Impact Center - Promotional & free items

Fowlerville Family Fair-Info and chance to win free passes

Dawns' Designs Jewelry, Plants & More

Color Street Nails
Fowlerville Library -

Promote programs, services & library cards

Avon
Pink Zebra- Soy wax sprinkles
& home décor
Custom Mold Concrete Figures
Customized Resin, Glitter & Misc

Customized Resin, Glitter & Misc.

Calm & Crazy Creations - Art just for fun Keychains & Badge Reel Faces Home Fragrance & Décor

Brandi Zura- Home Décor

FUN FOR ALL AGES!

CONWAY TOWNSHIP LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO CONWAY TOWNSHIP LAND DIVISION ORDINANCE

The Conway Township Board of Trustees, at its May 18, 2021, meeting has amended the Conway Township Land Division Ordinance effective June 17, 2021, as follows:

- Person with Authority. To designate the Zoning Administrator as the person with authority to approve or disapprove land divisions and to eliminate the committee review process in compliance with MCL 560.109(1).
- 4 to 1 Ratio. To limit the application of the depth to width ratio regulation of MCL 560.109(1)(b), where the depth is not to be more than 4 times the width, to new parcels consisting of ten acres or less and otherwise to align the ordinance with MCL 560.109(1) (b).

The complete text of the Conway Township Land Division Ordinance, as amended, may be examined at the Township Hall, 8015 N. Fowlerville, Fowlerville, MI 48836, during regular Township business hours, which are 9am-3pm Tuesdays and 9am-3pm Wednesdays, or on the Township's website, www.conwaytownship.com.

Elizabeth Whitt Conway Township Clerk (6-6-21 FNV)

Caleb Jenkins Column



More Beneficial Traits

Two weeks ago, we examined three beneficial character traits that, when adopted, improve our lives and bless those around us: love, joy, and peace. This week, I want to return to the conversation and examine three more important attributes we should work toward. I specifically phrase it this way because it is important to remember that these traits rarely come naturally. We should not dismiss them as simply qualities with which one is born. Rather, those who master these principles do so through much purpose, self-reflection, and hard work. We should understand and embrace that same mentality when approaching these traits.

The first attribute I want to highlight is longsuffering. This idea is virtually synonymous with patience, but it carries a stronger weight in its insinuated application. When one is longsuffering, he or she endures a difficult situation to achieve a greater end. It is not just about the passage of time, which is often how we associate patience. Longsuffering means persistence in the face of adversity when other paths seem easier. This understanding is important because longsuffering can be necessary to get through a challenging situation or deal with a challenging individual! Either way, learning to endure with grace, which I believe is a crucial component, is important to achieve victory in one's own life and be a help to others.

Second, we need longsuffering to achieve the next trait:

gentleness! To put it simply, life can be a real pain sometimes. Even when we are trying to stay positive and make the most of what we have, problems can pile up, and little things can start to feel overwhelming. When that happens, frustrations grow, and we are prone to snap at others and react more aggressively circumstances that otherwise would feel manageable. We should control our responses, rather than letting our environment surrounding events dictate our actions, but that is easier said than done. We must learn and apply longsuffering so we can consistently demonstrate gentleness, which is driven by love, even when we may not naturally feel up to it.

While each of the targeted attributes flow through and between each other, the third trait is perhaps a

clearer link and driver than any of the others: goodness. It is a simple concept, but we should seek to do good in all we do. While that may seem like a foregone conclusion, not everyone approaches situations with the goal of doing good. Competing interests (some bad, but others just distracting or self-serving) draw our attention away from the fundamental mentality of doing good. When this motivation is not forefront in our minds, we risk getting sidetracked and losing out on opportunities to impact others in positive ways.

When taken together, these six character traits (love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, and goodness) begin to shape our personas and make us strong, beneficial members of our communities. As we grow personally, we can be greater blessings to others and better our society one person at a time.

Kreeger Elementary School News

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. School Hours: 8:50 a.m. - 3:32 p.m.

NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT:

All pre-enrollments can be done online <u>www.</u> fowlervilleschools.org

After you complete those documents please call the office at 517-223-6330. We will then print and have you come into the office to finalize enrollment. Bring your child's original raised seal birth certificate, 2 proofs of Fowlerville Schools residency and if your child attended a school in Michigan his/her immunizations will be on the MCIR website.

CALENDAR OF KREEGER EVENTS

**End of Year Calendar Change

6-8-21 Grades K – 5 Full Day, 6 – 11 1/2 Day

6-9-21 1/2 Day School – Grades K – 11 ***NEW

6-10-21 1/2 Day School – Grades K - 11

6-11-21 **Full Day School – Virtual - Last Day of Classes

6-21-21 Summer Schools Begins

SUMMER SCHOOL:

Summer school letters have been sent home, if you received a letter please let us know as soon as possible if you are planning to send your child. A more formal schedule will be provided as we get everyone scheduled.

LOST AND FOUND:

We have overflow in the lost and found areas for each grade level. Please be sure to check with your child to see if they are missing hats, gloves, coats, boots, sweatshirts, water bottles or tennis shoes. We will be donating clothing that is not claimed to the Family Impact Center.

END OF YEAR MEDICATION NOTE:

If your child has medication in the office, a parent needs to come to the office and pick up. We cannot send medication home with the student.

St. Agnes Catholic Church holding Vacation Bible School June 21-25

St. Agnes Catholic Church is holding an In-Person Vacation Bible School June 21 through June 25, 9am to 12 noon. The theme of the school is "Rocky Railway: Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through."

Registration information is due June 16. Space is limited due to Covid-19 restrictions. The registration fee is \$10 per child. Call Iris Winiarski at 517-234-8757 to register or for more information.

Dick Scott MOTOR MALL

Fowlerville High School's "ATHLETES" OF THE WEEK



Jud Scott



JV Baseball "A" Team

Luke Anderson, a sophomore, is the co-captain of the Junior Varsity Baseball 'A' Team. He is a great hitter and plays second base along with pitching. Luke exhibits tremendous character both on and off the field.

Jacob Loveland, a sophomore, is the co-captain of the Junior Varsity 'A' Team. He plays third base. Jacob is a team leader and a pleasure to coach.

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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Fowlerville Junior High School News

IMPORTANT DATES:

Half days of school-Exams- Tue-Thurs. June 8-10th Last Day of School-Virtual all hours- Fri. June 11^{th}

SPORTS FOR WEEK OF JUNE 7:

FJH ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES FOR THE 2020-21 school year are now complete. Thank you to EVERYONE who helped us with our programs this past year. Wow!

FINAL FORMS is now accepting registrations for athletics for the 2021-22 school year. Please take care of this registration, ASAP. Also, physicals are REQUIRED to try out for an athletic team. Please take care of your child's physical BEFORE tryouts start for a team.

7th & 8th grade BOYS- Coaches Lynch & Jonas have arranged to have summer BASKETBALL workouts. There will be no charge; participation is encouraged but voluntary. 8-10 am in the FHS Comp gym: Thurs., June 17 & 24; Thursday, July 15, 22, 29.

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RECORD BROKEN

On Monday May 24th a new long jump record was set at Fowlerville Junior High School. Fiona Gituilli, an 8th grader, reached her season goal of breaking the long standing 2009 long jump record of 14'4 3/4" held by Haley Yaremych. Her 14' 9.5" jump proved that consistent practice and hard work pays off, and put her name on the record board. Congratulations! Your coaches are excited for you to hold this new honor.

LOCKER CLEAN OUT NOTICE READ TO STUDENTS (Monday 6-7-21)

Locker clean out expectations...This time is for locker cleanout only (not passing/socializing time) and should not take more than 15 minutes. Return to your class/teacher when your locker is clean. Lockers MUST be spotless inside and out in order to avoid a fine. Make sure that ALL pieces of paper, pens, pencils, books, folders and clothing are removed

from your locker. All markings of pencil, pen, tape, stickers, and marker on the inside and out must also be removed.

There will be supplies available to clean your locker, as well as carts to place books and reusable school supplies on (folders, binders, pens, pencils). Lockers were assigned to each student at the beginning of the year and whether it is your mess or not, you are responsible for the locker assigned to you, even if you didn't use it this year or you don't know your locker combination. You can check in the office for your locker and combination if you have forgotten it. We have to hire people to clean lockers and if they have to remove ANYTHING from your locker or wash anything, you will be assessed a fine. Lockers will be assessed at 11am on Thursday, June 10th. Fines may be anywhere from \$1.00-\$10.00.

Livingston Educational Service Agency planning "Backpacks for Kids" Project

The Livingston Educational Service Agency (Livingston ESA) is gearing up for the 20th annual "Backpacks for Kids" project. The goal of this project is to provide Livingston County students whose families are experiencing financial difficulties with basic school supplies at no cost.

Livingston County residents, local businesses and community groups continue to be very generous in their support of this project. It is because of their generosity, that last year, over 1,000 Livingston County students received backpacks filled with basic school supplies.

This years' "Backpacks for Kids/ Connect for Kids" will be a drive-through event similar to last year's event. It will take place at the Livingston ESA Education Center on August 12th, 2021. Additional details will be provided at a later date.

We welcome donations for the 2021 Livingston ESA "Backpacks for Kids" project. You may drop off items or monetary donations through August 5, 2021 at the Livingston Educational Service Agency, 1425 W. Grand River, Howell, Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm throughout the summer.

For additional information, or if your organization is interested in becoming a collection site, please contact Judy Paulsen at 517.540.6802, or JudyPaulsen@LivingstonESA.org.

Still time to sign-up for 'Run for the Impact' VIRTUAL event

There's still time to sign up for this year's 'Run for the Impact' VIRTUAL event. Go to <u>runsignup.com</u> and register between now and June 12th. Then choose your place and

time to run or walk. Finally, take a picture and post it on the Family Impact Centers facebook page at https://tinyurl.com/FICrun2021.

Thanks to everyone who is helping to make the 9th Annual Run for the Impact a huge success!











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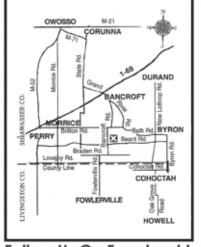
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NEW HOURS:

Sunday thru Friday 10am-5pm; Saturday 10am-6pm



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Fowlerville District Library Events

Special Announcements

Masks are encouraged inside the library for the safety of staff and other customers. Maintaining the social distancing of 6 feet is also advised.

> **Monday-Thursday** 9:30am – 7pm <u>Friday</u> 9:30am – 5pm <u>Saturday</u> 10am – 2pm

Tails and Tales Summer Reading Program Kick-off Free Fishing Sunday—Sunday June 13, 2021 8AM – 2PM

All ages- Splash into summer reading by attending Free Fishing Day at Brighton Recreational Area. The day includes access to fishing poles and bait. There will also be loads of fun, outdoor games, and activities for the whole family. Fishing permits and recreation passports are waived for the day, so come cast your fishing rod! Lunch and drinks will be provided. We will be in the Maple Shelter. Adults and kids, challenge yourself to a military-style inflatable obstacle course, courtesy of the Michigan Army National Guard. Directions: 5210 Bishop Lake Rd, Brighton MI, 48116

Community Programs

Summer Lunch Bunch – Wednesdays June 16th-August 25th 12PM - 12:30PM

The Salvation Army is handing out lunch boxes, pantry kits, and craft packs. Check our website for more of Salvation Army Lunch Bunch locations.

Upcoming Programs for June Animal Scavenger Hunts – K-5th Graders -June 1-30

Get your checklist at the front desk. Search around the library during open hours for some animal friends. Grab a checklist and see if you can find them all!

ASL Storytime Live! - Every Thursday 10 AM FDL's Facebook Page

Meet our new Youth Librarian, learn signs, sing songs, and play in this interactive story time!

Patriotic Mason Jars - Thursday, June 10, 2021 - YouTube Adults -Kits for making your own patriotic mason jar will be available to pick up June 3rd and a video tutorial will be posted on Thursday June 10, 2021. Supplies and spaces limited. Come pick up your kit!

Tuesdays with Mrs. D-Tuesday, June 15, 2021 10:30 AM - Zoom

Preschool - For ages 2 1/2-5 years. Come and search for wild animals and the places that they call home. Through stories, finger plays and songs join in the fun/adventure. All on Zoom.

Take and Make Craft Kits-June 14 - 19 - Paper Chain Snake

K-5th Graders Crafts change weekly and are available while supplies last. Each kit comes complete with all supplies needed and instructions. This activity requires no sign-up. Please call or stop in to find out about this week's craft.

