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Breaking ground for the new Fowlerville Fire Station were, from left, Fire Chief Bob Feig and Fire Board members Jerry Bell, Village council trustee; Bill Grubb, Conway Township supervisor; Amanda Bonville, Iosco Township treasurer; and Ed Alverson, Handy Township supervisor. The fire board, which oversees the department, is comprised of representatives from the four municipalities in the local fire district.

Groundbreaking for new Fowlerville Fire Station held last Tuesday

By Steve Horton

The groundbreaking for the new Fowlerville Fire Station was held last Tuesday afternoon, with members of the fire board and the fire chief donning hard hats and then using shovels to turn over some dirt.

The ceremony was held at the 5.6-acre building site, located on West Grand River, west of the village. Work on the 17,961 square-foot station will soon begin, with completion of the project expected next spring. The estimated cost is around \$6 million.

The station will have five drive-thru bays that can handle up to five vehicles, five offices, a large training room and a small conference room, along with a kitchen, restrooms with showers, and storage rooms.

In anticipation that the station will eventually be staffed
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Construction will soon begin on the new Fowlerville Fire Station. The building will be 17,961 square feet in size and located on West Grand River, west of the village.

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Groundbreaking for new Fowlerville Fire Station, continued

around-the-clock, the building will also have two sleeping quarters and a small day room.

The new station replaces the hall on North Grand Avenue that was built 42 years ago. The department also has a second, smaller station on South Fowlerville Road.

The fire board is comprised of representatives from the Village of Fowlerville and the townships of Handy, Conway, and Iosco. Current members are Jerry Bell, village council trustee and the board chair; Ed Alverson, Handy Township supervisor; Bill Grubb, Conway Township supervisor; and Amanda Bonnville, Iosco Township treasurer.

Bell, in his role as chair of the board, began the ceremony by introducing himself, then adding “I’d like to welcome everybody to the groundbreaking for this once-in-a-generation event.”

He then acknowledged several people in attendance, including Village President Carol Hill, Megan Reckling who was representing State Senator Lana Theis, State Rep. Bob Bezotte, and County Commissioner Doug Helzerman.

Bell followed that by introducing each of his fellow fire board members and thanking them for their contributions in bringing the project to fruition.

Also singled out for thanks was a group from the Fowlerville United Brethren Church in attendance, with it being noted that the church had sold the property to the Fire Authority.

Fire Chief Bob Feig also spoke, making a number of other introductions of those in attendance who, he said, “have been instrumental” in getting the project to this point.

“We started planning for a new fire station back around 2013,” he said. “We wanted a building that would better facilitate the operations of the fire department, now and in future years. Looking at different sites, checking them to see

if they were suitable, has been at times a bumpy road. But we finally got through it and are here today.”

Brivar, the design-build company from Brighton, is doing the construction, while Bank of Ann Arbor provided the financing for the project. Officials from both companies were in attendance.

Feig noted that some local companies have already been awarded bids to do subcontracting work, including Glover Electric and KW Corporation. He also pointed out that Harmon Real Estate had handled the sale of the property and had worked with the department and fire board on earlier sites that were considered.

“I would just like to thank the community as a whole for coming out here and supporting us,” he concluded. “I look for great things to come out of this station and hopefully we can better serve the community and that the station will be a great focal point.”



Among the local government officials at the ceremony were, from left, Carol Hill, Fowlerville Village President; Jerry Bell, Fowlerville council trustee; Kathryn Heath, Fowlerville council trustee; Bob Bezotte, state representative; Doug Helzerman, Livingston County commissioner; Meghan Reckling, chief of staff for State Senator Lana Theis; and Julie Dailey, Iosco Township clerk.



Members of the Fowlerville LDFA and DDA were in attendance. From left, were Phil Utter, LDFA president; Steve MacDermaid, DDA president; Carol Hill, Village President who is on both the LDFA and DDA; Dawn Horton, DDA treasurer; Paul Harmon, DDA vice president and LDFA member; Karl Witt, DDA member; and Bob Feig, fire chief. Other LDFA members present were Wayne Roedel, superintendent of Fowlerville Community Schools; Doug Helzerman, Livingston County commissioner; and Ed Alverson, Handy Township supervisor.



Fire Chief Bob Feig, left, talks about the new fire station with Matthew Salminen.



From left were Tim Marshall, President/CEO-Bank of Ann Arbor; Ron Long, Livingston County President-Bank of Ann Arbor; Phil Utter, Livingston County Board member-Bank of Ann Arbor; and Fire Chief Bob Feig. The bank has provided the financing for the construction project.



Joe Parker, left, a trustee with the Iosco Township Board, and Wayne Roedel, superintendent of the Fowlerville Community Schools, attended the groundbreaking last Tuesday.



Members of the Fowlerville Fire Department in attendance were, from left, Joshua Romey, Assistant Chief Mike LeMieux, Chris Joseph, Deagun Gonzalez, Fire Chief Bob Feig, and Julie Dailey.



