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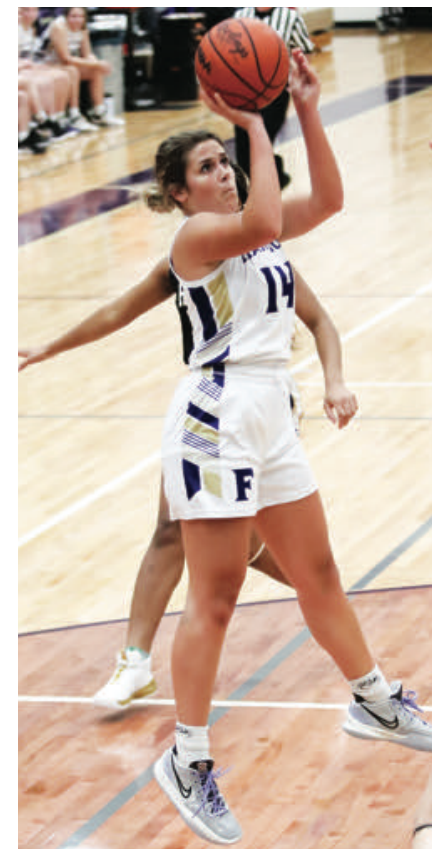
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Fowlerville Winter Sports action resumes this week

With the holiday break nearly over, winter high school sports teams will resume action this coming week. At Fowlerville High, the teams include varsity boys basketball, junior varsity boys basketball, freshman boys basketball, varsity girls basketball, junior varsity girls basketball, wrestling, varsity competitive cheer, junior varsity competitive cheer, gymnastics, and bowling.

The teams also saw action prior to the break. Shown here are the Varsity Girls Basketball Team in a Nov. 30th game against Holt, and the Varsity Competitive Cheer Team at the scholarship meet on Dec. 17th that was hosted by DeWitt.

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See pages 9-12 for photos of the winter sports teams.



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Building opens 6:45 a.m.
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IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES TO NOTE:
January 3 School Resumes
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Doors at FHS will be open at 6:45 a.m. on school days. After school hours if your student is not participating in a sport, math lab, credit recovery or meeting with a teacher they should make arrangements to leave the building by 3 p.m.
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The Fowlerville Ski and Snow Board Club will begin in January. The club is open to 5th through 12th grade students and families. We ski/board at Mt. Brighton every Wednesday beginning January 5th and throughout the month of February. For further information, please contact Ms. DeLuca 517-223-6250 or delucac@fowlervilleschools.org
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Seniors & parents: It is time to order your cap and gown! Please check the fowlervilleschools.org or your google classroom for ordering information as well as other senior information.
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SENIOR pictures are due to the yearbook class by January 14th, 2022, to

Mrs. Hardenbrook. Please see the school website for more information.

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Spring 2021 Fowlerville High School Scholarship Winners: Attention Class of 2021 Senior Honors Night Scholarship Winners. Congratulations again for being the recipient of a Fowlerville Community Scholarship as well as successfully completing the first semester of school/training after high school. Scholarship winners from the Spring 2021 Senior Honors Night can claim their scholarships by completing the Scholarship Winners Request Form. The form is available in the Fowlerville High School counseling office or by visiting the Fowlerville High School web page-counseling tab-2021 Scholarship Winners ribbon.

Winners must provide a copy of their semester 1 college/trade school transcript showing successful completion as well as evidence of semester 2 enrollment (semester 2 class schedule). Please submit the completed form and required evidence in person to the counseling office or to hardenbrookj@fowlervilleschools.org.

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 hardenbrookj@fowlervilleschools.org.
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Fowlerville High School Semester 2 Co-op Program: Juniors and seniors that are interested in the co-op program can pick up semester 2 paperwork from the counseling office after Christmas break. Students must be on track to graduate and have room in their schedule for co-op elective credit. Completed forms should be returned ASAP or by the end of semester 1, January 21. Co-op paperwork is also available on the Fowlerville High School webpage. Please direct any questions to Jamey Hardenbrook at hardenbrookj@fowlervilleschools.org.
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Anyone wishing to donate to the Micro food pantry please go ahead and put canned goods etc. into the pantry..... self serve and self fill. The pantry is located on 2nd St and Grand River next to State Farm.



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Caleb Jenkins Column



A Lesson for 2022

2021 was somewhat of a strange year. Many thought the year would mark a ‘return’ to the ‘new normal.’ For a myriad of tangible and intangible reasons, life would be different in 2021, but I think most people entered the year with the goal of establishing more normalcy than 2020 offered. My sense is that the results were mixed by and large. The debates of 2020 carried into the new year, but many people saw them as ‘old hat.’ The issues were still present and still important, but they felt somehow more routine. Been there, done that. We’ve seen worse.

That perspective is an interesting place to be because it is the edge of a coin that could flip either way. In one sense, that feeling of normalcy helps us approach life with a more balanced and well-reasoned mindset. We can avoid mistakes that are inherent in raw passion. Even if things are not completely normal (or are perhaps a ‘new normal’), we can place events, issues, and challenges of life in context and address them in a *manner* that is normal for long-term considerations. That is resiliency, and it is beneficial.

On the other hand, the feeling of normalcy can lead to complacency. In fact, there is a psychological/philosophical term for it: normalcy bias, which is the inclination to underestimate the significance or effects of unusual circumstances. People often tie normalcy bias to tragedies of considerable magnitude, but it can also generate flawed reasoning in everyday circumstances. A skewed perception of normalcy can lead us to accept disagreeable or even wrong situations and abandon the pursuit of personal excellence. In colloquial terms, it makes us stop pushing, and that is harmful for our mental and physical wellbeing, as well as that of others.

In 2022, I hope we can continue the return to normalcy because that consistency is best for America’s and the world’s security and financial, physical, and mental condition. However, going into a new year, we must not allow the benefits of life to lull us into complacency. We can pursue both objectives—consistency in wellbeing and a passion for excellence—on the coin’s edge.

If I were to choose only one lesson (of the many) from 2021 to take into 2022, I would say it is the importance of *persistence in the face of changing circumstances*. When life is difficult, continue on the course you know is right.

When life is good, continue on the course you know is right. Enjoyable and challenging circumstances alike can derail us from our purpose if we are not watchful. Either way, life is filled with curveballs, but we must not let them sidetrack us from our resolutions. In 2022, start each day with resolve and purpose. Reach the end of this year with the confidence you *purposefully* did your best every day.

Fowlerville Junior High School News

IMPORTANT DATES:

No School-MLK Day-- Jan. 17th
Half day of classes-- Wed-Fri. Jan. 19-21st
End of First Semester-- Fri. Jan. 21st
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SPORTS NEWS

WEEK OF JAN. 3:

Mon., 1/3: WRESTLING practice begins, DAILY; 2:30-4:15; FHS wrestling room. Enter & exit FHS through doors at back of FHS, nearest wrestling room. PHYSICALS & FINAL FORMS REGISTRATION REQUIRED to practice.
CCHEER practice: 5-7:30; FHS Cafeteria. Enter/exit FHS via cafeteria doors at back of FHS. PHYSICALS & FINAL FORM REGISTRATION REQUIRED to practice.
Wed., 1/5: GBB tryouts/practice-2:30-4:15; daily. 8th in FJH gym & 7th in Munn gym. PHYSICALS & FINAL FORMS REGISTRATION REQUIRED to tryout/practice.
Thurs., 1/6: CCHEER practice: 5-7:30; FHS Cafeteria.
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LET IT SNOW

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YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are on sale now for \$32 and can be ordered online or in person for this year. On our Junior High Website page, there is a spot that is labeled ‘yearbook’. If you click that link, you should be able to order from there. In case you are having trouble, here is the link: <https://www.balfour.com/michigan/fowlerville/fowlerville-junior-high-school>

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Smith Elementary School News

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IMPORTANT DATES:
January 3- Classes Resume
January 17- NO SCHOOL (MLK Jr Day)
January 21-12:02 Dismissal
February 21- NO SCHOOL (President's Day)
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Medication –If your child requires any prescription or non-prescription medication during the school year, a parent or guardian must bring the medication in to the Smith Office to drop it off and complete the necessary paperwork. **School Board Policy states that children are not allowed to transport medication.**
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FYI- Each school building in the Fowlerville Community School District has a Child Study Team / Response to Intervention process in place, which is a vehicle for staff members to review student performance, concerns, and collaboratively develop interventions. If you have concerns about your child's development and are interested in more information on special services, contact his/her building Principal.



Jud Scott

Trains and Scaffolding

By Jace Arledge

Well we made it!! Goodbye 2021, hello 2022!!
I hope that your festivities to usher in the New Year were joyous and safe.
This time of year I like to look back over the past year and see where I have come from and where I would like to be moving forward to. I think of those who have left us and those who have joined. What holes were left and what holes have been filled.

This brings me to the title of this piece. I know you are thinking, what do these two things have to do with anything? Let me elaborate.

Trains are used to carry things, people, animals and goods from place to place. If we look at it in terms of our lives, we board the train at birth and meet our parents, who we believe will always travel by our side. As time goes on others board this train: siblings, cousins, children, strangers and even the love of our lives. At some point, at some station along the way, our parents will get out of their seats and disembark, leaving us on our own. Then over time, others, those known to us or not, will also leave the train. With some of them, we may never know when or where this takes place.

On this ride we will encounter all sorts of emotions: joy, happiness, sorrow, expectations, hellos, and goodbyes. However, success of good relationships with all it requires we give our best. The mystery is that we never know when or where we will leave the train, and without this knowledge we should be determined to leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on this train called life.

Which is where scaffolding comes in. What is the purpose of scaffolding? According to Britannica: *a temporary structure used to elevate and support workers and materials during the construction, repair, or cleaning of a structure or machine.*

Our lives are filled with scaffolds, from our parents to our friends, each having a job in our lives to guide us and show us ways to live. Some scaffolding is temporary, such as friends and even loves, but is nonetheless important. Even those who cause hurt and suffering are there to teach us lessons. The broken boards can be used to show us what not to do, or how we can do things better. However they are not supposed to be permanent. They are to be used as steps to go higher, to improve ourselves, to repair or clean what needs to be.

In this New Year, take a look at your train and your scaffolding. Is that what is supposed to be elevating and supporting you stable? Look around at your passenger coach, what and who do you see there traveling with you? For those who have disembarked, what did they leave behind for you to remember? What did you leave them with?

You know by now that I love music, and always find songs that speak to my writing. Today, this song came to mind.

