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Shown here at the Advent Wreath are, from left, Pastor Scott Herald, Dan Whitt, Zane Whitt, Nichole Whitt, and Judy Herald.

## Area residents to celebrate Christmas later this week

Area residents will be joining millions of others across the country and around the world to celebrate Christmas later this week at gatherings of family and friends, with many of them attending Candlelight Services on Christmas Eve or special services on Christmas Day. These holiday dates fall on Friday and Saturday this year.

One of the traditions observed during this time of year in the Christian Church is the lighting of the Advent candles on each of the four Sundays leading up to Christmas Eve and then lighting the main candle on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>.

The Fowlerville First United Methodist Church is among those who annually take part in this special ceremony. Each week during Advent, a family from the church congregation does a reading, offers a prayer, and then lights the candles—one the first Sunday,

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## Christmas Deadline

Due to the Christmas holiday, the deadline for ads and news copy is **Wednesday, December 22 at 2:00pm.**

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WOW Wrestling Club begins  
preseason at Brighton tournament

By Dan Coon  
MUSAW Director

We are going to make up for a lost season for a lot of people. On Dec. 14, the Michigan Matcats hosted a tournament at Brighton and the WOW wrestling team showed up in force. We were the 3rd largest club of over 100 clubs. We followed behind the host Matcats and Brighton club who didn't have far to travel.

All 29 wrestlers from our club wrestled the best they had all year. They battled for every point. Some learned what adversity was and battled through it with respect to the refs and opponents, too. What class do you know before the 8th grade that can teach you as much about adversity as wrestling can?

The coaching staff has done a nice job with this group and I was proud to say I was from the Fowlerville WOW Wrestling Club at the day's end.

Our first-place finishers this week were Lydia O'Neil of 6U Girls, Karson Douglass and Elias Waylen both of 10U novice, with Jacob Hodge and Layne O'Neil of 14U, our old guys.

Other finishers for the day were 6U Novice Jaxson Heffentrager and Lyanna Larson, 8U girls Charlie Bergin and Abigail Larson, 8U Novice Koleman Bergin, Ryker Morre, and Cole Padyjasek, and 10U girls were Jessica Buurma and Morgan Larson.

Jack Ives wrestled 10U novice. Dylan Heilner, Lucas Hodge, Lowell O'Neil, Jaxson Padyjasek wrestled 10U open, Emma Hodge and Bentley Johnson wrestled at 12U novice, Joe Buurma, Arvel Larson and Larson O' Neil wrestled 12U open, Anna Buurma wrestled 14U girls, Kellen Green wrestled 14U novice, and Tony Bergin and Liam O'Neil represented us in the 14U open.

Coaches this time around are Dusty O'Neil, Jake Padyjssek, and Zac Heilner. Club administrators are Matt and Mindy Buurma, with Alison O'Neil guiding the action for the day.

One thing that is certain with youth wrestling, placements will change from week to week as some tournaments and weight classes also change from week to week. We do not focus on our weight and let growth take its course throughout the year. We focus on techniques, personal physical fitness and improvement from day to day, practice to practice. Our coaches all understand and try to relay to our wrestlers that a very few make a living at wrestling but everyone will make a living depending on how well they do their school work. School work and how you handle yourself at school is very important.

Other club members registered at this time are Anesha Ball, Elena Bergin, Max Bonneville, Tucker Booth, Zoet



Members of the Fowlerville WOW Wrestling Club



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Canup, Kiely Davis, Presley Devine, Decker Eberhart. Elliot Freeman, Cody Fritts, Easton Goodwin, Lucas Guerin, Vance Holdenberg, Alex Hune.

Also, Isaiah Martin, Colton Jones, Beckett Jones, Malachi Khang, Landon Lee, Thomas Malloy, Eli Martin, Camden McKee, Zachariah McKee, Kennan McKee, Luke Mills, Gerald Pace, Lukas Pierce, Laura Pierce, Trystan Pringle-Rod, Harlan Ratliff, Connor Richmond, Joseph Roca, Isaac Spiegel, Michael Spiegel, Jamisonn Stankov, Connor Stankov, Gavinn Stankov, Lyndyn Stanley, Landon Stevenson, Caleb Tipper, Brooklyn Treichel, and Ryder Wilson.

Other coaches include Todd Prinz, Tucker Neimi, Deagun Gonzal, Jon Davis, Richard Davis, Jim Buurma, Maggie Buurma, and Hannah Arledge-Teran.

We are "graduating" a few of these wrestlers just before Christmas break and we will be making some room for some more to come in and have some fun in January. If you are interested contact the coaches or club administrators.

Next tournament is at home this Sunday, Dec. 19, and the meets continue through the first week of March with this style of wrestling.

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## Area residents to celebrate Christmas, continued

two the next week, three after that, four on the Sunday service before Christmas, and finally all four and the main Advent candle on Christmas Eve.

Advent is a time of waiting and watching and of preparing for the coming of Christ into the world. The four candles most traditionally represent peace, hope, joy and love.

On this final Sunday, Dec. 19, members of the Dan & Nichole Whitt family will be performing the ceremony at Fowlerville First Methodist, while on Christmas Eve the church's pastor and his wife, Scott and Judy Herald, will handle the task.

## Livingston United Way's 'Matching Money Monday' is a great success

By Anee Rennie

Livingston United Way Executive Director

Over the last year, we have watched people climb out of the isolation and reconnect with their community. This month, we all look forward to gathering together again and celebrating the holidays with friends and families. That was certainly how it felt at Livingston County United Way's Matching Money Monday held on December 6th. It was an event that reminded us why we do the work we do, and why we love this community!

This year we were able to offer both an indoor event, with coffee, hot cocoa and cookies AND a way for people to safely donate by honking their horn as we came out to them! What was amazing is the number of people who stayed and chatted with United Way staff and Board members or even just sat for a moment to nibble on a cookie. It was clear we all needed a moment to socialize and connect to others.

A record number of sponsors came forward to provide the match for the event. Thirty-eight sponsors provided \$137,550 to match all of the donations that came in on Monday. A remarkable 360 people braved the mini snow squalls or logged in from home to donate \$134,766, to help sustain the programs and services United Way supports. This results in a total of \$272,316. These totals are pending final audit process.

This event was more important than ever as all donations raised from Matching Money Monday will go directly to help local families struggling to stay healthy, to put food on their tables, keeping their lights & heat on, and a roof over their heads!

Thank you to everyone who made this day possible. Your generosity and commitment to making a difference in our community made us humbled and proud. If you have any questions, just contact Anne Rennie at [arennie@lcunitedway.org](mailto:arennie@lcunitedway.org) or call 810-494-3000.

## Higher Love

By Jace Arledge

In the year 1986 I was a 20-year-old who seemed to have the world by the tail. Traveling around performing with my band, meeting and greeting celebrities of all music genres, and having the time of my life. Or so I thought.

My life was so busy that there wasn't time for, well...life. I can remember thinking "It can't get any better than this!" Well, that couldn't have been further from the truth. You see, I wasn't living, I was just surviving. The days began to melt together and time had no meaning. I actually was lost.

As the years went by and I continued to get older and my dreams of being a "star" seemed to get further and further away, songs from my past would come into mind, songs that gave me a message, a strong message.

One of these songs was "Higher Love" by Steve Winwood. Some may remember him from the 70's group The Spencer Davis Group where as a 17-year-old he sang the lead vocals to "Gimme some lovin." Steve also sang a song that turned me around on my thinking of life and wondering if there was something greater out there.

The song you ask? HIGHER LOVE... It's a song that asks if there is something bigger than yourself, whether it be God, Allah, Buddha or whatever you relate to and adore. It tells us in the first line "Think about it, there must be higher love." Is it something within ourselves or in the universe that should guide us to a place of love for the world?

Last week I wrote about asking yourself what you see when you look in the mirror. So, what did you see? Someone who has a heart open and full of love for others? I hope so. I hope that each one of you found a piece of fire, even if only a small spark that, if nurtured and fed, will light up the world for someone else. That's all it takes to change your world around you, a desire to reach inside and not be afraid to let your light shine and your love show.

Now we find ourselves, six days away from Christmas morning, and I want to encourage everyone who reads this to "look inside your heart and I'll look inside mine" and find the TRUE meaning of the season, and as the song says:

*I will wait for it I'm not too late for it*

*Until then, I'll sing my song To cheer the night along  
I could light the night up with my soul on fire I could make  
the sun shine from pure desire Let me feel that love come  
over me Let me feel how strong it could be*

Songwriters: Jennings Will / Winwood Steve

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# Caleb Jenkins Column



## Pearl Harbor: Unity of Diversity

Last week, I shared three stories of heroism during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, but I purposefully left out a few details to address this week.

pilot who disabled two of the attacking aircraft, was a young, white officer in his early twenties who continued on a long career in the Air Force. Doris Miller, the Navy cook who evacuated the injured and defended the USS *West Virginia*, was an African American enlisted member who traveled the U.S. selling war bonds after Pearl Harbor and died in combat later in World War II. George Walters, the dockyard worker who used a rolling crane to protect the USS *Pennsylvania* from incoming bombers and fighters, was a civilian with no direct affiliation with the military. These three heroes were diverse from each other in race, age, background, and career, but in that moment, they were unified in their cause of defending their friends and family and putting themselves in harm's way for their country. They had a shared bond that unified them despite their differences.

The issue of diversity in America, and all of its associated concepts and challenges, is a complex one. There are those on both sides of the political aisle who seek to exploit the issue rather than working to heal, and nefarious actors outside the country actively taking advantage of existing fissures to heighten tensions and instigate further divides in an effort to weaken us. Yet, it is also an issue we cannot ignore. There are real hurts that deserve to be addressed. The U.S. was founded with the ideal of being a land of freedom and justice for all, and that open invitation for

diversity will inherently create some challenges as people work through differences and disagreements.

The issue of diversity is far too multi-faceted and sensitive to address adequately in this article, but despite your specific perspective, I think there is one principle we gain from the above stories that is very instructive. That is, for diversity to work, it also needs some sort of underlying unity to hold it all together. That does not mean diversity is diminished. To the contrary, with nothing to unify, the disparate parts will spiral further and further away.

