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The late Shelia Larson was the Race Director for the Run for the Impact 5K and 1-Mile for nine years. The race has been named in her honor. Shown here are members of her family, along with Matt Martin of Old Glory Auto Wash and Cedar River Car Wash, the Platinum Sponsor. From left, front row, Stella Larson, Lyanna Larson, Abagail Larson and Morgan Larson; back row, Matt Martin, Lacey Larson, Arvel Larson, David Larson, Bob Larson (her husband), and Sara Larson.

## Run for the Impact being held both on-site and virtual this year

It is still not too late to make plans to grab a friend and run/ walk in our annual event, the Sheila Larson Memorial Run for the Impact 5K and 1-Mile, named this year in honor of our beloved former Race Director of nine years who passed away last June.

The On-Site Event is on Saturday, June 4th! It starts and ends at the Family Impact Wellness Center at 9430 W. Grand River. Parking will be at the United Brethren Church front parking lot (located just East of the Wellness Center). There will be No On-Site Registration this year. Therefore, please register at

runsignup.com by 11:59 p.m. on June 2 in order to participate in the on-site event. Shirts and bibs can be picked up from 8-8:50 a.m. prior to its start at 9:00!

Enjoy your morning run/walk on our beautiful yet challenging 3.1 mile or 1-mile courses. Groomed fields, wooded trails and growing wheat-filled rows await you! The 5K is chip-timed by Michigan Running Foundation. One-Mile participants will each receive a medal, and 5K medals will be given out to both male and female participants for  $1^{st} - 3^{rd}$  places in each of the 14 age divisions from 6 - 14 years to 70+ years.

As always, the Fowlerville Fire Department will be on hand continued on page 4

## The Torch & Torch 180 to celebrate 'Finally Home Grand Opening'

The Torch and Torch 180 are excited to announce their Grand Opening celebration, two years and two months to the date after their original Grand Opening, scheduled for April 11, 2020 was canceled due to the Coronavirus business shutdowns.

On Saturday, June 11, two partner 501(c)3 tax exempt nonprofit organizations—The Torch and Torch 180—will be celebrating their "Finally Home Grand Opening" at 131 Mill St., Fowlerville, from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM (https://www.torch180.org/grand-opening.html).

In 2018, Torch 180 purchased the former Fowlerville Library and constructed a coffee shop and cafe training facility to be used to fulfill their mission of training individuals who have disadvantages for employment in the food-service industry and to utilize as a staging ground for food distribution fulfilling the mission of The Torch.

The building was opened for training in late February 2020, but then was shut down due to the Coronavirus. Co-founder Rhonda Callahan and many volunteers and supporters

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

worked nonstop throughout the pandemic to ensure the Torch 180 students were able to complete their training programs, and the families who needed food from The Torch continued to receive groceries.

"In spite of the setbacks, 27 students completed programs and went on to obtain employment in the food service industry!" said Callahan.

Originally, Torch 180 planned to hold a grand opening celebration April 11, 2020. Needless to say, that was canceled. Since that time, they have completed decorating the inside of the building, and a generous supporter made a donation to enable them to complete remodeling the outside of the building. It is only fitting they are excited to invite everyone to come celebrate on June 11 - two years and two months later than originally planned!

"I was homeless from September 2010 - June 2011," noted Callahan. "During that time, I knew I wanted to do something to make a difference for disenfranchised people who could not speak for themselves. Since April of 2014, we have served over 145,000 meals through The Torch. We have trained 64 students since Torch 180 was founded in 2015.



Eighty-percent of them are now employed. This building feels like home, and I can't wait to celebrate!"

There is a full day of fun activities planned. There will be food, games, contests, a corn hole tournament, rock painting, and much more! The Torch 180 restaurant and coffee shop will be open and the students will be serving up some delicious meals and desserts. Check out our websites for more information about The Torch (www.mobiletorch.org) and Torch 180 (www.torch180.org)!

#### The Torch and Torch 180

The Torch is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization founded in 2012, after Rhonda Callahan, a cofounder, had been homeless and decided she needed to make a difference for other people in need. The Torch has a food truck and catering trucks they take into neighborhoods where there are people in need and they distribute free hot meals and groceries.

Torch 180 was founded in 2015, after the co-founders realized 80% of the people living in poverty had disabilities. They discovered there was a niche for a culinary training facility for these individuals. Since launching Torch 180, several of the people who live in the neighborhoods served by The Torch have participated successfully in the culinary training offered at Torch 180.



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

Vliek asked each of them the following questions:

--Your plans for next year;

--Your favorite band or choir memory.



## Aidan Brake

Plans for next year: Eastern Michigan University to study Business.

Favorite band memory: My favorite band memory was during freshman senior night last year. I dressed up in a full suit on an 85-degree summer day. With my snare drum, I made everyone march around the school parking lot. Good Times!



## Lindsay LeMieux

Plans for next year: I plan to attend the University of Michigan and study biochemistry and mathematics.

Favorite band memory: My favorite memory is the band camp bonfire this year where we played spikeball and judged flips off the diving board.



### **Taylor Narrington**

Plans for next year: My plan is to go to WCC for biology and then transfer to the University of Michigan.

Favorite band memory: My favorite band memory is the last dance at the band camp dance.



## Claire Schwarz

Plans for next year: Attend Lansing Community College and later transfer to Michigan State University to major in Zoology.

Favorite band memory: Playing board games or hitting a beach ball around with my friends when we had free time.

## Fowlerville Varsity Girls Tennis Team places 5th in CAAC Red

The Fowlerville Tennis Team played at Mason on Thursday, May 12, in the CAAC Red Tennis Tournament. The Glads finished 5<sup>th</sup>. That, coupled with the 5th place during the dual season, puts the team in 5th overall.

Williamston won the tourney and finished in a 1st place tie with St Johns for the overall league title.

Kat Lutz/Kayla Render finished 3rd place and earned all conference honors. Finishing with honorable mention all conference (4th place) in singles were Levee Clark and Annika Scott. In doubles, Emily Homrock/Emma Browne also finished in 4th place. Finishing in 5th place were Leyna Baumgartner in singles and the doubles teams of Holly Birmingham/Ella Murowski and Lucy Thomas/Ivy Case.

## Fowlerville Varsity Girls Tennis Team beats Owosso 7-1 in dual meet

The Fowlerville Varsity Girls Tennis Team beat Owosso 7-1 in a dual meet on Monday, May 16.

**SINGLES:** No. 1 - Ellie Feldpausch, OWOSSO HIGH SCHOOL def. Maggie Motz, FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, 6-0, 6-2

No. 2 - Leyna Baumgartner, FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL def. Elena DeMiguel, OWOSSO HIGH SCHOOL, 7-5, 6-0

No. 3 - Levee Clark, FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL def. Willow MacLaughlin, OWOSSO HIGH SCHOOL, 6-0, 6-0

No. 4 - Annika Scott, FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL def. Sophie Voss, OWOSSO HIGH SCHOOL, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 **DOUBLES:** No. 1 - Emily Homrock, FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL - Emma Browne, FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL def. Kamerin Bowles, OWOSSO HIGH SCHOOL - Jenaya Hill, OWOSSO HIGH SCHOOL, 6-1, 6-2

No. 2 - Ella Murowski, FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL - Morgan Thomas, FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL def. Olivia Wiley, OWOSSO HIGH SCHOOL - Savannah Williams, OWOSSO HIGH SCHOOL, 6-4, 6-2

No. 3 - Katarina Lutz, FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL - Kayla Render, FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL def. Amanda Brainerd, OWOSSO HIGH SCHOOL - Paige Box, OWOSSO HIGH SCHOOL, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3

No. 4 - Ivy Case, FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL - Lucy Thomas, FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL def. Hayley Beggs, OWOSSO HIGH SCHOOL - Rebekah Starr, OWOSSO HIGH SCHOOL, 6-0, 6-3



### Hello #GladNation,

As many of you know, I have accepted the Superintendent role at Hamilton Community Schools which starts July 1st, 2022. The decision to accept this new position was not an easy one, as my family and I truly care about FHS and have enjoyed the last 10 years being part of the #GladNation. Seeing the fine students grow into adults, excel in and out of the classroom, and their general positive/upbeat personalities has made the time memorable and pass all too quickly. There are many things I will miss from FHS, but what I will miss the most are the student interactions each day in the hallways. Seeing them laugh, smile, and enjoying each day made every day rewarding.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the current and former school board members, administrators, and FHS staff members for the opportunity to help lead FHS to becoming the best school to learn, grow, and work within Livingston County. I also thank the current and former parents and students of FHS for the memories over the past 10 years. It has truly been an honor to be the Principal of FHS. Being offered the opportunity to apply the skills and lessons learned while at FHS to a very similar district to Fowlerville is a compliment to how respected FHS is across Michigan. My family and I wish FHS and FCS only the best going forward as FHS will always be a special place to us. I have appreciated the kind words and support since the news started to become more known - thank you.

While the last month will be full of lasts and tough goodbyes, the duties of the job will be completed fully and in a timely manner. Please continue to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. As my time being a Gladiator comes to an end, I will truly cherish each day while it lasts.

Thank you, take care, and as always, #GoGlads Bradford Lusk, PhD Proud FHS/FOLA Principal

## Memorial Day observances to be held in Fowlerville & Webberville May 30th

VFW Post 6464, Fowlerville-Webberville, invites all military veterans in the area to walk with them in the Memorial Day Parade, as they remember and honor their fallen brothers and sisters.

The parades will be Monday May 30.

In Fowlerville, veterans, retired, active duty, and National Guard of every branch of service are asked to arrive at 9:30am at the VFW Post 6464 located at 215 Veterans Drive, Fowlerville. The parade will start promptly at 10:00am, going along Grand River through the Downtown, and ending at Greenwood Cemetery where a short service will be conducted. Please join us for this special time of remembrance of our nation's fallen.

The walking distance is 1.3 miles, so wear comfortable shoes. If your uniform still fits, we encourage you to wear it. However, any appropriate veteran apparel: Veterans ball cap, shirt, vest or whatever would be acceptable.

If you have any questions please contact Post Chaplain, Dave Roddy, at 517-749-3410. If you are a disabled veteran there will be a trailer for you to ride on, but space is limited.

Earlier in the morning, a parade will be held in Webberville, starting at 8am at the high school parking lot, going along Grand River, and ending at the Veterans Memorial near the Main Four Corners of the Downtown. A short program will

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day and is a federal holiday in the United States for mourning the U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed forces. It is observed on the last Monday of May.

Many people visit cemeteries and memorials on this occasion. Many volunteers place an American flag on graves of military personnel in national cemeteries. Memorial Day is also considered the unofficial beginning of summer in the United States.

Many cities and people have claimed to have first celebrated the event. In 1868, General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic called for a "Decoration Day", which was widely celebrated. By 1890, every Northern state had adopted it as a holiday. The World Wars turned it into a generalized day of remembrance, instead of just for the Civil War. In 1971, Congress standardized the holiday as "Memorial Day" and changed its observance to the last Monday in May.

Two other days to celebrate those who have served or are serving in the U.S. military: Armed Forces Day (which

is earlier in May), an unofficial U.S. holiday for honoring those currently serving in the armed forces, and Veterans Day (on November 11), which honors those who have served in the United States Armed Forces.



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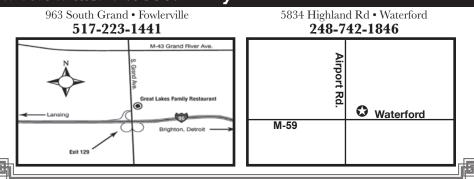
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## Run for the Impact, continued

to "sound" the start of the race. DJ's Jim & Ben Kitchen will provide music for everyone's enjoyment. Michael Paul will be making balloon animals for attending children. Former State Representative Hank Vaupel will return to serve as our MC. Photographer Ann O'Reilly will take pictures of runners/walkers, spectators, and the award ceremony throughout the morning.

And afterwards, a drawing for gifts will occur for all registered participants who <u>must be present to win!</u> Among those businesses who donated items are the following: Aleta's Flower Shop (\$25 gift certificate), Cedar River Car Wash (two \$50 gift cards), Fowlerville Dental Center (teeth whitening kit), Fowlerville Family Dentistry (Sonic Care Air Floss Pro), Grampy's Auto Parts (assorted items), Kodet's True Value Hardware (\$50 gift certificate), Therapeutic Massage (free 1-hour massage), Shear Image (\$40 gift certificate), Showerman's Garage (assorted items), and Simply Fresh Market in Brighton (\$50 gift card). In addition, five gift cards to Dairyville were donated for the Children's Drawing.

