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*See Page 5 for brief profiles of these top academic achievers.*

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## Fowlerville District Library News

### Special Announcements

The library is opening to 30% capacity. Appointments will no longer be required and we will continue to offer curbside service.

Face masks are still required for all library patrons and staff, as well as maintaining the social distancing of 6 feet.

Monday-Thursday

9:30am – 7pm

Friday

9:30am – 5pm

Saturday

10am – 2pm

#### How to Use Curbside Service

*Step 1: You can make requests: by calling the Library directly, emailing us or make your holds through the FDL's card catalog (Max 10 items) –Not sure what you would like to read? Use our reader's advisory at the desk, they can help! All you need is to give them a subject, author, or genre, and they will do the rest.*

*Step 2: One hour after your request has been made, please come to the Library and park in the curbside pickup designated parking located in front of the side yard.*

*Step 3: From your car, call the Library and someone will come out with your requested materials.*

*Step 4: Please present your library card or driver's license and your materials will be given to you.*

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#### Upcoming Programs for May

All programs are intended for Fowlerville School District residents.

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

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#### Take and Make Craft Kits– K-5<sup>th</sup> Graders

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

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

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

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#### Springtime Cardmaking on Zoom– Thursday, May 6, 2021 6:30 PM – Zoom

Join library staff members Mary and Zoe, as they guide you through making four different cards. Kits will be available for pickup beginning Tuesday, April 20, 2021 and includes all supplies needed to make four different cards.

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#### Outdoor Storytimes with Mrs. D –Tuesdays, May 11, 18, 25, 2021 10:30AM in Library Side Yard -Weather Permitting-

Bring a blanket or a folding chair to sit on in our side yard. Join in the fun with songs, finger plays and a story or two. Social distancing and masks are advised. Registration is not required for this program.

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#### Beginner Gardener Series – Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 6:30 PM –Adults – Zoom

Learn to garden with Master Gardener Nan-Marie Fox. May's topic is transplanting starters into the garden.

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#### Beyond the Book and Movie – Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 6:30 PM – Adults – Zoom

Adults – May's selection: *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. Please read the book and watch the movie at home, then meet up with friends on Zoom to discuss them both. Everyone who signs up will get an opportunity to check out the movie and watch it on their own. Registration is required. Sign up with a valid email address to receive a book and a Zoom link. Registration is done in person inside or through curbside service at the Library. Books will be available to check out.

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### NOTICE TO THE ELECTORS OF IOSCO TOWNSHIP SPECIAL ELECTION NOTICE FOR FOWLERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ABSENTEE BALLOTS

All Electors are hereby given notice that a Special Election will be held in all Precincts of Iosco Township on Tuesday, May 4th, 2021. The Iosco Township Clerk is currently available to issue ballots for all Fowlerville School's registered voters requesting an absentee ballot for the Special Election on Wednesday & Thursday between 1 p.m. & 5 p.m. at the Township Hall located at 2050 Bradley Rd., Webberville, MI. For voters who are unable to visit during office hours, the Clerk will also be available on Saturday May 1st, 2021 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Emergency Absentee Ballots are available on Monday, May 3rd, 2021, until 4 p.m.

Julie Dailey  
Iosco Township Clerk  
(4-11, 4-18, 4-25 & 5-2-21 FNV)



## Michigan House Report

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

This past week, I introduced another bill into the House, HB 4725. This bill will allow for corrections officers employed by a county sheriff in a county jail, work camp, or other facility maintained by a county and that houses adult prisoners to participate in arbitration for compensation and benefit for those officers. This bill was referred to the committee on Commerce and Tourism. I look forward to moving this bill through committee and the House floor.

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With the state and federal tax deadlines extended into May, here are a few things you may need to know:

- Unemployment compensation is taxable
- PPP loans are excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes

If you have any questions, visit [www.michigan.gov/treasury](http://www.michigan.gov/treasury) for more information.

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Last Saturday, I was a judge for the Fowlerville 4<sup>th</sup> of July Chili Cook Off! Congratulations to the winners of the cookout. I had so much fun trying all the different chilis and soups!

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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 [Robert.Bezotte@house.mi.gov](mailto:Robert.Bezotte@house.mi.gov)

### NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF HANDY, CONWAY AND IOSCO TOWNSHIP RESIDENT'S 2021 FOWLERVILLE SCHOOLS SPECIAL ELECTION TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021

Please take notice that the 2021 Fowlerville Schools Special Election will be held on Tuesday, May 4, 2021. The Polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

#### VOTING PRECINCT LOCATIONS:

Handy Township-  
Precincts 1, 2, & 3, Vote at the Woodshire Place Banquet Facility, 6520 W. Grand River

Conway Township residents-  
All Precincts vote at the Conway Township Hall, 8015 N. Fowlerville Rd.

Iosco Township residents-  
Precinct 1, vote at the Iosco Township Hall, 2050 Bradley Rd.  
Precinct 2, vote at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 8201 W. Iosco Rd.

Laura A. Eisele, Handy Township Clerk  
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## Fowlerville School District voters go to the polls this Tuesday to decide on \$37.8 million bond issue

Fowlerville School District voters will decide on a \$37.8 million bond issue at an election scheduled this Tuesday, May 4. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

School officials have pointed out that the measure, if approved, would not raise the millage levy for bonded projects above the current 9.55 mills, but would extend the length of the bond issue another six years, from 2044 to 2050.

There are currently 2,744 K-thru-12 grade students enrolled in the district, along with over 100 children attending preschool classes.

The centerpiece of the proposal is a new 72,000 square-foot K-2 elementary building that would be located in the northeast part of the campus, on the East Access Road near Sharpe Road.

With a projected cost of \$29 million, it would feature 24 classrooms, rooms for special education, art, science, and music, and intervention spaces where teachers could instruct students on an individual basis. A gymnasium, cafeteria, media center, and administrative offices would also be included in the facility.

If the measure is passed, then the Smith School would be used for the Early Childhood Development Center and the Recreation Department that are now housed in the Munn facility and the Munn building would be torn down.

The board of education, in seeking the bond issue, felt a new school was a better use of funds than renovating Munn, given the age of that building and the cost of upgrading it.

Architects and construction consultants have told school officials that necessary upgrades or replacements to the heating and water systems, a new roof, and other mechanical systems at Munn would cost around \$20 million over the next ten years.

The core of the facility was initially built in 1955—being opened as the then new high school. Two additions occurred in later years.

Another major component of the bond issue is money to provide climate control, including cooling systems in all of the academic buildings. The cost is put at \$7.3 million.

More specifically, Kreeger Elementary and the Junior High would see the immediate installation of air conditioning, while the High School would be equipped with electrical upgrades to handle a new AC system at a future date.

Air conditioning would also be installed at the Smith building and would be included in the new K-2 facility.

In addition, the proposal would include money to decommission the Munn building, with the estimate being \$860,000 to remove the interior furnishings, tear down the building, and remove the debris.



Carol Glenn

## Longtime VINA volunteer has retired after over 12 years of service

One of VINA's very first volunteers, Carol Glenn, is retiring from VINA and moving on to the next chapter of her life. Carol's last day at VINA was April 14, 2021, marking more than 12 years of service to VINA and those we serve.

Carol has been with the clinic since its inception. She did the intake appointment for VINA's very first patient in 2008. She is a vital part of the heart and soul of VINA. She has seen VINA grow and change for more than a decade and has remained dedicated to helping those in need in Livingston County.

She volunteers at the front desk of VINA, serving as first and last point of contact for most patients. She answers the phone, checks patients in and out, schedules appointments and collects payments. Carol is quick to laugh, and her kindness is infectious to all she encounters. VINA patients, staff, volunteers and all who have met Carol over the years will miss her dearly.

She says she will miss the patients and people she met along the way. Carol has too many favorite memories and stories to choose just one, but says she loves seeing patients smile after they have been treated. Carol plans on gardening, crocheting, knitting, making stained glass and spending time with her family with her free time after leaving VINA.

All of VINA's staff, volunteers, board of directors and community are grateful for Carol's dedication and passion for VINA and those we serve. She has made a lasting impact in many lives and in our community.



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## U.S. Congress Report

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

### Advocates for Federal Funding of Local Community & Infrastructure Projects

This past Thursday U.S. Representative Elissa Slotkin (MI-08) announced 10 projects in Michigan's 8th District that she will be advocating to receive direct federal funding from Congress through the annual spending bill Congress passes every year.

"Each of these 10 projects would significantly benefit communities across the 8th District--whether it's helping our first responders improve public safety, upgrading water treatment facilities, or enhancing the quality of life in our communities," said Slotkin. "The chosen projects had to show community support, and in the coming months, my team and I will be working hard to get funding through both the House and Senate."

The Community Project Funding Program allows Members to submit 10 projects that would benefit their

communities. Slotkin's office received 58 proposals and ultimately selected the following 10, listed alphabetically by applicant:

Addison Township Public Library - New Library Building  
Brighton Area Fire Authority - New Fire Authority Headquarters

City of Mason - Mason Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion

City of Rochester - Memorial Grove All Abilities Playground

City of Williamston - Water/sewer infrastructure improvements

Lansing Community College - Mobile Healthcare Learning Initiative Project

Lansing Police Department - Lansing Crisis Assessment Team

North Oakland County Fire Authority - Replace ambulances and invest in renovations and education equipment

Village of Fowlerville - Water Treatment/Radium Removal Plant

Village of Pinckney - Multi-Modal Pathway and Connectors project

In order to be selected, the project had to be from a state or local government or a public institution of higher education and located in Michigan's 8th district. The proposal also had to demonstrate the project has robust community support, would have a significant impact on the community, and would be a good use of taxpayer dollars.

Among the submissions were these from Fowlerville and Williamston.

**Project Sponsor:** Village of Fowlerville

**Recipient Address:** 213 S. Grand Avenue, Fowlerville, MI 48836

**Requested Amount:** \$6,000,000.00

**Request Purpose:** Water Treatment/Radium Removal Plant

**Recipient explanation of request and justification for why it is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds:**

The Village of Fowlerville has submitted a proposal for a Water Treatment/Radium Removal Plant. The new water treatment/radium removal plant would address "current poor water quality, greatly reduced levels of radium and improve the community's quality of life." The proposal has broad community support, including letters of support from the Livingston County Economic Development Council, the Fowlerville Local Development Finance Authority, and the Fowlerville Downtown Development Authority, as well as a village resolution of unanimous support.

**Project Sponsor:** City of Williamston

**Recipient Address:** 161 E. Grand River Ave., Williamston, MI 48895

**Requested Amount:** \$4,794,800.00

**Request Purpose:** Water/sewer infrastructure improvements

**Recipient explanation of request and justification for why it is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds:**

To improve the issues of water quality, reliability and affordability, the City of Williamston submitted a request for "once-in-a-generation" improvements to their water mains that will benefit residents, businesses and schools. The areas identified for improvement are "some of the oldest in town with modest housing, families and seniors on fixed incomes who have lived in Williamston for decades." The proposal has broad community support, including a City Council Resolution unanimously supporting the CPF application and letters of support, including from state and local government officials, business leaders, and residents.

**In addition to these 10 community projects, members of Congress may submit infrastructure projects** in their congressional district to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for funding consideration. Selected projects will be included in the 2021 Surface Transportation Authorization bill.

Among these projects were one for Livingston County and one for the City of Williamston.

**Livingston Essential Transportation Services Project**

**Project Sponsor:** Livingston Essential Transportation Service (LETS)

**Project Name:** West Grand River Road (areawide service) **Project Location:** Howell, 48855

**Requested Amount:** \$146,256.00

**Project Description:** Purchase replacement vehicles

**North Putnam Street Project**


**Project Sponsor:** City of Williamston

**Project Name:** North Putnam Street



**Project Location:** North Putnam Street; West Riverside Street to Bismark Street, Williamston 48895

**Requested Amount:** \$375,000.00

**Project Description:** Road reconstruction.



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

### Girls Varsity Soccer

**Cierra Henley** (Senior) - Cierra is a three year member of the Varsity Girls Soccer team and a team captain. Cierra has been a great teammate and captain to all incoming players and has been a very coachable player, making her a joy to have on the team. Cierra scored our first goal at Lansing Everett to start our comeback. She has been a great student earning acceptance in the National Honor Society and is an example for others to follow in what it means to be a student-athlete.





**Lindsay LeMieux** (Junior) - Lindsay has been working hard on her game all off-season and her growth as a leader has been great for our soccer program. Lindsay has been selected as a captain and has been working hard to make sure that we work together as a team. She has been instrumental in leading the team on the field and earning 2 wins in our first 7 games. Lindsay has become a strong and valuable presence on the roster, as well as a player that her teammates enjoy being around. Her academic success and desire to compete has made her a true student-athlete.

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**Sydney Bush** is the daughter of Tamara Bush and Neil Bush. She is a member of the National Honor Society and a four-year Academic Pin Award recipient.

Extracurricular activities include band and dance. Her community service activities were putting on a free dance clinic for kids and helping with Blessings in a Backpack. A favorite hobby is photography.

Who inspires you? Her parents

What is Your Life's Philosophy/Motto? Work hard, be kind, and enjoy life.

What is Your Favorite Quote? "Be a rainbow in someone else's cloud."