Summer at the Tabletop -Tuesday, June 15, 2021 1-5 PM-Discord

Teens - Has the pandemic left you bored? Do you wish to be somewhere - or someone - else? Join us online every Tuesday for a tabletop RPG! Every week will be a different game and a different system. Sign up or just come hang out on Discord at https://discord.gg/sKumgbBy4t

Rock & Read Storytime with Storm-Wednesday, June 16, 2021 10 AM-Zoom

K-5th Grades - Jump in this Zoom Storytime for some stories, music, and fun! *Must provide email to receive the Zoom

Bookworm Buddies: A Book Group for Tweens-Wednesday, June 16, 2021 2:30 PM-Zoom

Tweens - Read a book in the monthly theme and come ready to share what you think and learn about some new reads. June's theme: Fairytale retellings, Fantasy, or animals.

All programs are on Zoom unless otherwise indicated. Registration is required unless otherwise noted. To register for any FDL's programs please contact us by phone, Facebook, or email with your contact information including a valid email address. Zoom links will be sent out the day before the

For more information regarding any of our programs or services please call us at (517) 223-9089 or check out our

Follow us on Facebook: @fowlervillelibrary or visit our website at www.fowlervillelibrary.org. Email any questions to: info@fowlervillelibrary.org

Fowlerville Fire Department Report May 27th

7:11 pm. Medical emergency on Julie Court in Conway Township.

May 28th

No calls received.

May 29th

4:34 pm. Medical emergency on Garden Lane in the

9:58 pm. Medical emergency on Meadow Lane in the Village.

May 30th

No calls received.

May 31st

No calls received.

June 1st

12:15 pm. Medical emergency on West Fork Drive in Handy Township.

11:18 pm. Medical emergency on North Grand Avenue in

June 2nd

6:01 am. Medical emergency on Ann Street in the Village. 6:17 pm. Structure fire on Bull Run Road in Iosco Township. We had assistance at the scene from Howell Fire, Unadilla Fire, and NEISA Fire Departments, while Howell Fire supplied a second truck for standby at our station.

Fowlerville Community Yard Sales

Crosssing. June 10-11-12, 8am to 5pm.

GARAGE SALE: 3865 S. Cemetery Rd., June 10-11-12, 8am to 6pm. Old toys, model car kits, World War II airplane replicas, G Scale train sets, and much more.

GARAGE SALE: Fishing, hunting and more. June 10-11-12, 7am to 5pm, 9455 N. Nicholson Rd.

LARGE TWO-FAMILY DOWNSIZING SALE. Kitchen stuff, tools, mens & womens clothing, office and other furniture, jewelry, misc. lawn and garden. 8722 N. Gregory Rd. June 10-11-12, 9am to 4pm.

GARAGE SALE: June 11 & 12, 9am to 5pm, 8060 N. Gregory Rd., 2003 4x4 Ford Ranger, enclosed utility trailer, professional cleaning equipment, many items from house and garage, too much to list.

GARAGE SALE: June 10-11-12, 9am to 4pm. Misc. household items, womens' plus size clothing, arts & crafts, and coupon stash. 6221 Nicholson Rd, north of Grand River.

LARGE GARAGE SALE at Parrish Carpet Company. Area rugs, carpet remnants, flooring materials, new Paparazzi jewelry, children's clothes, car seats, toys, and

lots of misc household items. June 10, 11, & 12 from 9am to 5pm at 9225 W. Grand River.

GARAGE SALE: 2926 Kalkaska River Dr., Red Cedar HUGE BARN SALE! ANTIQUES AND WHATEVER.

June 10th, 11th, 12th. 8am till 6pm. 9083 Judd Rd. Primitives, Antique Furniture "Bone Yard". Great for Repurposing. Lots of Stuff for Creative Mind. Iron and Cement Pieces, Fencing, Barn Wood and "Rusty Gold". Vintage Linens, Old Pictures, Lamps, Frames and Mirrors. Blue Canning Jars, Records, Comics and Pottery. Lots of "Guy Stuff". Tools, Sports and Collectables. "Shabby Chic" Home and Garden Décor. Rolls of Fabric. Cake Decorating Supplies, Kitchen and Household Items. "Fun and Funky Vintage" Lots of Smalls. Too much to list. Hope to See Ya!

YARD SALE: First United Methodist Church, 201 S. Second St. Thursday & Friday, June 10 & 11, 9am to 4pm. Saturday, June 12, 9am to 2pm. Most items are free will offering.

GARAGE SALE: June 10-11-12, 8am to 5pm. Name brand kids clothes, adult clothes, antique items, many miscellaneous. 3410 Hogback Rd., south of Grand River.

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE: 710 Pinegate Dr., off East Van Riper Road. Thursday, Friday & Saturday, June 10-11-12, 8am to 4pm. Kids stuff, jewelry, books, Barbies. Something for everyone.

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE: 721 Village Dr., Pinegate subdivision off East Van Riper Road. Thursday, Friday & Saturday, June 10-11-12, 9am to 4pm. Kids & Adults clothing, toys and household items. Too much to

Fowlerville Area

Thurs. thru Sat. **June 10-11-12**

Located at these addresses: 2926 Kalkaska River Dr.

Red Cedar Crosssing

3865 S. Cemetery Rd.

9455 N. Nicholson Rd.

8722 N. Gregory Rd.

8060 N. Gregory Rd.

9083 Judd Rd.

6221 Nicholson Rd North of Grand River

9225 W. Grand River

Parrish Carpet Company

201 S. Second St.

First United Methodist Church

3410 Hogback Rd.

South of Grand River

710 Pinegate Dr.

off East Van Riper Road

721 Village Drive - Pinegate subdivision off East Van Riper Road

See individual yard sale listings on this page for times and other information.

Fowlerville Police Report

for the Village of Fowlerville Council Meeting for Monday, June 7, 2021

The Fowlerville Police Department responded to **682** calls for service over the past four weeks.

Total citations issued this period: 12 moving and parking citations.

Warrant Authorized/Declined

Incident #21-00505 - Theft - Warrant Denied

- 62 y/o male, Fowlerville, May 23, 2021, at 1254 hours Incident #21-00483 – Driving While License Suspended
- & No Motor/Vehicle Insurance Under Review
 - 30 y/o male, Gregory, May 16, 2021, at 1551 hours Incident #21-00495 – Driving While License Suspended
- & No Motor Vehicle Insurance Under Review
 22 y/o male, Lansing, May 19, 2021, at 2257 hours

Incident #21-00256 – Violation of Controlled Substance Act – Warrant Authorized, FELONY

• 31 y/o male, Fowlerville, March 11, 2021, at 2352 hours

Officers Investigated the Following Types of Complaints:

- 9-Assist to EMS/FAFD
- 103-Area check
- 3-Animal complaints
- 2-Alarm
- 1-Assist other agency
- 3-911 hang-ups
- 69-Building/property check
- 1-Burglary report
- 10- Citizen/Motorist Assist
- 3-Civic event
- 1-Civil complaint
- 2-Community policing
- 2-Court prosecutor complaint
- 3-Disturbances
- 1-Drug/VCSA
- 1-Electrical hazard
- 15-Foot patrol
- 20-Follow up
- 1-Fraud
- 24- General Non-Criminal
- 1-Hit and run accident
- 3-Juvenile complaint 2-K9 locker search
- 2-Larc. in progress
- 15-Liquor investigation
- 3-Lockout
- 1-Meetings
- 1-Missing person
- 1-Open in error
- 6-Ordinance investigation
- 4-Patrol/traffic complaint
- 2-Parking complaint
- 4-Patrol info
- 2-PBT request
- 2-PDA
- 1-Retail fraud
- 15-School events
- 5- Suspicious Situations/Vehicle/Person
- 43-Subdivision patrol
- 41-Traffic details
- 147-Traffic stops
- 1-Traffic violation arrest
- 1-Trespassing
- 1-Unconscious
- 1-UDAA
- 2-Warrant attempt
- 4-Welfare check

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.

Additional Information:

We assisted with the Memorial Day parade and the memorial service held at the Greenwood Cemetery. There was a decent turnout and the weather was very nice. It was nice to take a moment out of our normal, busy lives to honor and show respect to those who have given the ultimate sacrifice protecting our rights and freedoms.

I attended the online meeting for the Livingston County Advocacy Oversight Board and the Livingston County Homeland Security Local Planning Team. We discussed grants available, training events, equipment changes, and resources available in the event of an emergency. We are blessed in Livingston County to have a great working relationship with all the first responders.

We are also working hard with the Fowlerville Community Schools to make sure the senior graduation parade in town

is a huge success. We have just over 200 seniors who graduated this year. The parade route is from the Fowlerville Fairgrounds on Grand River to N. Hibbard St., and then into the school property. Congratulations to the Class of 2021 and we wish you all the very best!

Respectfully Submitted, Chief John J. Tyler

Some Special Recipes

By Dawn Horton

Ann Reid submitted the Country Breakfast Casserole recipe. It makes a good breakfast or brunch dish. The Peach Cobbler recipe was submitted by Kim Knaggs, our own Fowlerville Rotary cook. Kim is sharing this delicious dessert recipe that was handed down to her by her mother, the late Janice Oliver. Enjoy!

COUNTRY BREAKFAST CASSEROLE

- 6 cups frozen hash browns, thawed
- 2/3 cup butter, melted
- 2 cups cooked ham, diced **OR**
- 2 cups browned breakfast sausage
- 1 cup cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1 cup milk
- 6 eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Fresh ground pepper to taste
- 1/4 cup tomato catsup

Spray a 9x13 inch baking dish with oil. Press hash browns on bottom of pan. They should be at least 1/2 inch deep as they shrink down as the crust browns. Drizzle melted butter over potatoes. Bake at 425 degrees for 25 minutes until crisp and browned. Reduce heat to 350 degrees. Sprinkle ham or sausage and cheese over crust. Beat eggs, milk and salt; pour over crust and filling. Return to oven and bake, covered, 25-35 minutes or until knife inserted near center comes out clean. In the last few minutes of baking, uncover and add a few decorative squiggles of catsup to the top.

Vegetarian options: Saute onions & mushrooms with a bit of salt & pepper. Use this in place of meat in the recipe. Vegetarian sausage will also work.

Replace butter with canola oil and use the whites of 4 eggs with one whole egg to reduce the cholesterol content if you wish.

Serves 8. —Ann Reid

PEACH COBBLER

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Melt in 8 inch square pan:

Melt in 8 inch so1 stick butter

Mix:

- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup milk
- 3 teaspoons baking powder

Pour over butter, do not

stir. Mix:

• 6 cups drained peaches

1 teaspoon vanilla

Put peaches on top of batter, do not stir. Sprinkle on top, 2/3 cups sugar. Bake for 40 minutes at 350 degrees, then 20 minutes at 300 degrees.

—Janice Oliver

Michigan DNR Fishing Tips—

Anglers catching panfish & bass

The inland waters are warming. Panfish are being caught on leaf worms and wax worms under a bobber. The large and smallmouth bass action was good for those using live and artificial baits.











College admissions without ACT, SAT scores could be future trend

By Kristia Postema Capital News Service

Reduced use of standardized tests in the college admissions process has led some college officials to question their value as indicators of college readiness and success.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, most college applicants in Michigan were required to take either the SAT or the ACT.

According to Robert LeFevre, the president of Michigan Independent Colleges and Universities, which represents 25 private institutions, higher education institutions have temporarily suspended those requirements, allowing new admissions processes.

"A number of the schools nationally went remote so students weren't able to take the SAT or the ACT," LeFevre said. "At least for the short term, a number of (colleges) decided to go SAT and ACT-optional."

According to Dan Hurley, CEO of the Michigan Association of State Universities, representing 15 public universities, only about 60% of high school juniors took the SAT in 2020. That number normally hovers around 100%, he said.

"There's been an overwhelming trend on the part of the state universities to wave the submission of test results for this fall's class and even subsequent classes," Hurley said.

Lee Furbeck, the executive director of admissions at Central Michigan University, says the school has gone testoptional on a temporary basis.

"Students are having a difficult time accessing tests, so we will consider a student with or without test scores," Furbeck said. "We were test-optional on our 2021 terms and we will be again for our 2022 terms."

According to Furbeck, CMU is making admissions decisions "based on factors such as the high school grade

From Unapproved Minutes CONWAY TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING June 1, 2021

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance at 5:00 pm.