Among those who will be involved in the construction project were, from left, Scott Byers, project superintendent; Ross Oja, project engineer; Tim Glover, Glover Electric; Karl Witt, KW Corporation; Bob Feig, fire chief; John Schwartz, EVP Operations for Brivar Construction; Allan Pruss, president of Monument Engineering; and David Davis, a project engineer at Monument Engineering.

Caleb Jenkins Column



What is the American Dream?

Kaila and I were blessed recently with the opportunity to visit America’s newest national park: New River Gorge National Park. Nestled into the mountains of south-central West Virginia, the park includes over 70,000 acres of forests, rocks, and old mining towns along about 53 miles of the New River. Unsurprisingly, the natural setting is breathtaking as it transports you away from the fray of normal life, letting you imagine a different time and lifestyle. Even beyond that, the region is filled with artifacts of American development, and you can almost feel the history all around.

One of the most interesting areas of the park was the abandoned coal mining town of Nuttallburg, which you can reach by driving down a long, winding ‘goat path’ along the east side of New River. In the mid-to-late 1800s, the residents of Nuttallburg extracted coal from the mountain, occasionally processing it, before sending the sought-after rocks across the country via the railway that ran beside the town on the side of the mountain. Many miners lived with their families, so the people of Nuttallburg formed a secluded, but vibrant, community. In its prime, Nuttallburg included modern (for the time) houses, a church, a school, a company store, and even imports of finer products from the railroad.

As Kaila and I explored this historical slice of American life, I assumed the owner of the coal mine and subsequent founder of the town, John Nuttall, was a well-to-do prospector who wanted to capitalize on the largely untapped resources of West Virginia. Come to find out, that was not really the case. Mr. Nuttall started his career in mining not as a wealthy owner but rather as an eleven-year-old worker. He dedicated himself to this brutal work for about twenty years, moving from his home in England to the U.S. in 1849. Even then, Mr. Nuttall worked in a silk mill for seven years to continue saving until he was able to open his own mines at long last. His was a long, difficult journey.

His story struck me. From a very young age, Mr. Nuttall patiently pursued his goals and worked hard for decades before getting a chance to experiment with forming his own company. To me, his story excellently illustrates the truth behind the American dream that we often miss. We tend to get frustrated when things do not go our way, and we decry the American dream as dead or counterfeit. And yes, there are things we can and should do to improve opportunities and make the American dream more attainable for all. However,

we sometimes miss the mark on what the American dream is. In reality, the American dream is not instant, or even short-term gratification, nor is it something simply given. The American dream is earned, every step of the way, and it always has been. We look back at historical successes, and it seems easy on paper. When reviewing summaries of successful historical figures, it is tempting to think everything went their way. But if we look deeper, we find that their lives were in fact filled with doubts, fears, and hard work. If we truly understood what those who came before us went through, I think we would admire their grit and at least pause before suggesting they had it easier. Rather they were successful because they were dedicated.

The American dream is opportunity, not life insurance. It is an invitation to succeed if we are willing to put in the work and have the right spirit. Is the American dream more difficult to attain now than it was in years past? Perhaps, but the essence is still there. It still takes grit, dedication, and a lot of hard work. Earned, never given. If we want something, we need to go after it.

Fowlerville High School Alumni gathering on June 10 at fairgrounds

The 128th Fowlerville High School Alumni gathering will be held on Saturday, June 10, in the Finlan Gazebo at the Fowlerville Fairgrounds. From 2-5pm, alumni and their guests are invited to stop by with special classes being recognized as in the past. A brief business meeting will be held and light refreshments served. There is no charge for this gathering, however, a donation basket will be available. Pictures will again be taken by Steve Horton of the Fowlerville News & Views. Guests and visitors are invited to stay from beginning to end or just stop by if you have a busy schedule!

Cindy Ruttman Krebs has been busy contacting representatives from “honored classes” such as 1972 (50 years), 1962 (60 years), 1997 (25 years), 1957 (65 years) to name a few. Please feel free to contact Cindy Ruttman if you have any questions. The Alumni Board is aware that some groups have planned other gatherings but is hopeful that members of the class will stop by and visit. Last year we had alums from Florida and California.

FHS Alumni members are in hopes of returning to FHS for future gatherings as was done prior to the Covid restrictions. Please bear with us, said President Judy Epley Recker. The Alumni Board is eager to return to a more traditional evening as in the past.

Scholarship donations are still being accepted for inclusion in this year’s listing. Questions on donations can be directed to the treasurer, Meghan Swain-Kuch. Contact information can be found on the school website.

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Varsity Baseball

Greg Wilkinson - Greg is a senior playing first base and catcher for the varsity baseball team. Greg is becoming a great leader on and off the diamond. He is currently batting in the cleanup spot and is tied for the team lead in extra base hits.

Isaac Way - Isaac is a senior outfielder and pitcher for the varsity baseball team. Isaac is a great student of the game and one of the quickest to pick up on a new skill. He is working on bringing some pop from the left side of the plate for the Glads!