What is Your Favorite Book? 'The Selection' by Kiera Cass

Future Plans? Attend Michigan State University and study mechanical engineering.

**Abby Dyc** is the daughter of Christine Dyc and Richard Dyc, Jr. She is a member of the National Honor Society.

Band and Technical Theater are her main extracurricular activities. She enjoys playing the saxophone, baking, and reading.

Who inspires you? My mom.

What is Your Life's Philosophy/Motto? Tomorrow always has the potential to be great.

What is Your Favorite Quote? "So we beat on boats against the current..." --The Great Gatsby

What is Your Favorite Book? 'The Great Gatsby' by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Future Plans? Attend Michigan Technological University and study mathematics.

**Elizabeth Bilyk** is the daughter of Tonja Bilyk and Walter Bilyk. She is a member of the National Honor Society. Extracurricular activities include band, golf, robotics, and playing in the Mid-Michigan Youth Symphony.

She has taken a mission trip with a group from the Fowlerville United Brethren Church and belongs to its Worship Team. She enjoys playing the piano.

Who inspires you? My brother Robby

What is Your Life's Philosophy/Motto? If I can positively impact one person, my life will have been worthwhile.

What is Your Favorite Quote? "Laugh as much as you choose, but you will not laugh me out of my opinion."—Jane Austen

What is Your Favorite Book? 'Pride and Prejudice' by Jane Austen

Future Plans? Attend Grand Valley State University and study statistics.

**Ariana Eggleston** is the daughter of Lydia Eggleston and Brian Eggleston. She received a Certificate of Academic Excellence for four years in a row. She has earned Certificates in Outstanding Achievement in Freshman Lit and Comp, Spanish II & III, American History, Biology, College Prep Chemistry, and Earth Science. She has played on the softball team.

She job shadows a veterinarian a few times a month at Waverly Animal Hospital in Lansing where she also works as a kennel attendant. Hobbies include writing, playing board games, and spending time with family, friends, and her pets.

Who inspires you? My mom and dad

What is Your Life's Philosophy/Motto? Hakuna Matata

What is Your Favorite Quote? "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."—Philippians 4:13

Future Plans? Attend Michigan State University and study animal science with a pre-veterinary concentration.

**Lauren Murray** is the daughter of Sarah Murray and Jim Murray. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has earned an Academic Letter all four years of high school. She is also a member of the school dance team all four years and was captain for two of them. She participates on competitive dance and has served on the Student and Class Council.

Who inspires you? Michael Cera

What is Your Life's Philosophy/Motto? Expect the worst, hope for the best

What is Your Favorite Quote? "Live, Laugh, Love."

What is Your Favorite Book? 'The Perks of Being a Wallflower' by Stephen Chbosky

Future Plans? Attend Michigan State University and study chemical engineering.

**Jenna Bailey** is the daughter of Brenda Pound and Mi-

chael Bailey. She is a member of the National Honor Society, participated in the Science Olympiad, and earned an Academic Letter all four years of high school. Her extracurricular activities include band and the Theater Tech Club where she helped with shows and performances at the Alverson Center. She enjoys reading novels and other books and donating to local charities and foundations.

Who inspires you? My parents inspire me the most. They also work hard to make sure we have the best life and I aspire to think and works like they do.

What is Your Life's Philosophy/Motto? To always do the best I can in anything I do. As long as I tried my hardest and believe in myself, that is all that matters.

What is Your Favorite Quote? "Life is 10% what happens to us and 90% how we react to it."—Dennis P. Kimbro

What is Your Favorite Book? "And I Darken" by Kiarten White. It is an intriguing historical fiction with so many twists and turns.

Future Plans? Attend Saginaw Valley University and study medical laboratory science.

**Makenna Maher** is the daughter of Angela Maher and Brian Maher. She is a member of the National Honor Society and Student Council. Her community service includes helping at Grace Pointe Assisted Living and Adopt-A-Family, while her hobbies are playing piano and photography.

Who inspires you? Franklin D. Roosevelt who brought a large country out of a Depression when no one else could and who loved and listened to everyone.

What is Your Life's Philosophy/Motto? Motivation comes from setting your doubts aside.

What is Your Favorite Quote? "In the end you've got to be your own hero, because everyone else is too busy trying to save themselves."

What is Your Favorite Book? "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak

Future Plans? Attend Lansing Community College and study psychology.

**Tyler Bigos** is the son of Sheryl Bigos and Doug Bigos. He is a member of the National Honor Society and earned a Silver Award for the Arthur Berkely Science Fair. He's been on the school's basketball and baseball teams. His community service includes helping with the Field of Dreams Baseball Club and with the Welcome Table at St. Agnes Catholic Church. He enjoys hunting.

Who inspires you? My Dad

What is Your Life's Philosophy/Motto? Go through every day lifting others up, not knocking them down.

What is Your Favorite Quote? "Positive thinking must be followed by positive doing."

What is Your Favorite Book? "Hatchet" by Gary Paulsen

Future Plans? Attend Lansing Community College and then transfer to Michigan State University to study fisheries and wildlife.

**Luke Render** is the son of Shilo Render and Benjamin

Render. He is a member of the band and the Theater Tech Club. He enjoys music composition and playing piano.

Who inspires you? Hank Green

What is Your Life's Philosophy/Motto? Assume the best and prepare for the worst.

What is Your Favorite Book? "Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe" by Benjamin Alire Saenz

Future Plans? Attend Michigan Technological University and study computer engineering.

**Courtney Steffee** is the daughter of Tammy Steffee and Eric Steffee. She is a member of the National Honor Society, earned an Academic Pin all four years of high school and a Michigan Merit Scholarship with her SAT score. Extracurricular activities include band, FFA, and the Interact Club. Community service includes taking part in the Christmas Window Painting fundraiser and Blessings in a Backpack. Her hobbies are being outdoors, hunting, and raising animals for 4-H.

Who inspires you? My mother who works extremely hard, all by herself, for us and takes no credit.

What is Your Life's Philosophy/Motto? Hard work pays off....

What is Your Favorite Quote? "The day you stop looking back is the day you start moving on."—Thomas Rhett

What is Your Favorite Book? "Are You My Mother?" by Dr. Seuss

Future Plans? Attend Lansing Community College to study veterinary medicine.

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### Other Summa Cum Laude Students

Six other members of the Fowlerville High School Class of 2021 will graduate with Summa Cum Laude honors as recognition for their outstanding academic records. In order of ranking, they are: Andrea Kozakiewicz, Lydia Luark, Tyler Bulszewicz, Taylor Challiss, Madison Thomas, and Ashlyn Ronning.

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## Some Special Recipes

By Dawn Horton

In memory of Bob Bartz, my children's grandfather. This was his regular contribution to holiday celebrations and get-togethers along with some snicky snacks, as he called appetizers. He also brought pies to our gatherings, but his recipe was to buy them at Gordon Foods. We miss him. He passed away six years ago.

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### GRANDPA BOB BARTZ'S DELICIOUS WHITE TEXAS SHEET CAKE

- 1 cup butter or margarine
- 1 cup water
- 2 cups flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 eggs beaten
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 tsp. almond extract
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking soda

### FROSTING

- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1/4 cup milk
- 4-1/2 cups confectioners sugar
- 1/2 tsp. almond extract
- 1 cup chopped walnuts

In a large saucepan, bring butter and water to a boil. Remove from heat, stir in flour, sugar, eggs, sour cream, almond extract, salt and baking soda until smooth. Pour into a greased 15x10x1 inch baking pan. Bake at 375° for 20-22 minutes or until cake is golden brown and test done. Cool for 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, for frosting, combine butter and milk in a saucepan. Bring to a boil. Remove from the heat, add sugar and extract and mix well. Stir in walnuts, spread over warm cake. Serves 16 to 20.

--Bob Bartz

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### HAMBURGER STROGANOFF

This recipe is from our daughter Kris Jacobs. One that is tasty and makes a quick meal. Enjoy!

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 clove garlic crushed
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 2 Tbsp. flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- 1 1/3 cup mushrooms (2 cans)
- 10 1/2 oz. can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 cup sour cream

Saute ground beef, onion and garlic in butter. Brown until tender. Add flour, seasonings and mushrooms. Cook 5 minutes. Add soup, simmer uncovered 10 minutes. Stir in sour cream, heat to warm. Serve over noodles or rice. Can use ground turkey instead of beef.

--Kris Jacobs

## Fowlerville Varsity Softball Team wins pair of games against Haslett

The Fowlerville Varsity Softball Team won a pair of league games against Haslett last Wednesday, with the Glads taking the opener 12-3 and then edging the Vikings in the nightcap 4-3.

Halle Dargie got the win on the mound in game one, striking out 7 Viking batters and walking just one. Ashlee Dailey was in the zone at the plate, going 4 for 4 with three doubles and a home run. Dargie, Carlie Atcheson and Haylee Tamachaski each also had a double while Morgan Byerle added another home run for the Gladiators.

Carlie Atcheson pitched the complete game in the nightcap, striking out 9 Viking batters. The Gladiators were up 2-0 going into the 5th inning when Haslett tied the game. Haslett then took the lead with a home run in the 6th inning, but the Gladiators answered back in the bottom of the frame.

With the game tied at 3, Parker Douglass led off the bottom of the 7th with a single up the middle and was moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Morgan Byerle. Atcheson singled, moving Douglass to 3rd. Emmalee Felver ended the game with a walkoff double to score Douglass and giving the Gladiators the 4-3 victory.

Fowlerville is now 6-2 overall and 2-0 in CAAC Red Division play.



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## Village of Fowlerville Residents Hydrant Flushing – Revised Date

The Fowlerville Department of Public Works will begin fire hydrant flushing throughout the Village of Fowlerville starting Monday, **May 3rd 2021**.

Regular flushing serves two purposes: first, to clean mineral accumulations deposited in the water lines, and second, to test the function and the performance of the fire hydrants.

The safety of the water we supply is not diminished by this process. If you should encounter cloudy or discolored water, it is recommended to run the outside water faucet or the cold-water taps within your home or business until clear.

If you are driving in the work zone where hydrants are being flushed, please drive carefully. Thank you for your cooperation with this seasonal maintenance in the Village of Fowlerville.

(4-4, 4-18 & 5-2-21 FNV)

# Caleb Jenkins Column



## Seize the Opportunities for All

Military officers of classical Europe, especially those of England, France, and Prussia in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, were almost entirely derived from the aristocratic class of nobles. Until Prussian reforms in the nineteenth century, these major European powers treated military leadership as little more than a subsidiary function of the aristocratic lifestyle. Gentlemen of the nobility pursued military commissions for adventure and anticipated glory. This mindset generated a perception that courage and honor, rather than training or experience, were the most important attributes of officers, and the belief held that individuals of lower birth could not attain such lofty character traits.

However, as warfare intensified and grew far more complex, some military leaders and public officials throughout Europe realized there was something missing. If nation-states wanted successful military officers, then they needed to select capable, loyal, and hard-working individuals regardless of social class, and the states should train those selected to be more effective in the management of warfare. As reforms rolled out, the aristocracy lost its monopoly on military commissions, and over time, the opportunity opened to all

willing to put in the time, work, and training necessary to be an effective officer.

This is only one example of the many roles and experiences that once were only available to the aristocracy. Under the old system, success and advancement were based largely on birth, abuse of political patronage, and/or purchase (which can really be classified as bribes), all of which were prevalent not just in European militaries but in favored careers and trades in general. This system did not consider a candidate's true character, talent, or work ethic, so many individuals with great potential were sidelined.

Since its founding, the *spirit* of America has denounced unfair patronage, instead looking to a person's merit. The American dream rests on the idea that most opportunities are available to all who are willing to seize them. In other words, anyone can achieve success, however one defines it, if they take personal responsibility to attain it.

On that point, I have two thoughts. First, the *spirit* of equal opportunity may exist, but ideals are easier to identify than apply. For many reasons, opportunity exclusions still exist for a great number of Americans. Some cannot achieve their goals—not for lack of effort but because they are unfairly blocked, either directly or indirectly. This typically occurs in subtle, unofficial ways and can go unnoticed by people other than the one(s) affected. As patriotic Americans, we should each be wary of this archaic, harmful practice and do what we can to solidify the American dream into reality.

Second, despite the perpetual need for improvement, we can be thankful to live in a country and era in which we can seize opportunities beyond the grasp of our ancestors. We must not lose sight of what a blessing such freedom is. Rather, we should consciously seek to preserve and expand it so all can share in the American dream of opportunity freedom.

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**NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT:** All pre-enrollments are 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

#### \*\*End of Year Calendar Change

- 5-4-21 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade M-Step Begins ELA
  - 5-5-21 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade M-Step Math
  - 5-7-21 M-Step for Online Students
  - 5-14-21 Spring Flower Sale Pick up
  - 5-14-21 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade M-Step Online Students
  - 5-31-21 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day Recess
  - 6-10-21 Grades K – 5 Full Day, 6 – 11 1/2 Day
  - 6-9-21 1/2 Day School – Grades K – 11 \*\*\*NEW
  - 6-10-21 1/2 Day School – Grades K - 11
  - 6-11-21 Full Day School – Virtual - Last Day of Classes \*\*\*
- KREEGER ELEMENTARY'S SPRING FLOWER

**SALE:** Friday, May 14th– Your flowers arrive at Kreeger Elementary, pick up time is from 9:30 A.M. to 5 P.M.

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

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## ORDINANCE NO. 481

### AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF FOWLerville, MICHIGAN AMENDING THE FOWLerville VILLAGE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 30, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2, ENTITLED TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT PLAN, SECTIONS 30-61 & 30-62

The Village of Fowlerville ordains:

**Section 1.** Chapter 30, Community Development, Article II, Downtown Development Authority, Division 2, Tax Increment Finance and Downtown Development Plan, Sec. 30-61, entitled "Findings and Declarations," of the Code of Ordinances, Village of Fowlerville, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 30-61. Findings and Declarations.