The following Motions were made:

 To approve Meeting Agenda as presented. Motion to adjourn at 6:14 p.m. Complete minutes are available at the Conway Township office at 8015 N. Fowlerville Road, Fowlerville, Michigan 48836.

> Elizabeth Whitt Conway Township Clerk (6-6-21 FNV)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING HANDY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2021-2022 PROPOSED BUDGET JUNE 14, 2021

The Handy Township Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on the proposed General Fund Budget for the July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022 fiscal year on Monday, June 14, 2021, at 7 p.m., in the Handy Township Board Room located at 135 & 137 N. Grand Avenue (use rear entrance to board room), Fowlerville, MI. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be subject of this hearing. Copies of the proposed budget can be viewed at the township office during regular business hours of Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., after June 7, 2021. Written comments must be received by Laura A. Eisele, Clerk, at the Township Office on or before June 10, 2021, at 4 p.m.

> Laura A. Eisele Handy Township Clerk (5-30, 6-6 & 6-13-21 FNV)

point average, the courses the students took and the rigor of their coursework and their core course grades.

"We will admit a student based on either a combination of test score and high school GPA or just high school GPA, whichever one most benefits the student," Furbeck said. "We're making sure that we're admitting students who are most likely to succeed here."

LeFevre said more students are applying for college now that standardized test scores aren't used in the admissions

"There are so many more students willing to apply because they don't have to worry about what they've been told is a bad score being a barrier for them to go," LeFevre said. "At the moment it's temporary, but we're hoping to prove during this process that the number of applicants and the quality of applicants actually went up by eliminating the ACT and SAT."

According to Colby Spencer Cesaro, the vice president of Michigan Independent Colleges and Universities, eliminating standardized testing requirements also affects who is willing to apply.

"A lot of the staff at the financial aid offices and admissions offices are saying that they're getting a greater diversity of applicants because of dropping the test," she said.

LeFevre and Spencer Cesaro both say they are hopeful that more schools will see the value of getting rid of standardized tests in their application process.

According to LeFevre, "The ACT and SAT are nothing more than a barrier to access. They were designed back when only 20% of students went to college and they only wanted 20% of students. It was a way to weed students out."

LeFevre said students need some type of post-secondary education to be self-sufficient in today's world.

"Less than 1% of the jobs that have been created since the Great Recession require a high school diploma or below," LeFevre said. "If we keep telling kids starting in the third grade that they aren't college material (based on standardized tests), we'll never be able to move the needle up because we're discouraging them from the get go."

According to Spencer Cesaro, standardized tests aren't the best way to predict college readiness.

Spencer Cesaro says that standardized testing companies advertise that meeting the "benchmarks" on their tests indicate how successful a student will be in a particular subject, but that statistics are too broad.

For the science portion of the ACT, for example, meeting the benchmark score predicts only "a 50% chance of a B or better in an introduction to biology freshman college class," Spencer Cesaro said. "There's a 25% confidence interval on either side, so you could have a 75% chance of getting a B or better or a 25% chance of getting a B or better. Those are terrible statistics."

There are more effective ways to measure college readiness, she said. "If you look at GPA over time and you see that a student that goes from a 2 to a 3, or a 1.5 to a 2.8 on a four-point scale, that's the type of thing you're looking for."

According to Spencer Cesaro, "With the SAT and the ACT you have to go through a company and all you get is some demographic information and that test score. We know that's not the information that shows the type of individual and if the school is a good fit."

LeFevre said that without standardized tests, admissions offices at private colleges should start to focus on the whole student, not just test scores.

"What they want to know is what your GPA was, what activities were you involved in, if you had a part-time job, or if you're from a single parent household," LeFevre said. "If there's a C student from a single parent household that works 20 hours a week part time and is in band, I want that student in my school. Standardized tests don't give you this information."

Hurley says that the 15 state universities are also looking into other ways to evaluate college readiness.

"Ultimately what is happening is that there is going to be a greater focus on the part of college university admissions officers to focus on high school GPAs and other extracurricular activities as being stronger indicators for college success," Hurley said.

LeFevre and Hurley both said that their associations are working with the College Access Network to create a way for high schools to share information with the institutions so they don't have to go through private companies anymore.

LeFevre said, "If we can come up with a privacy-safe manner to share the information at the state level, we can essentially eliminate the middleman and get more information out to more students."

Spencer Cesaro says that each public and private college or university sets its own admission criteria. If there's an easier way to get information about potential applicants, the demand for standardized test scores may decrease, which will encourage more students to apply.

"In many instances many individuals look at SAT and ACT scores what they could never do instead of what they could do," she said. "We need to change that rhetoric.



Savvy Senior Column

By Jim Miller

Should You Be Screened for Lung Cancer? *Dear Savvy Senior*,

What can you tell me about lung cancer screenings? I was a big smoker but quit years ago, so I'm wondering if I should be checked out.

Former Smoker

Dear Still,

Lung cancer screening is used to detect the presence of lung cancer in otherwise healthy people with a high risk of lung cancer. Should you be screened? It depends on your age and your smoking history. Here's what you should know.

Screening Recommendations

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force – an independent panel of medical experts that advises the government on health policies – recently expanded their recommendations for lung cancer screenings. They are now recommending annual screenings for high-risk adults between the ages of 50 and 80 who have at least a 20-pack year history who currently smoke or who have quit within the past 15 years. This is a change from the 2013 recommendation that referred to patients ages 55 to 80 with 30-year pack histories.

A 20-pack year history is the equivalent of smoking one pack a day for 20 years or two packs a day for 10 years.

In 2020, lung cancer killed more than 135,000 Americans making it the deadliest of all possible cancers. In fact, more people die of lung cancer than of colon, breast and prostate cancers combined.

Lung cancer also occurs predominantly in older adults. About two out of every three people diagnosed with lung cancer are 65 or older.

You'll also be happy to know that most health insurance plans cover lung cancer screenings to high-risk patients, as does Medicare up to age 77.

Screening Pros and Cons

Doctors use a low-dose computed tomography scan (also called a low-dose CT scan, or LDCT) of the lungs to look for lung cancer. If lung cancer is detected at an early stage, it's more likely to be cured with treatment. But a LDCT isn't recommended for every high-risk patient.

LDCT scans have a high rate of false positives, which means that many will undergo additional (and unnecessary) screening or medical procedures, such as another scan three, six, or even 12 months later to check for changes in the shape or size of the suspicious area (an indication of tumor growth). For some patients, the anxiety or worry that goes along with waiting can be a real issue.

Or you may need a biopsy (removal of a small amount of lung tissue), which has risks, especially for those with underlying health conditions, such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or emphysema. For example, in people with emphysema, there's a chance of a lung collapsing during the procedure.

If you meet the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force criteria for high-risk lung cancer, the University of Michigan offers a free online tool (see *ShouldIScreen.com*) to help you decide if you should get an LDCT. It's also important to discuss the benefits and risks with your primary care doctor before making a decision.

Tips for Testing

If you and your doctor determine that you should be screened, look for an imaging facility whose staff follows American College of Radiology requirements when performing low-dose CT scans. You can find accredited facilities at *ACRaccreditation.org*.

This can help to ensure an accurate read of your scans by a highly trained, board-certified or board-eligible radiologist.

You may need a referral from your primary care provider. Most insurance companies, including Medicare require this before they'll cover the cost of screening.

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.



Pastor Tom Tarpley

What Are Your Idols

There is no defect of character in us that God does not have the power to change. The question we must answer is, "Are we willing to allow God to make the changes in us that He wants to make?"

If we want to walk and live in freedom, we must surrender our human will in exchange for God's Holy Will. There are no two ways about it. We cannot serve God with our whole heart and still hang on to the things we crave in this world that give us temporary pleasure and enjoyment.

God created us in His image because it is His desire for us to live in community with Him and with one another. He wants us to acknowledge Him as the Lord of our lives and not get caught up in chasing after dreams that lead us away from Him. Anyone or anything that becomes more important to us than our loving and intimate relationship with God is an idol, and it is a dangerous threat to our eternal destiny.

In today's modern world, one of the greatest threats to Christians is the worshipping of idols. Idol worship has been with us since the beginning of time. Thousands of years before Jesus was born, humankind began to create images of iron and stone, which they worshiped as gods. One of the things I have never understood is how anyone could worship something they built and expect it to have supernatural powers. Even the people of Israel who witnessed miracle after miracle, including the parting of the Red Sea by the One and only God of heaven, turned away from Him when things got tough and asked Aaron to build them a god out of gold. (Exodus 32:1-35).

Molech, Dagon. Baal, Chemosh, Marduk are names of some of the false gods found in the Old Testament. They are identifiable because the hands of man created them. Today's idols are not as easy to discern.

Today's idols can be as simple as a desire to achieve some goal in life that takes our attention away from loving God and living in obedience to Him. When we long to have something or someone more than we long to be in an intimate relationship with God, that something becomes an idol for us.

Even doing good things for God can become an idol if we lose our perspective and allow the good things we do to become more important to us than the One we are doing them to please. Satan knows this. Satan will often implant thoughts in our minds that we need to be busy doing things for God. He will tell us we need to serve on different wellmeaning committees, work in the homeless shelters, become a volunteer at the food bank, lead a bible study, teach Sunday school, volunteer at the rescue mission or serve on the elder's board at church. While all these are good things in themselves, trying to do too much can cause us to lose focus and take our eyes off God. We can get so caught up with doing all the good things we do until we begin to neglect our quiet time alone with God. Instead of reading the Bible to renew and refresh us, it becomes merely another activity we do to prepare for a lesson or class we may be teaching. We miss out on the valuable lesson God wants to teach us because we're focused on putting on an excellent presentation.

Another form of idol worship is placing others on pedestals and wishing we could be more like them. Comparing ourselves to someone else is always dangerous. There are two excellent reasons I say this.

First, let's say we compare ourselves to someone who excels in a specific ministry, such as preaching or teaching, etc. We may begin to feel incompetent about our ability to perform the same tasks. I was afraid to preach for years because I felt I was not as good at it as others I had heard preach. There were certain preachers I listened to early in my faith journey, and unknowingly, I began to idolize the way they preached and told myself I could never be as good as they were.

Second, comparing ourselves to others can result in our thinking that we are better than someone else. It can give us what is known as "the Big Head." Whenever I would listen to a preacher whom I felt didn't do a good job, I would think to myself, "I could do better than that." There were many times when I missed the message of the entire sermon because I was too busy picking out the flaws in the speaker's delivery.

As humans, we can make idols out of just about anything. When we allow anything to take priority over God, even if it is something we may consider to be good, we are in danger of entering into idol worship, which is a sin against God.

The Bible commands us not to worship any other gods.

The first two of the Ten Commandments of God begin with "You shall have no other god before me and the second reads "You shall make no idol" (Exodus 20:3-4). Do you think these two commands are still relevant today? Of course they are. In many ways, they are more relevant today because people are engaging in idol worship like no other time in our history. And most of them are not even aware of it.

Over the next week I encourage you to take time to spend in quiet meditation with God. Ask God to reveal whatever goals or idols in your life that are impeding your progress toward the fully surrendering of your imperfect worldly will to Him. Then ask Him to draw you closer into the perfect relationship He wants to have with you as the person He created you to be.

Dear Lord God, I know I have not lived my life as you would have me. Please forgive me now as I turn back to you with a repentant heart and a burning desire to become Your obedient servant. Please draw me closer to Jesus and let me live the rest of my life in total surrender to you and your Holy Will. I ask that You transform me by the power of your Spirit into the person whose every word, thought, and deed is pleasing to you. In the name of Jesus, I pray and ask these things of you. Amen.

Smith Elementary School News

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 am – 4:30 pm School Hours: 8:50 am – 3:32 pm

IMPORTANT DATES:

June 7- Field Day (no spectators allowed)

June 8 - K-5th Gd Full Day, 6-11th ½ Day of School June 9 - K-11th Gd ½ Day of School (Elementary Dismissal

Time 12:02 pm)

June 10 – K-11th Gd, ½ Day of School (Elementary Dismissal

Time 12:02 pm)

June $11-K-11^{th}$ Virtual Day For All Students

June 11- This is our last day of school for the year and it is a virtual day! Teachers will be zooming with their students LIVE according to the following schedule: Kindergarten 9:00am; First Grade 10:00am; Second Grade 11:00.