The Virtual event is between May 28 and June 12; you choose the place and time. We just ask that you take a picture and post it (along with your time, if you'd like) on the Family Impact Centers Facebook page. Please register at <u>runsignup.com</u> by June 12 for the virtual event. Also, call 517-223-4428 to pick up your t-shirt if you pre-registered.

Finally, the success of this annual fundraiser is made possible through the generous donations made by this year's sponsors:

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## **Boys Golf**

**Caleb Banko** is a senior on the FHS boys golf team. This is his fourth season playing golf. Caleb has a positive attitude and is very willing to get feedback and apply it to his game. He works hard at practice, whether we're at the course or the driving range. Caleb's favorite phrase is "Don't worry Coach." It's been a pleasure working with him.

**Luke Henry**, a junior at FHS, is finishing his third year on the boys golf team. He has been steadily improving and made significant improvement in his scores this year compared to last. Luke stays consistent with his emotions during matches, never getting too high or too low. He's going to be an important member of the lineup next year as a senior.

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 Varsity Softball Team clinches CAAC Red championship

The Fowlerville Varsity Softball Team clinched the CAAC Red championship last Tuesday with two victories, 14-1 & 16-1, over Lansing Eastern.

In game one, Tori Briggs and Josie Cruz both collected three hits and Kennedy Douglass added two hits and three RBIs. Halle Dargie pitched a perfect first inning, striking out all three batters she faced. Katie Bigos then pitched four innings in relief, striking out 7.

In game two, Carlie Atcheson went all four innings, striking out 7 and giving up one earned run. Tori Briggs had four triples and three RBIs. Halle Dargie and Ashlee Dailey each had two hits, and eleven different Gladiators picked up at least one hit. The Gladiators are now 21-7 on the year.

## Fowlerville Varsity Softball Team splits twinbill with Mason

Last Monday, May 16, found the Fowlerville Varsity Softball Team traveling to Mason for a league matchup. The Glads won game one by a 15-0 score behind solid pitching performances from Halle Dargie and Tori Briggs. Briggs and Katie Bigos led the offense with two hits apiece. Bigos, Ashlee Dailey and Tommi Kleinschmidt each had 2 RBIs.

Fowlerville dropped game two, 4-1 to the Bulldogs. Carlie Atcheson threw a complete game in the loss, giving up 1 earned run and striking out 9. The Gladiators were only able to grind out four hits in the game.

## Gladiator Varsity Softball Team loses pair of games to Howell

The Gladiator Varsity Softball Team lost a pair of games to Howell on Saturday, May 14.

The team couldn't get anything going in game one. The Highlanders scored early, and kept the pressure on, winning 13-0 in five innings. Carlie Atcheson took the loss for Fowlerville. Angelle Haan had a single and a walk to lead the offense

In game two, Fowlerville scored 2 in the first inning. Tori Briggs singled and advanced to 2B on a bunt hit by Kennedy Douglass. After a failed sacrifice, Ashlee Dailey had a one out single to plate Briggs. Tommi Kleinschmidt laid down a bunt and Douglass scored from second on an overthrow. The Glads couldn't push another runner across until the seventh inning. Howell chipped at the lead and took advantage of a two-out error in the sixth to plate eight runners and put the game out of reach. Halle Dargie took the loss, giving up no earned runs and striking out 8.

## Livingston Fine Art Association to hold meeting May 31 at Howell church

The Livingston Fine Art Association monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, May 31, at the First Presbyterian Church, Howell. Doors open at 6:30pm, meeting begins at 7:00pm. Use the rear entrance under the green canopy.

The speaker will be Jennifer Thrift, a photographer from Milford. Jennifer will share photos from her daily expeditions that she posts on Facebook.

A short business meeting and a discussion of members art work will follow. All artists or those interested in the arts are invited.

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Shown here are the Fowlerville High School and Howell High School Unified Archery Teams.

## Fowlerville High **School starts Unified Archery** Club this year

Fowlerville High School started a Unified Archery Club this year. A Unified Club is for students, with and without intellectual disabilities, to come together for sports, games, community service, school events, and most of all, to have fun! The goal of a Unified Club is to give students of all abilities the opportunity to work together and socialize in an inclusive environment.

FHS general education students (peers) joined special education students (bud-

dies) and taught them all about archery. Buddies learned archery rules, safety, and how to properly shoot a bow. Students then participated in a tournament vs. Howell High School, followed by an award ceremony. Congratulations to Curtis Musko on his first-place award!



From left are Coach Esch, Aiden Fountain, Kendra Clemons, Ethan Lancaster, Jason York, Alex Allen, Curtis Musko, Donnie LeVanseler, Chase Jones, and Coach Allen.

The club taught buddies a new skill, but most importantly, the club promoted understanding, inclusion, and acceptance for all students. The students did a great job and had tons of

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## Open your hearts and minds, History can help the next generation By Jace Arledge

"When you erase the history/experience of one kid to "protect" another, what you're also saying that there is one type of kid worth protecting" --BB Alston

History is an integral part of society, it helps us learn what didn't/doesn't work and gives us knowledge on how to move forward to make this planet a better place for all.

Ruby Bridges is 67 years old, Barbara Henry is 90 years old (first teacher to teach Ms. Bridges), Gloria Steinem is 88, Jane Goodall 88, Charles Sherrod 85, Diane Nash 83, Claudette Colvin 83, Bernard Lafayette 82, Heather Booth 76, Dr. Benjamin Chavis 74, Judy Shepherd 69, Will Roscoe 67, and Deborah Parker 51. These are just a few of the people from the United States that are still alive that can attest to the atrocities of the past.

We can't sweep things under the rug because it makes us uncomfortable, but we can learn how NOT to oppress others

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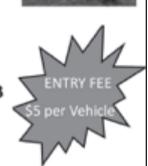
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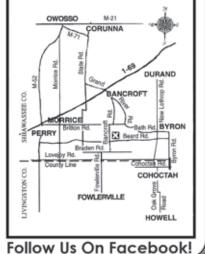


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## **Fowlerville Police Report**

for the Village of Fowlerville Council Meeting for Monday, May 23, 2022

The Fowlerville Police Department responded to 585 calls for service over the past two weeks. Tickets used during past two weeks 20.

## **Cemetery Clean-up**

Conway Township is taking bids for the removal and clean-up of the fence surrounding Antrim Cemetery located at 7491 E. Lovejoy Rd.

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Incident #22-00323 – Domestic Violence – Warrant Denied

- 28 y/o male, Fowlerville, April 23, 2022 at 0649 hours Incident #22-00387 – Operating Under the Influence of Drugs and Violation of Controlled Substance Act – Warrant Furthered
- 39 y/o male, Lansing, May 9, 2022 at 2236 hours Incident #22-00392 - Domestic Violence - Warrant Authorized
- 27 v/o male, Fowlerville, May 11, 2022 at 0043 hours Incident #22-00401 - Concealed Weapons Violation, Violation of Controlled Substance Act, No License – Warrant Authorized FELONY
- 41 y/o male, Ovid, May 13, 2022 at 2035 hours Incident #22-00370 - Assault - Under Review
  - 18 y/o male, Fowlerville, May 6, 2022 at 1302 hours
  - 15 y/o female, Fowlerville, May 6, 2022 at 1302 hours
  - 18 y/o female, Fowlerville, May 6, 2022 at 1302 hours

#### Officers Investigated the Following Types of Complaints:

- 17-Assist to EMS/FAFD
- 1-911 hang up
- 8-Admin. Duties
- 1-Animal complaint
- 87-Area check
- 1-Assault report
- 2-Assist other agency • 61-Building/property check
- 18- Citizen assist
- 2-Civil complaint
- 4-Community policing
- 2-Court Prosecutors activity
- 2-DHS
- 2-Disturbance
- 6-Domestic
- 2-Drugs/VCSA
- 16-Foot patrol
- 14-Follow up
- 1-Fraud
- 47- General Non Criminal
- 2-Hazard
- 1-Hit and Run accident • 2-Info general
- 1-K9 Locker search
- 13-Liquor investigation
- 1-Lost/found property
- 1-Mental/CMH complaint
- 1-Motorist assist
- 1-Open door
- 31-Ordinance complaint
- 4-Park/traffic complaint
- 5-Patrol information
- 3-PDA
- 1-Prisoner transport
- 1-Public service
- 64-Subdivision patrol
- 15-School events
- 1-Shooting
- 12- Suspicious Situations/Vehicle/Person
- 1-Subpoena service
- 56-Traffic details
- 61-Traffic stops
- 2-Trespassing
- 3-Warrant attempt
- 5-Welfare

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.

Assist other agencies:

Officer Richmond was requested to check the status of a MSP Motor Carrier Trooper who was not answering a status check when he was on a traffic stop. Officer Richmond arrived on location and the Trooper checked secure.

Officer Feister was requested to assist the Livingston County Sheriff Office with a three car injury accident just south of town. The accident was blocking both travel lanes and three people were injured and was in critical condition. Once sufficient help was on scene Officer Feister then returned to the Village.

**Additional Information:** 

I attended the Livingston County Law Enforcement roundtable meeting. We discuss information going on in our respective agencies and upcoming training opportunities. I have stated this before, but local Law Enforcement agencies in this county work very well together. We are very proud and blessed to be working in such a great County like Livingston

I want to say 'thank you' to our great community and Michelle Soli for all the support we received during Police Appreciation Week. We are beyond thankful for all the goodies, gifts and kind words of praise and gratefulness. Fowlerville is such a great community!

John J. Tyler,

Chief of Police Fowlerville Police Department

## **Smith Elementary School News**

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

**IMPORTANT DATES:** 

May 30 – NO SCHOOL (MEMORIAL DAY RECESS) June 7 – K to 5th Gd ½ Day of School (Release time 12:02

June 8 – K to 5th Gd ½ Day of School (Release Time 12:02 PM)

Kindergarten Round Up For 2022/2023 School Year **Continues!** – To begin enrolling your child for Kindergarten this fall, go to our main webpage at fowlervilleschools.org and click on the "Kindergarten Enrollment" link. That will walk you through the pre-enrollment and will direct you to a "Kindergarten Questionnaire" at the end. When you have the online portion submitted, call the Smith office at 517-223-6430. You will then schedule an appointment to complete the enrollment process.

For the scheduled appointment please bring in your child's state issued birth certificate, current immunization record, vision screening (anything after 3 years of age), and 2 proof of residency items. This includes your driver's license and 1 other piece, such as, a purchase agreement, rental agreement, electric bill, piece of mail, etc. Something that has your name and address included.

\*Your child will receive a goodie bag after the completion of enrollment!

MESSAGE FROM TRANSPORTATION DEPT! - It is very important that any bussing changes to your child's after-school schedule must go through and be approved by the transportation department before contacting the school office or your child's teacher with the change in plan. Please call the Transportation Department for bussing change approval at 517-223-6122.



## Fowlerville District Library Upcoming Events

Monday – Wednesday: 9:30 am to 7:00 pm Thursday: 9:30 am to 8:00 pm Friday: 9:30 am to 6:00 pm Saturday: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Sunday:Closed

For questions or more information on any of our materials or programs, email <u>info@fowlervillelibrary.org</u> or give us a call at (517) 223-9089. All programs are free to our patrons.

#### **FAMILY**

#### Under the Sea Party (All Ages) Tuesday, June 7, 1:00pm – 5:00pm

Join our summer reading kick-off party! We'll have games, snacks, activities, and a chance to sign up for summer reading where you'll win PRIZES!

#### **ADULTS**

#### Monthly Book and Coffee Club Monday, May 23, 2:00pm

Join Zoe in the afternoon for a traditional book club with coffee and dessert. This month's selection is *The Maid* by Nita Prose.

Registration required. Sign up online or call the Library.

#### Monthly Beyond the Book Thursday, May 26, 6:30pm

An evening book discussion plus the movie, recipe, or more. This month's selection is *The Color of Water* by James McBride.

 $\label{lem:Registration} \textbf{Registration required. Sign up online or call the Library.}$ 

#### **Simply Authentic Series**

#### Friday, June 3, 12:00 - 2:00 pm

Join Ellen Zezula from Simply Authentic, where she will demonstrate glass painting with stencils.

## Green Living with Clean Refillery Monday, June 13, 12:00pm

Join us here at the Library to learn about ways to live ecofriendly with Clean Refillery - a low waste health and beauty store located in Lansing.