Every week through the season two Fowlerville H.S. athletes will be saluted for their efforts. Athletes will be selected by the coaching staff and Athletic Dept. For that "Winning Deal" on a new or used car or truck, see Dick Scott Motor Mall.

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Monthly Beyond the Book
Thursday, April 28, 6:30 pm
 Join Zoe in the evening for a book discussion of *A Room with a View* by E.M. Forster, accompanied with a showing of the movie. **Registration required.**

Monthly Book and Coffee
Monday, April 25, 1:00 pm
 Join Zoe in the afternoon for a traditional book club that includes coffee and dessert. This month's selection is *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie: A Flavia de Luce Mystery* by Alan Bradley. **Registration required.**

TEENS

Tabletop Wednesday
Wednesdays, 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm
 Drop in and play your favorite tabletop RPGs. Play with your friends or have our teen librarian Connor run a one-shot.

Teen Craft Wednesday
Wednesdays, 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm
 Mary has tons of fun teen craft projects planned! Drop in to take part in making super cool crafts, such as beaded animals, resin jewelry, and other top secret projects.

Friday Gaming
Fridays, 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm

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

Magic the Gathering Draft
Saturday, April 30, 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
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KIDS

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

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Toddler Storytime (ages 1 to 3 with caregiver)
10:00 am Thursdays & Fridays
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9:30 am Fridays
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Facebook Live Storytime (ages 2 to 8)
12:00pm Thursdays on Facebook
 Join LIVE on our Facebook page for this amazing program where kids can interact with Storm from home! Build some early literacy skills in your pajamas.

Dawn's Recipes

This week's recipes were submitted by Marj Carlon of Fowlerville. Marj served on the Village Council for many years and is a former chair of the Livingston Centre Historical Village committee. She is retired after a long career with Marshall Music.

SIMPLE ASPARAGUS SOUP

- 1 Tbsp. butter
- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- 2 pounds fresh asparagus, trimmed and cut into 1 inch pieces
- 1 medium carrot, thinly sliced
- 1/2 tsp.salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1/4 tsp. dried thyme
- 2/3 cup uncooked long grain brown rice
- 6 cups reduced-sodium chicken broth
- Reduced-fat sour cream, optional
- Salad croutons, optional

In 6 qt. pot, heat butter and oil over medium heat. Stir in vegetables and seasonings.

Cook until vegetables are tender, 8-10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in rice and broth; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, until rice is tender, 40-45 minutes stirring occasionally. Makes 2-1/2 quarts.

Great recipe from "Taste of Home"

--Marj Carlon

HAM CASSEROLE - 'Quick & Easy'

- 1 & 1/2 cups cooked macaroni (or any pasta)
- 2 cups broccoli (can use other vegetables)
- 1/2 cup onion chopped
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup-low sodium preferred
- 2 cups diced ham
- 1 & 1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- Pepper to taste
- 1/8 to 1/4 cup water

Set 1/2 cup cheese aside. Steam broccoli. Combine all. Fits well in 8x8 pan. Top with cheese. Bake 30-35 minutes at 400 degrees.

Options--Use frozen broccoli (thaw first). Add Parmesan cheese on top with other cheese.

Old recipe--probably from Campbell Soup Co.

---Marj Carlon

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Jamie and Hannah



Becca and Kendra



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The Village may not adopt its proposed 2022/2023 budgets until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2022/2023 budgets including the proposed property tax millage rates are available for public inspection upon request.

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

This notice is given in order of the Fowlerville Village Council.

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I believe what the book says
By Jace Arledge

I took a week off from writing. I needed time to collect my thoughts and think of things that were happening in our world. It has been very debilitating to see how much hate and violence we, as humans, can inflict on each other. I try to make it a point to write about love, kindness and unity; that we are all the same yet different, and that is ok, in fact it is actually wonderful. Yet here we are in 2022 creating laws out of fear, killing out of ignorance, and calling it progress. There are currently more than 240 bills of legislation that will take some form of equality away from a specific class of people. Bills that strip fundamental rights away;

rights that many who read this paper don't think twice about. Education, fair housing, medical treatment, employment, racial and religious freedoms are taken advantage of by many. However, many of these are not afforded to others. Why is that? Is this fair? Can you actually say that another human doesn't deserve these protections? That because they aren't like you, love like you, live like you or worship like you that they aren't valid? If you can, and you claim to have faith and a religion, you don't actually believe in the book you read. Yes, the book I am talking about is the Bible. We can sit and debate all day long what we have been taught to believe, not questioning, or we can sit together and try to understand how something that is meant to be interpreted individually gets placed under an umbrella of hate, bigotry and exclusion. Please understand, being raised Catholic, and as a youth pastor, I understand what the book says. I also understand that my relationship with a higher power will not look nor be the same as my neighbor, but I do know that the main tenants have never changed, never faltered.

In my upbringing and what I have passed down to not only my children but the children that I was teaching in youth groups is that we are here to LOVE each other. To care for the marginalized, feed the hungry, protect the vulnerable and simply BE JESUS on earth. Isn't this the main MESSAGE of that book we throw at others?