Kindergarten Round Up - If your child turns 5 by September 1, 2021, it is time to start thinking about registering him/her for school! We are requesting that parents complete the Pre-Registration process found on the FCS website. Go to fowlervilleschools.org and click on the Kindergarten Enrollment link and enter your child's preenrollment information. Please call 517-223-6430 to make an appointment to come in to the H.T. Smith office to complete the registration process. Appointments are available every Friday from 8:00 to 2:15.

The required items that you need to bring to your

appointment are: your child's original birth certificate, current immunization record, vision screening (after 3 years of age) and proof of residency (this includes your driver's license and at least one other item, i.e., a piece of mail, purchase or rental agreement, voter's registration card, etc). We are holding a Virtual Round Up this year and that information has been posted to Fowlerville School's main webpage and also on H.T. Smith's link for you to access and learn more about our wonderful programs! We look forward to meeting the Class of 2034!

Secretary of State critical of election bills passing out of Senate Committee

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson was critical of the proposed election legislation passing out of the Michigan Senate Elections Committee, describing the measures as "voter suppression bills."

Here is her statement.

"State lawmakers continue legislating on lies instead of telling their constituents the truth – the 2020 election was the most secure election in Michigan history. The bills passed will do nothing to bolster the extremely strong voter ID laws Michigan already has, and the politicians pushing the bills through are fine with that, because their real goal is reducing voter turnout. By suggesting voters include a photocopy of their ID with their absentee ballot request form, lawmakers are exposing voters to identity theft. And prohibiting the use of a signed and sworn affidavit to confirm a voter's identity will only increase the number of votes that never get counted."

Veterans Appreciation Day Open House

All Veterans, including those who served during the Viet Nam War, and their guests are welcome to attend.

Light Luncheon Served

Sunday, June 13th 2pm - 4 pm

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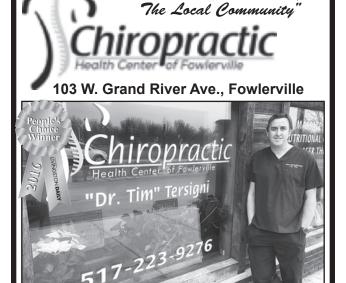
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Saluting the Seniors in the Fowlerville **High School Band** & Choir Programs

The graduating seniors who have been part of the Fowlerville High School Band & Choir Programs are being saluted during the next few weeks, prior to their graduation. High School Band Director William Vliek asked each of

--Your plans for next year;

them the following questions:

--Your favorite band or choir memory.





Dean Thomas

Instrument: Tuba

Future Plans: Enlist in the United States Marine Corps.

Favorite Band Memory: Hanging out with all of my friends at football games and pep band.

-Area Deaths—



Helen (Bement) Bigelow

Helen L. (Bement) Bigelow, 91, of Fremont, Michigan went to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday afternoon,

She was born on June 16, 1929 in Webberville to Lewis and Marcia (Farnsworth) Bement. Helen grew up in a large family on her father's farm near Webberville, and she graduated from Webberville High School.

A couple of days after marrying young enlisted man Robert Bigelow, Helen rode a bus to Texas with her husband and started a lifetime of traveling and working together. Their 20 years as a U.S. Army family took them, and eventually their five children, all over the United States, and they also lived in Germany twice. When Robert's 20th year in the military took him to a tour of duty as a helicopter pilot and maintenance chief in Vietnam in 1966 and 1967, Helen cared for their five children in Michigan. When he retired from the Army in 1967, they began a successful farming career in Smyrna, Mich. that lasted for a few years until they heeded God's call into the gospel ministry.

It was during the farm years that Helen began expanding her work as a mother by welcoming foster children into the family. They continued providing a home to foster children for many years, more than 80 children over 25 years. When they sold the farm and Robert began studying for the pastoral ministry at Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music, Helen also took classes there. She also graduated from the Child Evangelism Fellowship Institute.

Helen was a vital part of the pastoral ministry in 13 churches altogether, including Aetna Calvary Church and Country Bible Church in Newaygo County and Gowen Bible Church in Montcalm County. She worked in children's ministries and led Bible studies in a host of communities in Michigan and other states. She was still leading a ladies Bible study until just a couple of years ago. Late in the couple's more than 40 years of ministry, when Robert served as the chaplain of a large Christian RV campground in Texas, she conducted an extensive visitation program and led a popular Bible study for more than 100 women.

Helen once estimated that, during their 70 years of marriage and military and ministry service, they moved nearly 50 times. Nobody knows an exact number.

Helen was known for her love of God, her family and all children, and for her lively sense of humor, her compassion for people, and a love of singing and using her deep contralto voice in harmony.

She is survived by her husband, Robert W. Bigelow; five children: Robert L. (Cheryl) Bigelow of Greenville, South Carolina, Charles L. (Shani) Bigelow of Liberty Hill, Texas, Wayne E. (Carol Brooks) Bigelow of Madison, Wisconsin, Patricia A. (Greg Sykes) Bigelow of Caledonia, and LouAnne J. (Richard) Wheater of Fremont; seven grandchildren: Jason (Cassie) Bigelow, Brad (Linze) Bigelow, Jeremy Bigelow, Candy Wungnema, Thomas Charles Bigelow, Patti Wheater, and Richard Wheater, Jr.; six great-grandchildren; one greatgreat-grandchild; and one brother, Bob (Joan) Bement.

Helen was preceded in death by her sisters and brothers: Ella Foreman, Ilah Mae Horton, Nanette Allen, Dorothy Meyer, Lena Foreman, Mildred Hawley, Tess Owens, Richard Bement, Lois Nelson, Cleo Chase, Juanita Haskell, Louie Arnold Stringham, Ben Bement and Si Bement.

A private family service was held in January at Country Bible Church with Pastor Len Lason officiating.

A public memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 12, at 1 p.m. in the outdoor pavilion at The Shack Bed and Breakfast at 2263 W. 14th Street, White Cloud, Mich.

Interment was in the Sherman Township Cemetery in Newaygo County.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be given to Country Bible Church, or to Hospice of Michigan, Newaygo County. Contact information and an online guest book are available online at www.kroeze-wolffis.com. Arrangements are by Kroeze-Wolffis Funeral Home of Fremont.



Barbara Jean Butler (née O'Brien)

Anyone who knew Barb even a bit realizes that we lost and Heaven gained this week. She was truly beloved by her family and many, many friends. She loved helping people and was giving to a fault. She was the first to offer help and the last to leave your side. She was so talented at so many things that there are just too many to list. She was well known for her amazing sense of humor and doted on her family and dogs, Rose and Lily. What none of us will ever forget about her was her quest to be the #1 MSNBC armchair politician and her secret ambition to run the United States.

Barbara is survived by her aunt, Margeret Lundgren; her brothers, Lawrence O'Brien and Dennis O'Brien; her children, Shelley Butler, Dennis Grim, Brien Grim, Shannon Butler, and Joseph William Butler III; her grandchildren, Shawn, Jeremy, Shalane, William (Angela), Becky (Adam), Sydney, Chander, Savanah, Devin (Erik), Haven (Zayd), Bastien, Wren, Jessop, Lennox, and Dylan (Elaine); her great grandchildren, AJ and Everett; her dog, Lily; and her many other beloved friends and family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Patrick and Rita O'Brien; her husband, Joseph William Butler II; her exhusbands, Edward Guy and Richard David Grim; her sistersin-laws, Patrina O'Brien and Brenda O'Brien; her son, Mark Guy; and her dog, Rose.

Arrangements entrusted to Fisher Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Redford, Michigan.



Elizabeth A. Howard

Elizabeth A. Howard age 87 of Durand, passed away Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at her home. A private service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are being handled by Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes, Durand Chapel.

Elizabeth Ann Eisele was born July 27, 1933 in Detroit, a daughter of Wilbur and Thelma (Campbell) Eisele. On July 18, 1952 she married Wayne Howard. Elizabeth enjoyed knitting, going to church and raising her 7 children. Before retiring in 2004, she had worked in a factory for over 40 years.

Elizabeth is survived by her children, Nancy (Donald) Springs, Ron (Cheryl Stevens) Howard, Deanna (Bill) Bacigal, Wendy (Ron) Driver, and Trudy (Dan) Tacey; 14 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; 7 great great grandchildren; and sister-in-laws, Helen Eisele and Winnie Corey. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne Howard; and daughters, Lorrie Howard and Vicky Badour.

Memorial Contributions in Elizabeth's name are suggested to the Bancroft Baptist Church. Online condolences may be sent at www.watkinsfuneralhomes.com



Smith Elementary Flag Coloring Contest winners

As part of the recent Memorial Day holiday, students at Smith Elementary had the opportunity to participate in a Flag Coloring Contest. The winning entries were then displayed on the windows at the Handy Township office on North Grand Avenue in Fowlerville. Students whose flags were displayed received a gift card for their fine effort. All students at Smith Elementary were also given a small flag to take home and to display at special events. A total of 383 students participated in the flag coloring contest, with a winner selected from each classroom—kindergarten, first, and second grades.

The donation of the small flags and gifts cards was

made by 'Fowlerville Phil', a local veteran who has helped with various community activities over the years.

The winning students and their classroom teacher were:

Kindergarten - Hanna from LaPlante/Dillingham, Andrea from Eiden, Carter from Goulding, Tucker from Hunt, Easton from Myers, Lianna from Re, Scarlett from Walter, Adalynn from Woodward.

1st Grade - Connor from Burke, Michael from Devota, Dawson from Estrada, Nolan from Hart, Jayss from Sweet

2nd Grade - Caleb from Dodd, Desiree from Gerecke, Jayce from King, Grace from Liston, Lucy from Miller, Mila from Moulton, and Kole from Smith/Riccio.





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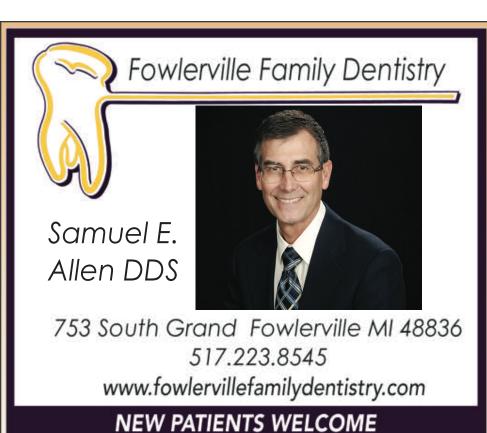
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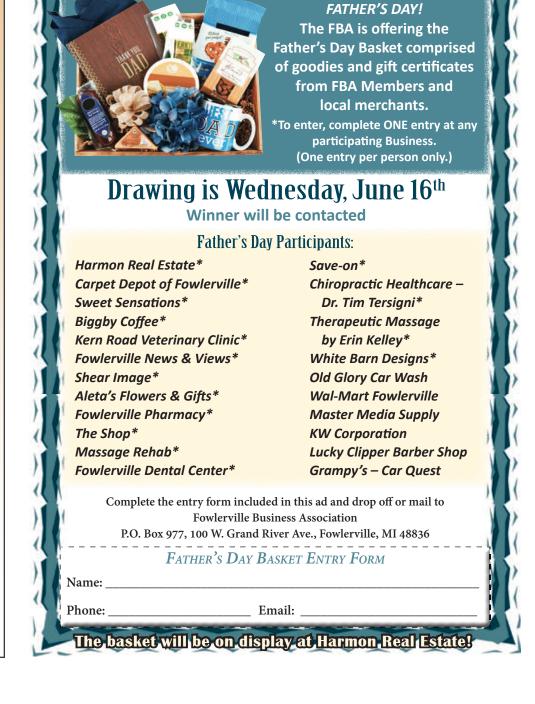
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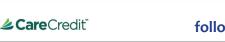
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These area kids invite everyone—young and old and in-between—to stop by the 'Fun in the Ville' at the Rotary Centennial Park in Fowlerville. Shown here, from left, are front row: Alex Pikkarainen and Evelyn Hartman; back row: Blake Hartman, Ella Pikkarainen, Emma Hartman, Madison Pikkarainen.

'Fun in the Ville' returning to Fowlerville on Saturday, June 12

The 'Fun in the Ville' is being held at the Rotary Centennial Park in Fowlerville on Saturday, June 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event was cancelled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic..

Over 20 vendors are expected to be present with arts, crafts, and baked goods. The Fowlerville United Brethren Church will be back with their Kids Games Tent, while the Army National Guard will be on hand with 'blow up' items to play on. There will also be a Petting Zoo and a Bike Raffle.