Of course, the challenge is that there are deep disagreements over what that unifying element(s) should be, but if we want any semblance of unity, then we need to find at least a rudimentary solution to the debate. As a baseline, we should be able to unify around a common respect and love for each other as Americans and human beings. As we approach Christmas, our minds often turn to thoughts of peace and unity, but may we pursue that unity amidst diversity throughout the year.

# Kreger Elementary School News

## ATTENTION NEW STUDENTS

All enrollments can be done online [www.fowlervilleschools.org](http://www.fowlervilleschools.org).

After you complete those documents please print and sign areas marked. Bring your child's original raised seal birth certificate, 2 proofs of Fowlerville Schools residency and if your child attended a school in Michigan his/her immunizations will be on the MCIR website.

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## CALENDAR OF KREEGER EVENTS

12-18 thru 1-2	NO SCHOOL Christmas Break
1-3-22	Classes Resume
1-3-22	Art Club 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
1-4-22	Art Club 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade A group
1-5-22	Art Club 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade B group
1-6-22	Art Club 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade A group
1-7-22	Art Club 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade B group
1-10-22	Art Club 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
1-11-22	Art Club 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade A group
1-12-22	Art Club 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade B group
1-13-22	Art Club 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade A group
1-14-22	Art Club 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade B group
1-17-22	NO SCHOOL K-12
1-18-22	Art Club 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade A group
1-19-22	Art Club 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade B group
1-20-22	Art Club 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade A group
1-21-22	Art Club 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade B group
1-24-22	Art Club 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade

## ART CLUB

Art Club has been extended. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders last week will be January 18<sup>th</sup> thru 21<sup>st</sup>. 5<sup>th</sup> graders last day will be January 24<sup>th</sup>.

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## STUDENT ABSENCES

If your student will be absent for any reason please call the attendance line at 517-223-6333. We do not get messages that are sent directly to the teachers. Thank you.

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## STUDENT 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 Kreeger Office to drop it off and complete the necessary paperwork. **School Board Policy states that children are not allowed to transport medication.**

# Dick Scott MOTOR MALL

Jud Scott

## Fowlerville High School's "ATHLETES" OF THE WEEK

### JV Boys Basketball

**Blake Juopperi** is a Sophomore guard/forward on the Fowlerville Junior Varsity Boys Basketball team. Blake is a co-captain and the team's starting Power Forward. Blake has a motor that does not stop, an attribute all coaches look for. In addition to his impeccable work ethic and leadership on/off the court, Blake does a tremendous job keeping the team loose with his sense of humor. Blake has started the 2021-2022 campaign off strong, contributing 10 points in the season opener against Lansing Everett and 7 points against Williamston.

**Mason Munsell** is a Sophomore guard on the Fowlerville Junior Varsity Boys Basketball team. Mason is a co-captain and the team's starting Shooting Guard. Mason had a productive Freshman campaign in which he led the team averaging 10 points per game and hit two game winning shots in thrillers against Eaton Rapids and Jackson Northwest. Mason worked extremely hard all summer during voluntary workouts. He provides a strong leadership presence in the locker room and is well respected by his coach and teammates. Mason demonstrates a high level of preparedness as he routinely provides scouting reports on our opponents.

### JUD'S FOOTBALL FORECAST

#### THURSDAY, DEC. 23

San Francisco 24 at Tennessee 27

#### SATURDAY, DEC. 25

Cleveland 31 at Green Bay 38

Indianapolis 21 at Arizona 28

#### SUNDAY, DEC. 26

Detroit 17 at Atlanta 27

Baltimore 27 at Cincinnati 31

LA Rams 31 at Minnesota 24

Buffalo 24 at New England 27

Jacksonville 10 at NY Jets 17

NY Giants 17 at Philadelphia 24

Tampa Bay 35 at Carolina 21

LA Chargers 35 at Houston 21

Chicago 24 at Seattle 28

Pittsburgh 27 at Kansas City 35

Denver 17 at Las Vegas 24

Washington 27 at Dallas 35

#### MONDAY, DEC. 27

Miami 17 at New Orleans 24

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# Fowlerville High School News

Administration Offices 7:00 a.m.– 3:30 p.m.  
Building opens 6:45 a.m.  
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**IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES TO NOTE:**  
December 18 Holiday break begins  
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](mailto:delucac@fowlervilleschools.org)  
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**Seniors & parents:** It is time to order your cap and gown! Please check [fowlervilleschools.org](http://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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**Looking for a Christmas present** for your high school student? What about a HS Yearbook. HS Yearbooks are on sale for \$60.00 until 12/31 and then the price will go up. This year, mailers will not be sent out. You can pick up an order form at the HS, download one on the high school's website, or go to [BALFOUR.com](http://BALFOUR.com) and click on Fowlerville HS to order. Any questions, please email Mrs. Hardenbrook at [hardenbrookm@fowlervilleschool.org](mailto:hardenbrookm@fowlervilleschool.org).  
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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> St and Grand River next to State Farm.

**Fowlerville 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church holding ‘Longest Night Service’ Dec. 21**  
Fowlerville 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church invites you to a ‘Longest Night Service’ this Tuesday, Dec 21, at 7pm.  
Some of you might be wondering what the ‘Longest Night Service’ is?

This is the celebration of the light piercing our darkness, and God’s light coming to us to brighten our lives. It recognizes that the winter solstice (Dec 21) is the longest period of darkness for our part of the world.  
The Christmas season is often marked by expressions of joy, excitement, and happiness. It’s a time for family to gather and for churches to worship pointing to the hope that is found in the coming of the Christ child. However, this service also recognizes the “darkness” that many people go through at this time of the year, things such as grief over the loss of a loved one, or illness, divorce, loss of a job, loss of a home and other things too numerous to mention. Having suffered loss such as this, it can be a difficult time for many of us.  
If you find yourself longing for the light of a “new day”

the light of Christ, you will not be alone as we share in the liturgy of prayer and reflection on the longest night of the year. Fowlerville 1<sup>st</sup> UMC is located at 201 S Second St. If you have questions, please contact the church office at 517-223-8824.

**Fowlerville Boys Varsity Basketball Team loses league opener to Hornets**  
The Fowlerville Boys Varsity Basketball lost its CAAC league opener to the Hornets of Williamston on Friday, Dec. 10, by a score of 66 to 39.  
Gregory Wilkinson led the way for the Gladiators with 10 points and 12 rebounds, while Brendan Ray chipped in with 10 points and seven rebounds. Wyatt Soli added eight points and Jack Shrader had seven.



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**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.

**Words from a Small-Town Pastor: Reflections for Standing Firm in Times of Unprecedented Chaos** is a compilation of 82 of his articles that first appeared in the Fowlerville News & Views. Pastor Tarpley had a weekly column in the newspaper from 2015 until just before his death.

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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# Fowlerville Junior High

## School News

**IMPORTANT DATES:**  
Winter Break--Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> -Dec. 31  
No School-MLK Day--Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>  
Half day of classes--Wed-Fri. Jan. 19-21<sup>st</sup>  
End of First Semester--Fri. Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>  
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**SPORTS NEWS**  
WEEKS OF DEC. 20 and Dec. 27: NO ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED AT FJH. MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR! Be safe; see you in 2022!  
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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**8<sup>TH</sup> & 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL**  
In 8th BBB news, Monday night the teams traveled to Charlotte. The Glads got off to a slow start in the “B” game, a deficit they were never able to overcome. Carter Banfield & Landon Garcia led the scorers with 4 points each. 8th “A” played aggressive ball against the Orioles but came up short at the buzzer. Dylan Soli & Landon Aesciman led the scoring with 5 points each.  
The hometown gym was rockin” on Monday night when the 7th BBB teams hosted the Charlotte Orioles. The “B” team came out with a purpose--TO WIN! Taking a 25-6 lead into halftime, the boys never let up, winning 42-11. “A” team struggled in the start with the visitors and were down 2-12 after the first quarter. Settling down, the team was down 15-27 at halftime, but roared back in the second half to cut the lead to 1! Charlotte pulled away late in the 4th quarter, winning 56-44.  
FINAL GAMES OF THE SEASON WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY.  
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**CSI WINNERS FOR 12-10-21**  
Eva Highhouse, Hunter Plunkett, Daniel Duczkowski, Adrielle Perkins and Rhyann Euliss

## Fowlerville High School CTE Student of the Week



**Emma Pariseau**

Congratulations to this week’s Career Technical Education Student of the Week at Fowlerville High School, Emma Pariseau! Emma is being recognized for her efforts in the Healthcare Foundations program through the Wilson Talent Center. Through this program students are able to gain knowledge and skills important for those looking to start a career in healthcare. The class also helps set students up to continue on to a specialty program for their second year if they choose.  
When asked about her favorite part about the class, Emma shared, “My favorite part of being in healthcare foundations is the opportunity to learn things that I am passionate about.” After spending time in this class, Emma relayed that she is positive she made the right decision by signing up.  
This class is a great opportunity for Emma to get a jump-start into the healthcare field. Regarding her future, Emma shared, “My career goal is to be a pediatric nurse. I believe taking this class will help prepare me for college and teach me how to fulfill my dream. This class is just another step forward into my future.”  
When asked about something specific she has learned in class, Emma stated, “Medical terminology is one of the major things we have learned this year.” She further shared that, “By learning medical terminology you end up learning the names for diseases, conditions, and how to diagnose people.”  
For those considering adding this class to their schedule in the future, Emma advised, “This program is something you have to have dedication for. It’s a lot of hard work, but well worth it.” Emma talked about the fact that some students may be unsure if healthcare is the career path they want to take, but she still recommends the class and stated, “It gives you the opportunity to find out whether or not healthcare is for you.”  
Congratulations once again to Emma Pariseau!

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## Michigan Senate Report

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

### Co-sponsors major tax-cut plan for Michiganders

Legislation recently co-sponsored by Sen. Lana Theis would give tax breaks to Michigan families, workers and job providers.  
“At a time when many Michigan residents have had to deal with significant economic hardships, largely caused by the Whitmer administration’s response to the coronavirus, the state has been raking in money hand over fist,” said Theis, R-Brighton. “While government continues to expand and spend taxpayers’ dollars at an unprecedented rate, small businesses and workers in Michigan are struggling to stretch their budgets as historically high inflation forces everyday families to spend more for necessities.”  
Senate Bill 768 would lower the state’s personal and corporate income tax rates to 3.9% from 4.25% and 6%, respectively, and provide families with a \$500 per child tax credit.  
“It’s past time we do something to help the forgotten working men and women of our great state who want nothing more than to take care of their families and for the government to leave them alone,” Theis said. “This plan will empower the people by letting them keep more of what they earn and easing the financial burden of having a family. Reducing the corporate tax rate to among the lowest in the region will also help spur private sector investment and job creation. These tax reforms are good for everyone and should be passed and signed as soon as possible.”  
SB 768 was referred to the Senate Finance Committee for consideration.