*When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary
When troubles come and my heart burdened be
Then, I am still and wait here in the silence
Until You come and sit awhile with me.*

*You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains
You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas
I am strong, when I am on your shoulders
You raise me up to more than I can be*

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Remember on your train of life to be the strongest scaffold to those you are blessed to meet, no matter how long the journey.

Happy New Year and may you find blessings always.
Till next time...

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Fowlerville High School's "ATHLETES" OF THE WEEK



JV Girls Basketball

Tommi Kleinschmidt – Freshman and Co-Captain - Tommi is currently leading the team on offense by averaging 14 points a game. She is a very hard worker, versatile on what position she plays and a great leader on the court. She gives direction and assists teammates with understanding plays and often explains things to her teammates if they don't understand something. Prior to practice you will always find her in the gym working on her free throws. Tommi has a very bright future in our program and will be one to watch in the future.

Angelle Haan – Sophomore and Co-Captain - Angelle's season was cut short last year due to injury, but having her back makes the jv team so much better. Angelle always gives 100% on both ends of the floor. She is not afraid to crash the boards and guard the best player of the opposing team. Angelle has a great shot and also is very versatile on what position she plays. She will always do what is asked by her coaches and is a great leader for her peers. Angelle will bring a lot to the program in the future.

Ava Campbell – Junior and Co-Captain - Ava is the most positive, vocal leader in the jv program. She is always encouraging her teammates while on the floor or while getting a breather on the bench. Ava has a great shot and once she finds her groove, she is a force to reckon with. Often unrecognized, Ava is one of the best at boxing out her opponent and getting possession of the ball to lead the team on offense. Ava will be someone to watch as she continues to contribute and add different facets of her skills to our program.

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New Orleans <u>27</u> at Atlanta <u>24</u>	Indianapolis <u>28</u> at Jacksonville <u>17</u>
NY Jets <u>17</u> at Buffalo <u>35</u>	Pittsburgh <u>17</u> at Baltimore <u>35</u>
Cincinnati <u>28</u> at Cleveland <u>31</u>	Tennessee <u>27</u> at Houston <u>24</u>
Chicago <u>17</u> at Minnesota <u>28</u>	Kansas City <u>21</u> at Denver <u>28</u>
Washington <u>27</u> at NY Giants <u>24</u>	LA Chargers <u>35</u> at Las Vegas <u>28</u>
Dallas <u>24</u> at Philadelphia <u>27</u>	San Francisco <u>21</u> at LA Rams <u>28</u>
	Seattle <u>17</u> at Arizona <u>28</u>



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Fowlerville Police Report

for the Village of Fowlerville Council Meeting

for Monday, December 20, 2021

The Fowlerville Police Department responded to **641** calls for service over the past two weeks. Tickets used during past two weeks **10**.

Warrant Authorized/Declined

Incident #21-01231 – Operating While Intoxicated – Warrant Furthered

- 25 y/o male, Howell, December 3, 2021 at 0316 hours

Incident #21-01242 – Operating While Intoxicated, Open Intoxicants – Warrant Furthered

- 28 y/o male, Detroit, December 5, 2021 at 0236 hours

Incident #21-01246 – Operating While Intoxicated, Unregistered Vehicle, No Insurance – Warrant Furthered

- 46 y/o male, Fowlerville, December 6, 2021 at 2054 hours

Incident #21-01229 – No Operators License – Under Review

- 63 y/o male, Lansing, December 1, 2021 at 2214 hours

Incident #21-01250 – Violation of Controlled Substance Act, No Insurance, Altered Registration – Warrant Furthered

• 30 y/o female, Blanchard, December 7, 2021 at 2227 hours

- 38 y/o male, Vestaburg, December 7, 2021 at 2227 hours

Incident #21-01251 – Operating While Intoxicated, Sex Offender Registration Act Violation, Weapons Offense, No Insurance and Open Intoxicants – Warrant Furthered

- 24 y/o male, Howell, December 8, 2021 at 0026 hours

Incident #21-01230 – Domestic Violence – Warrant Denied

• 54 y/o female, Fowlerville, December 2, 2021 at 1933 hours

Incident #21-01241 – Driving While License Suspended – Under Review

- 25 y/o female, Lansing, December 5, 2021 at 0007 hours

Incident #21-01169 – Domestic Violence – Warrant Denied

- 15 y/o female, Fowlerville, November 11, 2021 at 1547 hours

Incident #21-01215 – Retail Fraud – Under Review

- 24 y/o female, Lansing, November 26, 2021 at 0944 hours

Incident #21-01188 – Retail Fraud – Warrant Authorized

• 16 y/o female, Fowlerville, November 15, 2021 at 1555 hours

Incident #21-01259 – Operating While Intoxicated 2nd – Warrant Furthered

- 32 y/o male, Webberville, December 12, 2021 at 1935 hours

Incident #21-01260 – Violation of Controlled Substance Act – Under Review

• 58 y/o male, White Lake, December 13, 2021 at 0102 hours

Incident #21-01261 – Aggravated Assault, Interfere with a 911 Call – Warrant Authorized – FELONY

• 56 y/o male, Fowlerville, December 13, 2021 at 0645 hours

Incident #21-01257 – Operating While Intoxicated – Under Review

• 27 y/o male, South Lyon, December 12, 2021 at 0318 hours

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Officers Investigated the Following Types of Complaints:

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| • 11-Assist to EMS/FAFD | • 1-911 hang up |
| • 1-Admin duties | • 1-Abandoned vehicle |
| • 1-Alarm | • 2-Animal complaint |
| • 89-Area check | • 1-BOL |
| • 215-Building/property check | • 1-Bond violation |
| • 12- Citizen assist | • 5-Civic event |
| • 1-DHS referral | • 1-Disturbance |
| • 3-Domestics | • 2-DWLS |
| • 1-Electrical hazard | • 1-Fail to pay |
| • 8-Foot patrol | • 13-Follow up |
| • 26- General Non Criminal | • 2-Fraud |
| • 1-Hazard | • 2-Info-General |
| • 6-Juvenile Complaint | • 1-K9 Training |
| • 9-Liquor investigation | • 1-MDOP |
| • 8-Meetings | • 3-Motorist assist |
| • 1-Ordinance investigation | • 5-OWI |
| • 3-Patrol/traffic complaint | • 2-PDA |
| • 1-PPO violation | • 1-Repo info |
| • 1-Retail fraud | • 24-Subdivision patrol |
| • 35-School events | • 1-Subpoena service |
| • 5- Suspicious Situations/Vehicle/Person | |
| • 57-Traffic details | • 65-Traffic stops |
| • 3-VCSA | • 1-Weapons offense |
| • 6-Welfare check | |

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Assist Other Agency:

None during this reporting period.

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Additional Information:

We had another great Christmas in the Ville festivity and

parade. This is such a great event for our community and is nice seeing so many people come out and enjoy the event. Special thank you to all of those who work so diligently to make this event go so smoothly each year. I might be a little biased but I feel this is the nicest parade around.

This time of year is always the busiest time of year for us at the Fowlerville Police Department. Many people are suffering from depression and we are seeing a lot of alcohol and drug use. We ask people to be kind and to check on loved ones and people you care about and make sure they are doing ok please.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chief John J. Tyler

Fowlerville Police Report

for the Village of Fowlerville Council Meeting

for Monday, January 4, 2022

The Fowlerville Police Department responded to **472** calls for service over the past two weeks. Tickets used during past two weeks **2**.

Warrant Authorized/Declined

Incident #21-01070 – Larceny – Warrant Denied

• 46 y/o male, New Hudson, October 15, 2021 at 1410 hours

Incident #21-01249 – Violation of Controlled Substance Act – Warrant Furthered

• 36 y/o female, Fowlerville, December 7, 2021 at 2028 hours

Incident #21-01286 – Operating While Intoxicated – Warrant Furthered

• 24 y/o male, Fenton, December 22, 2021 at 0254 hours

Incident #21-01243 – Organized Retail Fraud – Warrant Furthered

• 30 y/o male, Fowlerville, December 5, 2021 at 1918 hours

• 26 y/o female, Brighton, December 5, 2021 at 1918 hours

Incident #21-01289 – Driving While License Suspended and No Vehicle Insurance – Warrant Authorized

• 51 y/o male, Howell, December 23, 2021 at 2158 hours

Incident #21-01256 – Concealed Weapons Violation – Warrant Furthered

• 26 y/o female, Lansing, December 12, 2021 at 0251 hours

• 41 y/o male, Lansing, December 12, 2021 at 0251 hours

Incident #21-01284 – Uttering & Publishing, Identity Theft and Counterfeit Registration – Under Review

• 51 y/o male, Grand Rapids, December 21, 2021 at 2258 hours

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Officers Investigated the Following Types of Complaints:

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|---|-----------------------|
| • 20-Assist to EMS/FAFD | • 1-911 hang up |
| • 1-Abandoned vehicle | • 2-Alarms |
| • 2-Animal complaint | • 98-Area check |
| • 1-Assist other agency | |
| • 90-Building/property check | • 4-Citizen assist |
| • 5-Civic event | • 2-Civil complaints |
| • 2-Community policing | • 2-Disturbance |
| • 1-Domestic | • 6-Foot patrol |
| • 11-Follow up | • 1-Gas leak |
| • 29-General Non Criminal | • 1-Hazard |
| • 1-Intimidation threats harassment | |
| • 2-K9 locker search | • 1-Larceny |
| • 12-Liquor investigation | • 1-MDOP |
| • 1-Missing person/Run-a-away | • 8-Meetings |
| • 3-Motorist assist | • 1-OWI |
| • 2-Ordinance investigation | • 3-PDA |
| • 5-Patrol/traffic complaint | • 1-Repo info |
| • 47-Subdivision patrol | • 4-School events |
| • 6- Suspicious Situations/Vehicle/Person | |
| • 8-Subpoena service | • 27-Traffic details |
| • 70-Traffic stops | • 1-Traffic complaint |
| • 2-Warrant attempt/search | • 1-Warrant arrest |
| • 1-Welfare check | |

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Assist Other Agency:

None during this reporting period.