(a) For the purpose of this Division, the Fowlerville Village Council finds and determines the following:

- (1) A Tax Increment Finance and Downtown Development Plan for a development area within the downtown district established pursuant to 1975 Public Act 197 (now MCL 125.4201 et seq) and pursuant to Division 1 of this Article was prepared by the Fowlerville Village Downtown Development Authority and was adopted by the Village pursuant to Ordinance No. 283, and previously amended by Ordinance Nos. 300, 351, 366, 377, 398, 399, 404, 414, 418, 431, 446, 453, 471, and 476.
- (2) The 2021 Tax Increment Finance and Downtown Development Plan Amendments have been recommended by the Downtown Development Authority.
- (3) An opportunity was provided for the Tax Increment Finance and Downtown Development Plan Amendments to be reviewed with the other area taxing authorities, including the Livingston County, the Township of Handy, and the Fowlerville District Library.
- (4) A public hearing thereon was held before the Village Council on Monday, for April 12, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Village Hall, 213 South Grand, Fowlerville, Michigan.
- (5) Notice of the public hearing was given in accordance with Section 218 of Michigan Public Act No. 57 of 2018 [MCL 125.4218]
- (6) The Village Council has carefully considered the 2021 Tax Increment Finance and Downtown Development Plan Amendments, the statements and ideas expressed at the public hearing, and the recommendations received by Council, and the modifications suggested by Council members.

(b) The Village Council declares that:

- (1) The Tax Increment Finance and Downtown Development Plan, as amended, constitute a public purpose.
- (2) The Tax Increment Finance and Downtown Development Plan, as amended, meet the requirements set forth in sections 214 and 217 of Michigan Public Act No. 57 of 2018, as amended (MCL 125.4214, 125.4217).
- (3) The Tax Increment Finance and Downtown Development Plan, as amended, meet the requirement set forth in section 217(2) of Michigan Public Act No. 57 of 2018 [MCL 125.4217(2)].
- (4) Both the Tax Increment Finance and Downtown Development Plan, as amended, meet all other requirements as set forth in Michigan Public Act 57 of 2018.
- (5) The proposed method of financing the development, as amended, is feasible, and the authority has the ability to arrange the financing.
- (6) The development, as amended, is reasonable and necessary to carry out the purposes of Michigan Public Act 57 of 2018.
- (7) The Development Plan, as amended, is in reasonable accord with the master plan of

the Village.

- (8) Public services such as fire and police protection and utilities are or will be adequate to service the project area, as amended.
- (9) Changes in zoning, streets, intersections, and utilities are reasonably necessary for the project, as amended, and for the Village.
- (10) The land included within the development area to be acquired is reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of the plan and of this part in an efficient and economically satisfactory manner.
- (11) The Tax Increment Finance and Downtown Development Plan, as amended, have been recommended by both the Downtown Development Authority and the Authority representatives have been consulted as to modifications made by the Village Council.

**Section 2.** Chapter 30, Community Development, Article II, Downtown Development Authority, Division 2, Tax Increment Finance and Downtown Development Plan, Sec. 30-62 of the Code of Ordinances, Village of Fowlerville, entitled "Approval and Adoption," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 30-62. Approval and Adoption.

The Fowlerville Downtown Development Authority Tax Increment Finance and Downtown Development Plan for the development area within the downtown district established pursuant to Michigan Public Act 57 of 2018 (MCL 4201 et seq), as initially adopted through Fowlerville Ordinance No. 283, and previously amended by Fowlerville Ordinance Nos. 300, 351, 366, 377, 395, 398, 399, 404, 414, 418, 431, 446, 453, 471, and 476 as further amended by revisions incorporated in the "2021 Tax Increment Finance and Downtown Development Plan Amendments" prepared by John L. Gormley, Esq., attorney for the Fowlerville Downtown Development Authority, and as approved by the Fowlerville Downtown Development Authority at its meeting of March 3, 2021, and as submitted to the Village Council, are hereby approved and adopted by the Fowlerville Village Council.

**Section 3. Repealer Clause.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

**Section 4. Savings Clause.** This Ordinance shall in no manner affect pending litigation, either civil or criminal, founded or growing out of any Ordinance, Resolution, Order or parts thereof, hereby repealed.

**Section 5. Validity and Severability.** Should any portion of this Ordinance be found invalid for any reason, such a holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be effective from and after its publication.

Carol Hill, Village President  
Kathryn M. Rajala, Village Clerk

#### REVIEWED FOR FORM:

David G. Stoker, Village Attorney

Village Council Member Bell, offered the foregoing Ordinance, and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Village Council Member Helfmann, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Carol Hill, President	Aye
Jerry Bell, Trustee	Aye
Craig Curtis, Trustee	Aye
Kathryn Heath, President Pro Tem	Aye
Mary Helfmann, Trustee	Aye
Jim Mayhew, Trustee	Aye
Jane Mills, Trustee	Aye

The President thereupon declared this Ordinance approved and adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Fowlerville this 12th day of April, 2021.

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of Ordinance No. 481 adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Fowlerville, County of Livingston, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on Monday, April 12, 2021.

Kathryn M. Rajala, Village Clerk  
(5-2-21 FNV)

## Fowlerville Girls Tennis Team loses to Haslett in league action

The Fowlerville Girls Tennis Team traveled to Haslett Tuesday night in CAAC Red action and lost 7-1. Winning for the Glads was the 1st doubles team of Emily Homrock/Holly Birmingham 5-7, 7-5, 10-8. The team is now 1-2 overall and 0-2 in league play.



## CONWAY TOWNSHIP LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Conway Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at its regular meeting on May 10, 2021, commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Conway Township Hall located at 8015 N. Fowlerville Road, Fowlerville, Michigan 48836, to review the proposed amendments to the Conway Township Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

1. Sign Standards. Replace Article 17 with new sign standards consistent with recent case law.
2. Site Development Requirements. To clarify site plan review and other development requirements applicable to certain uses in the AR, R, C, and I districts set forth in Articles 7, 8, 10, and 11.
3. Shared Drive. Revisions to Section 16.06(A) to remove site plan requirement; 16.06(F) to require construction of the shared driveway prior to issuance of a land use permit for a building.
4. Keeping of Animals/RTFA. Revise Sections 6.22 (A), (B) to include references to, and exclusion of, uses per the Right to Farm Act.
5. Airport Approach. Revise Section 6.23 to reference and incorporate the January 7, 2020 airport approach regulations and maps.

The Planning Commission reserves the right to modify or alter the proposed ordinance amendments at or following the public hearing and to make its decision accordingly.

Written comments concerning the above matter may be submitted to the Conway Township Clerk at any time prior to the public hearing and may further be submitted to the Planning Commission at the public hearing. The complete text of the proposed amendments may be examined at the Township Hall during regular Township business hours, which are 9-3 Tuesdays and Wednesdays, or on the Township's website, [www.conwaytownship.com](http://www.conwaytownship.com), after the publication of this Notice and until and including the day of the meeting. The complete text of the proposed amendments may be further examined at the meeting.

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

The complete text of the Conway Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, may be examined at the Township Hall, 8015 N. Fowlerville, Fowlerville, MI 48836, during regular Township business hours, which are 9-3 Tuesdays and Wednesdays, or on the Township's website, [www.conwaytownship.com](http://www.conwaytownship.com).

Elizabeth Whitt  
Conway Township Clerk  
(4-25 & 5-2-21 FNV)



# Fowlerville High School News

## OFFICE HOURS

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

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Watch your emails from Mr. Lusk for school updates.

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**Online/Virtual students:** If you qualified for an Academic Award and have yet to pick it up, they are in the Main Office of the High School and can be picked up Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm.

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**FHS is now accepting applications for the National Honor Society.** Stop by Mrs. Hardenbrook's room, D214 or download one from the high school's website. Applications are due by May 3rd, at 2:30 pm and they must be typed. See [fowlervilleschools.org/HighSchoolpage](http://fowlervilleschools.org/HighSchoolpage), quick link NHS.

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**Seniors!** Your fines must be paid off before graduation. Payments can be made in the Attendance Office. If you are unsure whether you have any fines, come down to the office and we can look it up for you.

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**This year's Junior/Senior Prom** will be held on Saturday, May 22nd from 7:00-11:00PM. The Junior Class will host Prom as an outdoor event at Fowlerville High School. Tickets will go on sale for Seniors the week of April 19th for the cost of \$50 each. Juniors can purchase tickets the week of April 26th. Prom will include an assortment of desserts, drinks, dancing, outdoor games, complimentary professional photos, and memories to last a lifetime. Only 250 tickets will be sold to the event. No outside guests will be able to attend this year. Fowlerville High School Online Junior/Senior Students will be able to attend. Students will have to come to the school to purchase tickets. Please direct any questions to: Amanda Tomassi at [tomassia@fowlervilleschools.org](mailto:tomassia@fowlervilleschools.org)

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**Parents & Senior 2021** – Make sure to check the senior information page on the FHS website for Senior announcements, cap and gown ordering and timelines.

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This year a new Career Pathways website has been created to provide information on educational development plans,

careers, career initiatives, skilled trades program information, as well as current job openings for high school students. Be sure to check out the "Career of the Week," where each week a different career is highlighted with a link to further information on that career. Fowlerville High School page – Career Pathway (quick link)

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### Juniors and Seniors interested in the Co-op Program:

Are you currently working? Are you interested in finding out if you could earn high school credit while you work? You may be eligible for the high school co-op program. To learn more about the co-op program and requirements, please contact Mr. Hardenbrook: [hardenbrookj@fowlervilleschools.org](mailto:hardenbrookj@fowlervilleschools.org)

If you picked up forms last school year or have printed them out from the front page of the High School website under Co-op Information, filled out forms can also be turned into the main office.

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

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Parents having trouble using MISTAR to view grades, e-mail questions to [connect@fowlervilleschools.org](mailto:connect@fowlervilleschools.org)

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FHS announcements: <https://goo.gl/VxuWJC>

FHS Twitter: <https://twitter.com/FHSGlads>

FHS YouTube channel: <https://goo.gl/iaJC3H>

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### Discerning the Spirit

God says to us from the pages of scripture in Acts 2:38 to “Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of our sins, and we will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Jesus promised His disciples that God would send the Holy Spirit to them after He ascended into heaven “to remind them of everything He had said to them” (John 14:26). Fifty days after Jesus’s death, we know that the

Holy Spirit came upon those gathered in the Upper Room. The Holy Spirit turned 120 cowering men and women into champions for Christ. These same ones who had lost all hope after the death of Jesus.

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them” (Acts 2:1-4).

The presence of the Holy Spirit had a life-changing effect on those first believers. God’s Spirit empowered them to rise above their fears and step out in faith. They were afraid no longer. They didn’t care about the authorities or what might happen to them. They had a passion for sharing the good news about Jesus, and nothing man could threaten them with could stop them once the Holy Spirit came upon them.

My heart yearns for another outpouring of the Holy Spirit to show up as He did on the Day of Pentecost. I pray every day that the Holy Spirit would come in a blaze of glory and fill the hearts of Jesus’s followers today. To see faithful followers of our Lord on fire once again to build God’s Kingdom would be an incredible sight to behold.

Over the centuries, since that first outpouring of God’s Spirit, the passion for sharing the Good News of the Gospel has diminished considerably. With each passing decade, those who follow Christ have become less enthusiastic in their praise and worship of God. Although the Holy Spirit is still in the heart of every believing Christian, the impact of His presence is not as visible as it was in the days of those Act 2 Christians.

The body of Christ is suffering from spiritual malnutrition. Its members are not filling themselves with the Holy Word of God as the Bible instructs us. Instead, many members have chosen to abandon the reading of God’s Word altogether and are relying on other sources to obtain wisdom. Some have resorted to listening to sermons on the internet or television, reading Facebook posts of selected scriptures, and devotionals like the Upper Room, Faith for today, etc., to get their spiritual nourishment.

Neglecting to spend quality time daily reading the Bible and spending time in meditation has caused many once faithful believers to drift away slowly, and they have lost their passion for seeking after the things that please God.

This past year we witnessed hundreds of thousands of people abandon community worship time. Many of them opted to stay home and catch a sermon on the internet. Some others stopped attending in-person worship and chose to replace community time with other believers with some other activity. Instead of becoming more vital in their faith, many have become weaker, while others have given up altogether and continue to live in fear.

We live in a physical and spiritual world. It is easy to discern material things because we can see, feel, touch, smell, or taste them. These are the five human senses that God built into us when He created us. But discerning things in the spiritual realm is sometimes a little more complicated. We cannot see the Holy Spirit with our eyes, touch Him with our hands, smell Him with our nose, etc.