I watch many pastors today speak of violence, calling people with disabilities "possessed," making claims of "witches" in their congregation because they chose to speak up against what seemed odd and out of place from what THEY understand that book to say. Many who claim to be devout turn their backs on those who are different, walk past someone with their hand out or laugh at the misfortune someone else endures. No wonder so many walk away from that book and all that they are told it stands for.

Isaiah 58:7;10 (paraphrased) If you help those who are hungry and oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness.

Luke 14:13-14 (paraphrased) When you feast invite the poor, crippled and lame, the blind, and you will be blessed because they can't repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection.

Leviticus 25:35-36 (paraphrase) If your brother (neighbor) becomes poor and needs help you should support them. He should live with you.

Matthew 25:34-40 (paraphrase) For when I was hungry you fed me, I was thirsty you gave me drink, a stranger you welcomed me, naked you clothed me, sick you visited me, in prison you came to me.

Proverbs 22:9 (paraphrase) those with something to give shares it

Proverbs 29:7 (paraphrase) those who know what's right for others, a wicked man knows nothing

These are just a few of the lines in this book. There are many more that show the path to helping, to being a "love your neighbor as yourself" person. Why are we so comfortable with sharing words of division, exclusion and hate? Oh I know what some are saying as you read this, that I am only picking out the good parts that support my view. I say "yes you are right" if the implication is that my view will "place me in a pit of fire" because I choose to love everyone or live my life by following my truth. Otherwise, there is no reason to believe or follow.

We, as a society, seem to find happiness in the downfall and tribulations of others. We want the playing field to be even as long as no one has more than me. I don't know about you, but I choose love, acceptance, peace and understanding and, if that means when I no longer walk this earth I will be placed in a "fiery pit," then, my friends, I am willing to take that chance. For I know that I followed that book the way it was intended to be followed. I choose to live LIKE JESUS.

Which brings me to a song from 1969 by Sly and the Family Stone

Sometimes I'm right and I can be wrong
My own beliefs are in my song
The butcher, the banker, the drummer and then
Makes no difference what group I'm in
I am everyday people, yeah, yeah
There is a blue one who can't accept
The green one for living with
A fat one tryin' to be a skinny one
Different strokes for different folks
And so on and so on and scooby-doo-by-doo-by
We got to live together
I am no better and neither are you
We're all the same, whatever we do
You love me, you hate me
You know me and then
You can't figure out the bag I'm in
I AM EVERYDAY PEOPLE
Songwriters: Sylvester Stewart

Stay kind and love unconditionally.
Till next time...

Letter to the Editor

I am among the many white, straight, Christian women in Livingston County who don't want our State Senator Lana Thies to continue spewing hate into our local politics. Senator Theis has been called out nationally for accusing another Michigan Senator as supporting pedophilia and teaching white children to feel bad about themselves. These lies are also being spread by others and are a poison that will destroy our democracy.

Off the top of my head I can personally name 20 white, straight, Christian woman and moms who feel as I do, and vote in this State Senate district. Your hateful actions do not represent us Sen. Theis and hopefully not the majority of voters here. Please stop.

Cherie Mollison,
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO OFFICIAL ZONING MAP (REZONING)
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Conway Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at its regular meeting on May 9, 2022, commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Conway Township Hall located at 8015 N. Fowlerville Road, Fowlerville, Michigan 48836, on a request to amend the official zoning map (rezoning) relative to parcel no. 4701-10-300-020, commonly known as 5.01 acres vacant land Fowlerville Road, Fowlerville, Michigan, and shall consider the application at that time. The applicant is requesting to rezone the parcel from Agricultural Residential (AR) to Commercial (C).
Written comments concerning the above matters may be submitted to the Planning Commission Chairperson, or to the Conway Township Clerk, at any time prior to the meeting, and may further be submitted to the Planning Commission at the public hearing. The complete application may be examined at the Township Hall during regular Township business hours, which are 9 am to 3 pm Tuesdays and Wednesdays, after the publication of this Notice and until and including the day of the hearing.
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: Conway Township Clerk, 8015 N Fowlerville, Fowlerville, MI 48836 or call 517-223-0358, between the hours of 9-3 Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
Elizabeth Whitt
Conway Township Clerk
(4-24-22 FNV)

Letter to the Editor

Theis’ eliminationist rhetoric should be condemned

Sen. Lana Theis is using rhetoric designed to encourage political violence against her opponents. She is engaging in ‘eliminationist’ rhetoric – that is language that accuses your political opponents of actions so vile that it makes them unworthy of even existing so eliminating them is justified.

The language she used in her fundraising email is exactly the same that authoritarians throughout history have used to stir up their supporters to political violence. It is beyond the pale in a democracy.

It is just the latest sign that the crazy conspiracy theories that QANON once promoted on the fringes of politics have gone mainstream in the Republican Party. The looney ideas that Democrats were drinking the blood of children in the basement of a pizza parlor are now part and parcel of the Senate campaign here in Livingston County.