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Additional Information:

This was the biggest giving season for people really stepping up and donating gifts, cards, and thoughtful gestures that I have been a part of. The Fowlerville Rotary members donated many gifts to families who needed a little extra this Christmas season. The Fowlerville VFW donated many gifts to families and then donated the remaining gifts to us. We then in turn donated to families and to a local church who knew of a few families in need. As many of you know, we have a very kind-hearted and gracious community and especially our local business owners. Many wish to remain anonymous but each year donate hundreds or even thousands of dollars to local families who really need a helping hand. We here at the Fowlerville Police Department are grateful

to be able to work in such a great community. Please be safe this holiday season ☺

Respectfully Submitted,
Chief John J. Tyler

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By Vonda Van Til,

Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

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There are many reasons why your child should have a Social Security number. You need a Social Security number to claim your child as a dependent on your income tax return. You may also need a number for your child if you plan to do the following for your child:

- Open a bank account.
- Buy savings bonds.
- Get medical coverage.
- Apply for government services.

You can find more information by reading *Social Security Numbers for Children* at www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10023.pdf.

Please share this information with people who are having a baby. Applying for a Social Security number at the hospital will save them time and let them focus on their new bundle of joy.

Vonda Van Til is the Public Affairs Specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 3045 Knapp NE, Grand Rapids MI 49525 or via email at vonda.vantil@ssa.gov.

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St. Mary Men’s Club of Pinckney to hold country style breakfast Jan. 9

On Sunday, January 9th, St Mary Men’s Club in Pinckney will be holding its monthly Country Style Breakfast at the Parish located south of M-36 at 10601 Dexter Pinckney Road in Putnam Township. Breakfast is served from 8:30am until 11am and is a free-will donation. Proceeds will be used to help support our St. Mary School.

The menu includes: fried or scrambled eggs, hash browns, biscuits and gravy, French toast, pancakes, ham, pork sausage, homemade Breakfast Burritos, the “waffle station” as well as the new “Omelet Station”! For further information call Anna at Parish Office 734-878-3161.

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Regular Village Council Meeting Minutes

*Synopsis

Monday, November 8, 2021

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

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

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

Others Present: Clerk/Manager Kathryn Rajala, Police Chief, John Tyler and and DPW Crew Leader, Cathy Elliott.

MOTION BELL, SECOND HEATH, TO ADD THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Presentation from Mary Robinson, and Discussion of the black walnut tree at the Centennial Park AND APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, AS AMENDED. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

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

MOTON BELL, SECOND HEATH, TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED STREET CLOSURE PLAN, AS PRESENTED. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BELL, SECOND HEATH, TO APPROVE THE WAIVER OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT NOTICES AND HEARING AND CONSENT TO SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FOWLERVILLE AND MARTIN’S TOWN CAR WASH, AS PRESENTED.

ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: BELL, HEATH, MILLS, MAYHEW CURTIS AND HILL. NAY: NONE. ABSENT: HELFMANN. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION MAYHEW, SECOND MILLS, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:30 P.M., VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathryn Rajala, CMMC MiPMC
Village Clerk/Manager
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Some Special Recipes

By Dawn Horton

Thank you to Jean Carl, a local resident and former mail carrier for these recipes. Both sound great for the cold winter days ahead. Enjoy!

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CHICKEN POT PIE

This would also be very good over biscuits.

In a saucepan combine:

- 1 lb. boneless, skinless chicken breast halves, cut into 1/2 inch cubes
- 1 cup sliced carrots
- 1 cup frozen green peas
- 1/2 cup sliced celery

Add water to cover and boil for 15 minutes. Remove from heat, drain and set aside.

- 1/3 cup chopped onion
- 1/3 cup butter

In same saucepan, over medium heat, cook onion in butter until soft and transparent.

Stir in:

- 1/3 cup flour
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp black pepper
- 1/4 tsp celery seed

Slowly stir in:

- 1 3/4 cup chicken broth (1 small can)
- 2/3 cup milk

Simmer and stir until thickened. Remove from heat and set aside.

- 1 pastry for a 9 inch pie

Arrange pie crust into whatever dish you wish to use. Spoon in the chicken mixture, then spoon some of the broth mixture over it. Top with a top crust, cut slits in it to allow steam to escape, and bake at 350 for 30-35 minutes or until golden brown. (Preheat the oven to 425 then turn it down when you put the pie or pies in.) I used casserole dishes for individual servings. Place them on a cookie sheet to save them from boiling over on to the bottom of your oven. It is easier to remove from the oven too. They will be HOT. Let cool for 10 minutes before serving.

—Jean Carl

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JEAN’S PINEAPPLE CAKE

Mix:

- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 tsp baking soda

Add:

- 1 large can undrained crushed pineapple
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 5 oz. chopped pecans

Bake in a greased and floured 9x13 inch pan at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes. Reduce to 325 degrees if using a glass dish. Bake as a sheet cake for only 20-25 minutes. Frost when cake cools with this frosting or any other that you wish.

FROSTING

Cream together:

- 8 oz cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened (one stick)
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar

—Jean Carl



Fowlerville Fire Department Report

December 22

1:03 a.m. Medical response on Alans Dr in Handy Township.

12:22 p.m. Medical response on Penny Hollow Dr in Iosco Township.

4:41 p.m. Medical response on E Grand River Ave in the Village.

11:01 p.m. Medical response on Mohrle Rd in Conway Township.

December 23

8:23 a.m. Medical response on S Church St in the Village.

11:26 a.m. Medical response on Redhawk Dr in Conway Township.

5:19 p.m. Electrical problem on West Fork River Dr in Handy Township.

6:38 p.m. Medical response on Nicholson Rd in Conway Township.

10:32 p.m. Medical response on S Benjamin St in the Village.

December 24

8:13 a.m. Medical response on Cedar River Dr in the

Village.

6:41 p.m. Medical response on Kern Rd in Iosco Township.

December 25

4:15 a.m. Down power line on N Gregory Rd in Handy Township.

1:03 p.m. Medical response on Lange Rd in Iosco Township.

4:21 p.m. Medical response on Chase Lake Rd in Conway Township.

7:40 p.m. Medical response on W Grand River in Handy Township.

December 26

4:39 a.m. Assist LCAS on Alans Dr in Handy Township.

11:02 a.m. Medical response on Owosso Rd in Conway Township.

December 27

2:22 p.m. Medical response on S Jackson St in the Village.

2:35 p.m. Medical response on Fowlerville Rd in Handy Township.

5:29 p.m. Medical response on Fowlerville Rd in Handy Township.

11:04 p.m. Medical response on Secluded Ridge Dr in Conway Township.

December 28

8:27 a.m. Carbon monoxide alarm investigation on S Gregory Rd in Iosco Township.

11:30 a.m. Medical response on E Grand River Ave in Handy Township.

1:08 p.m. Medical response on Glen Mary Dr in Conway Township.

3:33 p.m. Medical response on S Hibbard St in the Village.

5:18 p.m. Gas odor investigation on W Grand River Ave in the Village.

7:58 p.m. Medical response on Red Pine St in the Village.

10:14 p.m. Medical response on Chase Lake Rd in Conway Township.

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2022

A group photo of the Fowlerville Basketball Team. The team consists of 14 players and two coaches. The players are arranged in two rows: seven players are kneeling in the front row, and seven players are standing in the back row. The coaches are standing in the back row, flanking the players. The players are wearing purple jerseys with "FOWLERVILLE" and their numbers in yellow. The numbers in the front row from left to right are 3, 11, 20, 5, 10, 24, and 15. The numbers in the back row from left to right are 32, 22, 44, 2, and an additional player whose number is not clearly visible. The player with number 10 is holding a basketball. The background shows a gymnasium with bleachers and a basketball hoop. A yellow banner in the top left corner reads "Winter Teams".



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JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM—From left, front row, Molly Lamar, Valerie Curd, Kaydence Culbertson, Ava Campbell, Xandra Luke, Audrey Felver; back row, Kaitlyn Seiter, Vivian Shelley, Head Coach Michele Quigley, Tommi Kleinschmidt, and Angelle Haan. Not pictured: Assistant Coach Heather Robinson.



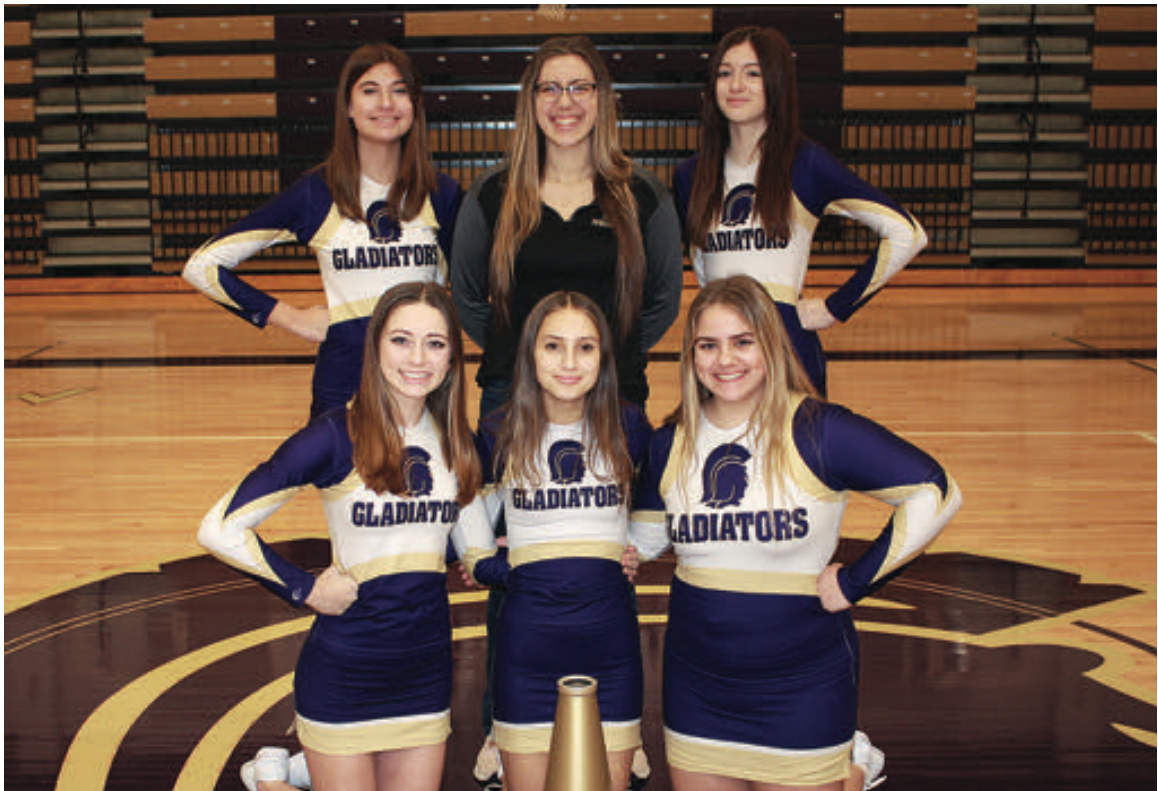
GYMNASTICS TEAM—From left, front row, Avery Germain, Sage Chapman, Anne Marie Germain, Sarah Litz, Ruby Rittman, Brooke Krueger, Amanda Fogo; top row, Maddy Keith, Sarah Kate Wall, Hannah Ray, Raimi Soerries, Kylie Beckel, Morgan Thomas, and Madi Flamini. Not pictured: Nadia Jacobs.