To discern the Spirit requires a close and personal relationship with the One who sends the Spirit, and that is God.

Three times in John’s gospel, Jesus mentions the importance of receiving the Spirit.

“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you” (John 14:26).

“And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever” John 14:16).

“But truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going

away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you” (John 16:7).

We know that the Holy Spirit is alive and living right here on this earth. He resides in people everywhere, teaching, encouraging, motivating, inspiring, equipping, and guiding them toward the prize that awaits all who love and follow Jesus.

Discerning the Spirit and learning to live by the guidance that He provides will empower us to stand firm when facing adversity and remain connected to the body when the Devil tries to sift us and cause us to drift away.

When we try to serve God and others without the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are physically trying to accomplish by our human ability what can only be achieved with the spiritual power given to us by God.

“Come Holy Spirit and reawaken in God’s people the burning fire of passion you gave to those first Christians some two-thousand years ago. Please fill me, and all who read these words with the love, zeal, and enthusiasm for serving God that those first believers received when You descended upon them on the Day of Pentecost. In the name of Jesus, I pray. Amen. Amen. Amen.

### Fowlerville Fire Department Report

#### April 22<sup>nd</sup>

4:47 am. Medical emergency on Sharp Road in Handy Township.

12:42 pm. Medical emergency on Wheeler Road in Handy Township.

10:15 pm. Structure fire on Bull Run Road in Iosco Township. Unadilla Fire Department assisted at the scene while Howell Fire was on standby coverage at our station.

#### April 23<sup>rd</sup>

10:41am. Medical emergency on Hickory Street in the Village.

6:39 pm. Medical emergency on Hazelnut street in the Village.

#### April 24<sup>th</sup>

2:56 pm. Medical emergency on Bell Oak Road in Conway Township.

11:26 pm. Medical emergency on Free Street in the Village.

#### April 25<sup>th</sup>

12:22 pm. Medical emergency on Powers Street in the Village.

5:01 pm. Medical emergency on Meadowview Lane in the Village.

9:25 pm. Medical emergency on Ann Street in the Village.

#### April 26<sup>th</sup>

7:20 am. Mutual aid for standby coverage for a Brighton structure fire.

10:36 am. Fire alarm activation at Little Glad Early Learning Center in the Village.

#### April 27<sup>th</sup>

8:23 am. Mutual aid with our Ladder truck to a structure fire in Howell.

11:35 am. Medical emergency on Munsell Road in Iosco Township.

7:47 pm. Medical emergency on Linden Street in the Village.

#### April 28<sup>th</sup>

6:13 am. Medical emergency on Judd Road in Handy Township.

8:04 pm. Medical emergency on Hogback Road in Handy Township.

8:55 pm. Electrical pole on fire on Summerbrook Circle in Handy Township.

9:26 pm. Medical emergency on Free Street in the Village.

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**Survey reveals community college students struggling during the pandemic**

*Students reported facing financial hardship, increased levels of stress*

Community college students are facing increased financial, mental and emotional strain as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a survey from the Michigan Community College Association.

“Michigan community college students have dealt with their fair share of struggles during this pandemic,” said Erin Schor, Vice President of the Michigan Community College Association. “The past year has left our students struggling, both financially and mentally. The results of this survey show that students need our support now and into the future.”

The Student Financial Wellness Survey was conducted in the fall of 2020 by Trellis Research, with more than 10,000 responses from Michigan’s community college students. According to the survey, 86% of students said COVID-19 has added to their level of stress, anxiety or depression.

“Nearly 9 in 10 community college students reported increased stress, anxiety, or depression during this pandemic,” said Erica Orians, Executive Director of the Michigan Center for Student Success. “These students’ responses give us a good understanding of why they may be feeling so much stress and where extra support is needed.”

Additional survey findings showed that:

- 78% of students work 20+ hours a week
- 56% of students would have trouble getting \$500 cash or credit to meet an unexpected expense
- 48% of students indicate that it is important to them to support their family financially while in school
- 44% of students show signs of housing insecurity
- 42% of students find their total debt amount to be overwhelming
- 21% of students show signs of very low food security according to the USDA scale

Michigan’s 28 public community colleges are working to support their students during these unprecedented challenges. In early 2020, MCCA launched the Michigan – Building Economic Stability Today (MI-BEST) initiative, providing support to community colleges to meet the non-academic needs of students. These efforts have been amplified to ease the struggles experienced by students as a result of the pandemic.

“Michigan’s community colleges are going above and beyond to help students cope and succeed during these unprecedented times,” said Precious Miller, Coordinator of MI-BEST. “As we wrap up Community College month, we’re reminding students to take advantage of the resources that are available at their college.”

**ABOUT MICHIGAN CENTER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS**

The Michigan Center for Student Success, founded in 2011, serves as a hub connecting leadership, administrators, faculty, and staff in their emerging and ongoing efforts to improve equitable student outcomes, emphasizing linkages between practice, research, and policy. The Center has led statewide initiatives focused on reengaging adults, developmental education, transfer, veterans, and advising. The Center is part of the 16-state Student Success Center Network working with over half of the community colleges across the nation.

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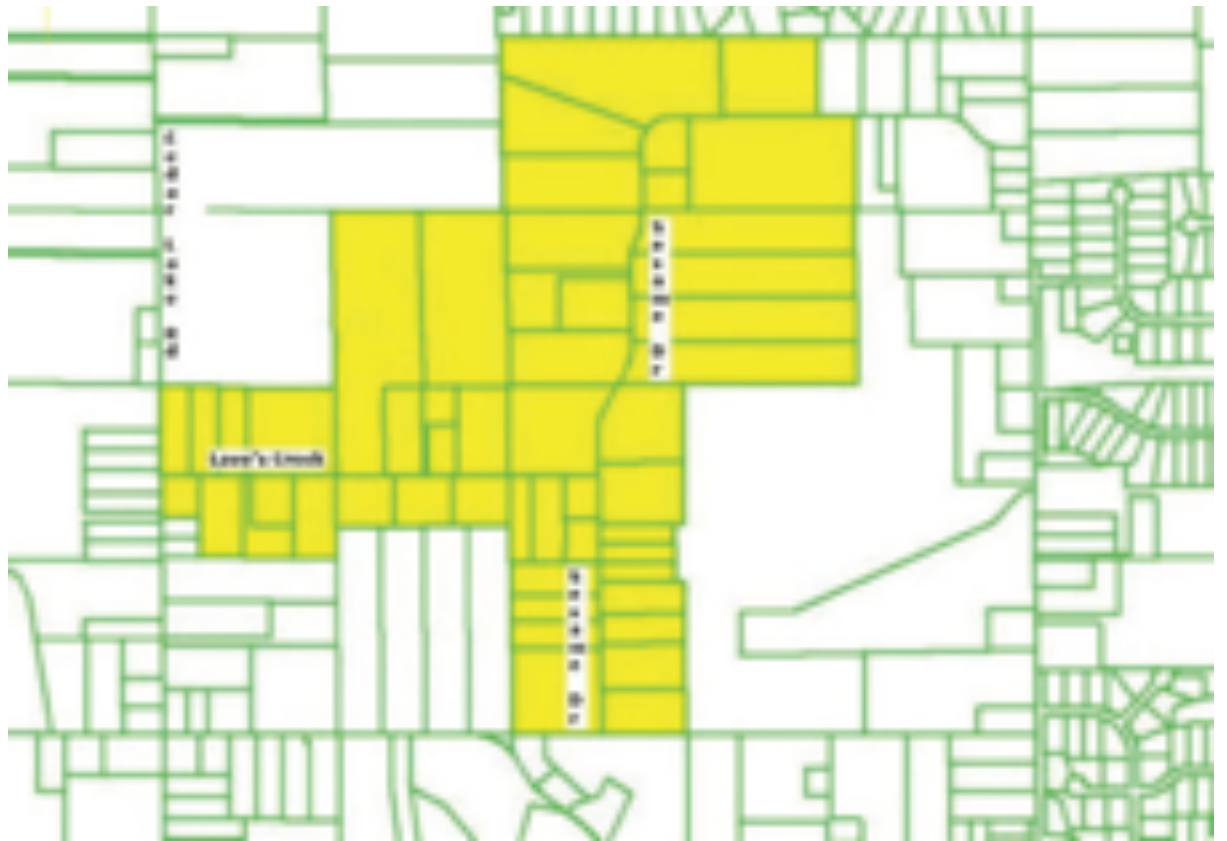
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TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MARION, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Supervisor has prepared and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a special assessment roll covering all properties within the Love’s Creek and Sesame Drive Special Assessment District benefited by the proposed road maintenance service. Road maintenance service is defined as pavement repair and chip sealing. The roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the costs as shown. The estimated roll is in the total amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, with a proposed special assessment not to exceed \$1,960.00 per property owner. The amount assessed will be the actual cost of the project. For further information, you are invited to examine the roll.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the district within which the service will be provided and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows:



**PARCEL NUMBERS**

4710-16-300-009	4710-16-400-016	4710-21-100-007	4710-21-100-030
4710-16-300-010	4710-16-400-019	4710-21-100-008	4710-21-100-031
4710-16-300-011	4710-16-400-037	4710-21-100-010	4710-21-100-032
4710-16-300-013	4710-16-400-038	4710-21-100-014	4710-21-100-033
4710-16-300-014	4710-20-200-005	4710-21-100-016	4710-21-100-036
4710-16-300-016	4710-20-200-006	4710-21-100-017	4710-21-100-038
4710-16-300-021	4710-20-200-024	4710-21-100-018	4710-21-100-039
4710-16-300-022	4710-20-200-034	4710-21-100-021	4710-21-100-040
4710-16-300-024	4710-20-200-036	4710-21-100-022	4710-21-100-041
4710-16-400-001	4710-20-200-037	4710-21-100-025	4710-21-100-042
4710-16-400-013	4710-20-200-038	4710-21-100-026	4710-21-100-043
4710-16-400-014	4710-20-200-039	4710-21-100-028	4710-21-100-044
4710-16-400-015	4710-20-200-040	4710-21-100-029	

The township board will meet at the Marion Township Hall at 2877 W. Coon Lake Road, Howell, MI 48843, on May 13, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. to review the special assessment roll, to consider any objections thereto, and to confirm the roll as submitted or revised or amended. The roll may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk at the township hall during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of the hearing and may be examined at the hearing.

An owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment in writing, or may file his or her appearance and protest by letter before the hearing, and in that event, personal appearance shall not be required. The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in writing at or before the hearing may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the State Tax Tribunal within 35 days after the special assessment roll is confirmed.

After the public hearing, the township board may confirm the roll as submitted or as revised or amended; may provide for payment of special assessments with interest; and may provide by resolution for such other matters as are permitted by law with regard to specials assessments for road maintenance service.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the hearing and to submit any comments they may have.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the township at the address, telephone number, or e-mail listed below seven days in advance of the meeting.

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

With so many events at Smith Elementary School not taking place this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the safety measures that are in place, Principal Kathy Gibson and staff are going to highlight a ‘Classroom of the Week.’ Shown here are students from Mrs. Kimberly Gerecke’s second-grade class.

From left, first row: Meeke Stephens, Allison Martin-Panoff, Joey Kalis, Dylan Heilner, Desiree Simons, Cadance Hall; middle row: Phebie Brooks, Alexa Wawiernia, Trae Milbocker, Jack Ives, Ella Fronczak, Morgan Larson; back row (students standing): Ms. Gerecke, Kaiden Akers, Larson Lott, Olivevia Cahoon, Noah Turner, Michael Boyd, and Shea Bodner.

**Fowlerville Varsity Girls Tennis Team loses to Mason, 8-0**

The Fowlerville Varsity Girls Tennis Team lost an April 22<sup>nd</sup> match to Mason in league play. **Singles:** No. 1 - Avery Walta, MASON HIGH SCHOOL def. Maggie Motz, FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, 6-3, 6-0

No. 2 - Ava Hicks, MASON HIGH SCHOOL def. Gwenna Zanin, FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, 6-3, 6-3

No. 3 - Haley Beck, MASON HIGH SCHOOL def. Kendall Prins, FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, 7-5, 1-6, 6-3

No. 4 - Emmaleigh Keast, MASON HIGH SCHOOL def. Default FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, 2-0, 2-0

**Doubles:** No. 1 - Ellen LaFleur, MASON HIGH SCHOOL - Olivia Hines, MASON HIGH SCHOOL def. Emma Browne, FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL - Emily Homrock, FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, 6-0, 6-1

No. 2 - Emily Hauser, MASON HIGH SCHOOL - Sydney Cross, MASON HIGH SCHOOL def. Holly Birmingham, Birmingham,

FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL - Ella Murowski, FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, 6-0, 6-0

No. 3 - Mary Barnhart, MASON HIGH SCHOOL - Chasey Ramey, MASON HIGH SCHOOL def. Katarina Lutz, FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL - Lucy Thomas, FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, 6-1, 6-4

No. 4 - Ashley Anderson, MASON HIGH SCHOOL - Lauren Bliesener, MASON HIGH SCHOOL def. Ivy Case, FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL - Leyna Baumgartner, FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, 6-1, 6-0

**Scofield City Park passes are now available at Oceola Community Center**

Scofield City Park Boat Launch opened for the season May 1. Park passes are now available for pickup at the Oceola Community Center at 1661 N. Latson Rd. Residents of the City of Howell, Oceola, Marion, Genoa, and Howell Townships will get 1 free pass. Each residential address may purchase one additional pass for a fee of \$40.