New this year will be free train rides for the kids.

Food vendors will be on hand, including The Torch Food Truck, Mr. B's, and Tony's Dogs. Providing music and making announcements will be Ken Bielous.







Memorial Day Parade & Service held in Fowlerville

The Memorial Day Parade and Service was held in Fowlerville on May 31st. Leading the parade through the Downtown to Greenwood Cemetery was the Honor Guard.



Area veterans rode on this wagon during the parade.



Three generations of the Munsell Family, head-quartered on Mason Road, attended the Memorial Day Service in Fowlerville. They are the offspring of the late Robert and Elnora Munsell.



Laying the Wreath on behalf of the VFW Auxiliary and the American Legion Auxiliary were, from left, Sophia May and Ava Lassy. The young ladies are seventh graders.



Emceeing the Memorial Day Service at Greenwood Cemetery were Dave Roddy of the VFW and Carol Johnson of the VFW Auxiliary.



The traditional Rifle Salute was part of the ceremony at Greenwood Cemetery.



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—Area Deaths—

Richard A. Garyait

Richard A. Garyait, age 68, passed away May 27, 2021. He was born January 18, 1953 in Richmond, Virginia, son of the late Richard Garyait and Evelyn Parrish. He is survived by his children: Michael Garyait, Jerimiah Garyait, Christina (Chad) Skeans, and Patrick Garyait; his siblings: Lynn Maleitzke, Sherrie Porter, Mark Garyait, Glenn II (Kathleen) Parrish, and Steven Parrish. He is also survived by his granddaughter, Kennedy Kangas, and his step-father, Glenn Parrish. Richard was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, Barry Garyait. Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon, handled the arrangements.

Rep. Bezotte: In-person appointments at Secretary of State offices are critical

State Rep. Bob Bezotte has voiced support for the House Oversight Committee's questioning of Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson. Secretary Benson has come under scrutiny recently for her decision to permanently end walk-in services at branch offices.

During the committee hearing, Benson defended her appointment-only system despite many Michiganders' reported difficulties in accessing next-day appointments. Many have reported having to wait three or more months for an in-person appointment at a branch office.

"An online-only system was acceptable during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, before vaccinations and before the science was really clear on the nature of the virus," said Rep. Bezotte. "But now that businesses are reopening once again and mask mandates have been relaxed, it's time to allow Michiganders broader access to these vital public services once again."

SOS offices were closed for the first months of the COVID-19 pandemic as state mandates shut down many services and reopened in June 2020 on an appointment-only basis. Next-day appointments are quickly reserved after they are posted each day, and some people have taken advantage of this system by selling appointments on online marketplaces, creating even fewer appointments for those truly in need of them.

"Not only has Secretary Benson stopped all regular walk-in service, she has done away with evening and weekend hours," said Rep. Bezotte. "For anyone working a traditional nine to five job, this makes it nearly impossible to do something as simple as renewing a license. Many services are required to be performed in person, making this issue all the more frustrating for people who are trying to obtain a Michigan license for the first time or transfer the title on their new car. I encourage Secretary Benson to consider the feedback we have received through our portal service, because the message seems to be clear – our constituents want and need these offices to reopen."

Residents can visit www.gophouse.org/posts/reopensos to fill out an online form and share their comments with the House Oversight Committee, which will continue presiding over this issue.

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June 2021 Events

Please check our website www.williamstonseniorctr.com or our Facebook for specific announcements of upcoming activities as we hopefully begin to resume our normal activities after Covid-19.

The Second 2021 Picnic in the Park will be held on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at the Simmons Memorial Park in Webberville, Michigan from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Lunch will be provided: hot dogs, chips, bottled water and dessert. Please bring your own chairs. **Reservation is a must** – call 517-655-5173 and leave a voice message, please call before June 18 to make your reservation.

We have been seeing a decline in the Covid-19 infections and the meeting guidelines are being relaxed a little but are subject to change. In an effort to start to increase our service to seniors we will be providing the following events from 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm unless as otherwise indicated.

Wednesday, June 9, 2021 Chair Exercise by Kristen McIntyre.

Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 11:00 am Coffee with the President of the Williamston Area Senior Center.

Wednesday, June 16, 2021 Birthday Bash.

Thursday, June 17, 2021 Tammy from Grace Hospice will conduct a Music Bingo.

Wednesday, June 23, 2021 Mind Games sponsored by the Williamston Area Library.

Wednesday, June 30, 2021 Senior Movie.

Every **Tuesday**, **Wednesday** and **Thursday** in **June** from **10:00** am to **12:00** noon – Coffee Hour at the Senior Center. Free coffee and socialization.

Covid-19 Guidelines will be Enforced – your temperature will be recorded, wearing proper face covering, social distancing will be required. Hand sanitizer and disinfectant will be provided on the premises.

Any Williamston area senior who may need meals can pick up a five-day supply of frozen meals here at the Williamston Center every Wednesday. To participate in this temporary meal program, please contact the Tri-County Office on Aging at 517-887-1393 to set up a time to pick up your meals at the Williamston Area Senior Center on any Wednesday.

Other June Activities at the Senior Center –

Tuesday Knitters Group meets from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm **Wednesday Needle Craft Group** - meets from 1:00 pm 3:00 pm.

Thursday Pinochle from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.

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MARION TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED MINUTES May 27, 2021

The regular meeting of the Marion Township Board was held on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 7:30 pm. Members Present: Hanvey, Andersen, Lloyd, Lowe, Beal, Durbin. Members Absent: Donovan. The following action was taken: 1) Call to Order. 2) Call to the Public. 3) Motion carried to approve agenda; motion carried to approve consent agenda. 4) Motion carried to adopt resolution to change the township's COVID policy. 5) Motion carried to have the Schroeder swale redesigned to create a sediment basin on the south side per engineer's specifications. 6) Motion carried to accept proposal with four-foot manholes for Links of Marion Oaks. 7) Motion carried to authorize engineer to have camera work done at Marion Creek. 8) Motion carried to have Westmoreland, Durbin, Hamann and Beal work on modifications to sewer general ordinance. 9) Motion carried to have attorney provide resolution to proceed with sale of wagon to HAPRA. 10) Correspondence & Updates. 11) Call to the Public. 12) Motion to adjourn at 9:33 pm.

Tammy L. Beal, MMC Township Clerk

Robert W. Hanvey Township Supervisor (6-6-21 FNV)



Fowlerville Alumni Association

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced the cancellation of the 2021 Annual Fowlerville High School Alumni Banquet. The alumni board wishes to recognize those for whom a donation to the scholarship fund was recently made (as of 5/15/21).

1907	Mary Hart Ruttman	1945	Mary R. Spagnuolo Moody	2005 Dan Krebs
1921	Lyle Munsell	1946	Audrey Haas Copeland	2021 Class of 2021
1923	Cleo Benjamin Copeland	1947	Dorothy P. Spagnuolo Capurro	
1924	Harold Copeland	1948	Mary Gene Hughes Floyd	<u>Honorary</u>
1926	Dorothy Eisele Munsell	1949	Arden Reyhl	Harold Elenbaas - Faculty
1928	Katherine Cook Buckley	1949	Richard Rudnicki	Arden Hallock - Faculty
1928	Merrell Buckley	1952	Frank Utter	Mary Lepard - Faculty
1929	Clarence Allen	1955	Jim Ganton	Cecil Lepard - Honorary
1930	Ruth Ruttman White	1956	Richard Davis	August Ruttman - Honorary
1933	Shirley Buckley Gingrich	1956	Ann Hillman Utter (living)	
1933	Robert J. Epley	1956	Class of 1956	*1966 Deceased Members of Class
1933	Edward Zimmerman	1958	Class of 1958	Susan M. Buell Dietz
1934	Marion Kleinschmidt Allen	1958	Ann Zimmerman McCaslin	Richard (Ric) Dey
1934	Freida Peckens	1959	Paul Vaupel	David R. Esch
1934	Janette Howell Steinacker	1961	Ron Helzerman	Linda M. Forester Pritchard
1934	Janice Howell Zimmerman	1962	Class of 1962	Patricia A. Frazier Wroblewski
1936	Frank Ruttman	1962	Terry Devine	Linda L. Lasch Goodkrecht
1937	Isabelle Munsell Donohue	1963	Richard Gehringer	Joanne Preisinger Prater
1937	Robert E. Smith	1965	Class of 1965	Benson B. Purchase
1939	Richard Buckley	1965	Richard S. Donohue	Beverly A. Purchase Metzger
1940	Frances Gooding Benjamin Cain	1965	Charles Lepard	Jane A. Reilly
1940	Margaret Witt Epley	1966	Class of 1966*	Susan E. Robb Celadilla
1941	Raymond Eisele	1966	Dawn Strouse Hodgins	Vicki S. Sessions Pettis
1941	Jim Hughes	1968	Joseph K. Cox	Dawn M. Strouse Hodgins
1942	Evelyn Hughes Fogle	1969	Ivan Redfield, Jr.	Sheila K. Turner Skutt
1942	Marion Hughes	1970	Alfred Munsell	DeEtte E. Tobin Wollett
1943	Robert Ruttman	1970	Rebecca Ruttman Browning	John G. Todosciuk
1944	Elwood Copeland	1977	George Eisele	Alice L. Witt
1944	Mel Lewis, Sr.	1980	Ellen Eisele	William (Bill) T. Wollett
1944	Hattie Wegienka Daly	1989	Heather Carson	
1945	Barb Hughes Deschamp	1989	Troy M. Recker	

Donations received after 5/15/21 will be included in the 2022 program. Donations to the scholarship fund, in any amount, are accepted year around.

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PUBLIC HEARING Notice of a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2021-2022 School Budget

Please take notice that on Monday, June 14, 2021, at 6:00 PM, the Board of Education of Webberville Community Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2021-2022 budget. The meeting will take place in the Webberville High School Cafeteria.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2021-2022 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2021-2022 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, will be available for public inspection during normal business hours in the District Administration Office, 309 E. Grand River, Webberville, MI.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

The regular school board meeting will take place immediately following the public hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Heather Stiffler, Secretary Webberville Community Schools Board of Education (6-6-21 FNV)

Webberville Report

Webberville Garden Club receives honor from Congresswoman Slotkin

Webberville Garden Club was pleasantly surprised by Congresswoman Elissa Slotkin on Tuesday, June 1, by being awarded an Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition for our service to the community. It was said people enjoy seeing the planters and beautiful Blue Star Memorial as they drive thru town. She thanked the members for all their dedication to the community.

Members had planted the downtown and Blue Star Memorial on the cold, rainy afternoon of Friday, May 28. A big thanks to members helping with planting and getting flowers: Jeannie Bosworth, Nick Bosworth, Josh Depue, Linda Erwin, Annette Griswold, Jim Hath, Julie Hath, Rene Hoppe, Jet Johnson, Nancy Webb and some amazing FFA members: Cassie Bosworth, Lauren Bosworth, and Michael Frawley.

The Blue Star Memorial with its flowers is among the efforts undertaken by the Webberville Garden Club to enhance the Downtown.



The Webberville Garden Club received a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition for their beautification work in the community. From left are Linda Erwin, Cassie Bosworth, Jeannie Bosworth, Bill Wheeler, Congresswoman Elissa Slotkin, Nancy Webb, Janice Wheeler, and Jim Hath.





Senior Spotlight—Claire Weber By Amber Weeks

Claire Weber is the daughter of Gennifer and Jonathan Weber and is sister to William, David, Emilee, and Jude Weber. She has attended Webberville Schools on and off since 2nd grade and has loved and appreciated all the support she's received.

"Going to Webberville has helped me be more comfortable with myself, giving me lots of opportunities to interact with many different people and forcing me to learn how to be a hard worker," said Weber.

Gracie Croft, a junior, is Weber's best friend.

"My favorite thing about Claire is she likes me for who I really am, and I don't have to change anything," said Croft.

"If I had to describe her in three words it would be wild, exciting and adventurous. She is always up for anything."

Weber has been involved in activities such as band, competitive cheerleading, and sideline cheer.

"They have taught me self-discipline and perseverance, and I am grateful for the opportunity to see how far I could push myself and step outside of my comfort zone," said Weber.

She was named to the All 'A' Honor Roll and was ranked among the Top Ten academically.

"My favorite thing about Claire is her sense of humor." said math teacher Mrs. Huffman. "I don't think there was a day over the past two years where she was not laughing in my classroom at some point." She advises her to, "Do what you love in life. If you want to go to college, focus on what you want to do when you're done with your degree, not what you want to learn about in school."