**Fowlerville graduate earns Journalism degree at Michigan State University**  
Hannah Brock has graduated early from Michigan State University with a degree in Journalism. Hannah will continue at MSU to complete her masters in Journalism.  
She is a 2018 graduate of Fowlerville High School.



**LET IT SNOW**  
The Fowlerville Ski and SnowBoard Club will begin in January. The club is open to 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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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**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>

### ‘Twas the Night Before

*‘Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house  
Not a creature was praying, not one in the house.  
Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care  
In hopes that Jesus would not come there.*

*The children were dressing to crawl into bed,  
Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head.  
And mom in her rocker with the baby on her lap  
Was watching The Late Show while I took a nap.*

*When out of the east there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.  
Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.*

*When what to my wondering eyes should appear  
But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here!  
With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray,  
I knew in a moment this must be THE DAY!*

*The light of His face made me cover my head.  
It was Jesus! Returning just like He said.  
And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth,  
I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.*

*In the Book of Life which He held in His hand  
Was written the name of every saved man.  
He spoke not a word as He searched for my name;  
When He said, “It’s not here,” my head hung in shame.*

*The people whose names had been written with love  
He gathered to take to His Father above.  
With those who were ready, He rose without a sound  
While all the rest were left standing around.*

*I fell to my knees, but it was too late;  
I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate.  
I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight;  
Oh, if only we had been ready tonight!*

*In the words of this poem the meaning is clear;  
The coming of Jesus is drawing near.  
There’s only one life and when comes the last call,  
We’ll find that the Bible was true, after all.*

--Author unknown  
**Remember to sing “Happy Birthday” to the Birthday Child.**  
**After all, whose Birthday is it, anyway?**  
— Olivia Verfaillie





## Livingston County Comments

**By: Doug Helzerman,  
District 4  
Commissioner**

The central duty of the board of commissioners is to develop and approve a balanced budget for each year. The administrator and the chief financial officer, under the direction of the board, have set up a five-step process to make sure that the resulting budget wisely addresses the many and varied needs of our county.

We assess the likely income and expenses to establish a baseline. Each department head is given an opportunity to share what regular and special needs that they want to include. With this information in mind, target goals are given to each department. Each department then presents their budget request to the full board and a smaller committee where free discussions allow full understanding of the requests and limitations.

In the fall we are given the full preliminary budget and make a decision about cost-of-living-adjustments (COLA). We also can make any changes that we feel are in the best interest of the County. This year we had quite an active discussion of the COLA, after which we finally decided on a 4% increase. This is for all non-union employees and for union members who have a “me too” clause in their contract.

This past Monday we passed the final budget. Administrator Burd was proud to say that we balanced our budget without “gimmicks.”

We also appointed a new member to the County Planning Commission. We had three strong candidates. This was for the “school” position which is ideally to be filled by a person who is actively serving in the administration of a school or on the board of a school. We had nominated John Belcher, Fowlerville Community School board member, and Jason Schrock, Principal of Howell High School. These two tied 4-4 when one commissioner was absent, but this week with all nine present, John Belcher was nudged out with a 5-4 vote.

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Christmas is a blessed time of year for Christians. From the vantage point of 2021, we can see the changes that one man has made in world history. The Biblical prophecies of a

Messiah did not predict an obscure birth and most were blind to his sacrificial death. The world we live in today is no better at understanding what is true or what is significant than the people who were contemporaries of Christ.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Letter to the Editor—

*NOTE: Letter to the Editor was submitted to the FNV by me in 2001. It seems more appropriate and much more needed today than in did 20 years ago.*

My daughter, who was in France with other American college students learning to speak French, discovered that her Christian faith was being scrutinized: “What good is your faith? It has done nothing to alleviate the mess the world is in!”

The Bible says that we Christians are to always be ready to give an answer, with gentleness and respect, to everyone who asks us to give the reason for the hope that we have. (1 Peter 3:15) Therefore, this is my answer to the skeptics.

Jenny, tell them to stop blaming God. It is not up to God to make everything right by Himself. Man decides the condition of society through his personal choices. God gives man a free will because He doesn’t want robots for children – those who are His puppets, those for whom He pulls their strings. (Genesis 1:26-28) No, He wants children who obey His ways because they love and trust Father God and choose to believe all that the Bible says He is. Choice – man’s choice – is the root cause for the state of society; for the world’s problems. Tell them they are wrong to blame God. If it were up to God alone, life on Earth would be Paradise – and it will, one day, when Christ Jesus returns.

The answer to the world’s problems lies in the heart of every human being. Christ Jesus changes the hearts of men, one by one, individually, not collectively. And as each heart within the community accepts Christ as Lord and Savior, through a conscious response of its own, then life within the community becomes peaceful and comforting and at rest, secure in the care of Jehovah God. Life will still have its tribulations, but through it all, one can have peace by casting all his care upon the One Who wants to bear those cares. (1 Peter 5:7, Psalm 55:22)

“These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer for I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)

Peace! That’s what man is seeking, personally and collectively. And this peace is given away by Christ, given to each one in the community, as His Lordship is acknowledged and embraced individually. Then peace reigns in the community as a whole, when Christ is alive in the hearts of the people. “And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:7)

God is not to blame. Man is to blame for rejecting Christ’s Kingship. Man’s heart attitude is: I can do it by myself, and that which I do is just right! (Proverbs 14:12)

Do not be ashamed of the Gospel, Jenny! (Romans 1:16) When God is blamed for the mess the world is in, respond by asking: Have you done what is needed to be part of the solution? – meaning, have you tasted of His salvation? Have you dared to trust His Lordship instead of your own? Have you bowed before Him, asking why is the world so messed up? On bended knee, have you asked Him what part you play in all this mess? He longs for you to ask Him. He longs to answer. Please don’t reject His solution: personal salvation through Christ Jesus.

What have you done with Christ’s shed blood? Your answer determines your eternal destiny.

Ask them, Jenny, and do not be ashamed of the Gospel. Love, Mom

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## —Area Deaths—

### Phillip E. Sober

Phillip E. Sober, 67 years of age, passed away December 9, 2021. He is survived by his loving wife, Kyle, of 44 years, 3 sons Ross Sober, Jacob (Jennifer) Sober, Nathan (Christine) Sober and 5 grand fur babies along with many loving family members. Phil was a dedicated family man. He enjoyed hunting, farming and was always eager to lend a helping hand. Phil retired from Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 333 in 2012. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to American Diabetes Association. A memorial service was held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at Herrmann Funeral Home. Online condolences may be expressed at [pjherrmannfuneralhome.com](http://pjherrmannfuneralhome.com)

## Meals on Wheels seeking volunteer drivers to make deliveries

The Meals on Wheels program needs volunteers in Fowlerville. We would love the opportunity for you to be part of our team. This is a commitment of 1-2 hours of your time as little or as often as your schedule will allow. Once a month, once a week, temporary, or on a continuous basis. *Delivering meals to homebound seniors is a very rewarding experience.*

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## MARION TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED MINUTES DECEMBER 9, 2021

The regular electronic meeting of the Marion Township Board was held on Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 7:30 pm. Members Present: Hanvey, Andersen, Donovan, Durbin, Lloyd, Beal, and Lowe. Members Absent: None. The following action was taken: 1) Call to Order. 2) Call to the Public. 3) Motion carried to approve agenda as amended; motion carried to approve consent agenda. 4) Motion carried to adopt resolution to approve the Lantern Village Road Paving SAD roll. 5) Motion carried to accept audit report and authorize PHP to submit to state. 6) Motion carried to postpone discussion on Motorsports Gateway until 1/13/22 meeting. 7) Motion carried to add four days to employees' PTO to be used within one year. 8) Motion carried to have Tammy Beal and Sandy Donovan present board with choices and prices for new sign. 9) Motion carried to table discussion on walking path project. 10) Motion carried to extend meeting beyond 9:30 pm. 11) Motion carried to approve six 3" maple trees for Crystal Wood, not to exceed \$1200 each. 12) Motion carried to adopt resolution to file necessary paperwork to receive funds from National Opioid Settlement. 13) Correspondence & Updates. 14) Call to the Public. 15) Motion to adjourn at 9:41 pm.

Tammy L. Beal, MMC  
Township Clerk

Robert W. Hanvey  
Township Supervisor  
(12-19-21 FNV)



Fowlerville Fire Department Report

December 9<sup>th</sup>

3:28 am. Medical emergency on Au Gres River Drive in Handy Township.  
9:15 am. Medical emergency on Fowlerville Road in Handy Township.  
10:41 am. Mutual Aid with a tanker truck to Ingham County for a structure fire.  
1:41 pm. Medical emergency on Hidden Knoll Ct. in Conway Township.  
5:04 pm. Medical emergency on River Rock Drive in Handy Township.  
5:58 pm. Medical emergency on Kalamazoo River Drive in Handy Township.  
7:31 pm. Gas leak on N. Gregory Road in Handy Township.

December 10<sup>th</sup>

9:26 am. Medical emergency on Nicholson Road in Handy Township.

December 11<sup>th</sup>

We experienced a high wind event on this day. We responded to a total of 12 calls throughout the day. We responded to three medicals, five power line emergencies, three trees down blocking roads, and 1 power line problem that became a structure fire. These responses were scattered throughout our service area over a 13-hour period from 8:50 am. to 9:29 pm.

December 12<sup>th</sup>

No calls received

December 13<sup>th</sup>

5:31 am. Power line down on Hayner Road in Conway Township.

December 14<sup>th</sup>

10:37 am. Power pole on fire on Nicholson Road in Conway Township.  
5:38 pm. Medical emergency on E. Grand River in the Village.  
6:20 pm. Medical emergency on Van Orden Road in Handy Township.  
10:17 pm. Assist request from Fowlerville Police on Garden Lane in the Village.

December 15<sup>th</sup>

9:19 am. Medical emergency on N. Grand Avenue in the Village.