Scofield Park opens for business the Friday of Memorial Day Weekend! Be sure to get your pass before then.

Office hours for the week are listed below:  
Mon-Tue - 9:00am-4:30pm Wed - 8:00am-5:00pm Thu - 9:00am-7:00pm Fri - 8:00am-5:00pm

Starting May 5th our offices will be open 8am-5pm Monday-Friday. View More Information Online at: <https://www.howellrecreation.org/scofieldpark> Contact us: [parksandrec@howellrecreation.org](mailto:parksandrec@howellrecreation.org), 517-546-0693 ext. 0

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## Saluting Olivia Verfaillie & Other Military Mothers

SFC (Sergeant First Class) Anthony Hegberg, CPT (Captain) Ann (Verfaillie) Hegberg, MSG (Master Sergeant) Matthew Kiefer, and Mary (Verfaillie) Kiefer are honored to wish Olivia Verfaillie and all military mothers a Happy Mother's Day!

So often military members and their spouses are acknowledged for their service and their sacrifices to our country, but how often are their mothers acknowledged for the little known sacrifices they also make?

Olivia Verfaillie is an Army mother to three family members! SFC Anthony Hegberg (formally of Fowlerville) is Olivia's son-in-law and is married to her daughter CPT Ann (Verfaillie) Hegberg (formally of Fowlerville). MSG Matthew Kiefer is also Olivia's son-in-law and is married to her daughter Mary (Verfaillie) Kiefer (formally of Fowlerville).

Throughout these military careers, Olivia has endured seven deployments, several overseas rotations, and two Outside Continental United States (OCONUS) duty stations. At times, several years pass by before she is able to see her children. Countless holidays have been missed. Despite these challenges, she remains proud of the sacrifices made to keep our country safe and free.

This seemingly simple picture of a few soldiers is actually a huge feat! For the first time in nearly a decade, all three of Olivia's soldiers were able to be in the same place at once. Two brother-in-laws met for the first time ever!

Thank you Mom Olivia for teaching us love of country, duty, and sacrifice. Thank you for your often unacknowledged sacrifices as a military mother. Thank you for your numerous care packages and, most importantly, your countless prayers that have touched us all across the world.

Perhaps one Mother's Day we will all be together again soon.

We love you.

Love,  
Anthony, Ann, Matt, and Mary



Olivia Verfaillie's daughters and son-in-laws are, from left, MSG Matthew Kiefer, Mary Kiefer, CPT Ann Hegberg, and SFC Anthony Hegberg. They met for the first time in a decade at Joint Base San Antonio, Texas on March 7.

## Smith 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:

May 31 – No School Memorial Day

June 8 – K-5<sup>th</sup> Gd Full Day, 6-11<sup>th</sup> ½ Day of School

June 9 – K-11<sup>th</sup> Gd ½ Day of School (Elementary Dismissal Time 12:02 pm)

June 10 – K-11<sup>th</sup> Gd, ½ Day of School (Elementary Dismissal Time 12:02 pm)

June 11 – K-11<sup>th</sup> Virtual Day For All

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**Bond Proposal**-Don't forget to vote May 4, 2021! This bond will NOT raise taxes and will be used to construct a new elementary building that would house grades K through 2 AND provide air conditioning in all pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms.

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

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

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**Spirit Wear Fundraiser** – This fundraiser goes until the end of the school year. You can order online anytime at [www.BrideausApparel.com/fundraisers](http://www.BrideausApparel.com/fundraisers) FREE SHIPPING IS INCLUDED! Ships directly to you! Help support H.T. Smith Elementary and get some great spirit wear for the family!

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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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## Letter to the Editor

I have read the April 25th edition of the Fowlerville News and Views, including the lengthy defense by writer Mark Fosdick of 39 separate voting bills introduced into the Michigan Senate by the Republican Senators. He implies these bills are needed to “strengthen the absentee voter ballot

chain of custody and strengthen local clerk’s responsibility to run elections without interference.”

For the most part, individually, these bills seem silly, unnecessary, or cumbersome, given the fact that there is no evidence that election or voter fraud is a material problem in Michigan. The Michigan Secretary of State, Jocelyn Benson just completed the most extensive post-election audit in the

history of the State – 250 audits, including a full paper ballot presidential recount in one county – which confirmed the accuracy and integrity of the recent election. These audits were conducted by Republican, Democratic and nonpartisan officials.

Taken together these bills would make it significantly more difficult to vote absentee and to administer elections. The complexity of the procedures proposed will create confusion and opportunities for inadvertent errors which undermine public confidence, delay tabulation of results and invite protracted litigation. Among other things, the bills will lead to fewer votes being cast, whether in person or by absentee ballot, and regardless of the voter’s place of residence. The bills also severely compromise the right to obtain a “no reason” absentee ballot, as protected by the Michigan Constitution.

As Mr. Fosdick suggests, read the bills and then ask whether the average voter or the typical city or township clerk will be able “to jump through all the hoops” without error. Our own Senator Lana Theis is the sponsor of one bill – SB 285 – which requires that every absentee ballot application not made in person must be accompanied, in every election, by a photocopy of the voter’s driver’s license or state identity card. If this is not done, then the clerk must issue a provisional absentee ballot that will not be counted unless the voter appears in person before the clerk, or faxes, or mails evidence that he or she is entitled to vote within 6 calendar days.

This is a heavy burden to place on someone who is out of town for work, disabled or homebound, particularly since it may not be understood – because it has never been required in the past. Does everyone have a copier in their home? What happens to the copies after they are submitted? They will contain a significant amount of confidential information!

Further, the bills make it significantly more expensive to conduct elections, all without guaranteed funding by the State, and with a prohibition contained in SB 284 and SB 289 on using charitable donations to secure equipment and conduct operations, and preventing even the use of available Federal funds unless approved by the legislature. For example, SB 273 requires that voter drop boxes must have surveillance cameras. In many locations there are no funds to pay for such equipment. SB 299 provides that even though the clerks cannot begin counting absentee ballots until the morning of the election, they must stop their count at noon the next day and submit the results, apparently even if they have not finished. Even if all of the necessary workers can be found, how will they be paid, and will the quality of their work be compromised by fatigue?

Why can’t the count of absentee ballots begin early? Many states permit this successfully. SB 286 provides that drop boxes must be disabled from use at 5:00 P.M. the day before the election, rather than by the close of the polls on election day. A weary voter can’t even drop his or her absentee ballot in a drop box the evening before the election or use the drop box in his or her precinct the day of the election rather than standing in line to vote – even if he or she has the absentee ballot handy.

The bills would also politicize the county boards of canvassers. The Boards currently feature 2 representatives from each party and their duties are limited to certifying the results based on the reports received from the local clerks. SB 273, SB 283 and SB 297 would, for the first time, give the unelected board discretionary authority to overrule the local clerks relating to the use of drop boxes, absentee ballot containers and the clerk’s hiring of assistants.

Further, SB 296 requires that larger counties must have larger boards and effectively must certify the canvass by a supermajority. Why are the larger counties more in need of a larger board than smaller counties? The potential exists for delay, partisan power grab and gridlock.

Other bills in the package micro-manage the local clerk’s and Secretary of State’s operations. SB 287 prohibits the local clerks from including prepaid postage on absentee ballot envelopes, and prevents the Secretary of State from reimbursing such postage.

This bill is inappropriate because it removes local control from clerks and it is completely unnecessary – serving only as a barrier to voting. There are practical reasons for using postage-paid envelopes (which cost nothing unless used by the voter). Some absentee ballots weigh more than one ounce and many voters mail only infrequently and do not keep abreast of rates. Further, a ballot may not be returned for lack of a stamp.

The passage of Proposal 18-3 in 2018 – an amendment to the Michigan Constitution – clearly evidenced a desire by Michigan voters to make “no-reason” absentee voting easily available. Anything which fosters participation is a good thing. As importantly, there is absolutely no evidence that wide distribution of absentee ballots, or the application to obtain them, has led to voter fraud or abuse. It would be more reasonable to require that the envelopes must be postage-

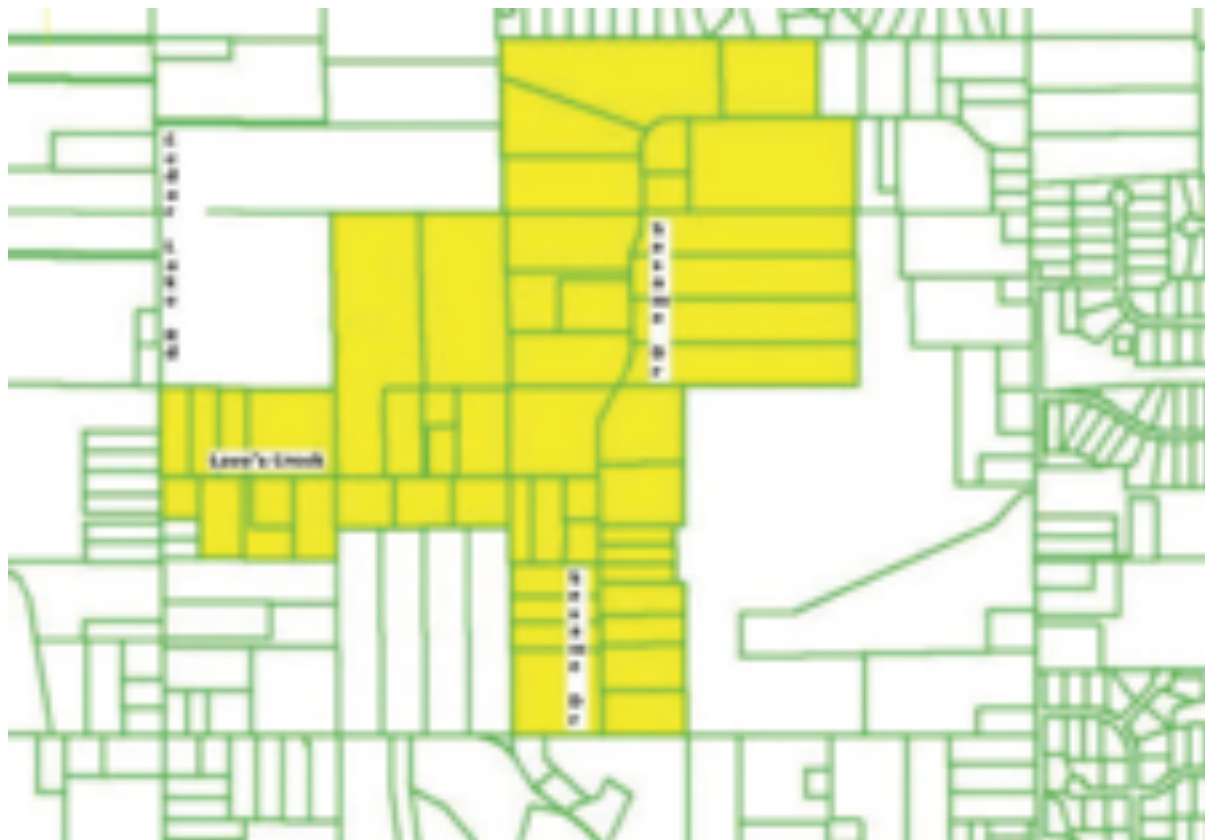
## Public Act 188 of 1954 Proceedings NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING

Township of Marion  
Livingston County, Michigan

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MARION, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

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4710-16-300-011	4710-16-400-037	4710-21-100-010	4710-21-100-032
4710-16-300-013	4710-16-400-038	4710-21-100-014	4710-21-100-033
4710-16-300-014	4710-20-200-005	4710-21-100-016	4710-21-100-036
4710-16-300-016	4710-20-200-006	4710-21-100-017	4710-21-100-038
4710-16-300-021	4710-20-200-024	4710-21-100-018	4710-21-100-039
4710-16-300-022	4710-20-200-034	4710-21-100-021	4710-21-100-040
4710-16-300-024	4710-20-200-036	4710-21-100-022	4710-21-100-041
4710-16-400-001	4710-20-200-037	4710-21-100-025	4710-21-100-042
4710-16-400-013	4710-20-200-038	4710-21-100-026	4710-21-100-043
4710-16-400-014	4710-20-200-039	4710-21-100-028	4710-21-100-044
4710-16-400-015	4710-20-200-040	4710-21-100-029	

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the township board has received an estimate of the costs of such service in the approximate amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, has placed it on file with the Township Clerk, and has passed a resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make the improvement and to create the special assessment district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said estimates of cost and proposed special assessment district may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk from the date of this notice through the date of the public hearing and may be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing on the district and estimate of costs will be held at the Marion Township Hall at 2877 W. Coon Lake Road, Howell, Michigan, commencing at 7:30 p.m. on May 13, 2021.

At the hearing, the board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters filed with the board at or before the hearing, as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments, or changes to the estimates and costs or special assessment district.