## Yoga Fitness Class

## Mondays, 10:00 am – 10:45 am

### Mondays, 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm

Lean into Yin Yoga with Ellen Zezula from Simply Authentic. Wake up the body with soft stretches and yoga asanas, including a touch of meditative practice. No cost to attendees, just bring your mat and a water bottle. Now offering morning and evening classes!

### **TEENS**

## Tabletop Wednesday

### Wednesdays, 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Drop in and play your favorite tabletop RPGs. Play with your friends or have our teen librarian Connor run a one-shot.

### Teen Craft Wednesday

### Wednesdays, 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Mary has tons of fun teen craft projects planned! Drop in to take part in making super cool crafts, such as beaded animals, resin jewelry, and other top secret projects.

### Friday Gaming

## Fridays, 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Drop in anytime from 2:30 to 5:00 for free play on the Nintendo Switch. Teen hosts Connor and Tally have an amazing setup with lots of games from the Library's steadily

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#### KIDS

Our revamped storytime programs are open to everyone! No registration necessary.

#### Kids Crafternoons (ages 6 -12)

#### Tuesday, June 7, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Roll over here after school and get your craft on. Mrs. D provides all the supplies to bring her magical ideas to life in your hands.

### **Family Fun Storytime**

#### Saturday, June 11, 2:00 pm

Bring the whole family for this extra special storytime! We'll read stories, sing songs, fingerplays, and more.

#### Reading with Bosco the Dog

#### Tuesdays, 4:00 pm

You'll find Shelly and her book loving dog Bosco waiting in the children's area from 4:00 to 5:00. Bosco wants some two-legged friends to come and read him their favorite books.

## **Preschool Storytime** (ages 3 to 5 with caregiver)

#### Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 10:00 am

Join our always terrific Mrs. D. for engaging stories, sing-alongs, finger plays, and so much more!

### **Toddler Storytime** (ages 1 to 3 with caregiver)

#### Thursdays & Fridays 10:00 am, May 19 – August 25

Get ready to move and groove with some funky tunes and stories with our dynamic youth librarian Storm.

## Baby Lap Sit (ages 0 to 2 with caregiver)

## Fridays 9:30 am, May 20 – August 26

Come and make some new baby friends in this musical storytime led by baby-loving Storm. Babies and their caregivers will socialize, sing songs, and play together.

## Facebook Live Storytime (ages 2 to 8)

#### Thursdays on Facebook, 12 pm

Learn signs, sing songs, and play in this recorded storytime on our Facebook page. Build some early literacy skills in your pajamas.

## Auditions being held for Fowlerville Community Theatre's '12 Angry Men'

Auditions are being held for the Fowlerville Community Theatre production of '12 Angry Men'. The director is seeking to fill 14 male parts. The auditions are being held on Monday and Tuesday, May 23-24, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. at the Fowlerville District Library. The courthouse drama was made famous by the movie starring Henry Fonda. Show dates are Sept. 22, 23 & 24 in the courtroom at the Historic Howell Courthouse. For more information, call Patty Fitzgerald at 231-620-2088.



## Change pays.

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## Notice of 3 OPEN SEATS for Fowlerville Board of Education

**WANTED:** Education-minded individuals to make important decisions that impact 2600+ students, parents/guardians and all employees of Fowlerville Community Schools.

There are three (3), four-year terms that will begin January 1, 2023. The deadline to file is July 26, 2022, at 4 p.m. at the Livingston County Clerk's Office for the November 8, 2022 regular school election. If interested please contact Mr. Wayne Roedel, Superintendent of Fowlerville Community Schools at (517) 223-6015 or roedelw@ fowlervilleschools.org.

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## Secretary of State calls for nonpartisan legislation ahead of 2022 elections

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson said four nonpartisan legislative changes are needed ahead of this year's statewide

"Michigan voters deserve election results on election night and for their elections to be sufficiently funded. Election workers and officials need the state's protection to continue doing their jobs with integrity, and our military service members and their spouses defending our democracy overseas must have certainty that their ballot will be counted here at

home," said Benson. "The strength and security of Michigan's elections are second to none, but these four legislative changes are critically needed by election clerks on both sides of the aisle and Republican, Democratic and Independent voters statewide."

Benson called for the state Legislature to pass bills that do

Get Michigan voters election results on election night by allowing preprocessing of absentee ballots. Florida, Kentucky, Ohio, and many other states process absentee ballots before Election Day and then have unofficial election results on election night. But because Michigan law does not allow

> absentee ballot processing to begin until Election Day, voters have had to wait up to 24 hours after polls close to get results. The delay is not well-understood by many voters and election deniers exploit this and spread misinformation that well-placed undermines faith in our elections and threatens American democracy. In February 2022, both the associations of the municipal and county clerks called on the Legislature to allow preprocessing.

> Strengthen the security of elections with consistent and sufficient funding. Relying on local governments and federal agencies has resulted in unpredictable and unstable funding for election access, equipment, technology and security. The state Legislature should dedicate \$100 million annually directly to Michigan townships, cities, and counties so our elections are always safe, accessible and

> Increase penalties for anyone who threatens, harasses or doxxes election workers. Election officials, workers, and volunteers are increasingly the targets of threats and harassment in Michigan and across the country. They play a critical role in our democracy and need to be protected.

> > and promoting the annual

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Protect the voting rights of military service members and their spouses overseas by permitting them to return their ballots electronically. Michigan is behind many other states by requiring overseas military and their spouses to rely on unpredictable international mail to return their ballots. As a result, about 25% of military ballots were returned too late to be counted or not at all in the 2020 presidential election, potentially disenfranchising more than 1,600 members of our armed services.

"The brave military personnel and their families who are abroad protecting our country and preserving our democracy deserve the same equitable access to the ballot box as every other Michigander," State Sen. Adam Hollier (D-Detroit) said. "The Michigan Legislature must work together to reform our election laws, beginning with the freedom to vote safely, securely, and efficiently for military personnel and their spouses stationed overseas. As a Captain in the Army and a legislator, I am proud to support Secretary Benson in this mission to get these reforms made as soon as possible."

"Every day, our military personnel put their lives on the line to protect our freedom, including our right to vote. We have a responsibility to make sure they can exercise this right and engage in the democracy they are protecting," said state Rep. Padma Kuppa (D-Troy), sponsor of House Bill 5514, which allows military personnel to submit ballots electronically. "I stand with Secretary Benson in ensuring the votes of the courageous people serving our nation are heard here at home."

"During the 2020 election, we all remember anxiously waiting for the election results to trickle in. The truth is there is no need for another delay like that," said state Rep. Matt Koleszar (D-Plymouth), sponsor of House Bill 5518, which would allow for seven days of pre-processing of absentee ballots for clerks. "Many states already allow voting administrators to pre-process ballots effectively and securely before election day. Votes would still be counted only on election day, but this process alleviates the stress on administrators and the suspense of voters by getting the election results

Michigan's primary elections will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022. The general election is Tuesday, November 8,

## St. Agnes Catholic Church to host Welcome Table Dinner on June 2nd

Make new friends and enjoy a free meal. St. Agnes Catholic Church will again host our Welcome Table Dinner on June 2nd at 855 East Grand River Avenue in Fowlerville. Dinner will be served in-person at 6:00pm in the parish's LPC. (Curb-side meals will no longer be offered.)

To participate, guests are asked to call 517-499-5690 to make a reservation by Tuesday, May 31st. Please note that meals will be held on the first Thursday of each month throughout the summer. This invitation is open to all.

**June 5, 2022** issue is

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## TO THE RESIDENTS OF HANDY TOWNSHIP

PLEASE BE NOTIFIED THAT THE HANDY TOWNSHIP BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING DURING A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M., AT THE HANDY TOWNSHIP HALL, 137 N. GRAND AVENUE, FOWLERVILLE, MI 48836 (USE REAR ENTRANCE OF BLDG. TO BOARD ROOM) FOR RECEIVING PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE APPLICATION TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVRIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY FOR FUNDING ASSIS-TANCE THROUGH THE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (DWSRF) PROGRAM FOR THE PROPOSED WATER SYSTEM IMPROVE-MENT PROGRAM.

THE PROPOSED WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM DE-SCRIPTION AND DETAILS ARE ORGANIZED INTO A COMPREHENSIVE 20-YEAR PROJECT PLAN. IF THE DWSRF APPLICATION IS SUCCESS-FUL, THE PROJECT CONSTRUCTION WILL INCLUDE THE ADDITION OF A WATER MAIN BOOSTER STATION TO IMPROVE PRESSURE WITHIN THE SILVER SPRINGS SUBDIVISION AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS. THE PROJECT CONSTRUCTION WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE ADDITION OF A RAW WATER BYPASS AT THE RED CEDAR WATER TREATMENT FACILITY TO ENSURE PROPER RADIUM LEVELS ARE MET, AS WELL AS REDUCE THE POTENTIAL FOR CORROSIVE WATER WITHIN THE RED CEDAR CROSSING SUBDIVISION.

IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT INCLUDE:

NOISE: NOISE DUE TO CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES SUCH AS CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT, MACHINERY, GENERATORS, COMPRESSORS, ETC. WILL BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM, AS PRACTICABLE. THE WORK HOURS WILL BE MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL ORDINANCES.

TRAFFIC DISTURBANCE: TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES AND TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURES MAY BE NECESSARY DURING CONSTRUCTION TO SAFELY INSTALL THE WATER UPGRADES. THIS WILL IMPACT TRAFFIC FLOW PATTERNS. CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES WILL BE COORDINATED BY LOCATION TO MITIGATE ANY CUMULATIVE IMPACTS.

INCREASED USER RATES: AN INCREASE IN USER RATES WILL BE NECESSARY TO FUND THESE IMPROVEMENTS. BY CHOOSING THE REPLACEMENT APPROACH AND SPREADING OUT THE COSTS OVER THE ENTIRE DISTRICT, THE RATE INCREASES HAVE BEEN MINIMIZED. THE "DO NOTHING" APPROACH WOULD INCREASE THE RISK OF DIMINISHING WATER PRESSURE, THE POTENTIAL FOR WATER QUALITY ISSUES, AND REQUIRE MORE COSTLY CONSTRUCTION IN THE FUTURE.

THE TOTAL COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IS ESTI-MATED TO BE \$600,000. THE REPAYMENT OF THE DWSRF LOAN, IF APPROVED, WILL BE APPORTIONED TO SILVER SPRINGS AND RED CEDAR CROSSING WATER CUSTOMERS BASED ON WATER CON-SUMPTION. THE ESTIMATED USER COSTS TO FINANCE THE PRO-POSED PROJECT HAVE BEEN DETERMINED ASSUMING DWSRF FINANCING WITH A 2.0% INTEREST RATE (ESTIMATED DWSRF INTER-EST RATE) AND A 20-YEAR DEBT RETIREMENT. THE APPORTIONMENT COSTS ARE BASED ON AN ANNUAL AVERAGE OVER A 20-YEAR PERI-OD TO PROVIDE AN ESTIMATE FOR USER CHARGES PER 1,000 GAL-LONS OF WATER CONSUMPTION.

THE APPROXIMATE RATE INCREASES NECESSARY TO RETIRE THE DEBT INCURRED FROM THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT IS \$1.13 PER 1.000 GALLONS FOR THE AVERAGE USER.

COPIES OF THE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM DRAFT PROJECT PLAN DETAILING THE PROPOSED PROJECT IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW BEGINNING ON SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022, AT:

TOWNSHIP HALL, 135 GRAND AVE, FOWLERVILLE, MI 48836 WWW.HANDYTOWNSHIP.ORG (PDF VERSION)

WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED BEFORE THE HEARING RECORD IS CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2022, WILL RECEIVE RESPONS-ES IN THE FINAL DWSRF PROJECT PLAN. WRITTEN QUESTIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO:

LAURA A. EISELE, HANDY TOWNSHIP CLERK, 135 GRAND AVE, FOWLERVILLE, MI 48836

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. INDIVIDUALS WITH A DISABILITY SHOULD FEEL FREE TO CONTACT HANDY TOWNSHIP AT LEAST SEVENTY-TWO (72) HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING, IF REQUESTING ACCOMMODATIONS.