MARION TOWNSHIP  
ZONING BOARD  
OF APPEALS  
PUBLIC NOTICE

Marion Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 3, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Marion Township Hall, 2877 W. Coon Lake Road, Howell, MI 48843, (517) 546-1588. The purpose of the meeting is for regular business and to hear a request for the following appeal, interpretation and/or variance.

ZBA Case #02-21 – Tax Code 4710-27-301-013

Applicant: Joseph Hamway  
Property Address: 2865 Rubbins  
Howell, MI 48843

Request: The applicant is seeking a variance for Section 8.04.E.3.a.2 side yard minimum setback of 10 feet in ERS1 and Section 6.07.1 accessory structure maximum size.

Submittals can be viewed online at [www.mariontownship.com](http://www.mariontownship.com) under agendas/minutes, click on link to Zoning Board of Appeals. The meeting will also be online using GoToMeetings. The link to the meeting will be on the website.

Marion Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities. Anyone requiring auxiliary aids and services should contact the Marion Township Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, December 27, 2021.

Those unable to attend the public hearing are invited to submit written comments to the attention of the Zoning Board of Appeals Chair, Marion Township Hall, 2877 W. Coon Lake Road, Howell, MI 48843 by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 30, 2021.

DAN LOWE, SECRETARY  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
(12-19-21 FNV)

Showcasing the  
Michigan DNR—

Searching for  
a Singular Day

By John Pepin  
Michigan Department of  
Natural Resources

“I haven’t known peace  
and quiet for so long, I don’t  
remember what it’s like,”

– Bob Dylan  
Sometimes, like today,  
when I am sitting alongside  
the still, clear waters of  
one of these north-country,  
freshwater lakes, I get a  
feeling inside.

It’s a strange sensation. I  
feel like at any second an ancient voice could come to me  
through the deafening silence, from through the trees and  
across the water, to whisper secrets of the universe, while at  
the same time, I have a feeling of loss and emptiness.

It’s as though the vastness of the sky and the universe are  
drawing me up with them, much the way a tornado sucks  
trees out of the earth, twirling them toward the heavens.  
And yet, there is no wind whatsoever.

I am stirred with emotion.  
I relish the time I have here alone to be enveloped in this  
scenery without a single other human being. Not enough time  
is afforded to quiet time, time to think and time to not think –  
time to just be.

It feels like things are flipped upside down, out of  
proportion.

The largest measure of my days is consumed, like most  
folks I would imagine, in meeting all types of diverse  
demands, while the time I can steal away to get outside to the  
piney woods, or these desolate backwater lakes and creeks, is  
limited.

It seems to me it should be the other way around.  
Since the earliest times I can recall, I have been compelled  
to visit the quiet places like this. It’s a strong pulling I feel  
deep within me.

It is clear to me that I *need* to be here, but I don’t often  
understand exactly why.

Why do I find my most sublime peace and comfort among  
these gigantic boulders covered in bluish-green and cream-  
colored lichens? Why do the black waters, dark and unknown,  
mean so much?

How do the smells of the trees and the air, and the voices  
of the birds and animals, enchant me so? Why has it been this  
way since the very beginning?

It seems being among the outdoor habitats – whether  
boreal forests, prairies, deserts, mountains or seascapes – is  
a vital need that must be fulfilled for me to exist. It’s like  
having – or not having – water, oxygen, food or sleep.

When I am in places like this, I close my eyes to see what I  
can sense. There is so much here beyond sight to absorb. Even  
the darkness within, when I close my eyes, is fascinating to  
consider.

I love the taste and the smell of the rain, the feel of soft  
grasses and finely sorted beach sands beneath me and the  
sounds of bats of the evening echolocating.

I often wonder about the things I do and where I fit into the  
mosaic and art of nature and life. Maybe I don’t. Maybe I just  
hope I do.

I keep working to learn more through thinking and doing,  
seeing and gathering and walking and reading – always  
searching. I keep trying to keep the kid inside of me alive  
by looking at things in new ways and trying to discover new  
levels of understanding.

Not surprisingly, with the world so packed tight full of  
things to experience, I find often that I have more to learn  
than what I know. That helps make every day a new, and  
potentially better, day.

Up from this lake, there are quiet woods where no one ever  
seems to go much. There are promontories across this wide  
peninsula that few ever climb. These are the places I want to  
go to. It’s where I want to be.

I plan to do something I have thought about before, but  
never done. The reason I have never done it is likely because  
of the internal and external demands on me that wouldn’t  
allow it to happen.

Largely, my inner monologue would center around not  
having the time to afford this type of activity. The external  
demands are self-evident.

But I am determined that happen it will.  
I want to go to one of these quiet, seldom-visited places.  
There I will sit quietly for an entire day – from before sunrise  
to after sunset. I will not do anything but sit, experience,  
observe and relax. I will open my soul to the nature around  
me.

I will bring a notebook in case I want to jot down some



thoughts, maybe my camera, some water and something to  
eat, but nothing more.

I will no doubt encounter the rattling of my mind back and  
forth and up and down and here and there. But I think that  
after the mundane, internal recitation subsides there will be  
moments of clarity and resolve to find.

I also imagine I will see things that I wouldn’t expect.  
I will also be provided the opportunity to see the comings  
and goings of the place – everything from the winds and the  
light to the animals, plants and rocks – as the sun moves low  
across the sky.

Maybe there will be a creek or a river there to sing to me.  
Maybe there won’t be. Perhaps instead, there will be nothing  
but a splendid stand of sawtooth aspen or a jack pine barren  
or a green and yellow meadow.

The woods might also be dull, gray, brown and rusted. The  
day may be cold, warm or hot. It won’t matter. The experience  
will reveal itself as a genuine study in truth and beauty.

From other observations I’ve made in other places, there  
will likely be a timing involved for all the activities to take  
place. Periods of the day when the woodpeckers or the blue  
jays will appear, times when there won’t be any birds at all.  
The deer will pass slowly, nodding their heads as they walk.  
Squirrels and chipmunks will make their scuffling noises in  
the underbrush. There might be fireflies or a morning moon  
to see.

There will also be the cool and darkness of the early  
daytime, followed by the warming of the later morning into  
early afternoon before the return to shadows and sinking  
temperatures.

I hope to understand more about these cycles. I also hope  
to see where I fit in or don’t. Do humans in general – and me  
in particular – have a true place here amid the fabric of nature  
or are we merely interlopers?

As I sit, I will try not to make any impact at all. No fires.  
No garbage. Not even footprints, if I can help it. I want to  
experience this quiet place to its fullest, without imposing my  
own presence on it.

I also want to leave it as I found it, to allow it to remain a  
place people hardly ever go.

Above all, I hope that I will be given to opportunity to be  
left alone to myself. I wouldn’t want the experience tarnished  
with the contrivance or interruption of the sights or sounds of  
humans.

I often think about the silence and vastness of the world  
the first peoples must have experienced here in this place.  
The nights were darker back then, the waters of the big lakes  
even colder and the skies clearer.

It must have been stunning and profound to experience.  
Coming into the holiday time of year, this idea of taking  
an entire day to sit quietly alone amid the grandeur of nature  
holds even more attraction for me.

It’s going to be getting even louder and busier, more  
crowded, pressurized and obligatory. The Christmas music  
started playing in stores before Halloween.

I hope the truest and most admirable sentiments of the  
holidays – those of peace, love, happiness and goodwill  
toward each other – can prevail. But I am hoping to put my  
thumb on the scale a little bit by generating my own love,  
happiness and goodwill.

I presume that if I can find that quiet place undisturbed,  
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From left, front row, Charlie-Ray Mohs, the winner of the gift basket; back row, Patti DuFore, FBA Administrator; Paul Harmon, FBA President; and Lynn and Brandon Mohs.

**Christmas in the ‘Ville Scavenger Hunt winner receives gift basket**

The annual Christmas in the ‘Ville Scavenger Hunt was a great success, with 28 businesses providing gifts and offering clues for the contest and over 100 children submitting entries. Out of those participants, the winner was Charlie-Ray Mohs, a third grader at Kreeger Elementary School. She and her parents, Lynn and Brandon Mohs, were very excited and thanked everyone for the gifts. “I’ve never won anything like this before,” said Charlie-Ray. Christmas in the ‘Ville is sponsored by the Fowlerville Business Association (FBA).

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again held an auction of donated items, with the proceeds going to the Family Impact Center. This year the auction raised over \$1,100. Shown here, from left, were Paul Harmon, president of the FBA; Barb Dine, executive director of the Family Impact Center; and Greg Hillier, president of the Fowlerville Rotary.

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## Webberville holds Christmas celebration with tree lighting, parade & Santa visit

Webberville held a Christmas celebration last Saturday night, Dec.11, with a tree lighting in the Village Square on East Grand River, a small lighted parade from the park to the Leroy Township Fire Hall, and then a chance for area youngsters to visit with Santa at the hall.

The Webberville Downtown Development Authority organized the tree lighting and parade, while the Leroy Township Fire Association hosted its annual party that included refreshments along with the visit by Santa Claus.

The Webberville High School Band started off the ceremony at the park with a holiday selection. The lighting of the tree then took place, with emcee Josh DePue informing those gathered that it was in honor of the late William ‘Bill’ Wheeler—a longtime educator and community volunteer. Given that Wheeler was a vocational agriculture teacher and FFA advisor, three current members of the FFA pulled the switch. They were Cassie Bosworth, Maddie Derian, and Michael Fraley.

‘Stuff the Bus’ was held prior to the event, with the bus located in the parking lot across from the Village Square. Food and other items were collected on behalf of the Webberville Area Food Pantry by the high school student council.

The parade included several fire trucks and the Village DPW truck covered with lights, the high school band, the Tri-County 4-H Club with members leading goats and sheep, church floats, and the Williamston Area Girl Scouts.

At the fire hall, a long line of kids and their parents waited to visit Santa, while the high school choir performed some holiday songs and refreshments were served.



The Webberville High School Band started off the Tree Lighting Ceremony with a holiday song.



Lighting the Community Christmas Tree in honor of the late William ‘Bill’ Wheeler were three current members of the Webberville FFA. From left were Cassie Bosworth, Maddie Derian, and Michael Fraley.



Attending the Tree Lighting Ceremony were Janice Wheeler and David Wheeler, the wife and son of Bill Wheeler.