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VARSITY COMPETITIVE CHEER TEAM—From left, front row, Destiny Davison, Agatha Martinez, Allison Pickell, Princesse Nzaou-Pambou, Mattison Herren, Olivia Allen, Ashlynn Spraggins; back row, McKenzie Limonoff, Leah Clark, Rachael Simkins, Coach Kristin Wanke, Kylee Hunt, Emmalee Shull, and Marie Leinweber. Not pictured: Madelyn Donal.



JUNIOR VARSITY COMPETITIVE CHEER TEAM—From left, Morgan Jenks, Amy Brandt, Addy Bonenberger, Madison Groff, Coach Rachel Moulton, and Abby DeCare.



WRESTLING TEAM—From left, front row, Hannah Arledge-Teran, Ethan Luke, Douglas Braidwood, Gabe Minock, Maggie Buurma, Dalton Daniel, Levi Baker, Matt Jeffrey; back row, Coach Sean Harvey, Nathan Wylie, Richard Davis, Mark Bassett, Clayton Minock, Coach Dan Coon, Waylon Lamkin, Jim Buurma, Jon Davis, Drake Dinning, and Coach Craig Zube. Not pictured: Adam Aeschliman, Coach Caleb Medina, and Coach James Testerman.



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Michigan lawmakers push for early parole reform

By Emerson Wigand
Capital News Service

Michigan prison policy fails to consider good behavior and rehabilitation when it comes to parole, some advocates say.

Without rehabilitation, prison time can be pointless, said Rep. Tyrone Carter, D-Detroit. Carter is a sponsor of legislation intended to allow more consideration of prisoner self improvement efforts rather than focus on time served.

“If you take your car to the car wash and it comes out dirty, what’s the point?” Carter said. “Similarly, if people come out of a system the same way or worse, we failed them and we failed society.”

That’s why House and Senate lawmakers have introduced bills to allow sentence reductions by the Department of Corrections of up to 20% for good behavior or participating in rehabilitative programs. The bills use different methods to reward inmates’ good behavior and productivity.

The Senate sponsor, Sen. Jeff Irwin, D-Ann Arbor, said he hopes it will work with the House package to make this change. The bills would open doors shut by the Truth in Sentencing law, Irwin said.

In 1998, voters passed Truth in Sentencing. It requires some inmates to serve their minimum sentences before they can be considered for parole.

Many of these people are not dangerous, and their release could save millions of tax dollars, Irwin said.

The Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police opposes changes to Truth in Sentencing, said Robert Stevenson, its executive director.

“We don’t think it’s needed, and we don’t think it’s fair,” Stevenson said.

The law is needed to ensure uniformity, Stevenson said.

Before Truth in Sentencing, sentences for the same crime could vary widely based on location and the Corrections Department could reduce time served beyond prisoners’ minimums.

Stevenson said the proposed changes would take away judges’ discretion and are unfair to victims.

“It’s hard to get into prison in Michigan, believe it or not,” Stevenson said. “You really do have to do some pretty serious violations, and multiple, to get into prison.”

Therefore, the proposal would really impact only violent offenders, Stevenson said, and prisoners should be kept for at least their minimum sentence, he said.

But Irwin said that Michigan does a poor job distinguishing which people are violent. Additionally, the state has a high population of elderly prisoners whose release likely wouldn’t pose a safety threat.

Parole relies too much on the quantity of time spent, not how it was spent, said Irwin, and rehabilitation should be a factor in release.

Carter said the House and Senate bills attempt to do that in different ways, but both want the same thing. The House package would introduce “productivity” credits, based on participation in rehabilitative programs.

These programs are to prepare prisoners for release as rehabilitated members of society. That could involve obtaining a GED, higher education or

skills in a particular craft.

Irwin’s bill would motivate prisoners by offering “good time” credits, which are given for good behavior and avoiding trouble.

Priscilla Bordayo, the coordinator of Lansing’s chapter of Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice, agrees that good behavior should be rewarded. As a victim of crime, Bordayo believes mercy and justice must go hand in hand.

“I believe that they should serve their time,” she said. “But I’m more focused on what they’re doing with that time.”

The Corrections Department hasn’t taken a position, said Chris Gautz, its public information officer.

These rehabilitation programs already exist and would not require new funding to implement, he said.

The only cost for “credit” programs like those is administrative staff, Irwin said. Those costs would be offset by reducing long prison stays.

Despite that, Attorney General Dana Nessel has called the bills unnecessary and detrimental.

“These bills attempt to save the state money at a cost to be borne by crime victims and our communities,” she wrote in a Detroit News editorial.

That’s also Stevenson’s main argument.

“Let’s say you lost a sister or a brother to crime, they’re gone forever, right?” he said. “The person that killed them, should they be back out enjoying their life when they’re 60 or 65?”

However, Bordayo said she has problems with that logic because those aren’t life sentences and those inmates will be released eventually.

So, Bordayo said, the real question should be whether those released have had a chance to better themselves.

Additionally, not all victims want the same things, she said. And victims and their families will be kept in the loop from start to finish about possible releases.

These decisions will still ultimately be for the parole board, Bordayo said. But programs that recognize and reward good behavior and progress would incentivize improvement.

“What most victims want, more than just justice, is what happened to them to not be repeated,” Bordayo said. “So to me as a victim, that’s a win-win.”

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Steve Horton Column

Appointed boards & commissions spread out input and allow a diversity of voices

In our government of “checks and balances,” we have the well-known trinity of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches at both the federal and state levels. But there is another layer that’s evolved; that being appointed boards and commissions.

Having covered local government for a good many years and being aware of what goes on at the county and state levels, I can attest to the importance of these public bodies.

They can have decision-making powers—planning commissions and regulatory boards being examples—or play more of an advisory role. The former bodies usually have a statutory purpose spelled out by law or ordinance, while the latter is often a task force established to address a specific issue or situation.

Some boards hold powers that allow them to make decisions that cannot be overruled by the elected officials who otherwise oversee them, while others make recommendations that can be accepted or rejected. In some cases, there’s a combination of these prerogatives.

In this area of Michigan which I’m most familiar with, the village council appoints a planning commission, along with a Downtown Development Authority Board and a Local Development Financing Authority Board. They have specific duties and a defined level of decision making. On the other hand, the council acts as the zoning board of appeals.

With the townships, there’s a planning board, a board of review, and often a zoning board of appeals. Like with village government, these appointed entities operate within an established framework.

Members are appointed by the elected board and serve for a set term. Once selected and sworn into office, members have a certain degree of autonomy and independence.

At the county level, it’s a similar story—only there are a lot more of these appointed bodies and they serve a myriad of purposes. To name a few in Livingston County, there are the Aeronautical Facilities Board, the Area Agency on Aging, the Community Mental Health Authority Board, the Economic Development Council, the Historical Advisory Committee, the Road Commission, and the Veterans Services Committee.

When you get to the state level, these boards and committees are even more numerous, covering a wide variety of needs and functions, and possessing varying degrees of power. They deal with such matters as natural resources, emergency response, human trafficking, humanities, law enforcement, literacy, public health, and the licensing of various professions and trades.

The appointments are usually made by the governor and in

some cases require legislative approval. I outline all of this to show that a lot of hands are helping stir the pot when it comes to making the governmental stew—and for the purpose of applauding this set-up.

In my mind, it offers two main pluses. One, the system spreads out input and, when allowed, decision making so that not all of the power is concentrated solely in the majority of an elected body or in the executive. Second, the wide scope in this input allows a diversity of voices that are more reflective of our overall society than might be found in an elected group of representatives.

In listing these pair of attributes, I’m looking at them in an idealized form; as they would be if allowed to function as intended.

Truth be told, not every elected official, whether serving on a village council, township board, county commission, or state legislature, or whether elected as the mayor, township supervisor, county executive or commission chair, or governor likes a set-up that lets someone else make an independent recommendation or one that results in decisions they do not favor. This has been the situation in the past, and I have no doubt in the present.

They much prefer that such power remain in their hands, particularly when it comes to having the final say.

We’ve seen governors and legislators rail against this system because they either do not like the decisions being made or simply don’t like the lack of full control. They’ve attempted, and in a few cases with success, to change an appointed board’s parameters so that either the governor or legislative majority is “calling the shots.”

The more popular strategy—because it is easier and understandable in a pragmatic way—is to “stack the deck” by appointing people who share their views or are loyalists.

This approach has also been utilized at the county level—more so of late—and at times by our local governments.

Here in Livingston County, during the past year we’ve seen appointments of individuals to boards become matters of dispute at meetings of the Board of Commissioners. What previously would have been a routine decision, with a would-be appointee’s experience and expertise being given due consideration, has begun to include whether or not the applicant meets certain political or even ideological criteria.

While a litmus test of partisanship has probably always been part of the vetting process when making appointments, the bar of perceived purity that has gotten much higher—although lower might be a better analogy.

Certainly, I wouldn’t expect a board of seven Republicans, as we have in Livingston County, to appoint a host of Democrats to fill the vacancies anymore than I’d fault a commissioner who supports economic development to vote for an applicant to the EDC board who wants to ban manufacturers from locating in the community. Still, it might not hurt to have a few such divergent opinions.

In neighboring Ingham County, where a super majority of Democrats rules that county board, I understand they also run a tight ship.

But even if both sides of the political fence work to keep certain of their fellow citizens from holding these positions, the underlying premise of having these appointed boards—in my opinion—is to bring a broader range of background, outlook, and life experiences to the table, rather than to have a group that kneels at the altar.

However, the hard reality is that such a magnanimous approach demands a degree of confidence and ethical embrace on the part of elected officials that often runs counter to political calculation—not to mention plain old human nature.