Please, if there are any sane Republicans left in our county, join me in condemning this descent into lunacy. Eliminationist rhetoric works not because every supporter is roused to political violence but because the majority remain indifferent. Please, Republicans, do not be indifferent to this.

I’m referring to the fundraising email Theis sent out in which she accused Democrats like state Sen. Mallory McMorrow (D-Royal Oak) of being “trolls” and “groomers” that “sexualize” children. “These are the people we are up against,” reads the email titled, “groomers outraged by my invocation.”

That was an escalation of rhetoric Theis had used earlier when she delivered an invocation prior to the Senate session in which she claimed that children are “under attack” from “forces that desire things for them other than what their parents would have them see and hear and know.” She apparently was referring to teaching about LGBTQ+ issues and the history of racism in this country. Her invocation prompted three Democratic state senators to walk out of the session in protest.

Michigan Democratic Party chair Lavora Barnes is among those who have condemned Theis’ statement.

“Regardless of your political affiliation, everyone should be as disgusted and as outraged as I am that Republican State Senator Lana Theis accused her colleague, State Senator Mallory McMorrow, of wanting to groom and sexualize kindergarteners,” Barnes stated. “This is a sad commentary on how low the GOP is willing to go to try and win. Senator McMorrow is an outstanding advocate for public education, working families, and our most vulnerable citizens. To say or imply anything different is a lie. Senator Theis should be ashamed of herself. The people of Michigan deserve to have honest representation in their legislature. We won’t hold our breath waiting for an apology.”

When Theis says, “these are the people we are up against,” she is implying to her supporters that Democrats right here in Livingston County are groomers of children for pedophilia. Is that what she meant to say? Did she personally approve this email? Does she stand behind the eliminationist rhetoric in the email? Did she write the email? If not, who wrote it? And will she fire them.

About 14 months ago, I thought Lana Theis had sunk as low as she could go when she signed a letter calling on Congress to delay certification of Joe Biden’s election, but it’s clear she hasn’t found the bottom yet.

Judy Daubenmier,
Chair of Livingston County Democratic Party

Fowlerville High School News

OFFICE HOURS

Administration Offices 7:00 a.m.– 3:30 p.m.
Building opens 6:45 a.m.
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IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES TO NOTE:

May 13th Prom
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Doors at FHS will be open at 6:45 a.m. on school days. After school hours if your student is not participating in a sport, math lab, credit recovery or meeting with a teacher they should make arrangements to leave the building by 3 p.m.

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

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SENIOR & PARENTS: It is time go order your cap and gown! Please check the fowlervilleschools.org or your google classroom for ordering information as well as other senior information.

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PROM TICKETS – Sold all lunches April 11th – 29th. Tickets are \$60 each, includes dinner, professional pictures, photo booth, dancing and fun. Prom 2022 will be held at Crystal Gardens with doors opening at 6:00 p.m., dinner will be served at 6:40 p.m. and dance ending at 11 p.m. The doors will close for entrance at 7:30 p.m. Any students wishing to bring a guest outside of FHS will need to have a signed guest pass prior to purchasing tickets.

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FLOWER POWER FUNDRAISER: Do you or anyone you know like to garden? If you do, you’re in luck because the Class of 2024 is hosting a fundraiser! A variety of flower, vegetable, and herbal seeds will be sold for a great cost. Plus, all proceeds will go towards prom and senior lock in! Please check out our website at <http://fhsclassof2024.fpfundraising.com>, orders will be delivered directly to supporters beginning April 1st. We thank you for your support, GO GLADS!

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F O W L E R V I L L E COMMUNITY SCHOOL wishes to thank all scholarship providers for their continued support of our senior classes. For information on becoming a scholarship sponsor, please email Jamey Hardenbrook at hardbrookj@fowlervilleschools.org.

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ANYONE WISHING TO DONATE to the Micro food pantry please go ahead and put canned goods etc. into the pantry..self serve and self fill. The pantry is located on 2nd St and Grand River next to State Farm.

Fowlerville Lady Glads JV Softball Team mercies Ionia in doubleheader

The Fowlerville Lady Glads JV Softball Team swept Ionia by mercy in both games played on Thursday, April 14. Grace Nelson and Tara Peterson each earned wins on the mound.

Strong nights at the plate included Nelson 3 for 6, Peterson 7 for 10 with 4 RBIs, Meadow Browne 4 for 7, Maggie Buurma 6 for 9, Lily Hall 3 for 7 with 5 RBIs, Audrey Felver 3 for 4, and Molly Lamar 5 for 9 with her first dinger and 7 RBIs. The girls played solid defense throughout both games.



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Watch your *News & Views* for more updates.

Fowlerville Police Report

for the Village of Fowlerville Council Meeting for Monday, April 25, 2022

The Fowlerville Police Department responded to **532** calls for service over the past two weeks. Tickets used during the past two weeks **16**.