> ISSUED BY: LAURA A. EISELE. TOWNSHIP CLERK (5-22-22 FNV)



**Deadline** to place an ad will be

Wednesday, June 1 at 1pm

Call (517) 223-8760

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## Caleb Jenkins Column



#### To Be, Not Just to Do

Many people are motivated by achievement. The substantive evidence of an accomplishment can provide an almost cathartic feeling, whether through a certificate, an award, a proverbial pat on the back, or just the knowledge that a task is complete. When we successfully tackle a challenge, it feels good to know that that hurdle is forever behind us. Those driven by attainment keep their eyes fastened on the horizon, pursuing the next big thing.

Achievement is not a bad motivator. Beginning with a specific end objective can help us prioritize our efforts and keep us focused on the work until we reach success. This structured approach mitigates the risk of working listlessly with uncertain final results, refining efficiency and encouraging us to learn and improve continually. As we work toward established goals, we earn milestones that evidence our capabilities and hard work. By pursuing such résumé builders, as they are often colloquially called, we increase our credibility on paper.

This is all great, but it is not the whole picture. Beyond just looking good on paper, we should want a good reputation with those around us on a day-to-day basis. We should be concerned not just with what we do, but who we are while we do it. We should desire to be genuine. How fruitless it is if we have the greatest résumé in the world with countless accolades but have no credibility with nor respect from those who know us best! Racking up accomplishments and accolades just by playing the system and impressing the right people is possible, but what a tragically shortsighted and narcissistic approach to life.

Motivation from achievement can be very beneficial, but we should ask ourselves if we are only working for our own benefit or if we truly desire to make a positive difference. If the latter, then we should focus on doing our best on the task at hand and being a blessing to the people around us while journeying toward the end objective. The difference shows. It is usually easy to identify who is attempting to play the system for personal justification and who is committed to the mission.

## ATTENTION CONWAY TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

The township board is seeking applications from township residents for a Planning Commissioner. The Planning Commission is responsible for the following but are not limited to site plan reviews, zoning ordinance amendments, and special use permits. The township board is accepting resumes for the position with the aim of a decision being made at the June 28 7 p.m. meeting. Send resumes to: Clerk at P.O. Box 1157 Fowlerville MI 48836 or clerk@conwaymi.gov.

Elizabeth Whitt Conway Township Clerk (5-22, 5-29, 6-5 & 6-12-22 FNV)

## CONWAY TOWNSHIP LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN BOARD OF REVIEW VACANCY

Conway Township is accepting applications for the Board of Review. Applicants must be a resident of the Township. The Board meets three times per year to make an independent judgment based on the facts and on law regarding decisions of the assessor. Please send a resume to: Clerk, P.O. Box 1157, Fowlerville, Michigan 48836. Applications may also be left in the drop box at the Hall or emailed to clerk@conwaymi.gov. Deadline for submission is 3:00 pm on June 13, 2022.

Elizabeth Whitt, Township Clerk (5-22, 5-29, 6-5 & 6-12-22 FNV)

Americans are generally a competitive breed, and that is okay. Healthy competition pushes us to greater productivity as we pursue success and find new ways to build a better mousetrap, as the saying goes. Substantive achievements can provide clear purpose and inspire us to keep going. But beyond just getting a new line on a résumé, what are we actually accomplishing in this moment? What are we contributing? What affect are we having on our family, friends, and coworkers? What does our daily effort provide to the task at hand? Life is not just about what we do, but who we are.



## Michigan Senate Report

By Lana Theis, 22<sup>nd</sup> District

## Urges identity theft protection for victims of UIA data leak

Sen. Lana Theis has called on the Legislature to approve funding to provide victims of an Unemployment Insurance Agency data leak with at least one year of identity theft protection.

"It has gone from bad to worse at the UIA," said Theis, R-Brighton. "At a time when the agency erroneously gave away billions of taxpayer dollars to fraudsters, we now learn that the Whitmer Administration also failed to secure people's sensitive information, a breach of trust and security that subjected unsuspecting residents in need of help to further financial harm. The least the state can do is provide these affected individuals with identity theft protection, as we work to overhaul this terribly mismanaged agency."

The Office of the Auditor General recently revealed in a report that the UIA failed to limit access to sensitive information the agency used to collect, pay and receive unemployment payments.

# From Unapproved Minutes CONWAY TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF BOARD MEETING May 17, 2022

### **Regular Board Meeting**

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm at the Conway Township Hall, 8015 Fowler-ville Road, Fowlerville, MI.

Present: Clerk Elizabeth Whitt, Trustee George Pushies, Supervisor Bill Grubb. Absent: Treasurer D Grubb.

The following Motions and Resolutions were made:

1. Motion to approve consent agenda, motion approved.

Public Hearing were held for Eva Lane SAD and Secluded Acres SAD

- 2. Motion to approve the Board Meeting Agenda. Motion approved.
- 3. Motion to appoint Richard Hohenstein as temporary trustee. Motion approved
- 4. Resolution 220504-01 Eva Lane Special Assessment District. Roll Call. Resolution passed.
- 5. Motion to contact Wolverine Engineering for Secluded Acres. Roll Call. Motion approved.
- 6. Motion to move the next board meeting to June 28, 2022, at 7pm. Motion approved.
- 7. Motion to look for a new Zoning Administrator. Motion died.
- 8. Motion to look for a new Zoning Administrator and Zoning Administration Assistant simultaneously. Motion approved.
- 9. Motion to run advertisements for the open positions. Motion approved.
- 10. Motion to have township attorney investigate the bylaws and master deed for Secluded Acres. Motion approved.
- 11. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm. Motion approved.

(5-22-22 FNV)

## NOTICE TO CONWAY TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

Position available for Zoning Board of Appeals

The Conway Township Board of Trustees is currently looking to fill two openings on the Zoning Board of Appeals. There is a vacancy for a regular member and an alternate position.

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

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

The Conway Township Board will be looking to fill these positions at the next Board of Trustee meeting on June 28 at 7 p.m.

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

Elizabeth Whitt Conway Township Clerk (5-22, 5-29, 6-5 & 6-12-22 FNV)

## CONWAY TOWNSHIP PLANNING & ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

This position performs a variety of administrative duties and is responsible for providing customer service for the Planning and Zoning Department. The Planning & Zoning Administrator meets the citizens and other visitors at the zoning counter and on the phone, determines their needs, answers questions, issues zoning permits, and if necessary, refers them to the outside person or agency that can assist them. The administrator should have knowledge of or a willingness to learn the township zoning ordinance, Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, and relevant job vocabulary.

Duties will include:

- Providing information and advice to property owners, contractors, developers, engineers, architects, and others regarding land use procedures, floodplain requirements, zoning ordinances, and appeals procedures.
- Performing routine office tasks including data entry, file management, copying, managing department calendar and answering telephone.
- Develops and maintains automated tracking systems, hard copy files and digital records
- Researching a variety of planning issues from multiple sources

Job qualifications include exceptional organization and project management skills; oral communication and interpersonal skills to explain rules and procedures clearly to the public; exceptional organization and time and project management skills; problem-solving skills to gather relevant information to solve vaguely defined practical problems.

An applicant for employment or appointment to a public office may request that the application remain confidential. Upon such a request, the Township Board shall conduct the review and consideration of the contents of said applicant's application for appointment to public office in a closed session. Notwithstanding a request for confidentiality, any interviews of applicants for appointment to public office conducted by the Township Board must be held in an open meeting pursuant to the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

To apply, send letter of interest and resume, to: Elizabeth Whitt, Township Clerk, P.O. Box 1157, Fowlerville MI 48836-1157. Email: <a href="mailto:clerk@conwaymi.gov">clerk@conwaymi.gov</a>

Elizabeth Whitt Conway Township Clerk (5-22, 5-29, 6-5, 6-12 & 6-19-22 FNV)

## Fowlerville High School News

OFFICE HOURS

Administration Offices Building opens 7:00 a.m.– 3:30 p.m. 6:45 a.m.

**SENIORS!** Make sure you have paid all of your school fines. You must have them paid before graduation. If you have any questions, ask in the Main Office.

**SENIOR PARENTS** - Time is fast approaching for graduation, a letter was sent to all senior parents outlining the expectations



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for your senior in the days leading up to the walk across the stage. Included in this letter are 7 graduation tickets per student. There will not be a list for extra tickets this year, feel free to share with your friends if you have extra.

The day of graduation, doors open at 1:15 pm, with the ticket holders seated first. The doors open at 2:00 p.m. for anyone not holding a ticket to enter. Those attendees will be allowed to sit in available spots or stand above on the track.

Your letter will be mailed to the MAILING ADDRESS pulled from Mi-Star.

Seating areas will be marked for family members with special needs, the elevator will be available for those people that cannot use stairs.

Lock-in Information: The senior lock-in activity is again a privilege and not a right. Lock-in is held at the high school on the night of June 5th and check-in is at 9:45 p.m.-10:15 p.m., doors lock at 10:00 p.m. and students must stay until 5:00 a.m. If you have specific needs (medication, medical concerns, etc.), please let Mr. Lusk know ASAP. Food will be provided for you and students are not allowed to bring their own beverages. Please do not bring valuables, as the school is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Students cannot bring sleeping bags. Students should wear comfortable clothes and shoes, there will be A LOT of fun activities for all! Only students who graduate and walk at graduation are allowed to attend Lock-In. It will be a fun time!! Listen to announcements for lock in sign up as well as tournament sign ups.

**FINAL FEW DAYS!** The Class of 2024 Flower Power Fundraiser ends on May 25th. Please visit our website at http://fhsclassof2024.fpfundraising.com to check out the variety of flowers, vegetables, and herbal seeds available for purchase. All orders will be delivered directly to you. We deeply appreciate your support.

**Fowlerville Community School** wishes to thank all scholarship providers for their continued support of our senior classes. For information on becoming a scholarship sponsor, please email Jamey Hardenbrook at <a href="mailto:hardenbrookj@fowlervilleschools.org">hardenbrookj@fowlervilleschools.org</a>.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> St and Grand River next to State Farm.

## **Kreeger Elementary School News**

ATTENTION NEW STUDENTS:

All enrollments can be done online www.fowler-villeschools.org.

After you complete those documents please print and sign areas marked. Bring your childs 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

5-30-22 **No School Memorial Day Recess**6-7-22 ½ Day School K-5
6-8-22 ½ Day School K-5

6-8-22 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

#### AFTER SCHOOL BUS CHANGES

If your child has an after school bus change, you **MUST** have prior approval from the Transportation Department. We cannot put a child on a different bus without approval.

#### LOST AND FOUND

We have an overabundance of items in our lost and found. We will be donating all items to the Family Impact Center at the end of May. Please have your students look through the lost and found to see if anything belongs to them. Thank you!

#### DRESS CODE

Just a reminder as the weather gets warmer: Dress that is disruptive to the educational process is prohibited. Clothing and/or accessories should not endorse any item or product related to tobacco, alcohol or other controlled substances. All clothing must be neat and clean so as to present the best possible appearance. Sagging and baggy pants are not allowed, nor are chains or other gang related potentially dangerous accessories. Shoes must be worn at all times.

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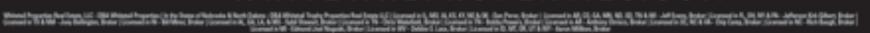
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## Fowlerville college athlete breaks school pole vault record at Oakland Last **Chance Meet: named to MIAA Team**

It's been an eventful week for Gabby Jollif, a Fowlerville college athlete. A junior at Olivet College, she broke the school pole vault record and was named to the All-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Team

Gabby Jolliff set the new record with a 3.45 meters / 11 foot, 3-3/4-inch mark at the Oakland University Last Chance

She entered the competition with the bar at 3.00 meters and cleared it on the first attempt. She also got over the bar on the first try at 3.15 meters and 3.30 meters before breaking the record on the first attempt at 3.45 meters.

The previous record was 3.37 meters / 11 feet, 3/4 inches by Michaela Kaliniak on May 9, 2019. Kaliniak was present to witness Jolliff's record-breaking performance, as she serves as the pole vault/horizontals coach and recruiting coordinator at Oakland University.

The Fowlerville High School alum was also selected to the 2022 All-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) Women's Outdoor Track & Field team. The All-MIAA team is comprised of the event winners at the MIAA

Jolliff won the MIAA title in the pole vault, clearing a winning height of 10 feet, 2 inches. She also finished sixth

Gabby Jollif won the pole vault event at the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association meet, earning her a spot on the All-MIAA Women's Outdoor Track & Field

Gabby Jollif, a Fowlerville High School alumni, set a new school pole vault record earlier this month for Olivet College. The meet took place at Oakland University.