After all, who wants to give someone—or a majority of someones—the authority to make a public-policy recommendation we might disagree with or, worse yet, the power to make a decision we can’t overrule. While this attitude might run counter to the notion (the political philosophy, if you will) that underpins our governmental system of “checks and balances,” to the winner belongs the spoils.

At the local level, my observation is that the main problem has usually been to find ‘warm’ bodies to fill the seats.

True enough, the village president or township supervisor, with

—Area Deaths—



Rene’ Denise King

Rene’ Denise King (Bantle), 55 of Fowlerville, Michigan passed away Monday, Dec. 27, 2021 at St. Joesph Hospital in Ann Arbor with her two beloved sons by her side. Rene’ was born March 19, 1966 in Howell, Michigan to Ronald Lee Bantle and Judith Ann Epley. She attended Hartland High School, graduating in 1984 and continuing her college education graduating with her Associate’s Degree in Accounting.

Rene’ retired from McDonald’s Corporation after 25 years. Those years with McDonald’s included countless hours in her management positions helping to open stores in new locations or being placed in a store needing some TLC. Rene’ excelled at those challenges.

To see true love for children you just needed to look into her eyes. The pride and joy and love of her life were her own, Adam and Jacob. But, it didn’t stop there. If there was a baby to be held or baby shower to attend, then Rene’ was there with open arms.

Her love for others was extended through her years of service with the Bethany Bible Baptist Food Pantry. She gave her heart and soul unconditionally to her family, friends and strangers. That was our Ney.

Rene’s family she leaves behind are her sons Adam King, Jacob (fiancé Breanna Fisher) King, mom and step-dad Judy and Rich Harmon, dad and step-mom Ronald and Caroline Bantle, her mother-in-law Nancy King, dear friend Mike King, sisters Lisa (Joe) O’Donnell and Leah (Jerry) Morcom, step-brothers Steve Greene and Brian (Shelly) Greene, and step-sister Terri (Kevin) Cornell.

Rene’ was preceded in death by her brother Rodrick Bantle, grandparents Wilton and Helen Bantle, Richard and Ollie Epley (Hitchcock), uncle Gary Epley and dearest friend Buddy Storie.

Rene’s life was a true testament of her love for her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Visitation was held on Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until the funeral service time at 1:00 p.m. Burial followed at Pioneer Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Herrmann Funeral Home. Online condolences may be expressed at pjherrmannfuneralhome.com

the concurrence of their fellow elected officials, might not recommend someone who called them names at a recent meeting or appoint a person they know is fiercely opposed to their governing priorities, but subjecting people to tests of loyalty or accepting only applicants who hold a certain viewpoint has generally not played a large part in the process—just as most of us don’t judge our friends and neighbors under that limited criteria.

Let’s pray it does not evolve in this direction. A willingness to serve, along with being judged as someone with good character who treats people in a fair manner, have generally been the main attributes in an applicant’s favor, plus any related experience and expertise that might burnish the resume.

Perhaps it’s important to keep in mind that those who have served, or now serve, on these appointed boards, are, first and foremost, volunteers. Most of them are guided by a desire to give back to the community.

And most of them are independent minded and forthright in bringing their views to the table and championing their beliefs, doing so in a responsible and courteous fashion. Which ought to be commended and encouraged, not held against them or silenced, or grounds for getting rid of them.

Yes, we elect people at all levels of government to represent us and, in doing so, hold them accountable and part of that accountability is who they appoint to boards, and why. But we are also served—and ably for the most part—by fellow citizens who serve on these appointed boards and commissions.

Pastor Thomas E. Tarpley, Sr., who passed away on August 15th, published two books.

From Gutter to Grace tells of how he overcame his abuse of alcohol, which began at age four, as well as his use of illegal drugs and a pursuit of worldly pleasures by finally turning to God and finding a personal relationship with Jesus. That life-changing event, which occurred when he was 48, eventually led him to becoming a pastor.

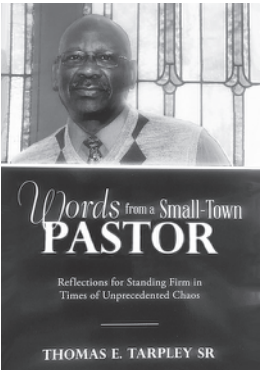
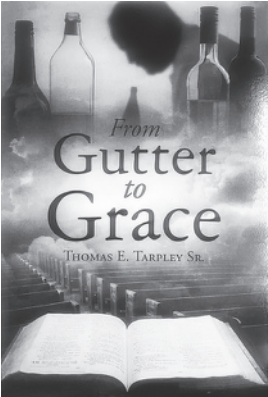
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Both books are available for purchase at the Fowlerville News & Views office, 206 E. Grand River, Fowlerville MI 48836, with the money going to Gloria Tarpley, his widow.

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—Area Deaths—



Florence Barnum

Her Legacy... Florence Adelle Barnum, 95, of Howell Michigan, passed away December 26, 2021. She was born on May 4, 1926, in Detroit, Michigan to George and Elsie (Finley) Weber. Florence married the love of her life, the late Walter Barnum in Harbor Springs, Michigan. She worked as a nurse taking care of others, and later as homemaker taking care of her own children. Florence loved to spend time in the garden and with her family. She will be remembered as a loving mother, dear grandmother, and cherished great grandmother.

Her Family... Florence will be missed by her children, Gayle Rainbow, Sandra (Dale) Pitcock, Barth (Shirley) Barnum, Pamela Roy, Brett (Brenda) Barnum, Steve (Sherri) Barnum; many grandchildren, great grandchildren, and extended family. She is preceded in death by her husband, Walter Barnum; her son, James Barnum; granddaughter, Mandie Beauchamp, son-in-law Clyde Roy, her siblings and her parents.

Her Farewell... Florence’s family and friends will gather on January 7, 2021 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Howell, Michigan for her Community Farewell at 12:00pm (Gathering beginning at 10:00am). Pastor Mark Frank will serve as celebrant. Memorial contributions are suggested to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. Please leave a message of comfort for Florence’s family at 1-877-231-7900, or sign her guestbook at www.borekjennings.com.



Keith Joseph Grieve

Keith Joseph Grieve, 34, of Munroe Falls, Ohio passed away on December 18, 2021. Keith was born in Farmington Hills, Michigan on February 3, 1987. He graduated from Fowlerville High School (2005) and Ferris State University (2010), both in Michigan, and was currently employed as Engineering Manager with OEM Miller Plastics in Aurora, Ohio.

When you met Keith, you had a friend for life. He had a great sense of humor and was truly a kid at heart. Keith loved all sports, particularly golf, hockey, and football. He loved making friendly wagers on games and had a fantasy football team every year.

Keith was preceded in death by his grandparents: Donald Kokocinski, Patricia Kokocinski, and Lloyd Grieve; and father-in-law, Chris McGee.

He will be deeply missed by his loving wife, Missy Grieve; daughter, Mackenzie; parents, Jim and Anne Grieve; brothers, Brian (Ashley) Grieve and Jason Grieve (Holly Langston); grandmother, Barbara Grieve; mothers-in-law, Dodie McGee and Roxanne Howard; sisters-in-law, Renee McGee and Kristie McGee; brother-in-law, Josh McGee; nieces and nephews, Ysabell, Lincoln, Addison, Brianna, Kyden, Karalyne, and Eddie; many other relatives and friends.

Visitation was being held on Friday, December 31, 2021, from 12-2 p.m. followed by a 2 p.m. service at Newcomer Funeral Home in Akron, Ohio.



Robert Alan Meyers

Robert Alan Meyers, 71, of Brighton died on December 18, 2021 at St. Joseph Hospital Oakland surrounded by his loving wife Jody and his three children: Crystal, Todd and Robbie by his former wife Karen. Bob was born on Oct. 8, 1950, to Albert William Meyers and Patsy Rose Wakefield—the first of their four children. He grew up in Farmington Hills before the family moved to Fowlerville in 1965.

Bob and his sister Linda were members of the Fowlerville High School Class of 1969.

Bob enjoyed many careers throughout his life, one being at Kelsey Hayes in Howell where he met his present wife Jody of 25+ years. After Kelsey Hayes closed, he took truck driving classes and after a couple of years got a job in Detroit working with the Ford Motor plants driving trucks to take parts where they were needed.

Family always came first with Bob. It may have been visiting his kids, grandkids or sisters and their families. Every weekend he was at someone’s house for a meal or to help on a project or work on a car.

His one special love was his Harley Davidson bike. Any day on a bike ride was a good day as far as he was concerned.

Bob leaves behind his loving wife Josephine, step-son Danny, his children Crystal (Shannon) Hawk, Todd (Dana) Meyers, and Bobbie (Amanda) Meyers, six grandchildren, sisters Linda Porter of Fowlerville, Vicki (Gene) Hayward of Fowlerville and Sherry Meyers of Webberville.

Cremation has taken place. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.



Elaine Cornell Andersen

Elaine Cornell Andersen, age 89 of Howell, MI passed away on Thursday, December 23, 2021. She was born on March 19, 1932 in Howell, MI to J. Henry and Rose (Spalding) Cornell. Elaine graduated from Hartland, MI High School. She married Harold Andersen in Oceola Township Michigan in 1952.

Elaine truly enjoyed the farm life and gardening. She loved her family. Elaine was an active member with her church, Trinity United Methodist of Fowlerville.

She is survived by her loving children, Jacquelyn (Walter) Schaefer, David (Judy) Andersen and Les (Marla) Andersen; dear grandsons, Erik Jenkins, Wade (Ashley) Andersen and Keith (Sarah) Andersen.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold in 2012; parents, J. Henry and Rose, along with her daughter, Claudia Jenkins in 2017.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Trinity United Methodist Church, Fowlerville. Elaine has been interred next to her husband, Harold, at Lakeview Cemetery in Howell.



Gerard (Jerry) Carl Byrne

On December 24th, 2021, Gerard (Jerry) Carl Byrne was sent to heaven and his family and friends will be forever grateful for the time they had with him. Although he is no longer with us physically, the memories he created will be forever remembered.

Jerry lived his life fully and enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. “Work hard and Play Hard” was a saying of his. Jerry worked 42 years at Copper and Brass Sales in Detroit as an Outside Salesman before retiring. Jerry moved his family to Fowlerville from Detroit in 1978 where they still reside. Jerry and his wife Lori have spent the last 17 years as snowbirds in Hudson, Florida where many fabulous friends and memories were made.