Warrant Authorized/Declined

Incident #22-00217 – Violation of Controlled Substance Act, No Insurance and Revoked License – Under Review

- 44 y/o male, Jackson, March 23, 2022 at 1624 hours

Incident #22-00237 – Obstructing and Disorderly – Warrant Authorized – FELONY

- 52 y/o male, Fowlerville, March 30, 2022 at 1656 hours

Incident #22-00267 – Possession of Dangerous Drugs – Warrant Authorized – FELONY

- 30 y/o male, Fowlerville, April 9, 2022 at 1234 hours

Incident #22-00270 – Operating While Intoxicated, High B.A.C. – Warrant Authorized

- 50 y/o male, Fowlerville, April 10, 2022 at 0107 hours

Incident #22-00266 – Domestic Violence – Warrant Denied

- 31 y/o male, Fowlerville, April 9, 2022 at 0137 hours

Incident # 22-00261 – Concealed Weapons Violation – Warrant Furthered

- 53 y/o male, Williamston, April 7, 2022 at 0307 hours

Incident #22-00248 – Violation of Controlled Substance Act, Receiving & Concealing Stolen Vehicle – Warrant Authorized - FELONY

- 31 y/o male, Grand Rapids, April 2, 2022 at 0537 hours

Incident #22-00280 – Operating While Intoxicated and Open Intoxicants – Under Review

- 52 y/o male, Lansing, April 12, 2022 at 0120 hours

Incident #22-00251 – Operating Under the Influence of Drugs – Warrant Furthered

- 25 y/o male, Troy, April 2, 2022 at 2322 hours

Incident #22-00198 – Driving While License Suspended – Under Review

- 17 y/o female, Fowlerville, March 17, 2022 at 1943 hours

Incident #22-00282 – Operating While Intoxicated 3rd, Alter Registration, Driving While License Suspended and No Insurance – Warrant Authorized - FELONY

- 41 y/o male, Fowlerville, April 12, 2022 at 2029 hours

Incident #22-00296 – Aggravated Assault and Domestic Violence – Warrant Authorized - FELONY

- 30 y/o female, Fowlerville, April 17, 2022 at 2327 hours

Incident #22-00291 – Operating While Intoxicated and No Insurance – Under Review

- 29 y/o male, Owosso, April 15, 2022 at 2322 hours

Incident #22-00293 – Operating While Intoxicated – Under Review

- 27 y/o female, Ypsilanti, April 16, 2022 at 2103

Incident #22-00304 – Felonious Assault, Carrying a Firearm with Unlawful Intent and Brandishing a Firearm – Warrant Authorized - FELONY

- 63 y/o male, Fowlerville, April 19, 2022 at 1303

Officers Investigated the Following Types of Complaints:

- 13-Assist to EMS/FAFD
- 1-911 hang up
- 8-Admin. Duties
- 1-Abandoned vehicle
- 1-Alarm
- 3-Animal complaint
- 73-Area check
- 2-Assist other agency
- 71-Building/property check
- 3-Burglary in progress
- 1-Civic event
- 7- Citizen assist
- 1-Civil complaint
- 1-Alarm
- 2-Community policing
- 2-Court Prosecutors activity
- 1-DHS
- 1-Disturbance
- 2-Domestic
- 1-Felonious assault
- 2-Foot patrol
- 3-Follow up
- 1-Gas leak
- 35- General Non Criminal
- 2-Hazard
- 1-Hit and Run accident
- 1-Info general
- 1-Juvenile complaint
- 2-K9 Locker search
- 1-Larc in progress
- 15-Liquor investigation
- 1-MDOP
- 6-Meetings
- 5-Motorist assist
- 5-OWI
- 6-Ordinance complaint
- 3-Park/traffic complaint

- 2-Patrol information
- 3-PDA
- 1-PPO violation
- 1-Prisoner transport
- 5-Public service
- 45-Subdivision patrol
- 1-Structure fire
- 14-School events
- 9- Suspicious Situations/Vehicle/Person
- 4-Subpoena service
- 65-Traffic details
- 84-Traffic stops
- 1-Vin inspection
- 8-Warrant arrest criminal
- 1-Weapons offense
- 4-Welfare

The above statistical information is retrieved using the computer aided dispatching module, provided by Livingston County Central Dispatch. All supporting statistical documentation can be provided upon request.

Additional Information:

I attended the Livingston County area Investigator meeting. Even though we work in different agencies in the county we have many of the same crime trends that other departments are having. Having these meetings allows us to share information regarding crimes and suspect information and many times these incidents are the same and helps solve cases and to keep our communities safer.

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

John J. Tyler,
Chief of Police Fowlerville Police Department

Smith Elementary School News

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

IMPORTANT DATES:

- May 30 – NO SCHOOL (MEMORIAL DAY RECESS)
- June 7 – K to 5th Gd ½ Day of School (Release time 12:02 PM)
- June 8 – K to 5th Gd ½ Day of School (Release Time 12:02 PM)

***IMPORTANT KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP NOTICE**
– If you have already completed the online pre-enrollment for your incoming fall Kindergartener, please call the Smith office ASAP at 517-223-6430 to schedule an appointment to come in to complete the enrollment process.