Claire doesn't have immediate college plans, but does plan to use the skills she acquired through the Wilson Talent Center in a future career.

"I plan to get a job in IT (Information Technology) soon after graduating high school," said Weber. "Some advice that I have for younger classmates is that it's a lot more rewarding if you keep your grades up and pay attention when you have the chance. We all know how overwhelming it is when the work piles up, so don't cause yourself that kind of stress. Also, ask for help. Everyone learns differently, and you will only benefit from putting in some effort towards learning."

Webberville United Methodist Church Chicken Dinner being held June 19

The Webberville United Methodist Church, 4215 E. Holt Rd. is having a drive-thru chicken dinner on Saturday, June 19 with 2 pieces oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, green beans, corn casserole, coleslaw, roll and cookies. All for \$9. The dinner will be served 5 to 7 p.m. or until we run out.



FFA member, Cassie, shared the goose.



All the students enjoyed petting the miniature horse



Jacob checks out a FFA hen.



Weston & Issac enjoyed the wagon ride with their classmates.

Webberville **Elementary** students enjoy FFA **AGstravaganza**

On May 21, Webberville Elementary School students enjoyed some agricultural education at the *FFA* AGstravaganza. Colleen Scott Keiser and FFA team members organize this yearly event to share their knowledge with our Webberville STARS. The tours began with tractor-pulled wagons transporting the students and staff from the elementary building to the FFA barn.

Students enjoyed seeing tractors, horses, goats, pigs, cows, chickens, a miniature donkey, and a goose. They also enjoyed fun games, educating them about plant FFA students gladly shared their knowledge about agriculture, animals, plants, and meat production.



Mrs. Suzanne Cloudman's fifth graders checked out one of the Ag stations.

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Ingham County Comments

By: Randy Schafer, District 13 Commissioner

*Resolution in Support of a Federally Qualified Health Center or Rural Health Center for the Stockbridge Area:

The rural areas of Ingham County had five Ingham County Health Clinics. Every clinic was closed during budget discussions over the years and statements were made that the populations were not large enough to support them. Meanwhile, resources moved to the urban area that now has an abundance of services. Arguments from rural Commissioners concerning the inequities never got traction.

One year ago, I was contacted by Virginia Rezmierski. She is an eighty-three-year-old, retired professor from University of Michigan, teaching Public Policy and is also a licensed Psychologist. She lives in Ann Arbor.

She explained she studied health inequities in rural areas

CONWAY TOWNSHIP LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Conway Township Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will hold a public hearing and meeting on June 21, 2021, commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Conway Township Hall located at 8015 N. Fowlerville Road, Fowlerville, Michigan 48836, for the purpose of considering the following matters:

A. Application No. ZBA 01-021 regarding 6995 Fowlerville Road, property identification number 4701-34-200-006, for variances from Conway Township Zoning Ordinance relating to addition of a service station and the storage of goods. Applicant seeks variances from Section 13.10(R)(2) regarding the minimum lot size of 2 acres, minimum front set back of 110 feet from the center line of a public roadway, minimum building setback of 40 feet from any side abutting residential property, pump island and canopy setbacks of 30 feet from setback line, prohibition on the location of circulation aisles and parking stalls in the front setback, and at least 25 feet distance requirement for the location of the edge of the nearest drive from any residential property. Applicant also seeks a variance from Section 10.06(A) regarding the requirement that goods be stored within a building.

B. Any other matter as may come before the ZBA.

Written comments concerning the above matters may be submitted to the Conway Township Clerk at any time prior to the public hearing/meeting and may further be submitted to the ZBA at the public hearing/meeting. The application may be examined at the Township Hall during regular Township business hours, which are 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Conway Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the meeting to individuals with disabilities, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio of printed materials being considered at the meeting, upon ten days' notice to the Conway Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Clerk by writing or calling the following: 8015 N Fowlerville, Fowlerville, MI 48836 or call 517 223-0358, between the hours of 9-3 Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Elizabeth Whitt, Clerk Conway Township 8015 N. Fowlerville Road Fowlerville, MI 48836 517-223-0358 (6-6-21 FNV) and believed a coalition of local leaders and community representatives. We had a very long discussion concerning Ingham County politics, the Board make-up, populations and the history I could provide since serving since 1984. She asked if I would be on board.

The group went outside the traditional county "thinking" and involve a region. The cooperation was to be a joint effort with the Village of Stockbridge, the Stockbridge Community Schools and the six townships in the area: Waterloo, White Oak, Stockbridge, Henrietta, Bunkerhill, and Unadilla.

Meetings were scheduled with Rep. Slotkin, Senator Stabenow and other political leaders who could access Federal resources. It was imperative to also get support from the Ingham County Board of Commissioners. A full process through the County Board would take several months. I told her I would introduce a Personal Resolution to move forward. If it passed, great; if not, the action would be delayed.

It was important to get two-thirds of the Board to vote to accept discussion at the meeting. Many phone calls were made to colleagues stressing the importance of the action. Meanwhile, a strategy to sell the concept was developed.

I asked Viginia to speak during public comment and submit documentation to the Board. She also arranged for two other members of the group.

The comments were touching and incredible. Her comments:

"Hello. My name is Virginia Rezmierski. While I live in Ann Arbor, I am here tonight to speak on behalf of the Village of Stockbridge, the Stockbridge Community Schools and the six townships in the area—Waterloo, White Oak, Stockbridge, Henrietta, Bunkerhill, and Unadilla.

Their needs are the same. There are no medical, mental health or behavioral primary care services in this entire Service area.

It is easy to conclude, because Stockbridge and its surrounding area is a rural, low-density, population area in four counties that surely one of the other counties is providing services. It is also easy to conclude that while the area is in counties like Ingham and Washtenaw where there is a plethora of excellent health services available, that surely, the Stockbridge is also well served.

But that is not the case. The children in the Stockbridge service area have medical and food needs as do the adults and seniors. Without many resources of its own, the area is like an allocation orphan, surely not meant but seemingly ignored because of its unique geographical location."

The amount of data collected and cooperation and positive relations provided incentive for the Board. The personal was moved forward on a 13-0 vote. And, several urban Commissioners spoke in favor. The final vote to pass the resolution was 13-0.

Several elected officials at the Federal and State level were awaiting the action of the Board with meetings scheduled within days of the May 25 action.

This has been one of the most remarkable and impressive events in my tenure. Several Commissioners have also started the concept of a mobile unit to rotate and service other rural areas that were underserved.

It is a privilege and honor to work with so many fantastic people who unselfishly focus on working cooperatively across jurisdictions and political parties.

Williamston's Eastern Ingham Farmers Market continues this Sunday, June 6

The Eastern Ingham Farmers Market continues in downtown Williamston at the McCormick Park parking lot this Sunday, June 6. Visitors are encouraged to continue to wear a mask

There will be a more than 20 farmers and artisans selling cheese, eggs, pastries, coffee, doll clothes, cookies, honey, maple syrup, bread, cut flowers, beef, pork, soap, fudge, grape leaves, spinach pie and baklava, crafts and handmade art for the home and yard, and more. Come see the returning and many new vendors!

The Market layout promotes one-way pedestrian traffic to minimize congestion, and there will <u>not</u> be live entertainment or special activities for children until later in the season. The Farmers Market is again accepting payments from the various food assistance programs: SNAP, Double-up Food Bucks and Senior Fresh. At the Sunday, May 30th Eastern Ingham Farmers Market in Williamston, over five hundred visitors shopped, many dressed in red, white and blue to commemorate Memorial Day.

Market visitors are reminded to load up your car with Michigan-returnable bottles and cans and take them to the Market any Sunday between 10am and 2pm to support this popular fundraiser.

For more information about the Eastern Ingham Farmers Market in Williamston, to be added to the newsletter email list, to volunteer on Sundays or to donate to the Market, visit the Market website www.EasternInghamFarmersMarket.org, visit the Facebook page or contact Market Manager Tom Cary (616-916-9823 or EasternInghamFM@gmail.com).

Letter to the Editor

Livingston County Republicans Aren't Serious About Broadband

Livingston County Republicans aren't serious about bringing 21st century broadband to all parts of the county. In fact, they only make a half-hearted attempt to pretend they're serious.

First, Reps. Ann Bollin and Bob Bezotte backed a phony piece of legislation that would give internet companies tax breaks for delivering 1990s internet service–25 mbps. speed. That's a fraction of the 100 mbps speed that is standard in many areas of the state.

Next, the county commission put on their pretend face and announced they were applying for a federal "grant" for broadband expansion in the county. Yeah, no. They were seeking an earmark in a federal budget bill. Remember earmarks? Those are the allocations for specific projects included in federal budget bills that tea partiers like Commission Chair Wes Nakagiri pretended to really hate about 10 years ago. They were an abuse! They were wasteful! But that was then, this is now.

Now, it's important to look like you care whether all parts of the county has access to broadband speeds that will support at home learning, working at home, telemedicine, ordering groceries online, and all the other tasks people have had to do at home during the pandemic.

So in two weeks' time, the county threw together an application for a \$12 million earmark. In 2020, Democratic candidates for county commission called for the commission to set up a committee to determine the need for broadband in the county and potential funding sources. If the commission would have acted then, the information would have been on hand. But no, they couldn't be bothered, so they threw together something in two weeks that was supposed to compete for funds with every project submitted by local governments throughout the 8th Congressional District.

It didn't make the cut. The successful projects, which still need to be approved by Congress (and there's no guarantee the Senate will even go along with the earmark revival idea anyway), were all ones that had no other potential source of funding.

Broadband for our county has other sources of funding – the \$37 million that the county will receive from President Biden's American Rescue Plan can clearly be used for broadband

Why isn't the county commission talking about that? Why hasn't it asked its IT department to put together a serious proposal on how that money could be used?

Because they're not serious about broadband.

They're just not.

Judy Daubenmier Livingston County Democratic Party Chair

NIESA Fire Report (Northeast Ingham Emergency Service Authority)

On Wednesday May 26, 2021 NIESA responded to six calls. One was a fire response into Leroy Township for a transformer fire at Grand River and M-52. The remaining five responses were all emergency medical calls. Two of the responses were in the City of Williamston, one was in Locke Township, one in Leroy Township, and one in Williamstown Township.

Thursday May 27, 2021 NIESA responded to two calls. One was an emergency medical call in Williamstown Township. The second was a fire response for a fire alarm activation at a residence in Wheatfield Township. The alarm was activated by food burning on the stove.

On Friday May 28, 2021 NIESA responded to seven calls. Five were medical emergency responses, with two occurring in Williamstown Township, two in Locke Township, and one in the City of Williamston. The remaining two responses were for a vehicle accident in Wheatfield Township, and a utility pole issue in the City of Williamston.

Saturday May 29, 2021 NIESA responded to one call, which was a utility pole problem in the Village of Webberville.

On Sunday May 30, 2021 NIESA responded to two emergency medical calls. One was in the Village of Webberville, and another was an assist to Stockbridge.

Monday May 31, 2021 NIESA responded to five calls. Four were emergency medical calls with one each in Williamstown Township, Locke Township, Leroy Township, and the Village of Webberville. NIESA also responded to a car fire on I-96 in Wheatfield Township.

On Tuesday June 1, 2021 NIESA responded to three emergency medical calls. One response occurred in the Village of Webberville, one in the City of Williamston, and the final response was in Williamstown Township.



Michigan House Report

By Bob Bezotte, 47nd District

Congratulations to the high school seniors of Fowlerville, Howell, and Hartland on graduating this year! It definitely was an unprecedented year, but you made it through! With open houses and graduation parties, please be safe when celebrating your accomplishments. Congrats and good luck with your future endeavors!

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Another big congratulations to the City of Howell for receiving 2021 National Accreditation in the Main Street Program! The City of Howell was evaluated by Michigan Main Street, a partner with Main Street America, to identify the local programs that meet 10 national performance standards. With 2020 being a difficult year for many downtowns, I am so proud to hear Howell was accredited!

This past week, former State Representative Dr. Hank Vaupel and I testified on my bill HB 4912 in Agriculture

Committee. This bill would revise various regulations in the Public Health Code governing veterinary practices. The bill in part updates veterinarian-clientrelationship patient requirements that recognize progress made in the treatment and care of animals by the veterinary profession.