He was born on 05-14-1941 to Andrew and Jeanette (Bickford) Byrne in Detroit, Michigan. On 02-01-1964 Jerry married the love of his life Lorraine (Zielinski) Byrne, and they were married for 57 years. Three loving sons Brian (Sharyl), Kevin, and Randy mourn the loss of their very loving father along with 9 grandchildren and 3 great- grandchildren who will forever remember their grandpa. Jerry was also survived by two loving sisters Cheryl (Greg) and Mary (Ron), who truly loved their big brother. Several loving nephew, nieces, cousins, and longtime friends will forever remember him.

Cremation has taken place and family will have a celebration of life later at St Agnes Catholic Church in Fowlerville, Michigan.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:
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A public hearing has been scheduled by the Village of Fowlerville Council for Monday, January 17, 2022 @ 7:30 p.m. in the Village Council Chambers, 213 South Grand Avenue, Fowlerville, Michigan 48836, to solicit public comments for a Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate Application pursuant to Public Act 210 of 2005, as amended, for property located in the Village of Fowlerville, 130 West Grand River Avenue, Livingston County, Michigan 48836, as requested by Cooke Capital, LLC.

The public shall have the right to appear before the board to express their views and opinions on the request. Requests to review the application and written comments are welcome and should be addressed to the Village Clerk. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Webberville Report

Senior Spotlight—Gavin Winebarger

By Hayley Williams & Emma LeBoeuf

Gavin Winebarger is the son of Tracey and Ryan Winebarger and brother to Mackenzie Winebarger who graduated from Webberville in 2020.

“My sister Mackenzie is my biggest supporter,” said Winebarger. “She is always there to help me with my homework when I need it.”

Weinbarger has participated in many extracurricular activities like football, baseball, and wrestling. He has played football since sophomore year, baseball since freshman year, and wrestling starting his sophomore year.

“Gavin was a very kind and supportive teammate,” said teammate Mason Franklin. “He was also very good at blocking people at the line.”

Winebarger has made many friends over the years, making most of these friends by going out and playing different sports. Winebarger is an easy person to get along with and is always there to lend a helping hand.

“I like playing sports because it helps me to make friends,” said Winebarger. “When you play sports, you talk to these people every day, so you end up being friends with your teammates.”

In the future Winebarger would like to attend a trade school, and then later practice that trade. He is still undecided about where to go or what trade to practice.

“He has been my friend since I moved to Webberville,” said Dayton Kraiger. “If I could give him a piece of advice it would be don’t quit, no matter how hard it is-- try to reach your goals.”

Winebarger also has some advice for underclassmen. He advises them to make the most out their high school career, “Get involved and have fun,” he said.

Eastern Ingham Farmers Market bottle & can collection two Sundays per month

The regular season may have ended, but Sowing Growth, the non-profit that operates the Eastern Ingham Farmers Market in Williamston, continues its bottle and can collection fundraiser for the Market during the off-season. On the first and third Sundays of the month, they accept Michigan-returnables from the large parking lot of McCormick Park in Williamston on these dates in 2022:

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NIESA Fire Report (Northeast Ingham Emergency Service Authority)

On Wednesday December 22, 2021 NIESA responded to two calls. One was an emergency medical call in the City of Williamston. The second was a smoke investigation in Leroy Township, which was the result of items burning on the stove top.

Thursday December 23, 2021 NIESA responded to three calls. Two were emergency medical calls with one in Williamstown Township, and another in Locke Township. NIESA also responded to a vehicle accident in Leroy Township.

On Friday December 24, 2021 NIESA responded to seven calls. Six responses were emergency medical calls, with three occurring in the City of Williamston, one in the Village of Webberville, one in Locke Township, and one in Williamstown Township. The seventh response was an assist to Lansing Mason Ambulance in Ingham Township for a vehicle accident on Meridian Road.

Saturday December 25, 2021, Christmas Day, NIESA responded to five calls. Two were emergency medical calls, with one occurring in Locke Township and another in Wheatfield Township. NIESA also responded to a fire call within the City of Williamston for a utility pole issue. The remaining two responses were for vehicle accidents. One occurred in Leroy Township and the other was in Williamstown Township.

On Sunday December 26, 2021 NIESA responded to seven calls. Two of the responses in the City of Williamston were fire responses. One was a minor dryer fire, and the second was an alarm activation in the industrial park which was the result of a malfunction of the alarm system. The other five responses were emergency medical calls. Two occurred in the Village of Webberville, two in Leroy Township, and one in the City of Williamston.

Monday December 27, 2021 NIESA had eight calls. One was a vehicle accident in Wheatfield Township on I-96 at mile marker 117. NIESA also had a fire response in the City of Williamston for a fire alarm activation, which was a malfunctioning alarm system. The remaining six calls were emergency medical calls, with two occurring in the Village of Webberville, two in the City of Williamston, and one each in Williamstown and Wheatfield Townships.

On Tuesday December 28, 2021 NIESA received nine calls. All nine were emergency medical calls, with six occurring in the City of Williamston, one in Leroy Township, one in Locke Township, and one was an assist into Ingham Township.

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Wednesday, January 5th – Euchre 10am-Noon, Fire Department Winter Safety at 12:30pm and Needle Work Group from 1pm-3pm

Thursday, January 6th – Euchre 10am-Noon and Birthday Bash at 12:30pm with DJ Carlson Clarinet Player

Monday, January 10th – Pizza & Salad Lunch from 11am-1pm and Garden Club at 5pm

Tuesday, January 11th – Euchre 10am-Noon, Craft at 12:30pm and start of Community Puzzle

Wednesday, January 12th – Euchre 10am-Noon, National Hot Tea Day/Tea Party & Scones at 12:30pm and Needle Work Group from 1pm-3pm

Thursday, January 13th – Euchre 10am-Noon, National Rubber Duckie Day/Rubber Duckie Bingo at 12:30pm

Tuesday, January 18th – Euchre 10am-Noon and Tai-Chi Chair Exercise with Paul at 12:30pm

Wednesday, January 19th – Euchre 10am-Noon, National Popcorn Day/Movie & Popcorn showing Mary Poppins and Needle Work Group from 1pm-3pm

Thursday, January 20th – Euchre 10am-Noon and Consumers Energy Workshop at 12:30pm

Monday, January 24th – Chili & Cornbread Lunch from 11am-1pm

Tuesday, January 25th – Euchre 10am-Noon and Mind Games with the Library at 12:30pm

Wednesday, January 26th – Euchre 10am-Noon, Australia Day/Travel to Australia Day at 12:30pm and Needle Work Group from 1pm-3pm



Ingham County Comments

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

*Stockbridge Medical Clinic:

Almost two years ago, I received a text and phone call from a person named Virginia Rezmierski. She explained she is a retired U.M. Professor in Public Policy and also a licensed Psychologist. She went on to explain how she was actively working with a few disadvantaged rural areas and asked if I would be willing to work with her.

After learning of her work and the fact that she was 82 years old and still willing to work effortlessly for the benefit of others, it would have been difficult to say “no”. And, the strategies, information and process began.

A “Faith and Other Community Leaders” group was established (FOCL). This diverse group became the foundation, with Virginia as the facilitator.

Ingham County was approached, but did not have any interest in assisting or providing guidance. The focus was always on the urban areas. As a matter of fact, there were clinics in Stockbridge, Leslie, Mason and Webberville that had affiliations with the County. However, when budgets got tight, they went to the wayside. The thinking was a large population was necessary to support a clinic.

With this rejection, the FOCL and others began to look for a new paradigm or way of thinking and looking for a coalition that was inclusive and included areas outside Ingham County that were also underserved.

Thus, the Village of Stockbridge, and the townships of Bunker Hill, Stockbridge and White Oak (in Ingham County) pursued a partnership with Iosco and Unadilla townships in Livingston and Lyndon Township in Washtenaw.

This resulted in an area of 18,095 people. None of the townships had local access to primary care or other necessities. The magnificent component of the arrangement was to get the area officially designated as a Medically Underserved Area. This immediately qualified it for State and Federal Assistance.

However, agencies wanted to know the position of the Ingham County Board of Commissioners. This became a frustrating point of contention. The Chair of the Committee had it removed from the agenda and refused to put it on until almost impossible requirements were met. Some meetings scheduled to discuss the options were canceled at the last minute. It was one of the most frustrating experiences in my career.

A demand was made that a “Health Care Provider” needed to be identified. Eventually, Packard Health came to the table. So, any and every objection was overcome by sound leadership and a willingness of the FOCL to be persistent and never give up.

One can speculate why there was reluctance in the County by a few people who played key roles. And, this was never done before and was foreign.

The interesting thing about politics is how some agencies and individuals want to see how things are going before offering support. It is similar to one wanting to get on or support the team most likely to win and not wanting to take the risk up front.

Agencies were watching Ingham County and whether or not actual support would come through. In the meantime, I lobbied Commissioners until there was a large majority supporting it; in addition to obtaining endorsements from Tri-County Mental Health, Tri-County Aging, Senator Hertel and some individuals on the Community Health Board.

The payoff came on November 23, 2021. A Resolution authorizing a contract with Stockbridge Community Schools for an American Rescue Plan Funded project to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and support needs of Stockbridge Community Schools passed unanimously and \$596,000 was allocated.

Stockbridge schools are planning to add a clinic at the Middle School to serve the students and community. With the addition of Packard Health Care as a partner and other indicatives, it will become a reality.

It was difficult to withhold some of the frustration and anger over the lack of action; however, it also created a better situation. Because of the difficulty, the rewards are far greater. State and federal agencies and many politicians are not excited about the possibility.

In my career, there are many wonderful people with whom I worked with for a better tomorrow. Virginia, FOCL, and the many people affiliated have been truly outstanding. I will be grateful for the opportunity for the rest of my life. Thank you.



U.S. Congress Report

By Elissa Slotkin,
8th District, U.S. House
of Representatives

Provisions on PFAS, Supply Chains & Burn Pits pass in Bipartisan Defense Budget

Provisions submitted by U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin (MI-08) addressing PFAS contamination, supply chain vulnerabilities, and toxic burn pit exposure were signed into law this past week as part of the 2022 budget for the Department of Defense. President Joe Biden signed into law the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which will fund the Pentagon and the U.S. military for 2022.

The provisions introduced by Slotkin, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, will increase reporting of PFAS contamination, reinforce supply chains for defense equipment, expand burn pit exposure assistance for American veterans, and strengthen the U.S.’s cybersecurity infrastructure. Slotkin also voted for amendments to increase the Pentagon’s overall budget by \$25 billion to help maintain our competitive edge over rivals like China, and to give our service members a 2.7% pay raise.