This church float was among the entries in the parade.



‘Stuff the Bus’ was held at the parking lot across from the Village Square on East Grand River. The Webberville High School Student Council collected food and other items for the Webberville Area Food Pantry. Shown here were council members Kaylie Atkins, left, and Hayley Williams.

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Here is the Webberville Community Christmas tree.





Serving hot beverages and giving out candy canes were members of the Webberville United Methodist Church.



The Webberville High School Choir performed some holiday songs at the Leroy Township Fire Hall.



Five-year-old Sadie Vincent was seeing Santa Claus for the first time. She is the daughter of Dave and Heather Vincent of Webberville and is in kindergarten.



Riley Hague, who is five-and-a-half months old, had a chance to see Santa Claus. He is the son of Sierra and Blake Hague of Webberville.



This family attended the Open House at the Leroy Township Hall, with the young men dressing up for the occasion. From left, front row, were Ivan Cotton, 5; Parker Sheldon, 9; and Everett Sheldon, 5; and in back, Lisa Cotton, Julie Griffes, and Jennifer Sheldon.



Josh DePue, left, emceed the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, while Alex Ellul, the choir director at Webberville Community Schools, led his high school ensemble in the performance of some holiday songs.



Enjoying the gathering at the Leroy Township Fire Hall were Mike Flynn, left, and Rod Monroe.



Serving refreshments at the Open House were, from left, Jordan Irwin, Katina Pfister, Kyra Kareckas, and Jordan Hague.





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### Smith Elementary highlights ‘Classroom of the Week’

The ‘Classroom of the Week’ at Smith Elementary School are the first graders in Mrs. Monica Burke’s class. From left, front row: Xcaret Rivas Abonce, Andrea Lim, Madison Pace, Hunter Dornton, Teegan LaFave, Izaak

Gehringer, Kinsler Giampaola; middle row: Mrs. Burke, Lyla Briggs, Elaina Elias, Terin Ramirez-Skaggs, Carter Milke, Vivian Borrowy, Aiden Soli, Anabelle Franks, Ms. Jenna; back row: Elwood Weinstein, Jameson Latva, Kinsley Busard, Korbyn Cook, Nathaniel Taylor, Delilah Roberts, Ranger Longthorne, and Leeanna Jones. Not pictured: Alex Douglas and Connor Johnson.

### Some Special Recipes

**By Dawn Horton**  
Try these easy-to-make Christmas treats. They can be nice hostess gifts and are tasty. The first one is Ella Eckhart’s recipe submitted by Jean Carl. Ella was a 4-H club leader and Fowlerville Post Office clerk for many years. The second recipe is submitted by Tina Dodson of Hartland Insurance and is a delicious treat for Christmas gatherings. Enjoy!

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—Ella Eckhart’s recipe submitted by Jean Carl

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Dalton Daniel (far right in white jacket) placed 3rd.



Jim Buurma (at top) placed first.



Jon Davis (third from left) took 2nd place.



Waylon Lamkin (far left) and Richard Davis (far right).

## Fowlerville Wrestling Team places in Top 10 at Howell tournament

By Dan Coon

Fowlerville High School Wrestling Coach

The Fowlerville High School Wrestling Team placed in the Top 10 of a 23-team tournament at Howell on Saturday, Dec. 11, despite three people not making weight the night before and only taking 10 of the 14 weight classes.

There are still a couple of months left in the season and we will get better as the season progresses. We are a little short handed right now as some figure out that wrestling varsity at Fowlerville teaches us how to physically work and how to work smarter. The good news is that we have some freshmen getting the varsity experience that many at Fowlerville don't get in other sports until their junior or senior year.

We have some talented individuals that will need to work out the finer details to understand the larger picture. Everyone on the team at this point is working hard and with the action starting on the mat, goals are being adjusted. It is not the win/loss goal at this point of the season. It is rather an evaluation

of where we are at and where we want to go. Goal setting is big in wrestling and the patience and tenacity to work to meet those goals can be the key to success.

Leading the way Saturday were a pair of seniors going to the finals. Jimmy Buurma at 152 did not wrestle his best of his career but still finished first by beating an unseeded wrestler from Detroit Catholic Central in the finals. It's encouraging that Jim can have a bad day and still be the best at his weight class in the meet.

Our other senior Jon Davis brought in more team points by pinning his way to the finals. However, he was wrestling his Williamston opponent when he was caught and pinned in the finals. I doubt that would finish the same way again. Jon will get another chance later this season.

Our third-place finisher, Dalton Daniel, a junior at 130, had one of the toughest weight classes of the day. He was seeded 7 and had to beat some 2021 state placers to get into placement matches. In his overtime match with the second seeded wrestler, he came out slow and tentative but stayed the course and chipped away at the points. He tired his opponent out and got the winning takedown in overtime.

Our other two placers, Richard Davis and Waylon Lamkin, a sophomore and freshman respectively, had the pleasure of both wrestling at 171 and seeing each other for the placement match. It's unfortunate since they spend a lot of time in the same practice room, but it would have been worse if neither had placed in the tournament. Both are the up and comers in the program and be prepared to see their names often this season.

Seniors that did not place but represented Fowlerville were Clayton Minock at 145 and Mark Bassett at 285. Others making their debut in the Varsity line-up were: Maggie Buurma, freshman 119; Ethan Luke, junior 125; and Douglas Braidwood, freshman 215.

Getting some valuable mat time was Hannah Arledge-Teran who took first in the girls division. An excellent day for her. Controlled all her younger opponents and finished with pins in each match. Junior Varsity wrestlers were: Matt Jeffrey, Levi Baker, Adam Aeschliman and Chase Richardson. We are looking forward to these wrestlers getting their experience and stepping into the Varsity line-ups very soon.

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## Fowlerville Wrestling Team splits tri-meet with Williamston & Sexton

The Fowlerville Wrestling Team lost to Williamston 42-30 and beat Lansing Sexton 60-24 in a tri-meet held this past Wednesday.

Leading the team for Fowlerville with undefeated records for the night were Jimmy Buurma, Dalton Daniel, Waylon Lamkin, and Levi Baker. The Glads' conference record is 0-1 and 1-1 overall.



**Livingston County’s Broadband Survey is coming to a close; residents are encouraged to participate**

Livingston County is encouraging its residents to take their quick, easy, and secure Broadband Survey. The response period for the survey is quickly coming to an end and all those who are interested in helping the County plan for a better-connected future are asked to participate.

The County’s Board of Commissioners knows that many residents experience frustrating barriers when it comes to Internet connectivity. In an effort to better understand Internet connectivity within this area and to explore broadband expansion options, the County has partnered with Merit Network to conduct a survey of our residents.

“Our broadband survey is still open and we continue to receive helpful planning responses from our residents and businesses. We have been very successful so far, but the more responses we get, the greater the accuracy for future planning phases,” said Chief Information Officer Kristoffer Tobbe.

The County hopes to receive as many resident responses as possible to ensure they have a clear picture of service in our area, she said, adding that some areas that would benefit

from additional resident responses include Cohoctah, Conway, Deerfield, Putnam, Marion, and Hamburg Townships.

“Residents in these areas can make a large impact by completing the survey and asking their neighbors to do so as well,” Tobbe noted.

To date, the County’s response rate for the survey is setting records. Over 4,500 households in our community have taken the survey, which made the responses the County received statistically significant earlier on in the survey timeline than expected.

“We have been so impressed by the citizen engagement in Livingston County. Granular, accurate and unbiased data is fundamental to national broadband expansion and local community engagement. The combination of citizen driven data and empowered local decision makers is essential to sound decision making for the federal investment in infrastructure having a sound impact. The County and its leaders recognize that and have been working hard to contribute,” said Charlotte Bewersdorff, Vice President for Community Engagement at Merit Network.

The survey is open until January 1, 2022, and available at <https://www.merit.edu/livgov/>. To learn more about the survey, residents can visit the County’s website at

<https://www.livgov.com/communications/Pages/Resident-Broadband-Survey.aspx>.

“Please take five minutes to fill out the survey and take the speed test between now and January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Your response is important for the future of connectivity in our County,” said Tobbe. “A big ‘thank you’ goes out to all those who already have taken the survey. Your help is deeply appreciated!”

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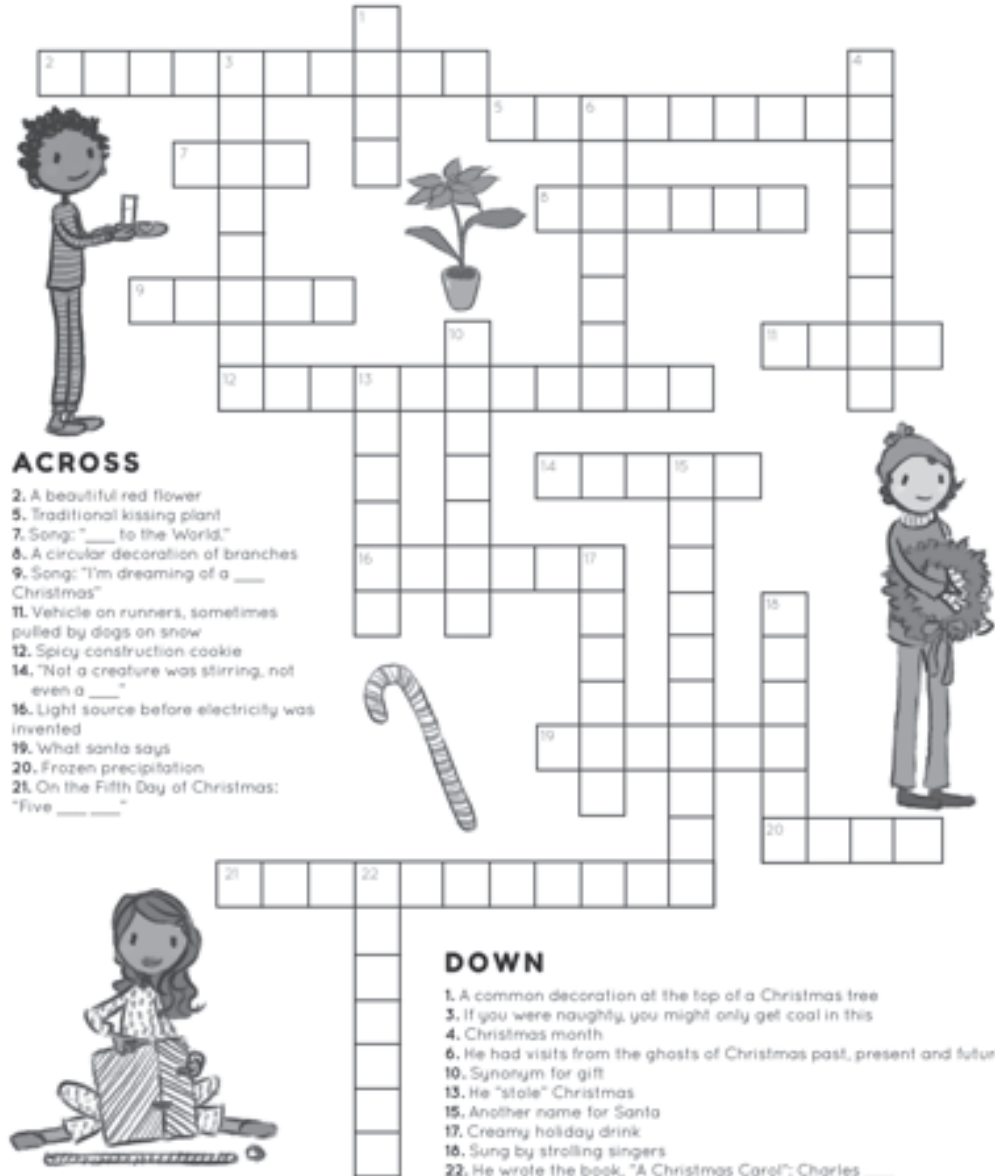