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From left area Fowlerville Police Chief John Tyler, Rhyan Euliss, Police Sgt. Jeff Soli, Adyson Euliss, Michelle Soli, Police Administrator Lorraine Ritchie. Michelle and her daughters, Rhyan and Adyson, collected and distributed the gift bags to members fo the Fowlerville Police Dept. as part of Police Appreciation Week.

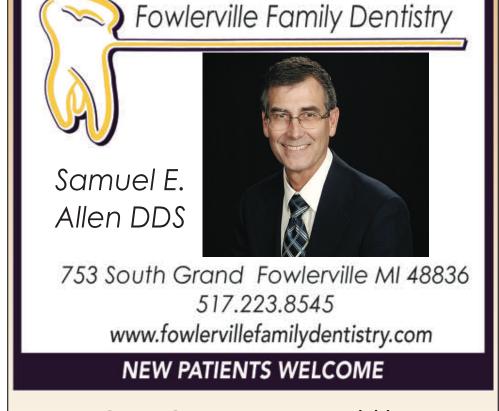
## Community members donate gifts, meals during Police Appreciation Week

For this year's Police Appreciation Week, organizers delivered bags filled with snacks, gift cards, and other items to members of the Fowlerville Police Dept. The bags were filled with the help of community members who purchased items from an Amazon 'Wish List' created by Michelle Soli, who led the effort. The bags also included massage gift certificates from Sarah Heeg-Wylie and handmade wooden signs from Llama Mama LLC.

Local officers were treated as well to breakfast, lunch, and dinner from Monday thru Friday, thanks to several donors.

On Monday was Shear Image, Tasha Farmer/El Patron, and Lisa Grassi (ribs); Tuesday was Fowlerville Farms, Da Shoe (chicken dinner), and Bri & Joe Showerman; Wednesday was Karl & Megan Witt (breakfast food), Smoke Shop, and Elm Street Wholesale (Chinese dinner for two); Thursday was Rose Slayden/Kate's Coin Laundry and Duke's (both lunch and dinner); and Friday was Biggby, Brandon Denby & Bob Bezotte, and Save UR Community Outreach & The Round Table Spiritual Community (casseroles).





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## From WITL to Country 102: The final leg in my radio DJ career By Karen Grab

My on air job at WITL, the renowned Lansing country station, was rewarding, and I enjoyed my stay there for two years. That ended in 1992 when Dave Downing from Lansing Community College Media called me and said WILS-FM was going country.

The station is located at 600 W. Cavanaugh Rd. in South Lansing. The AM featured talk radio. I was interested in the opportunity as a few WITL employees were already there. I was interviewed by Bill Files, the general manger. He hired me after our talk and having gotten a good review from the other WITL employees I had worked with.

The shift from 6pm to midnight was better for me. It involved playing country music and going on remotes for the Meijer stores with Rob Roy who also had worked at WITL. We were known as Country 102.

A highlight of my time there was going on the Princess Riverboat Cruise in Lansing for a staff party. Line dances, cruising the river, and good food made the outing an awesome

By way of another highlight, I had always wanted to meet Jane Aldrich, the newscaster from WLNS Channel 6 TV. In 1992, she showed me around the station and told of spending a full day of gathering the news. As a footnote I learned that she did her own hair and makeup. She was with the Lansing station from Oct. 14, 1985 until her retirement in Oct. 26, 2016.

I asked her who the most famous person she ever interviewed was and she replied "President Bill Clinton."

I told her that Loretta Lynn was mine. Jane was a nice lady and very professional.

Country 102 ended in 1995. The station, using that musical format, was unable to compete with WITL and went in a different direction. That same year I met Ed. We were married in 1997, and I retired to the rural life. I enjoyed radio

very much and loved being on the air and meeting the country stars.

But while I did miss it, I liked my freedom to travel and to do what I wanted. DJ convention in Nashville was the highlight of my career and interviewing was what I really enjoyed. All told, I was in radio from 1977 to 1995—a total of 18 years.



WITL coffee mug.



Country 102 bumper sticker.

## **Williamston Farmers Market** celebrates 'World Turtle Day' May 22

The Eastern Ingham Farmers Market in Williamston welcomes new and returning visitors, vendors and volunteers from 10am to 2pm this Sunday, May 22, in McCormick Park's large parking lot. To celebrate 'World Turtle Day', some vendors will offer turtle-themed items or offer discounts. such as S & S Crafts, whose turtle-themed bowl holders will be discounted.

The special guest at Sunday's Market will be Williamston's own Nature Discovery, with Jim and Carol McGrath who are bringing special turtle friends including Milberta the Red Footed Tortoise to exhibit. In addition, there will be three guided wild turtle viewing sessions from the fishing deck along the Red Cedar River in McCormick Park. The tours are free and will begin at 10:15am, 11:45am and 1:15pm. Interested participants are asked to gather at the Nature Discovery canopy booth in the Market prior to walking to the fishing deck.

During the past two years, much of the Market's optional activities such as live music and the children's booths were suspended due to Covid-19 concerns. While always keeping the safety of participants in mind, this season Market Manager Tom Cary and the Board of Directors of Sowing Growth, the non-profit that operates the Market, have planned for the return of these activities weekly and other special events on occasional Sundays during the season, rain or shine through October 16. There will also be a special Thanksgiving Market on November 20 and Holiday Market on December 18th.



Bill Files, the general manager who hired me at WILS-FM (Country 102), and his wife on the riverboat.



Here I am (Karen) on air in the studio.



This was Monica Rivas, the office manager, with my sister Kathy, left, who was visiting from California, and



Here I am, at left, next to the Country 102 van, while my sister Kathy is on the right.



Shown here during the Princess Riverboat Cruise were DJ's Rick Walker and Jim Ervin, along with Laurie Gorman in sales.



Jane Aldrich, who was a longtime newscaster at WLNS Channel 6, gave me a tour of the station.



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#### Fowlerville Fire Department Report May 12

2:46 a.m. Mutual aid to NIESA for structure fire in Williamston.

3:41 p.m. Personal injury accident on Fowlerville Rd in Conway Township.

3:58 p.m. Medical response on W Sharpe Rd in Conway

5:56 p.m. Medical response on Alans Dr in Handy Township.

#### May 13

5:13 a.m. Smoke alarm investigation on Fowlerville Rd in Handy Township.

8:47 a.m. Semi-truck rollover on westbound I-96 ramp in Handy Township.

6:25 p.m. Medical response on Fowlerville Rd in Conway Township.

#### May 14

6:39 a.m. Medical response on Village Dr in the Village.

11:04 a.m. Medical response on Robb Rd in Conway Township.

2:08 p.m. Medical response on Gehringer Dr in Handy Township.

6:39 p.m. Medical response on Layton Dr in Handy Township.

#### May 15

3:34 a.m. Mutual aid for structure fire in Shiawassee County.

5:19 a.m. Medical response on Nicholson Rd in Handy Township.

10:39 a.m. Mutual aid for structure fire to NIESA.

12:46 p.m. Medical response on Sherwood Rd in Conway Township.

5:42 p.m. Medical response on W Grand River in Handy Township.

#### May 16

2:10 a.m. Medical response on Alans Dr in Handy Township.

7:19 a.m. Mutual aid for structure fire in Unadilla Township.

12:28 p.m. Down wire on Nicholson Rd in Handy Township.

### **May 17**

6:36 a.m. Medical response on W Grand River in the Village.

12:05 p.m. Medical response on Judd Rd in Handy Township.

1:25 p.m. Fire alarm activation on E Van Riper in the Village. 3:49 p.m. Odor investigation on Eva Ln in Conway

Township.

6:57 p.m. Medical response on Deacon Hill Dr in Iosco Township.

#### May 18

9:50 a.m. Medical response on River Bend Dr in Iosco Township.



## Spring Banners from Leaf & Flower Pounding

Create banners with natural materials while also exploring plant pigments - such a fun way to combine art and science! Kids will create all kinds of designs using leaf and flower pounding, and turn their creations into something they can hang up right at home.

#### **Materials**

- white fabric
- wooden board
- old newspaper
- hammer or mallet flowers and leaves
- sticks, string and sewing machine or glue (for making the spring art)

## **Procedure**

- 1. Gather different flowers, leaves and grasses from outside. Set them aside as you set
- 2. Lay down your wooden board and place a sheet of newspaper on top.
- 3. Arrange the items you collected from outside in any way you'd like.
- 4. Cover the arrangement with the white fabric.
- 5. Use your hammer or mallet to pound the fabric.
- 6. Observe what happens as you pound the different areas of the fabric.
- 7. When you are finished, remove your fabric and brush off remaining pieces of flowers and leaves. Let your fabric dry.
- 8. Now that you're finished experimenting, why not turn your creations into some spring art by making them into little banners!

Fold down the top of the fabric about one inch and pin in place. Sew or glue the edge of the folded fabric down, creating a tunnel or pocket.

Find a stick or use a dowel and insert it through the tunnel, as if you were placing a curtain on a curtain rod.

Tie one piece of string to each end of the stick. Now you have a spring banner!

- A wooden or plastic hammer or mallet would definitely be easier for young children.
- Yellow and purple flowers usually turn out the brightest and tend to keep their color on the fabric over time.

## What's Going On?

Pigment molecules (carotenoids and anthocyanins) give flowers the colors we see. The green in leaves is from the pigment, chlorophyll. Pounding the flowers and leaves causes the pigment to be released and then dyes our fabric.



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A tree that's shorter than you

Flowers - Can you find 3 different colors?

Seeds - How many kinds do you see?

A tree that's taller than you

A tree that has fallen over

Mushroom

Butterfly

Other flying insects - What do you see?

Beetle

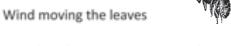
Other animals – What do you see?

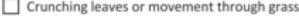
Water (creek, puddle, pond, river, lake, etc.)

Animal tracks - What kind of animal is it?



- Birds singing Can you hear 3 different birds?
- Insects buzzing





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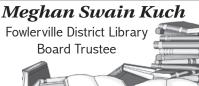
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## **Fowlerville Junior High School News IMPORTANT DATES:**

Award Ceremony (invite only)- Wed. May 25th

No School-Memorial Day break- Mon. May 30th

Half days of School- Mon-Wed. June 6,7,8th

Last Day of School- Wed. June 8th

#### SPORTS FOR WEEK OF **MAY 23:**

Thurs., 5/26: TRACK @ Williamston-4:30; bus-3:30; LAST regular meet of the

Nice work, young Glads. CHEER INFO: Cheer information packets are available in both the main office

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## **Broken Horn Rodeo featured at** Fowlerville Fair Grandstand July 29th What is bareback bronc riding?

The eight-second bareback ride is confusing because sometimes a cowboy's wild spurring appears to be simply showing off while in fact the rhythm of a man's legs on his horse is all that keeps the rigging-(a handhold on the sursingle) from being torn out of his hand.

The bareback rider throws his feet forward in time with the horse's jumps and at the same time this motion keeps his seat close to his riding hand. He's aware that once he slips away from the handhold, he's on the launching pad. The further back he gets on a high-kicking horse, the more trouble he gets into. A cowboy who has his riding arm straightened invariably winds up having his clenched riding hand jerked

Rules require the rider's dulled spurs be over the break of the horse's shoulders when the animal lands the first jump out of the chute, some bareback horses' wheel out almost as quickly as the gate can be jerked open and the cowboy has a hard time keeping that outside foot where it is required to be. The judges are looking for the horse that gives the rider the most trouble for the full eight seconds.

Onlookers, when hearing the score, often are mystified because the bronc who threw a spectacular ride, bucking and jumping, perhaps several times, wasn't marked higher by the judges. They failed to take into consideration that for some of the eight seconds the horse, in the judges' opinion wasn't difficult to stay on.

Join the American Professional Rodeo and International Professional Rodeo Association, World Championship Rodeo, at the Fowlerville Family Fair, on Friday, July 29, at 7:00 PM. Watch this rodeo, with eight events, and see the cowboys & cowgirls complete for \$4,500 added prize money.

Kids can start practicing for the stick horse race, with two age groups: 5 & under and 6-9. (WIN PRIZES) No entry needed for stick horse races.

For information contact Broken Horn Rodeo at 937-392-4608 or email s.m.mcelroy@att.net. Call in date for entries is July 19 from 9AM to 4PM. Phone for call in entry is 337-

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427-6336. Locals & permit holders are accepted. (Must call in to enter.)

## Fowlerville Junior Varsity Softball Team earns two wins against Okemos

The Fowlerville JV Softball Team continued its winning streak taking two games from Okemos on Monday, May 16.