Kindergarten Round Up For 2022/2023 School Year Continues! – To begin enrolling your child for Kindergarten this fall, go to our main webpage at fowlervilleschools.org and click on the “Kindergarten Enrollment” link. That will walk you through the pre-enrollment and will direct you to a “Kindergarten Questionnaire” at the end. When you have the online portion submitted, call the Smith office at 517-223-6430. You will then schedule an appointment to complete the enrollment process. For the scheduled appointment please bring in your child’s state issued birth certificate, current immunization record, vision screening (anything after 3 years of age), and 2 proof of residency items. This includes your driver’s license and 1 other piece, such as, a purchase agreement, rental agreement, electric bill, piece of mail, etc. Something that has your name and address included.

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

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.**

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

FOWLERVILLE AREA FIRE AUTHORITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED 2022/2023 BUDGETS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, the Fowlerville Area Fire Authority will hold a public hearing to consider the Authority’s proposed 2022/2023 budgets. This hearing will begin at 7:00 p.m. at 200 N. Grand Ave, Fowlerville, Michigan.

The Authority may not adopt its proposed 2022/2023 budgets until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2022/2023 budgets including the proposed property tax millage rates is available for public inspection upon request.

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

This notice is given in order of the Fowlerville Area Fire Authority.

Anna Fraser
Fire Authority Administrative Assistant
(4-24-22 FNV)

Village of Fowlerville 213 South Grand Avenue Fowlerville, MI 48836 517-223-3771 Monday, February 28, 2022 Regular Village Council Meeting Minutes*Synopsis

*A synopsis is a brief summary of the motions that were made at the meeting.

The complete set of minutes can be viewed on the website at www.fowlerville.org

The Regular Village Council Meeting was called to order by President Hill at 7:32 p.m., in the Council Chambers.

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

Also, present: Village Clerk/Manager Kathryn Rajala and Village Attorney, David Stoker.

MOTION BELL, SECOND MILLS, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS PRESENTED. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION HELFMANN, SECOND MAYHEW, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, CONSISTING OF ITEMS 6.a. THOROUGH 6.f., AS PRESENTED. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BELL, SECOND HELFMANN, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 22-04, A RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION OF TOTAL SECURITY SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR NEW MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT AND A NEW FACILITY FOR A PERIOD OF TWELVE YEARS. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: BELL, HELFMAN, MAYHEW, MILLS, HEATH AND HILL. NAY: NONE. ABSENT: CURTIS. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION HEATH, SECOND MAYHEW, TO APPROVE THE INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FOWLERVILLE AND TOTAL SECURITY SOLUTIONS, INC. WITH AMENDING THE AGREEMENT TO ADD YEARLY REPORTING TO THE VILLAGE MANAGER. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: HEATH, MAYHEW, MILLS, HELFMANN, BELL AND HILL. NAY: NONE. ABSENT: CURTIS. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BELL, SECOND HEATH, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:47 P.M., VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathryn Rajala, CMMC, MiPMC
Village Clerk/Manager
(4-24-22 FNV)

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VILLAGE OF FOWLERVILLE
NOTICE OF
TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER
EFFECTIVE MAY 2, 2022

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Monday, April 11, 2022, the Village of Fowlerville Council approved a Traffic Control Order to establish one-way eastbound only traffic flow in the alleyway between buildings 111 S. Grand Avenue and 125 S. Grand Avenue. The alleyway connects S. Grand Ave., to S. Second Street. The above stated alleyway will be **One-Way Traffic only from S. Grand Ave. to S. Second Street effective May 2, 2022.**

This notice is given in order of the Fowlerville Village Council.

Kathryn Rajala, CMMC, MiPMC
Village Clerk/Manager
(4-24-22 FNV)

Village of Fowlerville
213 South Grand Avenue
Fowlerville, MI 48836
517-223-3771
Monday, March 14, 2022
Regular Village Council
Meeting Minutes*Synopsis

*A synopsis is a brief summary of the motions that were made at the meeting.

The complete set of minutes can be viewed on the website at www.fowlerville.org

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

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

Also, present: Chief of Police, John Tyler, Village Clerk/Manager Kathryn Rajala and Village Attorney, Gordon Love.

MOTION BELL, SECOND HEATH, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS PRESENTED. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

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

MOTION HELFMANN, SECOND MAYHEW, TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FOWLERVILLE AND THE FOWLERVILLE COMMUNITY THEATER, AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: HELFMANN, MAYHEW, MILLS, HEATH, BELL, AND HILL. NAY: NONE. ABSENT: CURTIS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION HELFMANN, SECOND MAYHEW, TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE ADDING ANIMALS AND HOT AIR BALLOONS, REQUIRE SPECIAL PRIOR APPROVAL (page 4) AND APPROVE THE ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: HELFMANN, MAYHEW, BELL, HEATH, MILLS AND HILL. NAY: NONE. ABSENT: CURTIS. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BELL, SECOND HEATH, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:14 P.M., UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathryn Rajala, CMMC, MiPMC
Village Clerk/Manager
(4-24-22 FNV)

Controversial proposal would
allow tax credits for private schools

By Hope O'Dell
Capital News Service

In the past two years, public school board meetings have become the sites of heated political debates, with issues like mask mandates, transgender athletes and critical race theory among the hot topics.