Slotkin served three tours in Iraq alongside the military as a CIA intelligence analyst, and was later a top official at the Department of Defense. This past spring, she led a bipartisan task force to examine vulnerabilities in our national security supply chains and made subsequent amendments to the NDAA to begin addressing them.

“Our national defense should always be a bipartisan priority, and as a former Pentagon official, I firmly believe Congress has a solemn responsibility to pass a budget that values our men and women in uniform and ensures we can maintain our edge over competitors like China and Russia,” said Slotkin. “I’m particularly pleased that my amendments to address supply chain vulnerabilities, PFAS contamination, and burn pit exposure among our veterans, have all been included. These three issues are examples of just how deeply Michigan is connected to our overall national security, and addressing them is critically important to our access to clean drinking water, our veterans’ safety, and our domestic manufacturing.”

Slotkin’s provisions adopted as part of the NDAA include:

- **PFAS testing disclosure:** Requiring the DoD to publish results of drinking and ground water PFAS testing conducted on or near military installations or former defense sites such that they are publicly available.
- **Critical supply chain risk assessment:** Requiring the Department of Defense to develop a supply chain risk

assessment framework, including transparency tools, to protect national security supply chains.

- **Cybersecurity infrastructure:** Helping American businesses and local governments test their critical infrastructure against the threat of cyber attacks, and writes into law the National Cyber Exercise Program, which tests the U.S. response plan for major cyber incidents.
- **Burn pit exposure:** Expanding the VA’s burn pit registry to include veterans who served in Egypt and Syria, and requiring mandatory training for VA medical providers on the health effects of burn pits
- **Fiscal responsibility at DoD:** Directing the Secretary of Defense to report to Congress on budget increases at the Pentagon to encourage responsible use of taxpayer dollars.

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ALLAGES

Family Fun Storytime

Saturday, January 8 at 10:00 am

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Glowforge Program

Friday, January 21, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Meet our newest makerspace tool, the Glowforge laser printer, and learn about the capabilities and uses from Connor. We’ll also be accepting requests for print jobs.

ADULTS

Adult Game Night

Third Mondays, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Play new board games, cards, and trivia here at the library. Meal provided.

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Mondays, 10:00 am– 10:45 am

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Thursday, January 20, 6:30 pm

Join Card Queen Mary to create four stunning Valentine’s Day themed cards. All supplies included, guaranteed hands-on fun. Classes fill up fast, call to reserve your spot. **Registration required.**

Monthly Book and Coffee

Monday, January 24, 1:00 pm

Join Zoe in the afternoon for a traditional book club that includes coffee and dessert. This month’s selection is *Orphan Train: A Novel* by Christina Baker Kline. **Registration required.**

Monthly Beyond the Book

Thursday, January 27, 6:30 pm

Join Zoe in the evening for a book discussion of *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult, followed by some extra special materials. **Registration required.**

Alzheimer’s and Dementia Series

Monday, January 10, 11:00 am

Michelle Phalen, Program Coordinator from the Alzheimer’s Association, presents the 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer’s. Be smart and learn more about early detection.

Healthy New You 2022

Friday, January 7, 12:00 – 2:00 pm

Get ready for your best year yet! Ellen Zezula from Simply Authentic will explore the whole health system of Ayurveda, and explain the benefits of a plant-based diet.

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. All are welcome, no registration required.

Teen Craft Wednesday

Wednesdays, 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Mary has her finger on the pulse of what teens are into. Dabble in fun and free arts and crafts, such as acrylic jewelry art, embroidery, and other secret stuff.

Friday Gaming

Fridays, 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Join us for free play on the Nintendo Switch. Enjoy multi-player classic like Smash and Mario Kart, or choose games from the library’s collection.

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Saturday, January 8, 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

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Teen Book Club

Tuesday, January 25, 4:00 pm

January’s theme is Book Turned Into a Movie. Read a book that fits that theme and then join Zoe after school for a lively discussion accompanied by snacks and a craft.

FOR KIDS

Drop in with the kids for any of our revamped storytime programs – open to everyone!

Preschool Storytime (ages 3 to 5 with caregiver)

10:00 am Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Join our wonderful Mrs. D. for engaging stories, sing-alongs, neat crafts, finger plays, and so much more!

Toddler Storytime (ages 1 to 3 with caregiver)

10:00 am Thursdays & Fridays

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)

9:30 am Fridays

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

Facebook Live Storytime (ages 2 to 8)

12:00 pm Thursdays on Facebook

Join LIVE on our Facebook page for this amazing program where kids can interact with Storm from home! Build some early literacy skills in your pajamas.

STEAM Unplugged (ages 6 -12)

Tuesday, January 11, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Stop in and take part in exciting STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) exercises, contraptions, and challenges. You won’t believe how fun learning can be.

K-5 Book Club (Ages 5 -12)

Tuesday, January 18, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

January’s theme is Book With an Animal. Read a book that fits that theme and then join Zoe after school for a fun discussion accompanied by snacks and a craft.

Kids Crafternoons (ages 6 -12)

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Slotkin to run for reelection in new 7th U.S. House District

With the Michigan Independent Redistricting Commission approving the new congressional districts this past Tuesday, Rep. Elissa Slotkin quickly announced her plans to run for reelection in the new 7th U.S. House District.

The 7th District will include all of Livingston, Shiawassee, Ingham, and Clinton counties, most of Eaton County, and small portions of southern Genesee and western Oakland counties. What it does not include is northern Oakland County where Slotkin currently lives. That area was drawn into the new 9th District.

Slotkin’s announcement was expected, given how the final maps being considered by the commission were drawn. Most of Slotkin’s current 8th District includes Livingston and Ingham counties and none of the proposed maps had her Holly residence paired with those two counties.

She also announced her plans to move to the Lansing area, even though a Congressional representative is not required to live in the district they serve.

In a statement released shortly after the vote was finalized, Slotkin said: “After three years of representing this area of mid-Michigan in Congress, I understand the mandate that families here expect me to prioritize: making daily life more affordable by lowering the cost of prescription drugs and child care; rebuilding Michigan’s manufacturing capacity by creating good-paying American jobs that cannot be outsourced; and not letting China eat our lunch,”

Slotkin was first elected in 2018 and re-elected in 2020. The only other candidate to have announced for the 7th District seat is Republican State Senator Tom Barrett. His senate district includes Eaton and Ingham counties.

Livingston County split into four Michigan House districts with new map

Livingston County has been split into four Michigan House districts under the new map approved Tuesday by the Independent Redistricting Commission. Currently, the county is represented by two districts.

Western Livingston County, including Fowlerville, along with Marion and Howell townships, the City of Howell, and most of the northern tier of townships, will be part of the new District 50. The boundaries are similar to the current 47th House district, the difference being that the new one will add part of Putnam Township and exclude the northern part of Tyrone Township in the northeast corner of the county.

The current representative, Bob Bezotte, who lives in Marion Township, is expected to seek re-election in this new district.

The new District 48 will include the townships of Hamburg and Genoa, the western part of the Brighton area, and part of Putnam Township, with the remainder of the district including the northern part of Washtenaw County.

The new District 49 covers the eastern part of the Brighton area and Green Oak Townships, plus part of Oakland County.

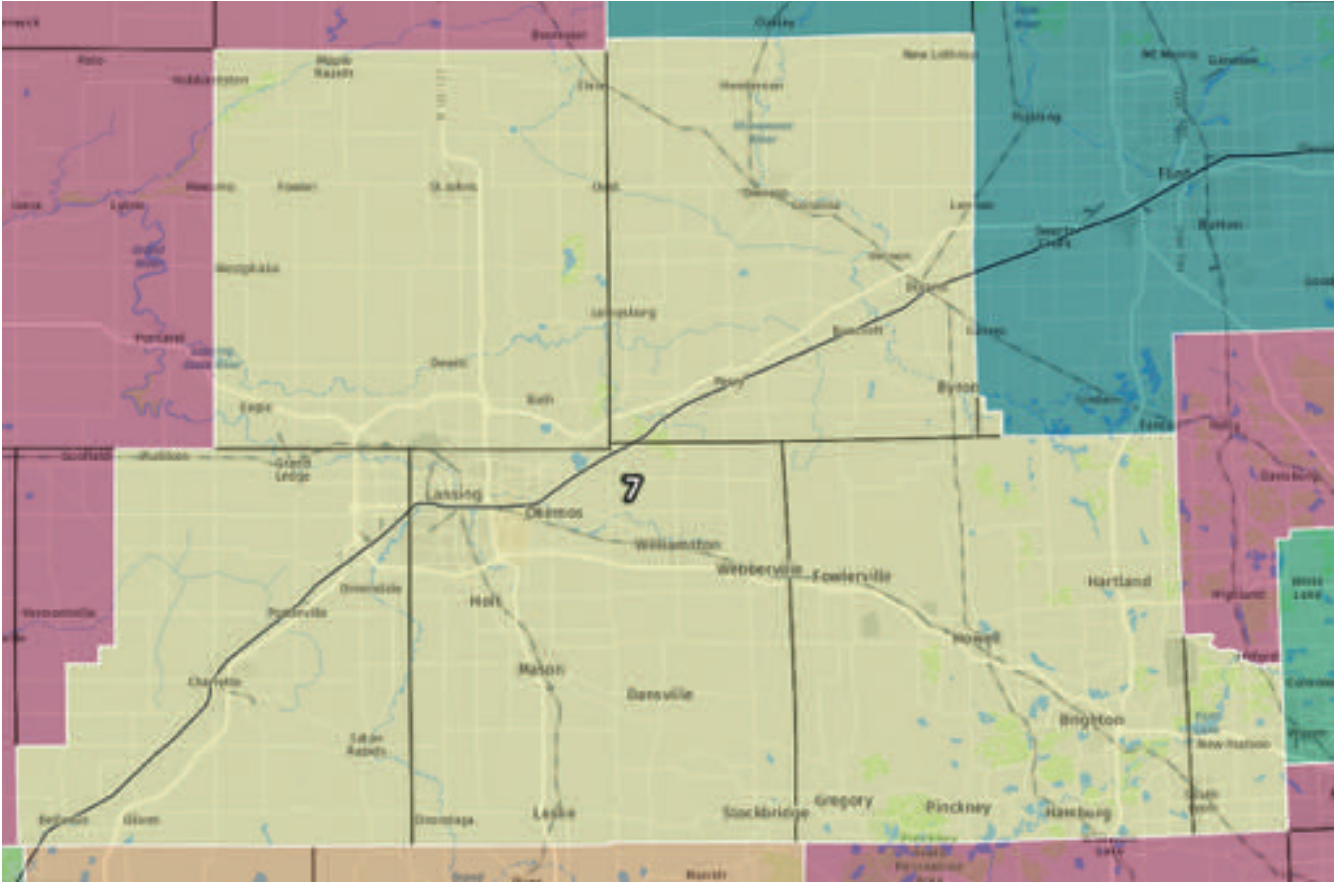
Finally, the northern part of Tyrone Township has been put in District 72 which also covers part of southern Genesee County.