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# Letter to the Editor

## Inadequate gun laws may lead to acquittals in Oxford School Shooting

Following the Oxford School shooting on November 30, the state senate majority leader, Mike Shirkey, said that new gun laws would make our country unrecognizable. It's not clear what Mr. Shirkey sees when he looks in the mirror, but if what we recognize as "our country" is several school shootings each month, and almost 100 people a day killed by gun violence, then this nation is in serious need of a face lift!

Unfortunately, Mr. Shirkey seems to have a poor understanding of exactly just what rights the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment protects. In a landmark Supreme Court case, United States v. Cruikshank (1876), the first test of the Bill of Rights after the passage of the 14th Amendment (1868), Chief Justice Morrison R. Wait wrote for the majority:

*"The right to bear arms is not granted by the Constitution; neither is it in any manner dependent upon that instrument for its existence. The Second Amendment means no more than that it shall not be infringed by Congress, and has no other effect than to restrict the powers of the National Government."*

What the founders of the Constitution intended is that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment protected the rights of the states to regulate guns as freely or as strictly as their legislatures may decide, and restricts the federal government from limiting or infringing upon that right of the people. The Bill of Rights was not written for, and was not intended to apply to the states; (Baron v. Baltimore, 1833).

It was our present Supreme Court, led by Justice Samuel Alito, who used the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment to restrict the power of the states to strictly regulate guns, and this has erroneously been taken to mean that all should have unfettered access to any firearms. False. The states still do have the power to regulate guns, and it is up to this Republican-controlled legislature to protect the unarmed citizens of Michigan, which they seem loath to do; might makes right, and guns rule!

For Mike Shirkey and others in the Michigan legislature such as Representative Ann Bollin, and Senator Lana Theis, who's regular campaign promises are to leave Michigan's gun laws unregulated, would also allow an alleged school murderer and his accomplice parents to walk free because of inadequate laws to hold them accountable. In fact, in 2019 the board of commissioners voted to declare Livingston County a "gun sanctuary" in which no federal firearm laws will be enforced, and it will be at the discretion of the county sheriff to enforce state gun laws. WE can count on the Republican-dominated legislature to do nothing about gun violence in the state of Michigan.

The charge of involuntary manslaughter against the parents of the Oxford school shooter requires that a jury find them guilty of gross negligence, which means that they did, or failed to do something that any reasonable person would have, and should have known would lead to the wrongful death of another person.

While it is true that these parents seem to be utterly incompetent to the role of parenting, the charge indicates that the authorities cannot determine that they have broken any existing laws,

Law enforcement authorities apparently find no violation of any other laws, otherwise the parents may have been charged with felony murder, which is the violation of some law that is inextricably connected to the commission of a felony by some person, which leads to the wrongful death of another. This apparently did not happen in the view of the prosecutor in this case.

Additionally, much has been made of the failure of school officials to take preventive action, and this criticism may have some merit. School officials—including teachers, counselors, and administrators—are required by law to take direct action whenever there is even mere suspicion of potential violent intent or abuse of a child. School professionals are required by law to report any suspicion of potential danger or abuse directly to police, whether or not a superior or supervisor has knowledge or awareness of such threat to a child.

Clearly, this was not done in this case.

If school officials did not recognize the state of danger in this case, and report it to law enforcement and child protective services, how is a jury to understand that any reasonable person would have taken action, and therefore, how is it a matter of gross negligence on the part of the parents that would convict them of involuntary manslaughter. The prosecutor in the case has now indicated that some school officials may be charged in connection with this shooting. This only further removes the expectation upon the parents to have taken action to prevent the shooting, as the defense will undoubtedly argue that the legal burden fell first upon the school to take action, and they did not.

Ironically, this same rationale might be used in defense of the 15-year-old shooter himself. He was showing signs of emotional distress, he had actually asked for help, and

nobody took action to help him, protect him, or to protect others from him. Can he really be held responsible for his actions and be tried as an adult? Under these circumstances, charges at the adult level are probably more likely to lead to an acquittal than a conviction. A jury may reason that any number of adults who were responsible for preventing this tragedy had all dropped the ball, leaving the troubled youth without any emotional lifeline at all.

Parents may be held liable for the willful misconduct of their minor children when it comes to vandalism, shop lifting, or theft, but not gun violence, even if the parents own the gun. Michigan gun laws are insufficient to hold parents accountable, and particularly if the child is being charged as an adult, what responsibility does the law assign to the parents.

Senator Mike Shirkey and his Republican cohorts in the legislature apparently do not recognize what our country used to be, back when they were children, before they became old and gray and too cynical to recall that in their day there were no school shootings, nary a one. In those days students would have been suspended from school for two weeks just for fist fighting. But isn't it Mike Shirkey who is the one that wanted to have a fist fight with Governor Gretchen Whitmer? It's time that Mike Shirkey and his gun toting' friends be suspended from the legislature. Don't expect anything to change with gun violence in our schools until we elect new legislators who actually care more for protecting kids than they do unrestricted gun rights.

If we cannot agree on what new gun safety reforms should be enacted, we can all surely agree that new liability laws would be the most effective way to curb gun violence.

Here are 8 proposals for new gun liability laws:

- 1) Safe gun storage requirements,
- 2) Prohibition of straw purchases of any firearms,
- 3) Prohibition of the re-sale of any firearm to a third party; re-sales must go through a licensed firearm dealer,
- 4) Prohibition of any use, or any access to handguns and any semi-automatic firearms, including rifles by minors,
- 5) Criminal, and civil parental liability for willful misuse of a firearm by their minor children,
- 6) Property and financial forfeitures to the State of Michigan for providing any illegal access of a firearm to a minor, or any other party who cannot legally possess a firearm,
- 7) Required liability insurance for firearm ownership,
- 8) Permanent expulsion from all public schools for unlawful possession of a firearm by a minor on a public school (K-12) campus, and prohibition from admittance to public colleges, universities, or state-sponsored job training programs in the state of Michigan.

Paul W. Richardson

## Livingston Health Dept. scheduling COVID-19 booster dose appointments

Following recent FDA approval and CDC recommendation, Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) is now scheduling COVID-19 booster appointments for individuals ages 16 and older.

Moderna and Janssen vaccination appointments are available through LCHD for ages 18 and older. Schedule an appointment for a 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or booster dose by visiting <https://bit.ly/3Gx8N5f>. If you require scheduling assistance, please call 517-552-6842.

There are now booster recommendations for all three available COVID-19 vaccines in the United States. Everyone ages 16 and older is eligible for a COVID-19 booster. Individuals over the age of 18 who received an mRNA (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) COVID-19 primary vaccine may get a booster shot at six months or more after their primary series.

Individuals over the age of 16 who received a PfizerBioNTech COVID-19 primary vaccine may get a Pfizer booster shot at six months or more after their primary series. People over age 18 who received a single dose of the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine may receive a booster dose two or more months after completing their primary series.

A parent or guardian must accompany minors at the time of vaccination. Additionally, individuals receiving a vaccination through LCHD are required to show proof of prior COVID-19 vaccinations. You can request proof of your prior vaccinations by visiting [www.michigan.gov/MIimmsportal](http://www.michigan.gov/MIimmsportal).

COVID-19 vaccines continue to be widely available from local providers and pharmacies. LCHD recommends individuals use [www.vaccines.gov](http://www.vaccines.gov) to find a convenient vaccination location.

For more information about the COVID-19 vaccine, including safety and efficacy information, visit [www.CDC.gov/Coronavirus](http://www.CDC.gov/Coronavirus) or [www.Michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine](http://www.Michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine).

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**Crossroads United Methodist Church to hold Christmas Eve candlelight service**

Celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas Eve candlelight services Friday, December 24, at Crossroads United Methodist Church.

The service begins at 6 p.m. at the church, corner of Haslett and Zimmer roads east of Haslett and north of Williamston. Pastor Marty Johnston will lead readings and music that will end with the singing of “Silent Night” by candlelight. Coffee and cookies will be served following the service.

For details, please call the church at 517/655-1466, email at [office.umccrossroads@gmail.com](mailto:office.umccrossroads@gmail.com), or find the church on Facebook.



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Senior Spotlight—Emma LeBoeuf

You’ve probably seen her around either serving on the volleyball court or running down the basketball court. Emma LeBoeuf is well known in the community and that is why she is this week’s Senior Spotlight.

LeBoeuf is the daughter of Lisa Driver and stepdaughter of Billy Loomis and daughter of Brad LeBoeuf. LeBoeuf is also the younger sister to Kylee Bauer and Zach LeBoeuf who both attended Webberville. LeBoeuf has been involved in basketball, volleyball, and track. LeBoeuf also attends the Wilson Talent Center for Patient Care Technician (PCT) and is involved in FFA.