Game one was a 15-0 win in three innings. Grace Nelson led from the mound, striking out eight Okemos batters. Tara Peterson anchored the offense hitting 2 for 3 with a double and triple, along with 4 RBIs. Lily Hall, Maggie Buurma, and Molly Lamar each added two hits to secure the win.

Game two was 14-2 win in five innings. Meadow Browne earned the victory, striking out 8. Buurma and Lamar's bats remained hot racking up two hits each. Browne and Audrey Felver were each 2 for 2 at the plate to help sweep Okemos.





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## Webbervisse Report



Col. Jennifer (Esch) Nash, a former Webberville student, spoke to seniors and juniors last week.

## Former Webberville student speaks to high school students

Webberville alumnae Col. Jennifer (Esch) Nash spoke to high school juniors and seniors last week. Nash, who graduated from Webberville in 1993, was commissioned in August 1998 following her graduation from Michigan State University

Upon completion of the U.S. Army War College in June 2019, she was assigned to United States Strategic Command where she served as Current Operations Officer and Director of Staff at the National Airborne Operations Center. Colonel Nash has served in her current position since July 2021 as the AC/S Recruiting at Eastern Recruiting Region located on Parris Island, South Carolina.

Colonel Nash holds a Master of Sciences degree in Administration from Central Michigan University, Master of Arts degree in National Securities and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College, and Master of Arts degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

Her personal decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star (Fourth Award), Navy and Marine Commendation Medal with Gold Star, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with Gold Star.

Lydia Howard, a senior, was impressed with her presentation.

"I had the opportunity to listen to Colonel Nash speak to us and really enjoyed the experience," Howard said. "She had so many interesting stories to tell, and lots of meaningful advice. One thing that she said really stuck to me, she said "Change? I don't think I'd change anything about what I did. It is the failures where you learn the most, not your successes. Everyone is going to fail, it's what you do when it happens that sets you apart.' I think that this is a really important lesson to learn and I know that I will do my best to implement it into my life."



## Senior Spotlight—Andrew Brewster By Maggie Monroe & Dakota Beverley

Even though this was Andrew Brewster's first year at Webberville Schools, he has made a lasting impact on those around him. Brewster is the son of Christine and Jeff Brewster, and brother to Gabe and Beau Brewster.

Not only did Brewster start at Webberville High School this year, he also joined Wilson Talent Center where he studies in their Automotive Technology program. He has plans to continue in this field after high school and hopes to work for Subaru or Honda one day, noting that he enjoys working on engines and transmissions.

"I plan to go to Delta College after I graduate so I can do Automotive Technology," said Brewster. "My biggest success is getting my Subaru WRX."

When asked about his high school career, Brewster stated that his favorite teacher was Eva Kidder who teaches Consumer Math.

"My favorite thing about Andrew is that he's very social." He is always super open, and I love his stories about his jeep," said Kidder. "I'm going to miss how friendly he is. Andrew is someone who knows what he wants and leads himself very well'

His favorite time at school was his freshman year.

"My favorite year is freshman year because I didn't have any hard classes," said Brewster. "If I could change anything from that year, I would change the classes to be harder, so I don't have to take harder classes in later years."

Some advice that Brewster has for underclassmen is to "get your work done as soon as possible so that you have more free time later."

## Williamston Area **Senior Center**

May 2022 Events

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

Monday, May 23rd- Euchre 10am-Noon, Lucky Penny Day, Presentation by American Red Cross at 12:30pm, and Vintage Senior Prom & Dinner 5 pm at Family Life Wesleyan Church-3720 Rowley Road in Williamston

Tuesday, May 24th- Euchre 10am-Noon, International Tiara Day, Mind Games with the Library at 12:30pm, and Knitter Group 1pm-3pm

Wednesday, May 25th- Euchre 10am-Noon, Make Your Own Garden Stake 11am, Chair Exercise 12:30pm, and Needle Work Group 1pm-3pm

Thursday, May 26th- Euchre 10am-Noon, Sock Hop Party and Bingo at 12:30pm

Monday, May 30th- Closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 31st- Euchre 10am-Noon, National Macaroon Day, Save Your Hearing Day! Presentation by Hearing Health Care at 12:30pm, and Knitter Group 1pm-

## Webberville High School holds 2022 Senior Awards Presentation

Webberville High School held the 2022 Senior Awards Presentation last Monday. Here are the recipients of the local scholarships.



Casual Because We Care Scholarship - The Casual Because We Care Scholarship is sponsored by the Student Council and is funded by middle and high school staff members. Each week staff members pay to dress casually on Fridays. This year's Casual Because We Care Scholarship recipient is Hannah Birkett.



Webberville Education Association Scholarship – this scholarship is funded by the WEA members. This year's recipient is Baylee Cloudman.



Troy Branch Skilled Trades - Not all roads to success include College Avenue or University Boulevard. Sometimes it takes you down a long dirt road or a highway to the city. The majority of people use the roads, live in the homes, drive the vehicles, use the appliances, and don't think twice about it. But the few are the ones who form the roads, build the homes, construct the vehicles, and fix the appliances. These are the ones we want to recognize, the men and women who go to trade school, start an apprenticeship, or work and learn on the job. We understand the importance of these careers and how they make the world go round. The Branch family is offering \$1,000 to go towards training and/or tools in memory of their son and brother Troy Branch. The recipient of the Troy Branch Skilled Trades is Maxin Mills.



Lions Club Scholarship - This scholarship is sponsored by our local Lions Club members. The recipient of this year's scholarships are Kolson Lycos and Nathan Lott.





Bernard J. Simons Scholarship - Mr. Simons was the owner of the Oak Lane Golf Course here in Webberville. This Scholarship is in memory of their father. The recipients of this year's scholarships are Lydia Howard and Logan Pierce.

Awards continued on next pages.

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An open house to celebrate and honor Cindy is being held on

Sunday, June 5, 2022 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm

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## Webberville High School 2022 Senior Awards, continued



Gregory Flynn Memorial Scholarship -The Leroy Township Firefighter's Association has established the Gregory Flynn Memorial Scholarship in loving memory of their fellow comrade. This \$500 scholarship is being awarded to a qualifying student from Webberville Community Schools who desires to pursue further education in the fields of Criminal Justice, Fire Sciences, or Emergency Medical Services. The recipient of the Gregory Flynn Memorial Scholarship is Allison Bliesner.



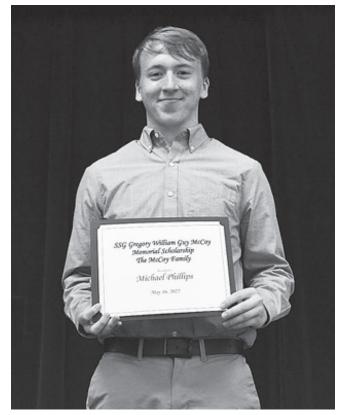
We would like to recognize our FFA seniors who have been dedicated to completing our career tech program in agriscience and earned their state degrees and are earning graduation honors. They are Lucas Wisuri, Owen Hull and Hayley Williams.



Lansing Community College Star Scholarship: Kristina Pendell and Stella Wilder.



Rosanne Fifarek Journalist Scholar Award - This scholarship is a memorial to Rosanne Fifarek's professionalism and the impact she made on her entire school family as well as the community of Webberville. The committee was so impressed with this year's applicants. On the advice of Advisor Colleen Scott Keiser the committee proudly recognizes applicants that have dedicated countless hours and servant leadership to this program throughout the most challenging of circumstances. On behalf of the scholarship committee, it is our pleasure to award the Rosanne Fifarek Scholarship to three individuals who have devoted their high school careers to scholastic journalism. Congratulations Senior Editors Lydia Howard, Hayley Williams and Emma LeBoeuf.



Staff Sergeant Gregory Guy McCoy Scholarship - Staff Sergeant McCoy was a dedicated soldier with 3 re-enlistments and 2 deployments to Iraq. Unfortunately, while returning from a training mission, Greg was killed by an improvised explosive device. This scholarship is being offered in loving memory by his family. The recipient of the Staff Sergeant Gregory Guy McCoy Scholarship is Michael Phillips.



Memorial Day Run Scholarship - Beginning on Memorial Day in 2007, the Memorial Day Run began in memory of Staff Sergeant Gregory Guy McCoy, the 5 & 10K runs begin at the elementary school and end at the high school. Runners follow a designated route that takes them through our Webberville community. The recipient of this year's Webberville Memorial Day Run Scholarship is Kylie Atkins.



Lisa Borchard Memorial Scholarship - This scholarship is awarded to a student entering into the field of education, or a field that focuses on youth and education. This scholarship is in memory of Lisa Borchard, a former Webberville student and athlete, who dedicated her career to elementary and special education. The recipient of this year's Lisa Borchard Memorial Scholarship is Baylee Cloudman.



Kennedy's Legacy Scholarship - The family of Kennedy (best known as Tootsie), in her spirit, has established this legacy scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to an individual who has demonstrated well rounded character and kindness as well as commitment to their community and those who surround them. This



The Alex and Mary Vercellino Scholarship - Mr. Alex Vercellino was a teacher and administrator at Webberville Community Schools in the 1960s. Mr. and Mrs. Vercellino have not forgotten their time in Webberville and wish to extend their gratitude to the great community that has a special place in their hearts. This year they would like the scholarship in memory of Bill Wheeler. This year's scholarship recipient is Emma LeBoeuf.



Jarad Holbrook Memorial Scholarship - The recipient of the Jarad Holbrook Memorial Scholarship is Baylee Cloudman (on right) with Deb Holbrook.



The FFA Alumni have established several scholarships for students planning to further their education. They have been established by boosters, memorial contributors, and alumni who wished to see their FFA experience or the experience of their family and friends be memorialized in a living endowment. This year's FFA Alumni Scholarship award goes to two seniors for their outstanding leadership, community service and scholarship throughout high school. This year's recipients are Hayley Williams and Halie Hull.

## **NIESA Fire Report (Northeast Ingham Emergency Service Authority**)

On Wednesday May 11, 2022 NIESA responded to two emergency medical calls. One response was in Williamstown Township, the second was in the City of Williamston.

Thursday May 12, 2022 NIESA had eight calls. Four responses were emergency medical calls, three were fire responses, and one was a vehicle accident. The emergency medical responses occurred in Williamstown Township, City of Williamston, Village of Webberville, and Leroy Township, and the vehicle accident was in Leroy Township. The remaining three responses were fire related and all of them occurred in Williamstown Township. One was a structure fire at the Red Cedar Antiques on Grand River, the second was for a brush fire on Shoeman Road, and the third was a dumpster/trailer fire at the Ingham County Transfer Station on Grand River east of Williamston.

On Friday May 13, 2022 NIESA responded to two calls. One response was an emergency medical call in the City of Williamston. The second response was for a vehicle accident on I-96 in Leroy Township.

Saturday May 14, 2022 NIESA had two calls. Both responses were emergency medical responses, with one occurring in the City of Williamston, and the second in Leroy Township.

On Sunday May 15, 2022 NIESA responded to six calls.

Four were emergency medical calls, with two occurring in Leroy Township, one in the Village of Webberville, and another was an assist to Lansing Mason ambulance. NIESA also responded to two fire calls. One was an odor investigation in Wheatfield Township, and the second was a dryer fire in Leroy Township.

Monday May 16, 2022 NIESA had eight calls. Seven of the responses were emergency medical calls, with two occurring in Locke Township, two in the City of Williamston, two in Wheatfield Township, and one in Leroy Township. NIESA also responded to a grass fire in Leroy Township on

On Tuesday May 17, 2022 NIESA responded to five emergency medical calls. The calls were spread throughout the district, with one occurring in the City of Williamston, a second in Leroy Township, the third in Wheatfield Township, and a fourth in Williamstown Township. The fifth responses was an assist to Stockbridge ambulance.

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## **Ingham County Comments**

By: Randy Schafer, **District 13** Commissioner

The opportunity to serve as an Ingham County Commissioner has been an incredible experience. The County is such a vast conglomeration of services, departments and activities that create a never-ending learning experience and adaptation.

I grew up in a very small community on a small farm. Webberville dwarfs my hometown. As one can imagine, interfacing with 13 other Commissioners, most of whom come from urban areas has been interesting. The priorities

and experiences are so very different.

I was fortunate to have a great family. Even though my father died when I was nine, his impressions Mom was continue. widowed with 8 children. Life was physically difficult; however, the family was close knit and still is to this day. She was an amazing

centers, clinics, justice, etc.

been enlightening. However, in every case I will state that government can never replace a sound family and

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most important priority, but we must deal with the current situation and hopefully make things better.