Livingston County remains in 22nd Michigan Senate District

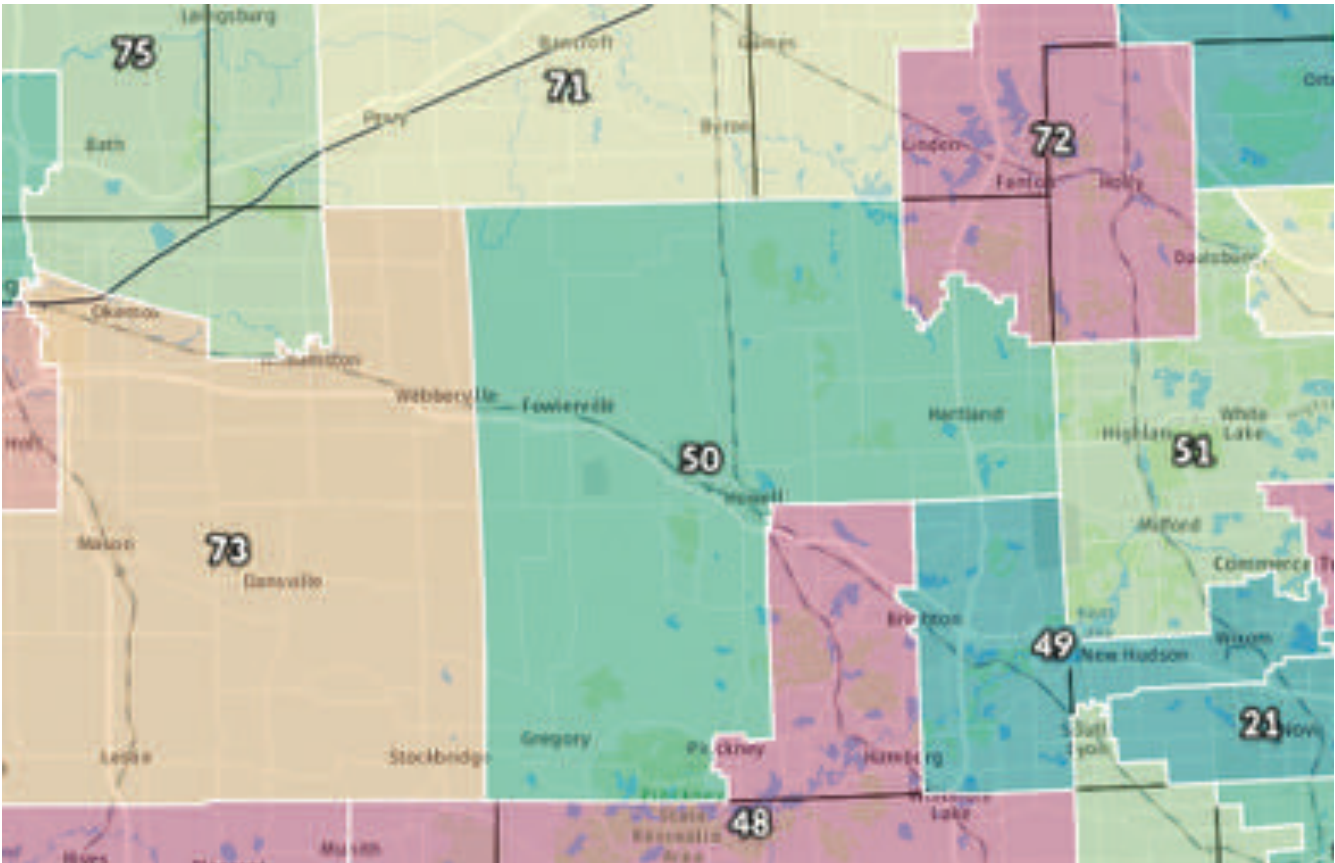
Livingston County will remain intact in the 22nd Michigan State Senate District under the new map approved Tuesday by the Independent Redistricting Commission, but the boundaries have changed.

The newly aligned District, besides covering all of the county, will include the southeast part of Shiawassee County, the southwest part of Genesee County, and Leroy, White Oak and Stockbridge townships in Ingham County.

The current 22nd District covers all of Livingston County,



New Congressional District Map

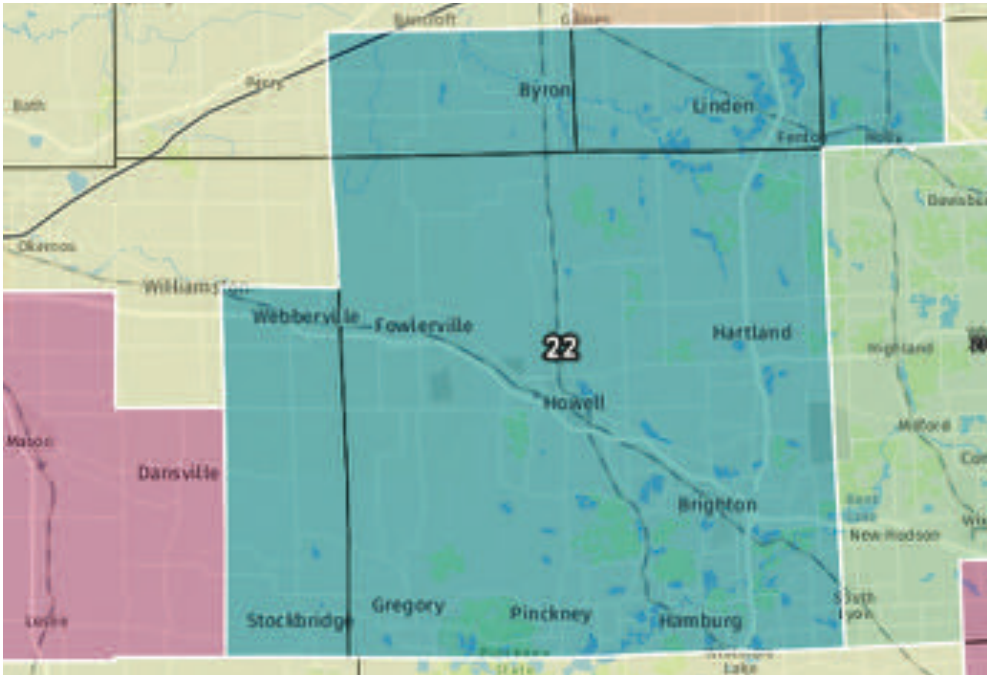


New Michigan House of Representatives District Map

plus part of Washtenaw County.

The current incumbent is Senator Lana Theis, a Republican from Brighton Township, who is finishing the last year of her first four-year term.

Mike Detmer had previously announced his plans to run as a Republican for the Senate seat.



New Michigan Senate District Map

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Savvy Senior Column

By Jim Miller

Pill Splitting: When it's safe, and when it isn't

Dear Savvy Senior,
When is it safe, or not safe, to split pills? I have a cousin who cuts almost all her pills in half in order to save money,

but I'm wondering if she's going overboard. What can you tell me about this?

Curious Cousin

Dear Curious,
Pill splitting – literally cutting them in half – has long been a popular way to save on medication costs, but your cousin, if she hasn't already done so, needs to talk to her doctor or pharmacist because not all pills should be split.
The reason pill splitting is such a money saver is because of the way drugs are manufactured and priced. A pill that's twice as strong as another may not be twice the price. In fact, it's usually about the same price. So, buying a double-strength dose and cutting it in half may allow you to get two months' worth of medicine for the price of one. But is it safe? As long as your doctor agrees that splitting your pills is OK for you, you learn how to do it properly, and you split only pills that can be split, there's really no danger.
Ask Your Doctor
If you're interested in splitting your pills, talk to your doctor or pharmacist to find out if any of the medicines you

use can be safely split. It's also important to find out whether splitting them will save you enough money to justify the hassle.
The pills that are easiest to split are those with a score down the middle. However, not every pill that's scored is meant to be split. Pills that are most commonly split are cholesterol lowering drugs, antidepressants and high blood pressure medicines.
Use a Pill Splitter
Having the right equipment is very important too. Don't use a knife or scissors to cut your pills in half. This can cause you to split them unevenly resulting in two pieces with very different dosages, which can be dangerous. Purchase a proper pill cutter that has a cover and a V-shaped pill grip that holds the pill securely in place. You can find them at most pharmacies for \$5 to \$10.
For convenience, you might be tempted to split the whole bottle of pills at once. But it's best to do the splitting on the day you take the first half, and then take the other half on the second day or whenever you are scheduled to take your next dose. That will help keep the drugs from deteriorating due to exposure to heat, moisture, or air. It will also help ensure that any deviation in the size of one dose is compensated in the next. It's also important to know that pills are only safely split in half, and never into smaller portions such as into thirds or quarters.

Don't Split These Drugs
Some pills should never be split. Drugs that are time-released or long-lasting and tablets that contain a combination of drugs probably shouldn't be split, because it's difficult to ensure a proper amount of active ingredient in each half. Pills with a coating to protect your stomach, and pills that crumble easily or irritate your mouth shouldn't be split either, along with chemotherapy drugs, anti-seizure medicines, birth control pills and capsules containing powders or gels.
Again, your doctor or pharmacist will know which drugs can and cannot be split. If you're taking a medicine that can be split, you'll need to get a prescription from your doctor for twice the dosage you need. Then you can start splitting and saving, safely.
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The ‘Welcome Table’ at St. Agnes Catholic Church is back! The first dinner will take place this Thursday, January 6, at 6pm. The Church is located at 855 East Grand River Avenue, Fowlerville.
For a while, the dinner will be offered only on the first Thursday of the month. January’s Welcome Table dinner will be curbside pick-up because of the official current covid numbers in Livingston County. To participate, guests must call 517-499-5690 to make their reservation by Tuesday, January 4.
This invitation is open to all! With winter’s cold temperatures on our doorstep, a warm home-cooked meal would be most welcome!

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