“Emma is a very kind, uplifting person. I’ll never forget our car rides, golf trips and talks that always give me something to look forward to,” said sophomore Ryleigh Nelson. “I’m really going to miss her being around and playing sports together.”

For basketball LeBoeuf is always at practices and games and always has a good point of view of things. Last year, the girls basketball team was academic all-state.

When she didn’t have a basketball in her hand, it was a volleyball. LeBoeuf enjoyed volleyball and just being there with her teammates.

“Emma is a hardworking, intelligent young lady who is eager to learn and have fun doing so,” said former basketball coach Stephany Bohlmann. “Something I’ll never forget about Emma is her willingness to try new things and not stop till she gets them right will be unforgettable. Emma is an amazing individual with a bright future ahead of her.”

LeBoeuf’s academics have always been very important to her. LeBoeuf is Top 10 in her class and plans to graduate with a 4.0. LeBoeuf is a kind student that will always offer a helping hand if someone needs it. LeBoeuf has also been an active member in journalism over the last four years and is serving as a senior editor.

“Emma is a great person, always kind and helpful and always made an effort to talk to me even after middle school,” said Mrs. Jessica Hitchcock, middle school science teacher. “Something I’ll never forget about Emma is her smile and her positive attitude.”

After high school LeBoeuf plans to earn her Bachelor of Science and Nursing (BSN) at Baker College. LeBoeuf is inspired to be a nurse by her mother and her aunt. She wants to follow the family tradition with healthcare.

“I plan on going into nursing because I love helping people and being a nurse has always been my biggest goal in life,” she explained.

LeBoeuf is looking forward to moving ahead in her life, but said she is going to miss her friends, teachers, and coaches.

“Some advice for underclassmen would be to always do your work and to participate in sports and to attend other sports events because it makes the high school years more enjoyable and makes it go by faster,” said LeBoeuf.

What Are Your Resolutions?

By Tom Sperow  
 Webberville Church of Christ

At the start of every year, people make New Year Resolutions – ways in which they can improve their lives. Most will resolve to eat healthier, lose weight, spend more time with their family, stop worrying, etc... They will start off the year doing those things, but, after a few months, they will go back to their harmful habits. Then they’ll wait until the next year to start the process all over again.

The new year gives people the opportunity to improve their spiritual lives, too. The following are just some of the resolutions for you to think about:

**Study God’s Word** - It is important for us to read God’s word every day, but we must, also, study it (2 Timothy 2:15). We should think about what it means, meditate upon it, and grow in knowledge of God’s Word. God expects us to know what His word says, so that we aren’t deceived by false teachers (1 John 4:1), and the only way to do that is with study.

**Worship God Every Sunday** – We all know that it is important for us to attend worship every Sunday (Hebrews 10:25), but God expects more for us than to just show up. We must be active during the worship service – we must sing songs of praises to God, follow along when the prayers are offered, meditate as we take the Lord’s Supper, give as we’ve been prospered, and listen to the sermon. We must remember that we come to worship God, not to be entertained.

**Do Good To All Men (Galatians 6:10)** – The parable of the Good Samaritan shows us we not only seek to help people spiritually, but also physically. We aid them whenever we can. In Matthew 25, the ones who would be with Jesus in heaven are the ones you saw after the physical needs of those around them and the ones who Jesus told to depart are those who were selfish (Matthew 25:34-46).

Most people focus on their physical body, and neglect their spiritual body. Let us seek to improve our spiritual body first. Let us seek get rid of harmful habits and turn our lives to serving God.

We at the Church of Christ in Webberville can help you get your spiritual body into shape. We gather together at 340 North Summit Street, and we would like to encourage you to attend our worship services every Sunday at 11:00 am and 12:15 pm. If there is any way we can help you make 2022 a better year, please let us know.

Williamston’s Farmers Market will hold first-ever Holiday Market Dec. 19

The Eastern Ingham Farmers Market will hold its first-ever *Holiday Market* this Sunday, December 19th.

The *Market* takes place from 10am to 2pm in the Williamston McCormick Park parking lot, the regular location of the Eastern Ingham Farmers Market at 123 High Street.

“Shopping locally during this holiday season benefits everyone,” said Tom Cary, the Market manager. “You’ll save time, be supporting small businesses and won’t have to deal with the frustration of trying to locate those hard-to-find items that are not in stock in many stores this year. This is a great opportunity to buy stocking stuffers, fresh goods for holiday dinners, specially decorated baked goods for Santa or the kids in all of us, and unique handmade crafts for those hard-to-buy-for on your gift list.”

Market Street and the trailer /office will be decorated, there will be holiday music filling the air and hot beverages will be available to keep shoppers warm. Some vendors will have “holiday specials” as well.

And don’t forget: the Sowing Growth bottle and can collection fundraiser continues during the December 19th *Holiday Farmers Market*, so load your Michigan-returnables in the car and bring them Sunday, as well as these other dates in 2022:

- January 2 and 16, 11am to 1pm
- February 6 and 20, 11am to 1pm
- March 6 and 20, 11am to 1pm
- April 3 and 17 (Easter), 11am to 1pm, and
- May 1 11am to 1pm

The Market will re-open for the 2022 regular season on Sunday, May 15th.

Michigan DNR Fishing Tips—

Targeting walleye throughout the day

When anglers target walleye through the ice, they often experience different levels of activity as the day progresses. In early morning, around sunrise, the fish will be active, and you may want to use larger lures and more aggressive

jigging. As time wears on, those fish will scale their intensity back – during that time you’ll want to select smaller lures.

When all activity seems to have dropped off, you’ll want to consider sitting tight and waiting for the fish to come to you. Then, as sunset nears, often their activity will pick up and you’ll want to revert to your early morning strategies.





# Michigan House Report

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

This week, I voted in support of a \$1.2 billion plan that would provide immediate relief for short-staffed hospitals and clinics, helping these dedicated professionals provide COVID-positive patients with proven and promising treatments, and continuing our state’s vaccination efforts. We are also providing the testing and screening supplies needed to keep students in school so they can catch up on learning lost during the pandemic. Here are some highlights from our plan, funded by federal COVID relief dollars.

**Strengthening hospitals with additional staff and supplies**

Thousands of Michigan health care jobs remain unfilled, leaving those still on the job overworked and stretched dangerously thin during high-demand times such as a surge in COVID cases. The shortage of workers is one of the biggest crises we face as a state.

- \$300 million for health care employee recruitment and retention
- \$24 million for nursing homes and long-term care facilities

**Providing patients with top-notch treatment**

Monoclonal antibodies are proven to improve the chances of a faster, fuller recovery for COVID patients. We are providing needed funds to buy and administer these drugs. Our plan also looks forward to providing funding for treatments still in development that could come soon, like COVID treatment pills.

- \$134 million to buy and ramp up distribution of monoclonal antibodies, and other treatments coming soon
- \$90 million to continue vaccination programs

**Keeping students healthy and schools open**

Learning loss during the pandemic will have far-reaching consequences. We must do all we can to help kids catch up and increase their chances for success. That starts with keeping students healthy and ensuring schools remain open for in-person instruction.

- \$300 million for rapid testing and screening in schools
- \$367 million to continue testing in Michigan communities, including \$100 million for employers

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*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](mailto:RobertBezotte@house.mi.gov).*

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

On Wednesday December 8, 2021 NIESA responded to six calls. Four were emergency medical calls, with two occurring in Leroy Township, one in the City of Williamston, and one in Williamstown Township. NIESA also responded to two vehicle accidents. One accident was in Wheatfield Township on I-96. The second was in Williamstown Township at the corner of Sherwood and Zimmer Roads.

Thursday December 9, 2021 NIESA responded to two calls. One was an emergency medical call in the City of Williamston, and the second was a structure fire in Wheatfield Township on Holt Road near Williamston Road.

On Friday December 10, 2021 NIESA had three calls. All three responses were emergency medical calls, with two occurring in the City of Williamston and one was a mutual aid response into Ingham Township.

Saturday December 11, 2021 NIESA responded to ten calls. Five responses were emergency medical calls, with two occurring in the City of Williamston, one in Williamstown Township, one in Wheatfield Township, and one in the Village of Webberville. With the high winds NIESA also responded to four utility pole/lines down issues. Two occurred in Williamstown Township, one in Locke Township, and one in Leroy Township. The final fire response was to assist Fowlerville Fire Department with a structure fire on Nicholson Road.

On Sunday December 12, 2021 NIESA responded to three calls. Two were emergency medical calls which occurred in Williamstown Township and Locke Township. The third response was for an assist to Ingham Township Fire for a structure fire on South Meech Road.

Monday December 13, 2021 NIESA had one emergency medical call in the City of Williamston.

On Tuesday December 14, 2021 NIESA responded to five emergency medical calls. Two of the responses were in the City of Williamston, one in Locke Township, one in Williamstown Township, and the final response was in Leroy Township.



# U.S. Congress Report

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

## Unveils Gun Storage Safety Bill in Wake of Oxford High School Shooting

U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin (MI-08) announced last week that she will introduce the Safe Guns, Safe Kids Act, a bill to require safe and proper storage of firearms in households to prevent children and others from illegally accessing the weapon. Slotkin will introduce the bill in the wake of the shooting at Oxford High School on November 30, which left 4 teenage students dead.

“I’m introducing this bill because of the destructive role the parents of the killer had on the lives of four teenagers at Oxford High School, and thousands more in the community,” said Slotkin. “At church services, vigils and funerals, and visits with parents, teachers, and law enforcement, everyone’s priority is to keep our kids safe – and it’s clear there’s a gap in law that makes it hard to hold parents accountable for aiding their child in committing a crime with a gun.

“I come from a gun-owning family, and I carried two firearms on my three tours in Iraq with the CIA,” she noted. “There are millions of responsible gun owners in Michigan, including my own dad. This bill will require gun owners to store or lock their firearms when children are present, and will hold them accountable when they fail to do so. This legislation is a serious, common-sense effort to address a safety issue that is taking American lives all around the country. Ensuring that firearms are properly stored, and not left to fall into the hands of those who could use them for violence, is essential. The goal is to prevent another American town from experiencing the devastation we’ve felt in Oxford over the last two weeks.”

**The Safe Guns, Safe Kids Act would:**

--Require gun owners to safely secure their firearm when a child could reasonably access the firearm.