The American Rescue Plan deposited an extra \$58,000,000 in our coffers. Some of the expenditures have been good and will yield benefits long term. Some of these included actual physical infrastructure projects. Other expenditures were made simply because it was good politics for some Commissioners and other expenditures to support a rural health clinic with a school or assisting Child and Family Services were heavily scrutinized.

The expenditure of the American Rescue Plan was put on a fast track by the Feds to spur the economy. What really happened was too much came too fast. As a result, the supply chain of materials, workers and planning were not sufficient. The cost of doing the same work has risen approximately 30% in one year. So, the road and bridge repair enthusiasm will be tempered.

Throughout history, there have been challenges and controversy. It is a part of basic human nature. These are not the worst times and this is not a time any tougher than the dozens and dozens of other times in our history.

The differences appear to be the social media and lack of respected journalism; increasing anger and feeding on fears increases readership. It is very selective in the critics and attacks on individuals and characters.

The book by Sharyl Attkission intitled "The Smear: How the Secret Art of Character Assassination Controls What You Think, What you Read and How to Vote" is an eve opener.

Good, objective and balanced reporting would be a wonderful thing. With that said, everyday is the day to be thankful and focus on positive and good things in life. As my mother always said, "simply count your blessings everyday and don't let the yearning get in the way of appreciation."

The role of County Commissioner, with all the ups and downs, is a great experience that will always be treasured. And, there are a lot of very good people in office doing what they believe is the best. Learning to listen, discuss and asking to learn one's story is something a fantastic school administrator constantly stated. How true.

## In My Father's Footsteps A Walk from Hell to Paradise

Discover the Beauty of Michigan on Foot. Explorer Clayton Klein spent many days walking the state of Michigan. Into his 90s, he regularly logged over 1,500 miles each vear. To raise awareness and funds for Hospice, he trekked from Paradise in the Upper Peninsula to Hell in Southeastern Michigan each September.

His daughter and fellow adventurer, Debbie Klein, accompanied Clate on many of his expeditions. Together they canoed above the Arctic Circle and through the Everglades, backpacked the Lake Superior shore, and walked the country roads and rustic trails of rural Michigan. Deb also charted her own path on a bicycle, pedaling throughout Michigan and across the United States.

Join Deb as she shares these adventures with delight and humor, culminating in her own walk from Hell to Paradise. She shares

descriptions of wildlife encounters, the serenity of exploring Michigan on foot, and the exceptional kindness and generosity of the friends she met along the journey. This is the story of an audacious goal set and accomplished, and a heartwarming tale of the extraordinary bond between father and daughter.

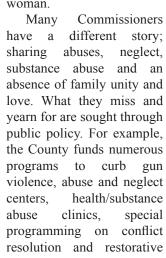
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## —Area Deaths—



## Philip M. Tatus

Tatus, Philip Michael, a long-time resident of Fowlerville, Michigan, lost his battle with cancer at age 71 on November 2, 2021, in the care of Arbor Hospice Residence, Saline, Michigan. Born in Detroit, he was the beloved son of Peter S. and Irene D. (Gburzynski) Tatus.

Phil was drafted into the US Army and served on active duty in Viet Nam. After returning from his service, Phil worked at several GM plants over the years, completing his career at the General Motors Flint Metal Center. Phil was an active union representative, recognized for his service to the United Auto Workers (UAW) as a union steward before his retirement in 2015.

At GM, Phil befriended a younger fellow employee, Anthony Pope, who became like a brother to Phil for the rest of his days. Phil's family and friends remain ever grateful for Anthony's care and diligence during Phil's illness.

A resourceful environmentalist and avid fisherman, Phil was committed to the outdoors and nature. Recognized in the neighborhood as "the man with the brown dog," Phil and his good friend Robert walked the countryside near Fowlerville with their canines for nearly 12 consecutive years. Rain or snow, they rarely missed a day. Phil's faithful companion Hershey continues to reside next door.

Surviving are Phil's aunt Maxine Meister as well as siblings: Ronald (Kathy) Tatus of Jacksonville, Arkansas; Jeffrey (Marisol) Tatus of Vail, Arizona; Robert Tatus of Waterford, Michigan; sister-in-law Krys Tatus of Fenton, Michigan.

Other survivors include nieces and nephews: Elizabeth, Matthew, Jonathan, Bret, Taryn, Kacy, Cally, Parker, Lauren, Paulo, Isaiah, Elena, and his great-niece Ella as well as a number of wonderful, caring cousins.

Phil was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Susan and Michaeleen, and youngest brother Rick.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Legion Post in Howell or the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6464 in Fowlerville, Michigan.

An open memorial will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2022, at Sharp Funeral Home, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton, MI, 48430. Visitation will begin at 9:30 AM followed by a service and open floor at 10:30 AM. Burial with military honors is scheduled for noon at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Cemetery, 600 N. Adelaide Street, in Fenton.

#### **Marie Curtis**

Marie Alice Curtis, 96, of Tampa Florida died May 10, 2022 at Northdale Rehabilitation Center in Tampa, Florida.

She was born October 21, 1925 in Farmington Michigan. At an early age she moved to Fowlerville. At the beginning of WW2 she worked on the line of Howell Electric Motors assembling electric motors for the use in war planes. Later she moved to Chicago and worked as a train conductor for the Chicago Railroads for the duration of the war. After moving back to Fowlerville and marrying Louis Freeman Curtis in September of 1946 and having 7 children, she became a licensed real estate agent and eventually earned a degree as a licensed dietitian. In 1986 Marie and Louis became permanent residents of Zephyrhills Florida.

Survivors include one son, Steven Curtis of Fowlerville; five daughters, Louise Silver of Oscoda, Ruth Biegert of Brighton, Jennifer Curtis of Tampa, Evelyn Curtis of Zephyrhills and Cynthia Robinson of Stephenson, 11 grandchildren and 25 plus great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Bruce Curtis and husband Louis Curtis.

A memorial service will be held in Fowlerville at a later date

## Fowlerville Wrestling Club takes part in recent State Finals

By Coach Dan Coon

Friday, May 13, and Saturday the 14th was the State Finals for the Olympic styles of wrestling for our Wrestling Club. We ran a 6 week season, starting the first week of April and finished up with the State Level competition at the Mundy Sportsplex in Grand Blanc.

Relatively speaking, it was not a super size tournament. There were over 500 wrestlers present over the two days of the 5000 Michigan USA members that pulls from the pool of 15,000 wrestlers in the state of Michigan. That 500 plus wrestlers that do take the time to show up in the warm spring days are the best of the 15,000 plus winter wrestlers.

Our club is one of the strongest in the state and one of the few that is school based. Many other clubs have become the central meeting spot for county practices where the schools have combined to make their springtime teams. SAW, the team with the most members at the state meet, covers over a five-county area to make their team of 28 at the state meet.

The West Side Wrestling Club, who had 27 members at the state meet, covers a six-county area. We tied for the 5th largest team with 18. All the larger teams in front of us were the "all-star" teams. We have homegrown Fowlerville kids ready to put in the extra effort.

Michigan USA Wrestling does their best to separate kids by age groups and weight classes. Many of the local tournaments are grouped by age and weight and experience until the state meet, where we have the set weight classes. We are divided

up every two years of birth until they qualify for Juniors, which is the "High School Age Group".

Michigan USA Wrestling also includes the Veterans. These are the guys past the college age that still want to step on the mat. Unfortunately, our club was unable to put any of those guys on the mat, but maybe next year. It is always one of the fans' favorites to watch. Our kids represented Fowlerville well. GR is Greco and FS is Freestyle.

JAXSON HEFFENTRAGER 6u 44lbs GR 1st & FS 3rd, JESSICA BUURMA 10u 53lbs GR 3rd & FS 3rd, LOWELL O'NEIL 10u 77lbs GR 3rd & FS 2nd, WAYLEN ELIAS 10u 84lbs GR 3rd & FS 3rd, JOE BUURMA 12u 117lbs GR 1st & FS 1st, LARSON O'NEIL 12U 135lbs GR No place & FS 1 win,

ANNA BUURMA 14u 110 GR no place FS 5th, 14u girls state champ,

JACOB HODGE 14u 136 GR 2nd, 149lbs FS 2nd, LIAM O'NEIL 14u 165 GR 1st FS 2nd,

MAGGIE BUURMA 16u 126lbs GR no place & FS 1 win, 2 losses, junior girls 127 State Champ,

THOMAS PRESTON 16u 160 GR & FS 1 win -2 losses both styles

WAYLON LAMKIN 16u 170 GR 3 FS 2, LAYNE O'NEIL 16u 170 GR1st FS no place JIM BUURMA Junior 160 FS 1 win 2 losses. JONATHEN DAVIS Junior 170 4th FS, RICHARD DAVIS Junior 182 FS 4th.

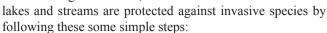
These guys and girls are taking the first steps to wrestling on future World and Olympic teams representing the USA. May 20, 21, 22 is our five-state regional held in Fort Wayne Indiana where we find out who the best are in the Region. We are challenged by Ohio, host Indiana, Illinois (returning Nat'l Champs), Tennessee and Kentucky. Some years there will be some individuals who will make their way from Wisconsin and Minnesota that will make this an exceptionally tough tournament.

We have some national qualifiers now because of our state placements and how our national tournament qualifications are set up. Our national qualifiers can wrestle on dual teams going to Indiana (14u team) Illinois (16u team), Oklahoma (junior and junior girls teams), and Fargo North Dakota (Individual 16u and Juniors). Our National qualifiers are Jacob Hodge, Liam O'Neil, Maggie Buurma, Thomas Preston, Waylon Lamkin, Layne O'Neil, and Jim Buurma.

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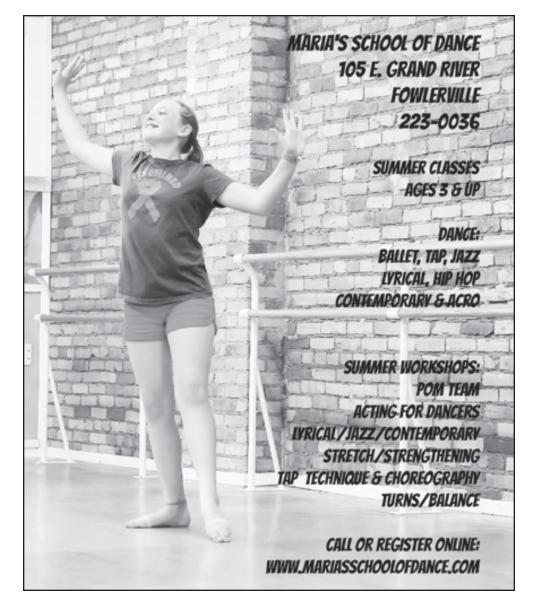
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Ripples from a trout splash move outward across the surface of a still Upper Peninsula lake

## **Showcasing Michigan DNR—**

## **Nature's Intangibles**

By John Pepin

## Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources

"Sixteen miles to seven lakes way up among the pines; in some hidden valley where the twirling river twines," - Gordon Lightfoot

When we pulled around the corner of this quiet country road that bent toward the lake, the gravel crunched loudly under our tires. The sound echoed sharply into the high hills.

A moment or two later and we were there. With the hinges creaking before the doors slammed shut, only two steps outside of the vehicle we could already tell our voices and footsteps were way too loud for this place.

As we lowered the boat off the trailer, we'd made the adjustment, talking now in softer, almost hushed tones, deferring to the morning birds rehearsing their repertoires.

The water slurped as we slipped the bow of the boat into deeper water. For one of us, it was our first time here. For the other, the first time in about 40 years.

"Think about all of the things that have gone on in the world and society over all those years, and this lake has just been sitting here the whole time," I said.

This place not only was ancient, a remnant of the Wisconsin glaciation, it felt ancient, and it even sounded prehistoric with the shrill cry of a pileated woodpecker slashing through the morning air like a knife. A moment or two later, the thundering drill of the bird's sharp bill on the side of a tree trunk resounded over the water.

If this weren't primitive enough, there were the strange dinosaur-like sounds of mating cranes in the distance, and, closer to where we listened, the springtime wing-drumming of a grouse atop his moss-covered log on the forest floor. Over the side of the boat, small, striped minnows darted along the bottom of the deepening lake. This place was magnificent, a mirror of heaven that cast the vision of the sky back upon itself as it twirled.