Property owners and parties with an interest in property to be assessed or an agent for the party must appear and protest at the hearing to be eligible to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the hearing and to submit any comments they may have.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the township at the address, telephone number, or e-mail listed below seven days in advance of the meeting.

Tammy L. Beal  
Marion Township Clerk  
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tammybeal@mariontownship.com  
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(5-2 & 5-9-21 FNV)

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# Fowlerville Junior High School News

## IMPORTANT DATES:

Teacher Appreciation Week- Mon. May 3-7<sup>th</sup>  
 6<sup>th</sup> grade Mstep testing- May 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>  
 7<sup>th</sup> grade Mstep testing- May 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>  
 Testing out Deadline- Fri. May 14<sup>th</sup>  
 No School-Memorial Day break- Mon. May 31<sup>st</sup>  
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## SPORTS FOR WEEK OF MAY 3:

Wednesday 5/5: TRACK-4:00 vs Portland & Lansing Catholic MS's; Reminder: Parking is in the FHS lots, either in front of FHS or behind in the bus lot. Spectators enter at north end of track.

MASKS & SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED. Bleacher seating is on the west side of the track; a small concession will be available. Admission is FREE!

Reminder: all athletes are to receive the weekly C-V test

## Letter to the Editor, continued

paid!

Finally, many of these bills, individually, and particularly in the aggregate, have the potential of turning the election process into a circus. Among other things, they eliminate non-partisan election challengers who assure a fair and even-handed election by providing unbiased review, they permit individual candidates to flood the poll site by appointing challengers, they expand the types of permitted challenges, they allow challengers and political parties to videotape or photograph the election site, the absentee ballot counting rooms and/or the election audit process, they substitute unelected election inspectors from each party as auditors in place of the elected clerk's vetted staff, and they limit the number of election inspectors that the clerk can use.

The proposals, taken together, jeopardize local control, threaten the right to cast a secret ballot and create the potential for intimidation of voters, election workers and observers. Another bill actually prohibits the Secretary of State and local clerks from placing their name or likeness on election-related communications paid for with public funds. The question is, how will the average voter separate bogus communications from communications actually made by their elected government official? Voters simply place more reliance on communications received from sources which they recognize.

Taken as a whole, these bills are not beneficial to the voters of the State, regardless of their place of residence.

Tim Schnelle  
 Howell

on Sunday nights at the h.s. Your cooperation is appreciated.

PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN WED., 5/5, before the track meet. 3:00 BOYS followed by GIRLS about 3:20 Orders can be done either online or w/ order form day of pictures. Photographer will take individual pictures & "BUILD" the team photo.

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## YEARBOOK INFORMATION

Yearbooks are on sale now for the 2020-2021 school year. Order in person or online - the school has a link online to order there. They are \$32 dollars. Checks made out to Fowlerville Community Schools.

Also we have 11 yearbooks left from 2019-2020 if you did not get one. They can be purchased for \$32 from Mrs. Spisz in room D-19

## Fowlerville Varsity Girls Soccer Team suffers loss to Lansing Everett

The Fowlerville Varsity Girls Soccer Team traveled to Lansing Everett on Friday, April 23, and came away with a 6-3 defeat. The girls came out in the first half and had the majority of possession, but defensive lapses led to Everett getting 5 goals from 7 shots.

After a halftime adjustment, the Gladiators came out a different team. They played with purpose and still controlled the game through their passing. Cierra Henley started the comeback with a goal soon after the start of the second half. The Gladiators continued pressing and a great combination play led to a goal by Arianna Crossman from assists by Cadence Dreher and Ashli Terris.

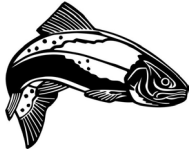
The Gladiators continued to press and earned a penalty shot that was converted by Cadence Dreher making the score 5-3.

Everett took advantage of the pressure and the Gladiators momentum was stopped by a goal by going right through the defense and beating the keeper to make the final result 6-3.

## Michigan DNR Fishing Tips

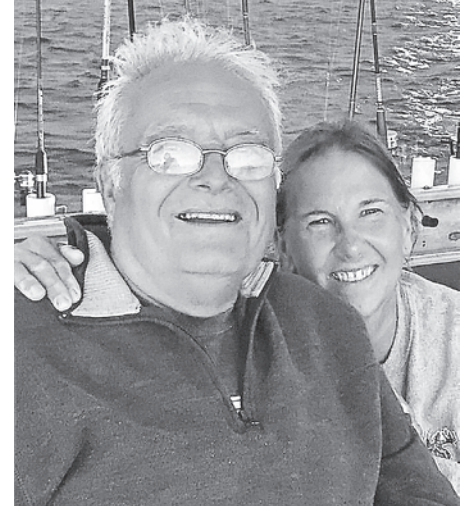
### Ideas for landing trout with live bait

When fishing for trout in small streams that allow live bait, try casting spinners or small crankbaits upstream while working your way up the stream. Then, on your way back down, use live bait such as leaf worms or wax worms that you can drift downstream and drop back into structure and holes that would have been unfishable while working up.



We have 21 students that are current 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th graders that have not picked up their book previously ordered. If you are one of these students or know someone that is, please contact Mrs. Spisz at spiszm@fowlervilleschools.org She will put your book in the Junior High Office for pick-up. Although we have put this in the paper, sent emails, and tried to distribute during virtual picture day we still have some needing to be picked up by students that may be all virtual, moved, or are homeschooling.

## Happy 50th Anniversary



Rick and Debbie (Chard) Browne are observing their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, May 1, 2021.

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## Webberville Kindergarten/Preschool Round-Up rescheduled for May 6

Webberville Elementary School is hosting Kindergarten and Preschool Round-Up on Thursday, May 6, 2021. Round-up will occur from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the elementary school building located at 202 North Main Street, Webberville, MI.

Children turning age 5 on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> may begin kindergarten. Please call the elementary office at 521-3071, extension 7935 to pre-register your child. We look forward to meeting our newest Webberville STARS!

Preschool registration will be held at the same date/time. **Online registration is required**, with applications available at [inghampreschool.org](http://inghampreschool.org).

## Webberville United Methodist Church holding Chicken Dinner on May 15

The Webberville United Methodist Church, 4215 E. Holt Rd. is having a drive-thru chicken dinner on Saturday, May 15, with 2 pieces oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, green beans, corn casserole, coleslaw, roll and cookies. All for \$9. The dinner will be served 5 to 7 p.m. or until we run out.

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# Webberville Report

## Williamston Senior Center

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### MAY 2021 EVENTS

Please check our website [www.williamstonseiorctr.com](http://www.williamstonseiorctr.com) or our Facebook for specific announcements of upcoming activities as we hopefully begin to resume our normal activities after Covid-19.

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**The Williamston Area Senior Center Picnic in the Park and Annual Business Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at McCormick Park from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Lunch will be provided: hot dogs, chips, bottled water and dessert. Bring your own chairs. *Reservation is a must* – call 517-655-5173 and leave a voice message please call before May 6<sup>th</sup> to make your reservation. We will also be conducting election of Board Members and approval of Bylaws – ballots have been mailed to current WASC members.

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

**Wednesday, May 5, 2021** Chair Exercise by Kristen McIntyre.

**Wednesday, May 12, 2021** we will be conducting a very basic beginner's technology class for seniors

**Wednesday, May 19, 2021** Mind Games sponsored by the Williamston Area Library.

**Wednesday, May 26, 2021** Movies for Seniors.

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

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

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

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**Other May Activities at the Senior Center –**

**Tuesday Knitters Group** meets from 1:00 pm to 3:00

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

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

On Wednesday April 21, 2021 NIESA responded to six emergency medical calls. One response was in the Village of Webberville, one in Wheatfield Township, one in Locke Township, one in the City of Williamston, and two in Williamstown Township.

Thursday April 22, 2021 NIESA had four responses. Three were emergency medical calls, with one in the City of Williamston, and two in Williamstown Township. The fourth response was for a vehicle accident in the City of Williamston.

On Friday April 23, 2021 NIESA responded to six calls. Five were emergency medical calls, with two occurring in Williamstown Township, and one each in Leroy Township, Wheatfield Township, and the City of Williamston. NIESA also assisted Stockbridge Fire Department with a vehicle fire near Howell and M-52.

Saturday April 24, 2021 NIESA had three emergency medical calls. Two responses occurred in the City of Williamston, and one in Williamstown Township.

On Sunday April 25, 2021 NIESA responded to four calls. One response was for an illegal burn in Wheatfield Township. The remaining three responses were emergency medical calls, all occurring in Williamstown Township.

Monday April 26, 2021 NIESA responded to six calls. Three were emergency medical calls, with one each in Leroy Township, Williamstown Township, and the City of Williamston. The fourth emergency medical call was an assist to Meridian Township Fire. NIESA also responded to two vehicle accidents. One response was in the City of Williamston, and a second was in Williamstown Township.

On Tuesday April 27, 2021 NIESA responded to three calls. One was a ruptured gas line in Leroy Township at M-52 and Grand River. The second response was an emergency medical call in Williamstown Township, and the third was an emergency medical response in Wheatfield Township.



## Senior Spotlight—Destiny Bird

By Morgan Farmer

Destiny Bird, a lifelong student at Webberville Schools, has left an impact on not only her teachers, but her peers as well with her humor and contagious laugh and smile throughout her years at Webberville. Bird is the daughter of Hollie Berger and Brandon Bird. She is the sister to Webberville 2012 graduate Chris Bird-Berger, junior Faith Bird, third grader Gentry Bird, and preschooler Brynley Bird.

Bird said that her biggest role model in life is her mother. "My mom has always been the person to never give up or let the words of others around her bring her down," Bird said, adding that "She has always made sure her kids and others around her were set before she even considered taking care of herself. She is the strongest person I know. She has gone through so many hardships, and never let them change her. I couldn't imagine being that strong."

Our featured senior has been involved in both cheer and softball through her high school career.

"I enjoy both cheer and softball so much, those sports raised me in a way, and I will forever be grateful that I had the ability to play and meet the people I did," she said.

Teammate and friend Savana Stiffler has grown up and played sports with Bird.

"We met when we were in Mrs. Glover's PM kindergarten class and hit it off from there. We have made so many memories together since then. Knowing and playing sports alongside each other has been so memorable and I will miss it next year," said Stiffler.

After graduating from Webberville, Bird plans to attend Lansing Community College for two years, and then later transfer to a four-year college to start on her medical schooling.

"I am excited to graduate, not because school will be over, but because it means that I can start the next chapter of my life and start working towards the career I'd like to pursue," Bird said. "I regret nothing more than not cherishing the moments I have had at Webberville. I was always slacking and not going to attend after-school events because I simply did not want to be there. I do wish I would have been more grateful for school and the people who I attend school with."

During her time at Webberville, she has met many people and made lots of friends, but none of them compare to the lifelong friendship she has made with Stiffler.

"Destiny and I have gone through similar life experiences; they were not the easiest thing to go through. But it brought us closer together. I would not have gotten through what I did without Destiny," said Stiffler.

Bird will miss some things about Webberville.

"I will definitely miss my friends I have made and the sports I have grown to love. I have seen some of these people almost every day for the past 13 years. It will be weird not having classes or games with them anymore," said Bird.

Former Chemistry teacher and current Principal Mr. Vowles has played a huge role in Bird's last two years of high school. Mr. Vowles has advice for Bird as she enters this next chapter of her life.

"Do not let anyone hold you back. Do what your heart tells you to do, do not listen to others who try to bring you down," said Vowles.

Bird would also like to leave some advice for all the underclassmen at Webberville.

"Do not overlook things or read too much into something. I didn't realize how fast my four years would go by, and I did not take in or cherish the things I wish I would've. Just make sure to acknowledge what you have now and be grateful for it because before you know it, it'll all be over. It will almost feel as if it flashed before your eyes. Also, drama is not worth it, at all. Don't lose lifelong friends over a boy or a small argument over something that won't matter tomorrow. You will regret it."

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## Ingham County Comments

By: Randy Schafer,  
District 13  
Commissioner

### \*Sons of the American Revolution:

On Saturday, April 24, a special ceremony was held at North Stockbridge Cemetery on East M-36, which is in Stockbridge Township of Ingham County.

The purpose was to honor Private Ephraim Wheaton (1760-1853). He was a Revolutionary War Patriot. He served as a volunteer during the conflict as a soldier, as well as a fifer and drummer. During his enlistment, he served at the Battle of Kings Bridge, Fort Washington and was with General Washington's Army to witness British Lord Cornwallis' surrender at Yorktown in 1781.

During the American Revolution, fife and drum soldiers were critical positions. Over the chaos of the battlefield, regimental commanders communicated order and maintained discipline through musical tunes and drum beats.

Private Ephraim Wheaton moved to Stockbridge in the Territory of Michigan in 1836 to establish a home and opportunity for his family. Ingham County was not established until 1838.

The Ceremony was amazing. Many of the Wheaton descendants attended and spoke. There was a Revolutionary Color Guard, Bag Piper and simply an amazing event.

One of the members fabricated a replica cannon of the era and three salutes were fired. A plaque was permanently placed near the grave.

Obviously, there were many good speakers; however, a senior high school student, Spencer McLennan, wrote and spoke about the history and really stood out. I remembered him from speaking at Stockbridge High School. It is an inspiration to witness young people performing in such a manner and contributing.