Young adults who have experienced foster care on or after their 13th birthday have less than a month to apply for a scholarship from the Fostering Futures Scholarship Trust Fund. The deadline for the application is June 30, 2021. To learn more about the scholarship, visit www.fosteringfutures-mi.com.



Rep. Bob Bezotte, left, and former State Rep. Dr. Hank Vaupel testifying before House committee

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.

Governor Whitmer announces Economic Jumpstart Plan

On Thursday Governor Gretchen Whitmer joined local entrepreneurs and business leaders to unveil the Michigan Economic Jumpstart Plan, which would allocate a portion of the federal relief funding to support and invest in working people and small businesses in Michigan. Under the governor's plan, the state will increase incentives to boost wages to attract applicants, provide grants to small businesses to ramp up hiring, and expand access to childcare for families with young children who want to return to work but cannot.

"As we continue to take steps to jumpstart our economy, we need to have a real conversation about putting Michigan back to work with better jobs and bigger paychecks," Governor Whitmer said. «Under the Michigan Economic Jumpstart plan, we can harness these once-in-a-lifetime economic opportunities and channel it to raise wages, invest in small businesses, and uplift families. I look forward to engaging the legislature, local communities, and Michiganders as we continue thinking through the best ways to use the federal funds and state surplus to turbocharge our economy and make a real difference in people's lives.»

With more than \$2 billion remaining in Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act funding, nearly \$20 billion in total funding from the American Rescue Plan, the state is in a very strong position to make large investments that can transform the state and help Michigan families and small businesses recover from the pandemic.

"The combination the federal stimulus plan and the improving public health situation have set the stage for robust growth in Michigan," State Treasurer Rachael Eubanks said. «The Governor» plan will jumpstart the economy by providing the support that small businesses need to recover and grow and by helping parents find the child care they need to get back to work."

In just a year, Michigan has gone from a nearly \$3 billion deficit to a \$3.5 billion surplus, with a state budget that is primed for investment.

Last month, the U.S. Department of Labor released state and national unemployment figures. Michigan's unemployment rate decreased to 4.9%, beating the national average of 6.1%.

ECONOMIC JUMPSTART PLAN

BETTER PAYCHECKS--Governor Whitmer put forward the MI Bigger Paychecks proposal and reinforced the need for postsecondary opportunities, like the Michigan Reconnect and Futures For Frontliners program. By bumping pay and increasing educational and skills opportunities for workers, the state can entice more people to get back into the workforce and increase our labor force participation rate.

-MI Bigger Paychecks: Governor Whitmens plan would utilize \$300 million to encourage businesses to increase wages by offering grants to cover the difference between their current wage and \$15 per hour. The grants would cover the first three months of this raise for workers if businesses commit to retain the employee and continue the \$15-per-hour wage for at least three more months.

--Michigan Reconnect: Governor Whitmer's plan would provide \$120 million to build on the successful, bipartisan Michigan Reconnect program to ensure a pathway to a better-paying job through a tuition-free credential, certificate, or associate's degree for anyone 25 years or older. The

Michigan Reconnect has already accepted more than 70,000 Michiganders.

--Futures For Frontliners: Governor Whitmer's plan would recognize the sacrifices frontline workers made through the pandemic to help keep the rest of the state going by providing them with tuition-free paths to earn a degree or certificate. The Futures For Frontliners program has already accepted more than 120,000 frontline Michigan workers.

SMALL BUSINESSES--Governor Whitmer unveiled the Michigan Mainstreet Initiative, a \$300 million investment to uplift small businesses. The plan would include \$100 million towards restaurants and other place-based businesses to help them cover costs and meet payroll; \$125 million for small businesses left out of other incentives and organizations that support them; and \$75 million in grants for startups.

--Michigan Small Business Restart Program: Governor Whitmer's plan will invest \$100 million to help restaurants and other place-based businesses cover costs by providing grants up to \$20,000 for mortgage, rent, taxes, payroll, and other operating expenses. The plan will set aside \$25 million for small businesses with less than 9 employees, which is over half of Michigan businesses and a high proportion of women and minority owned businesses.

--Michigan Microenterprise Support Initiative: Governor Whitmens plan would invest \$125 million to provide grants for businesses that did not qualify or apply for other incentives, like the federal Paycheck Protection Program. The plan would work with community development financial institutions to provide loans to rural businesses or other businesses with less than nine employees that struggled to access capital through traditional programs.

--The Michigan Small Business SmartZones and Business Accelerator and Resiliency Initiative: Governor Whitmer's plan would invest \$75 million to provide grants to startups that can help our communities thrive. The plan would create the Small Business Support Network and Small Business Fund to support traditional commercial corridor/main street businesses and also provide opportunities for new businesses.

Lastly, Governor Whitmer is proposing expanding Michigan's Work Share and hiring a surge of Unemployment Insurance Agency staff to help Michiganders fulfill their work search requirements. The Work Share program, which was a tool used by employers to avoid laying off workers, can be used by businesses to bring on new employees to help them restart. During the pandemic, Michigan's work share program saved nearly 100,000 jobs. As the waiver on work search requirements for unemployment benefit recipients expires, Governor Whitmer is proposing hiring an additional 50 full-time staff to meet the expected surge in demand and help Michiganders fulfill their work search requirements.

CHILD CARE--In her executive budget recommendation, Governor Whitmer proposed a \$370 million investment to expand access to no-cost or low-cost childcare for 150,000 more families. Right now, Michigan needs talent, and regardless of whether a child is 12 months or 12 years old, working parents can't work without safe, quality, affordable child care. The governor's plan would temporarily increase the income eligibility threshold from 150% to 200% of the federal poverty line, waive out-of-pocket copays through fiscal year 2022, and provide a 10 percent increase in hourly rates for child-care providers.

Fowlerville High School CTE Student of the Week



Brock Howard

Congratulations to this week's Career Technical Education Student of the Week at Fowlerville High School, Brock Howard! Brock is being recognized for his efforts in the Agriscience program through Livingston Career & Technical Education. This program is held at Fowlerville High School and brings in students from around Livingston county who share an interest in agriculture, food, and natural resources. Other areas of study include botany, greenhouse management, zoology, and veterinary science. Students also participate in FHS's local FFA chapter.

When asked about his favorite part of the class, Brock stated, "My favorite part of this class is the community inside it. I came in my junior year and I made a lot of new friends that I would have never met if I didn't join this class."

Regarding his future career goals and how this class is helping to prepare him, Brock plans to take over his dad's business. Brock advised, "What we do is take care of sports fields. This class is setting me up for that because I've learned a lot more about running a business and more about plant systems."

When asked about some specific things he has learned in class this year, Brock stated, "I've learned a lot more about public speaking." Earlier this school year Brock and a partner won a state fair public speaking contest and qualified to compete at the national science fair. This accomplishment was something Brock didn't think was possible before taking this class.

To those considering this program, Brock advised, "Do it even if you are not considering going in to an agriculture job because you learn so many life skills." Congratulations once again to Brock Howard!



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A meeting has been scheduled by the Village of Fowlerville Zoning Board of Appeals for Monday, June 21st, 2021, at 7:30 p.m., held remotely via Zoom to consider the following:

Request from Rand Construction, on behalf of Total Security Solutions, 935 Garden Lane, Fowlerville, MI, 48836 for a driveway variance: The applicant is seeking a variance from Section 2004 of the Fowlerville Zoning Ordinance to allow a driveway separation distance of less than 160 Feet on a street with a speed limit of 35 miles per hour. The Fowlerville Municipal Code requires approval of a dimensional variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals when it can be shown that ordinance standards have been met. The property is zoned I, Industrial, where industrial uses are permitted in that district. The parcel number is 4705-15-100-030.

The public shall have the right to join remotely before the board and to express their views and opinions on the request. Written comments are welcomed and should be addressed to the Village Clerk. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Livingston Land Conservancy holding annual meeting on June 23 in Brighton

Outdoor and land protection enthusiasts are invited to the Livingston Land Conservancy's Annual Meeting (outdoors) at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, June 23 at the Brighton District Library, 100 Orndorf Dr., Brighton. Light refreshments (COVID-safe) and a tour around the Pollinator Project at the Charles & Albert Parker Families Nature Preserve will be offered. This is a family-friendly event and children's activities are planned. Bring your own chair and don't forget to dress for the reality of mosquitoes and ticks, they will most likely be in attendance as well. They will have repellent to share! Contact 810-229-3290 or livingstonlandconservancy@gmail.com for more information.

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Letter to the Editor

Photo ID Not a Gold Standard for Identity

The rash of so called "voting reforms" being proposed by Republican-controlled legislatures in states across the country are promising ballot security, and a restoration of integrity, and confidence in our elections. A key element of the new reforms is to require voters to provide a photo ID at some point in the voting process beyond the voter's initial registration, and to continue to provide this ID as a requirement of our fundamental right to vote, and as a preferred addition to our personal

It is a falsity to believe that a photo ID confirms the identity of an individual; it does not, and it cannot. The photo ID itself can only theoretically establish the party to whom we are referring, and that such a person may exist. But it cannot confirm the identity of this person because it conveys no legitimate biometric.

The informational data provided on the photo ID card only establishes which person we are talking about, if they exist, may be associated with this set of data. But, the photograph on the ID does not confirm that the holder of the card is in fact that person. Because the photo ID cannot confirm identity, it has a built-in flaw, and trap, which can be used to question the very thing it supposedly confirms, but which it cannot confirm; the identity of the person.

The photo itself is only a likeness of the person at some point in time. It is NOT a biometric, and can easily be altered using common computer applications such as Photo Shop, which are available to anyone. Additionally, an individual's appearance may change considerably in comparison with the photo on their ID card, and this may call their identity into question if this false standard becomes preferred over the signature.

Even the signature on the photo ID is itself a photo of a signature, and can be altered as well, and therefore, corrupts the value of the biometric of that signature upon the ID card.

Our signature is a legitimate biometric, as valid, and accurate as a fingerprint, iris scan, or voice pattern, in confirming our identity. Our signature really does not change as we learn to write; it actually becomes more stable by habituation in the fundamental ways we make cursive letters. A signature cannot be faked by another individual, not even an individual person can conceal their own identity by attempting to sign their name in a different way, the habit is so fundamentally engrained, the patterns are easily recognized.

A signature is the oldest, most reliable biometric known in the history of civilization, and pre dates the more modern biometrics i.e., fingerprint etc. not by hundreds, but rather by thousands of years.

In his epistle to the Galatians, St. Paul writes in Chapter 6, "See what large letters I use as I write to you in my own hand."

Paul is indicating that the Galatians know him by his hand, and he is speaking the truth of God in Jesus Christ.

Seventeen centuries before John Hancock signed his name to the Declaration of Independence, in such large, and stylish letters, that King George III would know him, and his declaration of freedom, so signed St. Paul his letter to the Galatians, that they would know that it was he who spoke God's truth to them.

Those who would not believe in the hand of St. Paul will accept no truth, and nothing would satisfy them. They might as well require a whole list of scavenger hunt items, paper clip, rubber band, and bubble gum wrapper, for what little credence such items, and the photo ID together would lend to our signatures, which are our own hand of truth.

The only biometric that would be more reliable than a signature, or fingerprint, or iris scan, would be a DNA sample. Shall we all provide a cheek swab, and place it into a little vile, like, 23 & Me, and send it off to our local clerks' office for verification of our identities?

Absurd, you say! No more so than the absurdities in the myriad of election reforms being proposed, and the undue burdens imposed upon voters in order to satisfy the shadows of suspicion of the Republican party, who have lost their way in faith of American democracy. Perhaps they suffer from the

well-known social-psychological phenomenon held by most pathological liars, that everyone is as untrustworthy as they are. Certainly, dedicated followers of Donald Trump must feel that way, to pledge liege and liefe to one so duplicitous.

There are some who insist that a photo ID is required to board a commercial airplane, or to cash a check, and therefore, why not the requirement for voting.

But the TSA actually does not require a photo ID to pass through security, and will admit passengers without it, but only after lengthy screening. So, the ID is really more for passenger convenience than it is a requirement, and the airlines, or the TSA may refuse anyone, with or without ID, for any number of unsubstantiated suspicions. Besides, flying on an airplane is not a protected constitutional right. Similarly, a bank may decline to cash a check for any reason, photo ID not withstanding; it is not a right, and again, more a convenience to the customer.

In 2018 the Supreme Court heard a case entitled, Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission, a case protecting the fundamental 1st Amendment right to the free exercise of religious practice, which most conservatives support. They must also support the words in the majority opinion written by justice Anthony Kennedy,

"The states shall show no contempt, or hostility for the fundamental rights of the citizenry."