And below, the lake was clear, cold, honest and true from the flat reflection of the bare northern hardwoods that stood along its shore, straight through past the fish and the water reeds to its gravelly bottom.

How many more places were there like this? There had to be more. But lakes, rivers and creeks, like people, seem to be individuals, with their own temperaments, troubles, joys and heartaches.

This lake was not only beautiful, seeming to hold the wisdom of her years, but she appeared unafraid to reveal her profound secrets to those willing to be patient enough to wait, listen and receive. Today, she was soft and quiet one moment, choppy and rough the next.

As we floated on ahead, a loon that had been peering beneath the water, likely in search of some of those striped minnows, surfaced about 70 feet off the bow. It then dove and resurfaced again, this time closer. Then, in the distance, another.

From the sunlit trees along the shore, winter wrens, whitethroated sparrows, red-breasted nuthatches and eastern phoebes all chose to sing, as though the sun energized the batteries in their music boxes.

But, while these birds sang, the loons remained silent.

Like the lake itself, the loon pair appeared in their silence and majesty to possess deep secrets hidden behind their brilliant red eyes they wouldn't be divulging today.

We understood. We could hardly blame them, with one among us a first-timer here and the second not having returned to this spot in decades. Perhaps another time, when we were ready, they would be ready.

With our boat tied to a floating log, we spent a few minutes between the sudden tugs of swirling trout that raced and turned after our bait to have a few bites of lunch ourselves.



## Michigan House Report

By Bob Bezotte, 47<sup>nd</sup> District

In recognition of National Police Week, I would like to commend our police officers for their selfless commitment to the citizens of the State of Michigan. This week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of

Law enforcement is a dangerous profession, requiring skill, preparation, and rapid response at a moment's notice. It demonstrates your courage, leadership, and strength of character. We extend our highest commendation and respect for the bravery and service you provide to our communities as a police officer.

Exemplary public servants rarely receive the recognition they deserve. Our communities would not function without these committed individuals, willing to devote such considerable time, energy, and talent to help others. Their contributions and sacrifices safeguard our citizens and communities. Therefore, I would like to thank all of our law enforcement for their tireless efforts to ensure this state is a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family.

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.

Painted turtles on logs, a bag of salted peanuts in my jacket pocket. A couple of ham and cheese sandwiches and some fresh drinking water. Our talk, in the face of the timelessness of this place, centered on changes, what's gone and won't be

The music and the miles. So many places we all knew so well, boarded up now if they still stood at all, clutching to an unstated pride, storytellers in their times, honored and respected — in a way, kind of like old trout anglers — grandfathers, fathers and sons. Grandmothers, mothers and daugh-

An hour or so later, we were heading back out along the dirt road, heading north into those towering hills, where we would roll down over the other side through the pines of the plains, and eventually, to the big blacktop.

But before that, we'd stand within the walls of the river gorge and feel the power, and listen to the sound of that roaring water. More signs of ancient geology at work, more places for fish to hide, more places to feel alive and whole.

From the placid waters of the crystal lake, encrusted in shimmering diamonds, to the torrent of the tremendous river, though the wind was still cold for May, we certainly stood in high country today.

It's days like these we look back to and we hope to soon find again, amid the noise and the busy, the commitments and the clock. Yes, it's days like these that ultimately, among the wilds of nature, we cherish.

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## Williamston Area Senior Center celebrates Kentucky Derby with party

The Williamston Area Senior Center went to the races on May 9th to celebrate the Kentucky Derby. Winning by a long shot was Walking Taco (Ron Harris), followed by Moo Moo (Julie Rudd), The Graduate (Diana Aldrink) and bringing up the rear was Mr. Pretzel (Doug Gruschow). Following the race, we had a very competitive game of Kentucky Derby bingo and a great lunch.



From left are Center director Beth Schrader, Barbara Upleger, and Karen Spak.



From Left 'Walking Taco' Ron Harris, 'The Graduate' Diana Aldrink, 'Mr. Pretzel' Doug Gruschow, and 'Moo Moo' Assistant Director Julie Rudd.



## Savvy Senior Column

By Jim Miller

## How to Start a Walking Program and Stay Motivated

Dear Savvy Senior,

My doctor recently suggested I start a walking program to help get my weight and blood pressure under control, but I've never exercised much and am 66. Can you recommend some tips?

Hate to Exercise

### Dear Hate,

You should follow your doctor's orders. Years of research have shown that walking may be the single best exercise you can do to improve your health as you age. It burns calories, which will help you lose weight, builds endurance, enhances muscle tone and it doesn't pound your joints.

It also helps improve or prevent many age-related health problems including high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease, arthritis, osteoporosis, dementia and even depression.

But walking is not only good for what ails you. It's also one of the easiest and most convenient exercises you can do and is completely free. All you need is a good pair of walking shoes that fit well and a little desire. Here are some things you should know to help get you started and stay motivated.

### **Getting Started**

Start out slow if you need to. For many people this means head out the door, walk for 10 minutes, and walk back. Do it every day for a week. If that seems easy, add five minutes to your walks the next week and keep adding five minutes until you are walking as long as you desire. It's also a smart idea

to start and finish your walk with a few simple warm up and cool down stretches. Stretching will make you feel better and help prevent injury.

Most fitness professionals recommend walking about 30 minutes, five or more days a week. Or, for optimal health benefits aim for 10,000 steps per day, which is the equivalent of about five miles.

Your walking pace is also important. While strolling around the park or neighborhood at an easy pace is good for you, a brisker pace that has you breathing heavily, but you are still able to carry on a conversation, provides better health, fitness and weight loss benefits.

#### **Staying Motivated**

While starting a walking program takes initiative, sticking with it takes commitment. Here are some tips to help you stay motivated:

**Find a walking buddy:** Having a friend to walk with can provide motivation and support along with companionship.

Wear a fitness tracker or pedometer: These devices measure how far you've walked in steps and miles, providing motivation by spurring you to meet a particular goal and showing you if you've met it. Or, if you use a smartphone there are free pedometer apps you can download like MyPacer: com, Google.com/fit or Accupedo.com.

Join a walking club: To find one in your community, call your nearby medical center, mall, health club, senior center, running shoe stores or Area Agency on Aging to see if they sponsor or know of any clubs or groups. Or try MeetUp. com or the American Volkss-

port Association (*AVA.org*), to search for non-competitive walking clubs in your area, or start one.

**Keep a journal:** Use it to keep track of your walking minutes, steps, or mileage and total it up at the end of each week to see how you're progressing. There are also free apps like *MapMyWalk.com* and *Walkmeter.com* that use GPS to map your walk and measure your distance and time, which is fun and motivating.

Have a backup plan: If bad weather, allergies or other factors limit your outdoor walking have a backup plan like walking at your local mall, buying a home treadmill or joining a health club.

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.





Pictured: Patti DuFore (FBA Administrator), Kelly Feskorn, Gail Feskorn, Paul Harmon (FBA President).

Congratulations to our 2022 Mother's Day basket winner,
Gail Feskorn of Brighton. She was entered at
Biggby Coffee by her daughter, Kelly Feskorn of Fowlerville.

The Fowlerville Business Association would like to thank the following businesses for participating in the 2022 Mother's Day Basket Drawing.

Thank you for your continued support on making this a success!

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### Letter to the Editor

I'd like to thank all the readers who have let me know the enjoyment my book has provided. Many have shared personal stories of new-found old quilts quite forgotten.

A small gathering at the Fowlerville Library had a delightful sharing of quilt treasures. It was so well received that a fall re-event is being considered.

If I may, please consider reviewing my book in Good Reads or on Amazon if purchased there.

I continue to be gratified that "Picking Up Pieces" has brought comfort and joy as the pages turned ideas into opening doors to memories and treasured feelings. Thank you!

Sue Frazier







# U.S. Congress Report

By Elissa Slotkin, 8<sup>th</sup> District, U.S. House of Representatives

## Unveils Two Bipartisan Bills to Enhance Border Security, Combat Migrant Trafficking

U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin (MI-08) has announced two new bipartisan bills she is leading to address the crisis at the southern border. Led by Slotkin and Republican Rep. Tony Gonzales (TX-23), the bills would direct the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to take a whole-of-government

approach to prevent migration surges at the border before they happen, as well as requiring DHS to partner with countries in Central America to counter human trafficking efforts that exacerbate surges along the border.

The Emergency Migration Response Act would direct DHS to treat migration surges similar to natural disasters: as events that demand a swift, coordinated, response from across the U.S. federal government. The Border Security and Migrant Safety Act would create an intelligence analytic cell to provide necessary insight on concentrated surges of migration to the southwest border and require DHS to partner with neighboring countries to counter malicious like transnational actors criminal organizations. Illegal criminal organizations made \$1.7 billion in the last year by smuggling migrants just from the three Northern Triangle countries of Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras.

"Let's be honest with ourselves: Our immigration system has been broken for multiple administrations – Democrat and Republican. Neither party has provided real solutions to the crisis at our southern border that incentivize people to apply from their home country," said Slotkin.

"I've always been supportive of a bipartisan plan that both secures our border and reforms our laws, so today I'm putting my money where my mouth is," she said. "I reject the idea that we have to choose between border security and welcoming those who want to come to the U.S. legally in search of a better life. We can and must do both – to improve our national security and grow our economy by filling the many job vacancies that continue to hold American small businesses back. In Congress, we're the ones who write the laws, and that means we're responsible for rising above partisan politics and finding bipartisan situations. I urge the Democratic leadership to take up legislation like mine to get to the root of this challenge and pass a real solution."

"Every day migrants are dying at our southern border due to overheating, drowning, and other dangerous risks that come with crossing the desert," said Gonzales. "This border crisis has resulted in a record number of border crossings and thus migrant deaths and has made way for cartels to make billions off vulnerable populations. It's long overdue that Congress provides a bipartisan solution that secures our borders and begins the conversation about legal immigration. I am proud to co-lead this effort with Congresswoman Slotkin to work across the aisle, increase migrant safety and combat criminals at the southern border."

Both of Slotkin's bills were endorsed by the Bipartisan Policy Center and Third Way.

For weeks, Slotkin has been pushing the Biden administration to develop a more wide-ranging plan to address this humanitarian and security crisis. Last month, she wrote a letter with U.S. Rep. Abigail Spanberger (VA-07) – also a former CIA officer – asking the Biden administration to delay lifting Title 42 until a comprehensive plan was in place to deal with the expected surge of migrants crossing the southern border.

Slotkin has been a staunch advocate for securing our border and reforming the U.S.'s outdated immigration laws. In the 116th and 117th Congresses, Slotkin introduced the bipartisan INTEL At Our Borders Act, which would require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to apply cutting edge technology to help secure the border. The legislation was endorsed by the National Border Patrol Council and the Bipartisan Policy Center.

The Emergency Migration Response Act would create a framework directing federal response to "extraordinary migration events." This response framework includes:

- Criteria created by DHS for what constitutes an "extraordinary migration event";
- A federal coordinating officer and an interagency coordination cell overseeing the response of DHS and other federal departments and agencies;
- Migration response teams to surge resources, medical care, and processing personnel to the border;
- Mechanisms to coordinate and partner with relief organizations;
- Emergency funding for soft-sided facilities, medical care, transportation, and personnel costs; and
- A requirement to submit to Congress a report on resources used during the emergency and any supplemental appropriations requests.

The Border Security and Migrant Safety Act would:

 Create an intelligence analytic cell to provide necessary insight on concentrated surges of migration to the southwest border – critical to the Department's ability to respond.

It would also stand up a joint task force and require the Department to partner with neighboring countries to counter malicious actors like transnational criminal organizations, including those with a potential nexus with terrorism.

## Fowlerville Junior Varsity Softball Team ends season with two wins

The Fowlerville JV Softball Team ended their season last Tuesday with two wins over Lansing (Eastern and Everett combined).

Game one was a 15-0 victory in three innings. Grace Nåelson moved to 11-1 on the mound with her six-strikeout performance. The defense played well behind her strong pitching. Molly Lamar, Tara Peterson, and Morgan Jenks were each 1 for 2 at the plate.

Game two was 17-2 win also in three innings. Tara Peterson earned the win by striking out five Lansing batters. Maggie Buurma went 4 for 4 at the plate, while Peterson was 2 for 3 and Nelson was 2 for 2.

The girls ended their season with a record of 21 wins and 2 losses.

"The future of Fowlerville softball is bright!"noted Coach Amy Jarvis. "Great job girls!"