Since it was the first Society of the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution ceremony, I had the opportunity to attend and was asked to speak. But prior to giving the speech, I needed to learn more about the era.

Since the invitation, I had the opportunity to read *1776* by McCullough, *Franklin and Washington* by Larson, and *The Summer of 1787* by Stewart. The publications offer a fascinating history of the era; including the sacrifices, suffering, sorrows and losses in the quest for independence. And, the desire to form a "Republic" unknown in the world at the time.

As a County Commissioner, I am always humbled and appreciative of the opportunity to serve and learn. And, it was a very touching and memorable event. It would be a great experience to visit the site and share the history with a family.

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### \*Montgomery Drain:

Commissioner Maiville and I were asked to be the Commissioner Representatives for the Drain Project by Drain Commissioner Pat Lindeman. It is a Drain established in 1906 in the Frandor, I-127, and Michigan Avenue Drive area. It empties into the Red Cedar.

This is a major Capital Improvement Project with a price tag of \$34,000,000. The Montgomery Drain was failing at

a fast rate. The infrastructure is collapsing after 115 years of service. The number of pollutants being dumped into the environment became a serious concern. And, imagine the different function required with the simple growth of the region.

An amazing design of water filtration, retention and restructuring was engineered and now under construction. It is very impressive. It was a long process in itself, much less the intergovernmental politics.

Construction is very complex and exciting field. It is an honor to be involved and knowing, a better future is involved for our children.

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### \*Dog Vaccination Clinics:

The Ingham County Animal Control and Shelter sponsored a special vaccination and licensing event at the Ingham County Fair Grounds on April 28.

The Clinic provided a drive-through vaccination, free rabies shots, and an opportunity to purchase and/or renew licenses. There may be more opportunities in the near future; thanks to the leadership of Director Heidi Williams and the dozens of volunteers.

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### \*Ingham County Health Department and Michigan State University:

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"If you are in an area where hunting is allowed, you can take advantage of turkey hunting opportunities," said Schauer. "Hunting plays an important role in managing turkeys by regulating their numbers."

Spring turkey season is open through June 7. Learn about turkey hunting opportunities at [Michigan.gov/Turkey](http://Michigan.gov/Turkey).

More turkey tips and information on how to handle conflicts with wildlife can be found at [Michigan.gov/Wildlife](http://Michigan.gov/Wildlife). Questions? Contact the DNR Wildlife Division at 517-284-9453.

## Bring forest flavors to your plate with new DNR foraging webpages

What does summer in Michigan taste like? Pop a fresh, juicy blackberry warmed by the sun into your mouth and find out. Rich morel mushrooms, sweet and smoky maple syrup and intense sumac and juniper are among the flavors you can find when you step into Michigan's outdoors.

Get in touch with the seasons and bring the flavors of the wild home with the help of a new foraging section on the DNR's website. These webpages share information about different varieties of wild berries, the basics of maple sap collection for syrup and tips for morel mushroom hunting.

"Every spring, we get tons of calls and emails asking what you can pick on state lands," said DNR Land Use Program Lead Matt Fry. "This information will help people forage safely and responsibly."

On state-managed lands, the "fruits" of plants may be harvested, including berries, nuts, tree fruits and mushrooms. However, to protect plant species that often take years to grow and reproduce, you may not harvest whole plants. Foods gathered on state lands are for personal use only. Properly identify anything you take from the wild and eat at your own risk. Over time, more information on foraging will be added to the webpages. Soon, you'll have the tools to turn a tangle of young dandelion greens into an herby quiche, brew a fragrant cup of pine needle tea or grill a swoon-worthy morel mushroom flatbread over hot coals.

Want to get started? Check out the *foraging page* for more information and resources.

Have foraging topics you'd like to hear about? Share suggestions with Rachel Coale via email at [CoaleR@Michigan.gov](mailto:CoaleR@Michigan.gov).



# Savvy Senior Column

By Jim Miller

## How Seniors Can Learn New Technology Skills Online

*Dear Savvy Senior,*

*Can you recommend some good technology classes or online learning resources for inexperienced seniors? I have a computer and a smartphone, but my knowledge and skills are pretty limited.*

*Tech Challenged Senior*

**Dear Senior,**

There are many different technology teaching tools available to older adults that can help you learn new tech skills so you can better utilize your devices. Here are some good options to consider.

**Local classes or workshops:** Depending on where you live, there may be community resources that offer beginning computer and personal technology classes, be it online or in-person, for older adults that are new to technology. To find out what's available in your area, contact your local public library, senior center, college or university, or local stores that sell computers. Your Area Agency on Aging may also be able to help you. Visit the Eldercare Locator at [Eldercare.acl.gov](http://Eldercare.acl.gov) or call 800-677-1116 to get your local number.

**GetSetUp.io:** This is one of the best online learning websites that partners with guides to provide training on tech tools for adults 50 and older. They provide more than 350 online classes taught in real-time by retired educators and tech industry experts in a way that lets older adults learn-by-doing, versus just watching a video.

Their technology classes – all taught via Zoom – cover things like learning how to use smartphones and tablets, how to set-up and use Zoom, how to utilize Gmail features, how to recognize online scams, how to sell your stuff online and so much more. Most of their classes are free, however some charge a small fee.

**SeniorPlanet.org:** Created and sponsored by national nonprofit OATS (Older Adults Technology Services) and recently joining forces with AARP, Senior Planet offers 60-and-older adults a wide variety of free online courses, programs, and activities that are taught in real-time to help seniors learn new technology skills, as well as save money, get in shape and make new friends.

Some of their more popular tech classes include "All Things Zoom," "Everything Smartphones," and an "Introduction to Social Media." They even offer a "lunch & learn – tech discussion group" offered at various times throughout the year where you can ask questions as well as share your struggles and experiences.

And, if you ever have a technology question that pops up during the week, you can call their National Senior Planet Hotline for tech help at 920-666-1959 anytime Monday through Friday during working hours.

**OasisEverywhere.org:** This nonprofit educational organization for older adults provides more than 10 low-cost/free online computer, internet and mobile technology courses for beginners. And when the pandemic dies down, they will resume offering beginner tech classes in their 27 locations (located in nine states) throughout the country.

**CandooTech.com:** This company provides fee-based online tech support and training to help older adults feel more comfortable with phones, computers, tablets, home safety devices and more.

Their specially trained tech concierges will teach you how to use your technology, fix what's not working and install software, as well as learn how set-up and use email, video chat, social media, online shopping and entertainment, ride sharing services and more.

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**TechBoomers.com:** This is a free educational website that provides video and article tutorials that teach older adults and other inexperienced technology users how to use the most popular and trusted websites, apps and devices.

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

## Troubles with turkeys?

### Michigan DNR offers these tips

Turkeys live in Michigan year-round, and while wild turkeys hang around through the winter, you might see more activity this spring as they enter breeding season.

If turkeys in your neighborhood are becoming bothersome, try hazing – or scaring – them as well as removing any wildlife feeders that may be out.

"While many people might feed turkeys because they enjoy seeing them, especially in the winter months, fed turkeys can become comfortable around people and may start to be unwelcome," said Hannah Schauer, DNR wildlife communications coordinator. "If you do have feeders out, make sure they are inaccessible to the turkeys or you may need to remove them altogether."

You also want to establish your dominance by using some hazing techniques to scare them when they come around, like making loud noises and waving your arms. Don't be shy – you want to maintain turkeys' natural fear of humans. It's important for the animals' safety and helps keep them from

## Teachable moments

By Jace Arledge

It's been a couple of weeks since my last column, I guess you could say life got in the way... But, something has been weighing on my mind. so I want to start with some song lyrics:

*And you, of tender years*

*You can't know the fears that your elders grew by*

*And so, please, help them with your youth*

*'Cause they seek the truth before they can die*

*Teach your children/parents well*

*Their father's hell will slowly go by*

*And feed them on your dreams*

*The one they pick's the one you'll know by*

**Teach Your Children**– Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young released 1970

Many don't know this song and many of us who do may not understand the message this song is giving. The lyrics above are a small snippet of the entire song, and I used these particular lyrics for a reason.

The song is asking parents AND children not to be judgmental of each other's lives, while the "road" is life's journey which we must all go through and during which we seek OUR OWN existence which may never be found.

However, the song also tells of the joy of living and loving as well as letting both parent and child be who they are without trying to "fix" what is not broken. It's a message that says that we shouldn't be bound in suffering when we don't accept the reality of existence and to accept people as they ARE and not what we want them to be. To be grateful for just being. Each generation must try to understand that we have our own "hell" (growing pains/life issues) and that we can learn from each other.

In times such as these, we are faced with so many things that cause us to really look deep into our own hearts and try to see the good in everyone. When we stop, look and listen, we aren't very different.

Each of our souls are on a path and that path is simple, if we actually look at others through a different lens. It shouldn't matter the color of our skin, who we worship, how we worship, who we love or how we love. What matters is that we try to leave this passage in better shape than when we arrived.

I think it is also important that parents not try to put your life experiences on your children, because what your parents and you and your children have lived through is not the same. As the song lyrics say "so you become yourself, because the past is just a goodbye." Once the past is gone, we must move forward, learn from the mistakes or successes and make the world a better place for the future.

Most importantly friends, LOVE UNCONDITIONALLY, look at others with loving, not judging eyes, and teach EACH OTHER well... again I refer to the lyrics of this song that can be read by the children' or the parent "don't you ever ask them why, if they told you would cry, you just look at them and sigh, and know they love you."

Till next time...



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## Letter to the Editor

### County Commissioners Make Petty Decision

Livingston County's all-Republican county commission made a small, petty decision last Monday by refusing to appoint a Democrat to the bipartisan county jury commission, opting instead to leave one position vacant.

Our Livingston County Commissioners proved once again that they are small, petty people obsessed with maintaining total control. No issue is too minor for them to turn into a partisan power grab.

The obscure jury commission meets once a year for half-an-hour to approve the procedures that the 44<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court has in place for picking jurors, which is basically a computerized system. The pay is \$25 a year.

For years, two Democrats and one Republican served on the panel, in keeping with state law that requires that panel members come from more than one political party as is appropriate for serving the county's nonpartisan court system. Their appointments to six-year terms require approval of the county commission.

Chief Judge Michael P. Hatty had nominated incumbent Nancy Sauvage, Billy Green (a former county commissioner), and Dane Morris.

The county's personnel committee, chaired by Commissioner Doug Helzerman, took up the appointments on April 21 but tabled them. On April 26, an hour before the commission's full board meeting, it took them up again.

Helzerman used the interval to call Morris and ask about his political affiliation. He also apparently did an internet search on Morris and found out he once ran as a Democrat for county commissioner.

Helzerman presented the information to the committee, which this time was attended by Commission Chair Wes Nakagiri.

Nakagiri has had a vendetta against the county courts ever since he joined the commission, trying to prove they are overstaffed based on weak comparisons to other counties. So, the all-powerful jury commission gave him an opportunity to kill two birds with one stone – take a swipe at the courts and at Democrats.

Speaking against Morris' nomination, Nakagiri said having more than one Democrat on the commission would give Democrats too much influence relative to the party's strength in the county and that only one Democrat more fairly reflected Democratic presence in the county. He said it didn't matter if there were only two members – rather than the statutorily required three members – because two would constitute a quorum.

An hour later, the full commission added the appointments to its agenda without advance notice to the public and separated out Morris's appointment from the other two. It approved the other two, but no one would make a motion to approve Morris. It's disappointing to me that not even Commissioner Carol Sue Reader would not make the motion since she is a former judge who should have some respect for the nonpartisan nature of the courts and not even after Hatty told the commission that all the appointees were citizens of good standing who care about the community.

However, there is a silver lining in Nakagiri's reasoning. He apparently espouses the principle that Democratic representation on county boards and commissions should reflect our party's strength. Fine with us. Given the number of votes we received in the last general election, we'll take three county commission seats and 38 percent of the planning commission, the solid waste commission, the parks and open spaces advisory commission, and every other body that exists at the county level. It's only fair.

Judy Daubenmier

Chair of the Livingston County Democratic Party

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Kimber Peach entered a Potato Ham Soup.



Lorraine Ritchie and her husband Tony entered a Beef Stew on behalf of the Fowlerville Police Department.

## Fowlerville 4<sup>th</sup> of July Chili & Soup Cook-Off enjoys successful outing

With last year's Fowlerville 4<sup>th</sup> of July Chili & Soup Cook-Off being cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic and this year's event being held in an outdoors' setting due to public-health restrictions on indoor gatherings, organizers were uncertain about what would happen as far as turn-out.

What happened last Saturday, April 24, was a successful outing. Despite cool weather and a threat of rain, a large crowd showed up at the Fowlerville fairgrounds for the annual fundraiser.

There were 16 tables set up along the exterior of the Brown Commercial Building, with chili and soup being offered for tasting, and judging. Participants in the Cook-off got to compete for bragging rights, while attendees had the opportunity to enjoy samples of all the entries and a meal afterwards. A raffle drawing also took place during the evening, along with a Silent Auction.