--Impose a penalty of up to 5 years of prison time if a child does indeed access the gun, which they reasonably had access to, and uses the gun to injure themselves or others or uses the firearm in the commission of a crime.

There are 4.6 million minors in the U.S. who live in homes with at least one loaded, unlocked firearm, and studies show that between 70 and 90% of guns used in youth suicides, unintentional shootings among children, and school shootings perpetrated by shooters under the age of 18 are acquired from the home or the homes of relatives or friends. Data shows that there were at least 2,070 unintentional shootings by children between 2015 and 2020 – an average of nearly one shooting per day.

The gun used in the Oxford High School shooting was purchased legally by the shooter’s father but, according to court documents, was not properly stored. Oakland County Prosecutor Karen McDonald has filed criminal charges against both parents of the gunman to that end.

The four students killed in the shooting were: Hana St. Juliana, age 14, Madisyn Baldwin, age 17, Tate Myre, age 16, and Justin Shilling, age 17.

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**Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>** – Euchre 10am-Noon and Mind Games with the Library at 12:30pm

**Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Euchre 10am-Noon, CHRISTMAS PARTY & CHRISTMAS BINGO at 12:30pm and Needle Work Group 1pm-3pm

**Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>** -- Closed

**Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>** – Euchre 10am-Noon, National Chocolate Day Party and Tai-Chi Chair Exercise with Paul at 12:30pm

**Wednesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>** – Euchre 10am-Noon, NEW YEAR’S PARTY at 12:30pm and Needle Work Group from 1pm-3pm

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The change will be to add the Tech Drive Extension Project and the possible purchase of a lot in the Village to make a parking lot.

A copy of any of these requests are available for review at the Webberville Village Office during normal business hours, via pickup or by email.

Interested parties may make comments at the meeting or submit them in writing to Jaymee Hord, Village Clerk/Treasurer, P.O. Box 389, Webberville, MI 48892 or by email at [jhord@villageofwebberville.com](mailto:jhord@villageofwebberville.com), prior to the meeting.

The official minutes of all meetings are stored and available for inspection at the Village Office located at 115 S. Main Street, Webberville.

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Eric

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Social Security Questions & Answers

Question:  
How can I protect myself against identity theft?  
Answer:  
First, don’t carry your Social Security card with you. Keep it secure at home with your other important papers. Second, don’t readily give out your Social Security number. While many banks, schools, doctors, landlords, and others will request your number, it is your decision whether to provide it. Ask if there is some other way to identify you in their records.  
If you are the victim of identity theft, you should report it right away. To report identity theft, fraud, or misuse of your Social Security number, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) (the nation’s consumer protection agency) recommends you:

- Place a fraud alert on your credit file by contacting one of the following companies (The company you contact is required to contact the other two, which will then place alerts on your reports.):
  - Equifax, 1-800-525-6285.
  - Trans Union, 1-800-680-7289.
  - Experian, 1-888-397-3742.
- Review your credit report for inquiries from companies you have not contacted, accounts you did not open, and debts on your accounts you cannot explain.
- Close any accounts you know, or believe, have been tampered with or opened fraudulently.
- File a report with your local police or the police in the community where the identity theft took place.
- File a complaint with the FTC at 1-877-438-4338 (TTY 1-866-653-4261).

Question:  
Will my son be eligible to receive benefits on his retired father’s record while going to college?  
Answer:  
No. At one time, Social Security did pay benefits to eligible college students. But the law changed in 1981. We now pay benefits only to students taking courses at grade 12 or below. Normally, benefits stop when children reach age 18 unless they are disabled. However, if children are still full-time students at a secondary (or elementary) school at age 18, benefits generally can continue until they graduate or until two months after they reach age 19, whichever is first.

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Smith Elementary School News

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

School Hours: 8:50 am – 3:32 pm

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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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Wishing all of our Smith families a wonderful holiday break!  
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!  
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**Holiday Musical-** Instead of our traditional musical, Mr. G and the First Grade teachers are teaming with the theater department at the high school this year to record the musical program. Once it is ready for viewing, the link will be sent to families to watch at home.

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

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



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NOTICE OF SALE

A liquidation sale will be held on  
January 4, 2022 at 10am to dispense of the items stored in the following unit:

Wesley Westburg Unit E-97

This sale is subject to cancellation without notice.





Here are Kathy, on right, and I, on left, with Steve Allen, wearing our pretty identical green dresses. He saw that we were twins and asked to stand up and tell a few facts about ourselves.



During our talk with Steve Allen, we told him that we did the Hawaiian Hula and had our costumes with us, so he asked us to do the dance for the show and also posed with us for this photo. Kathy is on the left and I am on the right of Steve.

## Appearing on Steve Allen Comedy Hour in 1971

By Karen Grab

Not too long after moving to Southern California, my sister Kathy Seeley and I got tickets for the Steve Allen Comedy Hour that was being broadcast in February 1971.

Steve saw us sitting in the audience and noticed we were twins and wearing our pretty, identical green dresses. He asked us to stand up and wanted to know where we were from and what we did. We mentioned being from the Lansing, Michigan area and that we were now living in Santa Monica and working as nurses at St. John’s Hospital.

We told him about our Hawaiian dancing and that we did the Hula. He noticed our accent as we said Hula. I said that we also do the Hawaiian War Chant. We informed him that we had our costumes with us, so he asked us to dance on the show. I still have the audio of our appearance on a cassette tape.

Steve Allen was a well-known TV personality and led the way for late-night talk shows by being the first host of the Tonight Show in the 1950s. He helped pave the way for Johnny Carson, Jack Paar, Dave Letterman and Jay Leno who all followed his footsteps with their own late-night shows.

He appeared on game shows, wrote books, composed music and lyrics (‘This Could Be the Start of Something Big’ being one of his more famous tunes), and hosted this comedy hour.



Steve Allen was a famous TV personality.



Milt Carman

His special guests for the show we appeared in were Charlie Weaver, Milt Carman and Professor Backwards. Charlie was a working radio actor and comedian which led to television on the Jack Paar Show. His comedic alter ego was ‘Cliff’ who was well-known for his squashed hat, little round glasses, crumpled shirt, broad tie, baggy pants and suspenders. He hosted his own show “Hobby Lobby” for a year.

Milt was a stand-up comic and actor and a favorite with Mel Brooks, Groucho Marx and Woody Allen. He did Mannix (1967) and Mother Jugs and Speed (1976). Professor Backwards was known for his ability to write script upside down and backwards, as well as spell and pronounce words backwards.



Charlie Weaver, aka ‘Cliff’



Professor Backwards



A photo we took of Steve Allen talking to the audience.



An admission ticket for the February 1971 broadcast of the Steve Allen Comedy Hour.



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# FOWLERVILLE ROTARY CLUB

*Would like to thank all the community members who helped our club with our yearly fundraising projects & special events.*

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**Rotary Officers**

Officers for the 2021-2022 year are, from left, Mary Tumberella, immediate past president; Greg Hillier, president; Dawn Horton, secretary; Brent Pietila, president-elect for next year; and Paul Harmon, treasurer.



**Fowlerville Dawn Patrol**

Taking a pause in their work were, from left, John Romankewiz, Terri Hillier, and Rotary President Greg Hillier who chaired Dawn Patrol this year.

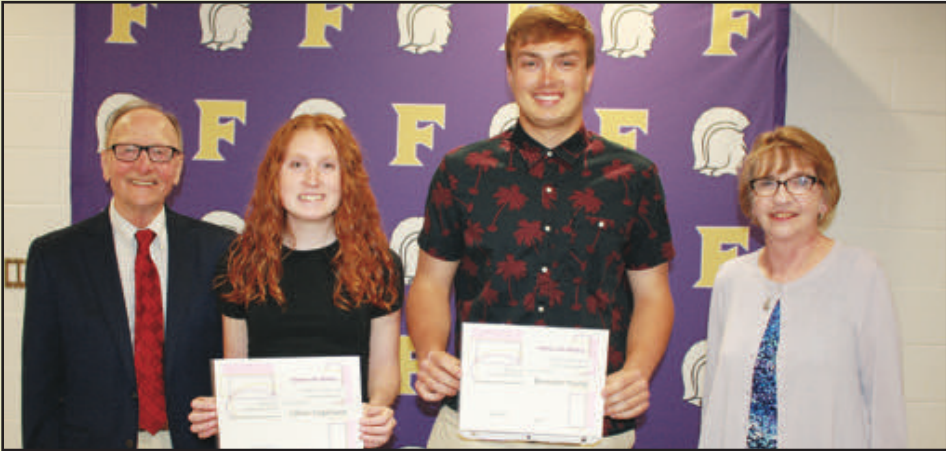
## 2021-2022 Officers & Members

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Wayne Roedel  
Meghan Swain  
John Tyler  
Hank Vaupel  
Karl Witt



**Rotary Athletic Scholarship Winners**

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



**Rotary Golf Outing**

The winning team for the Men's Division were, from left, Ryan Hughes, Floyd Hughes, Jim Wells and Doug Hughes.

## We've used these funds for...

- Fowlerville High School Athletic Award Scholarships • Fowlerville High School Rotary Academic Scholarships  
• Community Park Projects • Family Impact Centers • Cub Scout Troop • Interact Club •  
Fire Department Donations for Kids Program.

## A Merry Christmas & a Happy Healthy New Year to All!

The Club meets on Wednesdays at the 1st United Methodist Church at 12 pm. Guests who would like to learn more about Rotary please join one of our weekly meetings. [www.fowlervillerotary.com](http://www.fowlervillerotary.com)

**Fowlerville Rotary hosts Farmers Day, Veterans Day and Seniors Day Annual Programs**



Among the area veterans attending the program were, from left, front row, Bob Nash, Wayne Tembletor, Wayne Bowers, Steven Sheldon, Jerry Bergin, Ken Verfaillie, Paul Hull, and Sarkis Aghababian; back row, Steve Whitney, Tom Phipps, David Mester, David Worthy, Butch Ogden, Ken Childers, Harold Browning, and Duane Hoisington.



Among the area veterans attending the program were, from left, front row, Don Raven, Laszlo Szalay, Alan Hatfield, Ted Cain, Humpy Allmendinger; back row, Tom Oliver, Mark Kovach, John Branke, Hank Vaupel, Bill Klender, and Ed Haller.