This multiplicity of voting reforms which heap arbitrary, and capricious requirements upon the citizenry without any evidence of malfeasance of the people, or even data showing that such reforms would prevent some imagined irregularities, but could have no other effect than to disenfranchise voters, is the very same contempt, and hostility to our fundamental right to vote to which justice Kennedy was referring.

It is ironic that in most of these states, the election laws that are being reformed are those originally written by these same Republican legislatures, but have now somehow become insufficiently secure after the defeat of Donald Trump in the 2020 election, even though many of these Republican legislators retained their own seats in local races, which were held on the very same ballots as the presidential race in which Trump lost his bid for re-election.

This entire issue could be easily resolved if the signatures of all voters were scanned into a computer system at the time of registration. Signatures of voters at the poll, or absentee voters return envelopes would be scanned electronically, and be left for the computer to recognize, and identify the individual, in the same way a computer can recognize the fingerprint of a unique person.

If the voter is not registered, there is no signature to recognize, and no attempt to fake the signature will pass the probability test of the computer.

Human eyes need never examine signatures, or photo IDs ever again, and we have the technology now. But, is there a willingness to acknowledge our capacities for true objectivity, and fairness, or only to use partisan majorities to maintain political power.

The question is, are all of these reforms really the keys to freedom, liberty, ballot security, and confidence in election integrity. Or, are they more likely the tools of corruption, impediment, obstruction, and infringement upon our fundamental right to vote in free, and fair elections?

It is no stretch in reason or rationality to suggest that the later is the case.

> Paul W. Richardson Brighton MI

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In 2020, we were unable to hold this amazing event due to Covid, and expect an increase in project requests due to repairs/projects being postponed. The last Day of Caring event held in 2019 brought together 1,201 volunteers, to accomplish a total of 105 projects. These included assisting senior citizens with home related repairs and improvements, building wheelchair ramps, helping support 62 referrals from our local agencies and schools, collecting school supplies and distributing 1,000 school backpacks, as well as participating in local food and personal care drives.

The Livingston County United Way collects worksite

proposals from local residents, seniors, schools, disabled residents and non-profit agencies. The work is often minor household repair projects, cleaning and yard work that the homeowner is not able to do on their own. Anyone can recommend a worksite and are encouraged to apply for a neighbor or friend who needs extra help. Deadline for worksite projects is June 28. All proposed worksites are reviewed for approval by the Livingston County United Way Day of Caring Committee.

Volunteers are invited to register individually or as groups. They can designate preferences for location, type of project, special skills and specific shift times (9:00 a.m. – noon or 1:00-4:00 p.m.) or a full day commitment. Deadline for volunteer registration is July 6.

Companies, clubs and organizations are invited and encouraged to participate together. What better way to showcase an organization's volunteer spirit while making a difference, improving employee morale and enthusiasm through team building and connecting individuals to their community and coworkers.

If you are unable to participate in this wonderful community service event but still want to help, consider a company sponsorship or personal donation. All sponsorships and donations will be used to buy supplies needed for Day of Caring worksite projects!

To register, get involved or learn more, visit <u>lcunitedway.</u> <u>org/day-of-caring-2021/</u> or call 810-494-3000.

Oak Grove United Methodist Church holding Drive-Up Spaghetti Dinner

A Drive-Up Spaghetti Dinner is being held Friday, June 11, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 6686 Oak Grove Road, Howell (5 miles north of M-59). Come enjoy a meal of spaghetti noodles topped with homestyle spaghetti sauce and meatballs (or meatless), Salad, Roll and a Cookie. Cost: \$8 per meal. Follow the signs to enter. Car pick up will be under the bell tower. Proceeds from this dinner will go to the church



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Silly Jokes for Summer

- Q. What kind of tree fits in your hand?
- A. A palm tree!
- Q. What did the little corn say to the mama corn?
- A. Where is pop corn?

- Q. What animal is always at a baseball game?
- A. A bat
- Q. How do we know that the ocean is friendly?
- A. It waves!

- Q. What part of the fish weighs the most?
- A. The scales.
- Q. Where do ghosts like to boat on vacation?
- A. Lake Eerie.

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Practice safety while enjoying Michigan summertime waters

Swimming, paddling and boating Michigan waters are big summer pastimes, but too often end in preventable tragedy. Of the 181 boating accidents reported to the DNR in 2020, there were 33 fatalities. Of those, only seven people were wearing life jackets.

"Even experienced boaters and swimmers can run into trouble," said Lt. Tom Wanless, DNR state boating law administrator and recreational safety, education and enforcement supervisor. "Having the proper equipment can make a huge difference on the water. High waters can create additional safety concerns. Always make sure you're prepared."

Before you leave shore or enter the water:

- Complete a boater safety education course.
- Check that your vessel is operating properly and equipped with emergency essentials including life jackets, a fire extinguisher, two-way communication device, tow lines and a first-aid kit.
- Keep an eye out for high water, which can cause wakes that overflow onto land or docks, easily knocking someone over.
- Take extra caution when swimming, boating or fishing.
 High water levels can cause stronger, faster currents
 (especially around river outlets and piers), deeper and
 colder water, unpredictable conditions and more debris
 floating under the water's surface.
- Pay attention to the beach flag warning system at state park swim areas and frequently check for updated warnings; conditions can quickly change. Red flags indicate the water is unsafe and no one should enter the water.

Read more about boating safety tips at <u>Michigan.gov/Boating</u>. For more tips on staying safe on the beach, visit <u>Michigan.gov/BeachSafety</u>.

Fowlerville High School News

OFFICE HOURS

Administration Office 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Counseling Office 6:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Building opens 6:45 a.m.

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES TO NOTE:

 June 7
 6-class period day

 June 8
 ½ day exams 1 & 2

 June 9
 ½ day exams 3 & 4

 June 10
 ½ day exams 5 & 6

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.

SUMMER SCHOOL

DATES: June 14 - August 6, Monday – Friday LOCATION: Fowlerville High School Media Center TIMES: 7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

COSTS: \$50 Deposit per course, deposit is refunded upon successful completion.

REGISTRATION: You will want to meet with your counselor to confirm correct course(s). You can turn your money and form into the counseling office. Registration is rolling and ends once all seats are occupied. Please call during the summer for availability even after summer school starts.

Registration Information

Students must register for the replacement class that they failed. For example, if a student failed their 9th grade English class, they would take English 9 first semester, English 9 second semester or both. Students may not register for more than two – $\frac{1}{2}$ credit courses at a time. Please confirm summer school courses to be taken with your counselor.

Juniors and Seniors interested in the Co-op Program for 2021-2022 School Year:

Are you currently working? Are you interested in finding out if you could earn high school elective credit while you work? You may be eligible for the high school co-op program. For more details, requirements, and the application paperwork for the 2021-2022 school year please see the Fowlerville High School website. Additional questions should be directed to Mr. Hardenbrook at hardenbrookj@fowlervilleschools.org



Boating on Michigan's rivers and lakes can be enjoyable if you follow simple safety tips.

Last Call! All Sponsorships need to be in by June 18, 2021.

Please return this form to the Village office at 213 S. Grand, Fowlerville, MI or email to BDenby@livgov.com.



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- Recognition in social media posts prior to the event(s)

For additional information, contact Brandon Denby at 8Denby88iygov.com / 517 540-8823, or Michelle Soli at Michelle Soli@yahoo.com, www.fowlervillefireworks.com



Michigan Senate Report

By Lana Theis, 22nd District

Senate panel approves bills strengthening absentee voter ID verification

The Senate Elections Committee on Wednesday approved legislation to better ensure voter identity verification when obtaining an absentee ballot.

"To make our elections more secure and less susceptible to cheating, we must do a better job of making sure people are who they say they are," said Sen. Lana Theis, R- Brighton.

"We have to show an ID to get married, buy a house, receive health care or social services, as well as a host of other things. It only makes sense that we require it for one of the most important aspects of our representative republic – voting."

Senate Bill 285, sponsored by Theis, would require anyone applying for an absentee ballot with the secretary of state or a local clerk to provide either an official Michigan driver's license number or personal identification card number, the last four digits of a social security number, a photocopy of such identification, or present proper identification to a clerk in person in order to verify their identity and receive an absentee voter ballot.

If a voter is unable to provide the required information, a provisional ballot would be issued, and the person would have up to six days after an election to prove their identity for the ballot to officially be tabulated. The bill would also provide clerks greater access to the secretary of state's database to confirm the voter information provided.

The two other bills reported by the committee deal with inperson voting. SB 303 would require voters to show proper identification when voting in person. SB 304 would allow a voter who shows up in-person without proper identification to cast a provisional ballot and return to their local clerk within six days after the election to verify their identity so that their vote can be counted.

Senate Bills 285, 303 and 304 now advance to the full Senate for further consideration.

Legislation to increase capacity of Dept. of State branch services announced

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson joined state Reps. Julie Brixie (D-Meridian Township) and Stephanie Young (D-Detroit) last week to announce legislation they introduced to increase the Department of State's capacity to serve customers at its branch offices.

The bills would address a severe reduction of staff in previous decades and a backlog of transactions that need to be done following extensions of credential expirations throughout the pandemic.

"The path forward is clear: increase the number of appointments available so that they are abundant and easy to schedule and reduce the need for residents to visit our offices at all," said Benson. "Representatives Brixie and Young propose a much-needed investment in our infrastructure that adds half a million appointments between now and October. This would eliminate the backlog and free up advance and next-day appointments to be available on demand, getting us closer to a point where the supply of in-person transactions our offices can provide meets the needs of our residents."

House Bill 4946, introduced by Rep. Young, would provide overtime funding to allow the Department of State to extend hours of operation at all 130 branch locations, providing 210,000 new appointments between now and Sept. 30

House Bill 4947, introduced by Rep. Brixie, would provide funding to increase staff at all Secretary of State branches, enabling 290,000 new appointments between now and Sept. 30

"Republican leadership caused a completely unprecedented demand for conducting business with the Secretary of State by requiring over a year's worth of business to be conducted overnight after ending the deadline extension for renewals," said Brixie. "They knew this wasn't remotely feasible because the Department of State's capacity has been cut by nearly half in recent decades. Our bills would use federal COVID funds to fix this problem by giving Secretary Benson the resources she needs to expand branch hours and clear the current backlog of transactions."

"We are still emerging from a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic, and the Department of State was not immune to the challenges it brought," said Young. "My goal is to help level-set the branch services as quickly as possible by helping the Secretary of State provide more access and more appointments through increased funding. I am hopeful my Republican colleagues will understand that without more funding, we continue to add to residents' frustrations by ignoring the root of the issue."

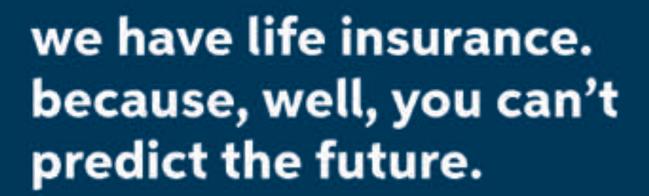
In recent decades, disinvestment and other rollbacks at the Department of State cut offices by 46 percent and staff by 40 percent. Meanwhile, the state's population grew 10 percent and the number of vehicles in Michigan increased 25 percent, leading to office wait times tripling from 2011 to 2018 to an average of nearly two hours at the ten busiest offices.

In 2020, these challenges were exacerbated by the pandemic, with exposures to the virus forcing staff to stay home and offices to close. The end of the state Legislature's expiration extensions on March 31, 2021, created a backlog of resident transactions all due at the same time.

In the last two years, the Department of State increased the number of transactions that can be done without an office visit and replaced all self-service stations with nearly 150 new ones, many of which are in Kroger and Meijer grocery stores. These changes cut the share of transactions that are carried out in branch offices from 74 percent down to 40 percent.

Since the department began servicing customers in office by appointment only, residents are typically able to complete transactions in 20 minutes total, with virtually no wait time as most customers are seen right at their appointment time. Next-day appointments are released online at Michigan.gov/SOS every day at 8 a.m. and noon. Those without access to or comfort with the internet can call 888-SOS-MICH and press 2 to speak with someone who can help book an appointment.

Most Secretary of State transactions, including registrations and licenses renewals, can be completed online at Michigan.gov/SOS, by mail, or at self-service stations located throughout the state.



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