Winners of the different categories were: Judges Best Soup- Kimber Peach, MI Army National Guard Best Soup- Mike Scheib, People's Choice Best Soup- Mike Scheib, Most Eye Catching/Most Unique Presentation- James Kernozek, Judges Best Chili- Fowlerville Fire Department, MI Army National Guard Best Chili- Alexis Hovorka, and Peoples Choice Best Chili- MI Army National Guard.



Nadia and Saskia Freeman cooked up Ham and Bean Soup for their entry.



Father and son Alden and Mike Scheib had two entries: Cabbage Roll Soup and Magic Mike Green Chili.



The Fowlerville Fire Department served their Fire House Chili. Pictured here serving the chili were Fire Chief Bob Feig and Assistant Fire Chief Mike LeMieux.



Chief John Tyler of the Fowlerville Police Department made and served Chicken Chili.



Also entering Chicken Chili were Patrick and Tammy Labriola.



This group entered Red Hot Whiskey Chili. From left were Samantha Labriola, Diane and James Kernozek.



Rich Turner entered a Mild Chili. His apron had the saying, "Never Trust a Skinny Chef".



Wendy Clark and Kaia Ro entered White Chicken Chili for Champion Chevrolet.



The youngest contestant was 15 year old Lexi Hovorka. She entered a Steak and Cheese Chili.



These two gentlemen from the Army National Guard, SSG Michael Brunger and SSG Brad Levitski, entered Warrior Chili and Steak and Bean Chili.



This was the first time for this mother-daughter duo to enter. From left were Alison and Lauren Hardies. Their chili was White Bean Chicken.



Tom and Elaine Clapp, in conjunction with Mary Helfman, entered a mild and spicy Chicken Chili.



4th of July Committee Chair Brian Denby is pictured here with one of the raffle winners, Diane Kernozek.



Judges of the Chili & Soup Cook-off were, from left, Reggie Talbot, Karl Witt, Tom Couling, Ellen Peters and Rep. Bob Bezotte.



Bella Clapp was selling handmade earrings at her table. Abby Groat was enjoying helping her.



These Marines were on hand and passed out small American flags. They are from the David Murningham Marine Corps League. From left were David Mester, Steve Sheldon, Pup Brook, Yvonne Mester and Ray Rayl.



Enjoying their soup and chili under the tent were, Tessa Levitski, Payton Pena, Katrina Levitski, Crystal Kotch and Jennie Levitski. They were from the Grand Blanc, Lake Orion area.



Jim Mayhew of the 4th of July Committee is pictured here visiting with Jacob and Josh Hardies.

*Photos continued on next page.*

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## Fowlerville Girls Tennis Team earns 6-2 win over Owosso

The Fowlerville Girls Tennis Team earned a 6-2 win over Owosso in a match played Monday, April 16.

### Singles:

No. 1 - Emma Arnot, FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL def. Kelsey Andrykovich, OWOSSO HIGH SCHOOL, 2-6, 4-6

No. 2 - Maggie Motz, FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL def. Myra Whiteside, OWOSSO HIGH SCHOOL, 0-6, 3-6

No. 3 - Ellie Feldpausch, OWOSSO HIGH SCHOOL def. Kendall Prins, FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, 6-1, 6-1

No. 4 - Evelyn Johnson, OWOSSO HIGH SCHOOL def. N/A, 0-2, 0-2

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## Hand and Footprint Mother's Day Card

Handprints and footprints make some of our favorite Mother's Day crafts. Our kids are small for such a short time that it's nice to have a way to remember it. This Mother's Day craft is a simple paper craft that easily transforms their prints into a happy butterfly that is sure to make Mom smile. We used "Flappy Mother's Day!" as our card saying, but we also kicked around using "You make my heart soar" and "Thank you for helping me fly".

### What you'll need:

- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Crayons
- Stickers



### How to make your Mother's Day Handprint Butterfly Card:

- Trace your child's handprint onto construction paper and cut out four copies of it.
- Trace your child's footprint onto construction paper and cut it out.
- Glue the handprints to the footprint, two on each side to make wings.
- Glue the butterfly to a full sheet of construction paper.
- Add small rectangles for antennae.
- Have your child draw on a face and decorate the butterfly as they wish. We used stickers.
- Write "Flappy Mother's Day" or another saying on the card and have your child sign their name.

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# Chili Cook-Off Photos, continued



Greeting the customers and selling the chili and soup were, from left, Melissa Salgado, Michelle Soli and Cindy Denby.



4th of July Committee President, Brandon Denby, is pictured here with his family. Back from left, Brandon Denby holding Adeline, wife Shelby, in front Ariella, Adrienne and Colton Denby.



## Michigan Senate Report

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

### Announces Parental Medical Rights Protection Act

Legislation announced by Sen. Lana Theis on Wednesday would ensure Michigan parents have the right to accompany their children during medical procedures.

“No parent should be prohibited from being at their child’s side and no child should be denied being with their parents during medical procedures, especially in end-of-life situations,” said Theis, R-Brighton. “Over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, numerous doctor’s offices and medical facilities have imposed restrictions preventing parents from accompanying their children for even the most routine procedures, and often parents were not even let into the building.”

The Parental Medical Rights Protection Act would permit at least one parent to be in the room with their children who are minors or adults with developmental disabilities and would allow both parents to be there if a child is receiving end-of-life care. The bill would prohibit doctors and medical facilities from instituting policies banning parental accompaniment with limited exceptions.

Theis said she is also drafting a bill that would prevent gubernatorial or departmental emergency or public health orders from banning parents from medical facilities and treatment rooms.

“After Larry Nassar, it is in everyone’s interest that at least

one parent be allowed to accompany their child at all times, except in rare circumstances, such as in an operating room,” Theis said. “Arbitrary and unnecessary family separation is inhumane, and my legislation would prevent that from happening again in our state. Parents must be allowed to comfort and advocate for their children.” The Parental Medical Rights Protection Act was expected to be formally introduced this past week.

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### MARION TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED MINUTES April 22, 2021

The regular meeting of the Marion Township Board was held on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 7:30 pm. Members Present: Hanvey, Andersen, Beal, Donovan, Lloyd, Lowe, Durbin. 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 as amended.
- 4) Motion carried to approve Schroeder Body Shop site plan as provided, subject to utility easements being signed, and property owner will provide the township with an updated plan with parking lot grades.
- 5) Motion carried to adopt resolution to schedule public hearings for Love’s Creek/Sesame SAD for May 13, 2021 at 7:30 pm.
- 6) Motion carried to have attorney review Mugg and Bopps and provide recommendation to the zoning administrator.
- 7) Correspondence & Updates.
- 8) Call to the Public.
- 9) Motion to adjourn at 9:33 pm.

Tammy L. Beal, MMC  
Township Clerk

Robert W. Hanvey  
Township Supervisor  
(5-2-21 FNV)

### IOSCO TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING MAY 11TH, 2021 AT 6:45 PM

The Iosco Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to discuss an amendment to the 2019 Iosco Township Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendment will be to: Article 20.22.

Residents can attend the hearing at the Iosco Township Hall, located at: 2050 Bradley Road, Webberville, MI 48892.

Hearing begins at 6:45 PM on Tuesday, May 11, 2021.

Julie Dailey  
Township Clerk  
(4-25 & 5-2-21 FNV)

### From Unapproved Minutes CONWAY TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING April 20, 2021

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm.

The following Motions were made:

1. To approve the Consent Agenda
2. To amend Meeting Agenda with addition of item #17 Land Division Ordinance Amendment.
3. To amend Meeting Agenda with addition of item #18 Planning Commission Ex Officio Member Report.
4. To amend Meeting Agenda with the addition of items #19 Heliport/Airport and #20 Request Attorney Cooper to attend ZBA Meeting.
5. To approve Meeting Agenda as amended.
6. To approve RESOLUTION 210420-1 to Appoint Bureau Clerk.
7. To approve RESOLUTION 210420-2 to Accept Credit Cards.
8. To adopt MERS 457b program.
9. To proceed with amendments to General Ordinance – Land Division.
10. To request Planning Commission to address places in ordinance that need to be cleaned up.
11. To amend General Fund Budget to accommodate \$26,000 for line item Fowlerville Recreation Budget.
12. To approve Attorney Cooper to attend ZBA meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. Complete minutes are available at the Conway Township office at 8015 N. Fowlerville Road, Fowlerville, Michigan 48836.

Elizabeth Whitt  
Conway Township Clerk  
(5-2-21 FNV)



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### Secretary of State announces new era of improved customer service operations

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson has announced that the Michigan Department of State (MDOS) has entered a new service-driven era of operations that is more convenient and efficient for customers. She noted that the majority of transactions can now be carried out from home or at a grocery store, and residents who are required to visit a Secretary of State Office are typically in and out in 20 minutes.

“Michiganders can now complete most of their transactions online, by mail or at one of our new self-service stations located at their local grocery store,” Benson said. “And the remaining in-person transactions are carried out by appointment, ensuring the vast majority of customers have little to no wait time.”

More than 60 percent of transactions are already conducted outside of branch offices — up from 30 percent in 2019 — and this year more than 1 million people have already visited department offices. Benson noted that since MDOS began operating by appointment in June of last year, its ratings on Google have doubled — from two to four stars on a five-star scale — and are higher than they have ever been. Many Michiganders have asked for the department to continue operating by appointment, and Benson said their wish is coming true.

“We’re going to listen to the people on this,” said Benson.

“It’s clear they do not want us to go backwards to the old way of doing things, where on any given day you could spend hours waiting for a basic transaction in any given branch office. The branch office by appointment model is working and yes, it is a new way of doing things. But it’s a better way of doing things.”

Benson acknowledged that the system still needs to be improved, as some customers find it challenging to book appointments. To help remedy that, she announced MDOS is increasing its offering of appointments by at least 10 percent, or 35,000 appointments per month, and in the coming weeks will dedicate call center staff to booking online appointments for residents with internet limitations.

Benson also announced her Service Driven Legislative Agenda, and called on legislative leaders to implement reforms that would enable customers to interact less frequently and more efficiently with the department. She called on the state Legislature to allow remote driver’s license testing, stop requiring veterans with the military equivalent of a commercial driver’s license to retrain and retest for a civilian CDL, and provide funding and authority for the department to develop innovative public-private partnerships to improve operations.

“We need lawmakers to join us as innovators in furthering a vision for the people of Michigan and pass needed reforms that will help us improve customer convenience and satisfaction,” said Benson. “That means pushing forward and implementing modern, best practices and available technology along with innovative ideas that support Michiganders in ways that work best for them.”

To access online services, locate a self-service station in your area or make a branch office appointment, visit [Michigan.gov/SOS](http://Michigan.gov/SOS).

### Financial virtual presentation being offered May 12 by Livingston Catholic Charities

A one-hour virtual presentation will be held on Wednesday, May 12th from 11:30am to 12:30pm, covering topics like:

- Keeping your money safe;
- What to look out for when working with and choosing a financial advisor;
- What to do if you are in a position where you suspect someone is being victimized by financial exploitation and how POA and guardianship play a role in personal finances?

Presenters: Michael Foguth, President and Founder, Foguth Financial Group and Kristina Martin, Attorney, Legal Services of South Central Michigan. Email Beth Newman at [beth@livingstoncatholiccharities.org](mailto:beth@livingstoncatholiccharities.org) to receive your Zoom invitation and link to participate.



### Fowlerville High School CTE Student of the Week



Photo by Laura Finley Photography

#### Lillian Copeland

Congratulations to this week’s Career Technical Education Student of the Week at Fowlerville High School, Lillian Copeland! Lillian is being recognized for her efforts in the Agriscience program through Livingston Career & Technical Education. This program is held at Fowlerville High School and brings in students from around Livingston county who share an interest in agriculture, food, and natural resources. Students have the opportunity to be a part of FHS’s local FFA chapter which provides opportunities to participate in different leadership, skills, and public speaking contests hosted by FFA.

Lillian’s favorite part of the program has been the experiences she has been able to be a part of, along with all the projects that have been part of the class. Lillian has also greatly enjoyed her participation in district, regional, and state level competitions.

During the current school year Lillian participated in the Leadership Contest through FFA. For this contest students focused on an issue affecting the agriculture industry in Michigan. The topic chosen was toll roads, and whether or not we should have them here in Michigan. The set up for this contest was a gameshow/debate style between two teams. One team argued the benefits of having toll roads in Michigan, while the other team argued the downfalls and why we shouldn’t have them in Michigan. The Fowlerville group/team that Lillian was a part of placed sixth out of twelve teams in the state!

Earlier this year Lillian also participated in the Agriscience Fair through FFA. Lillian’s sister Avery was her partner for this event. The two created a survey regarding organic versus non-organic food. They were looking to gain insight on how others felt about this topic and whether or not people felt organic food is worth the extra cost. They presented their findings for the judges and wrote up a report as well. They ended up placing second in the state in their division!

Lillian isn’t sure yet what she wants to do for a career, but she does feel this class has been beneficial in many ways in preparing her for her future.

When asked about some specific things she has learned in class, Lillian feels she has learned so much. As a result of this class she has learned ways to improve her public speaking skills along with, “how to be more confident in everyday situations.”

To those considering this program, Lillian stated, “I would definitely recommend this class to students who are considering it. You will learn a lot of new things, have a lot of fun, and make a lot of new friends and memories throughout the year.” Congratulations once again to Lillian Copeland!

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