Amidst this polarization, public school enrollment in the state dropped, while homeschooling and private school enrollment jumped, according to a study from the University of Michigan’s Ford School of Public Policy and Boston University.

The study found public school enrollment down by 3% among K-12 students and 10% among kindergartners, with that decline even steeper, at 19% for low-income and Black students.

Sen. Lana Theis, R-Brighton, said the COVID-19 pandemic exposed many challenges within the public education system, including issues like parents disagreeing with school policies and the education gap that many low-income students experience.

“One lesson to be learned from all of this is that we need more parental control in our education system to prevent more kids from slipping through the cracks,” said Theis, who chairs the Senate Education and Career Readiness Committee.

She touts a plan that would make private schools more affordable, with Let MI Kids Learn as the solution.

That plan, however, has proved to be controversial.

First there was a bill vetoed last year by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, who objected to the reduction in state revenue.

There is now a petition circulating that seeks to put the proposal before the Legislature. Lawmakers could enact the measure into law, with the Governor not being able to veto it, or choose to put it onto the November 2022 ballot.

Proponents of the initiative argue that it would put more power into the hands of parents, while opponents counter that it will take money away from and weaken an already hurting public school system.

The proposal is covered by two petitions.

The first would change Michigan tax law and allow people to donate money to any organizations that grant scholarships or to new nonprofits that would provide parents of low-income and disabled students with funds for tuition and fees for private schools, tutoring and other educational expenses.

Students who qualify for free-and-reduced school lunch, families at or below 200% of the free-and-reduced lunch eligibility and students with disabilities would be able to get up to \$500 based on income and \$1,100 based on disability.

The second petition would allow donors to claim a credit on their state tax returns and get 100% back from the state treasury, with a combined maximum of \$500 million the first year.

Scott Imberman, an education economist at Michigan State University, said the plan differs from similar programs where taxpayer money goes to parents.

He said the reason for the new approach, with funds channeled through a nonprofit organization rather than the government, could be an attempt to avoid objections based on the First Amendment’s separation of church and state.

According to Private School Review, a company that profiles private schools across the country, there are 685 religiously affiliated private schools in Michigan. That’s 74% of all private schools.

“Now the money is not coming from the state, it’s coming from this nonprofit that someone else is donating to,” Imberman said of the proposal. “And that person happens to get a tax credit.”

Proponents of the proposal, like Theis, said it would broaden access to private education for low-income children.

But Imberman sees a problem with that argument.

“The more students who end up leaving the public schools, the more their funding is cut mechanically through the (state aid legal) formula, but also the state might be inclined to cut funding,” he said.

Major supporters of the proposal include former U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, an advocate of taxpayer-funded vouchers to pay for private schools. She and members of her family donated \$400,000 to the ballot committee in December, according to campaign finance records.

A new report from 482Forward, a Detroit-based education advocacy group, calculated that the proposal would reduce General Fund and School Aid Fund by a maximum of \$500 million in the first year, increasing by 20% each year after that.

The School Aid Fund covers kindergarten-12 costs like the baseline per-pupil funding, special education and at-risk programs.

If voters approve the proposal, Imberman said students left behind in public schools would be worse off.

Theoretically, programs like the Let Kids Learn proposal work under the presumption that public schools will compete



and improve to retain students. But that’s often only in theory.

“There are some instances where it does seem to happen, but there’s also quite a few instances where the public schools suffer as a result of vouchers,” Imberman said.

Thomas Morgan, a communications consultant for the Michigan Education Association, said the union strongly opposes the proposal.

“Instead of taking money out of public schools, we need to hire more educators and increase their salaries,” Morgan said.

“If you take half a billion dollars every single year out of our schools, you can’t do that. The shortage will only get worse, and it’s our kids who end up suffering.”

The MEA, the state’s largest union of teachers and other school employees, is part of “For MI Kids, For Our Schools,” a coalition of 10 organizations opposing the proposal, including 482Forward, the K-12 Alliance of Michigan and the American Federation of Teachers Michigan.

The petitions need over 340,000 signatures for the Legislature to either pass the proposal into law or to choose to send it to the ballot.

Morgan said if the question makes it to the November ballot, he’s confident that voters will turn it down.

“The vast majority of everyday people here value our neighborhood schools and know that funneling money to these for-profit private schools does nothing, absolutely nothing, to provide equal opportunity for Michigan students,” he said.

HANDY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
SYNOPSIS

The meeting of the Handy Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Alverson at 7:00 P.M. in the Handy Township Boardroom. Trustees present: Eisele, Shear, Roddy and Munsell. Absent: None. Also present: Twp. Atty.-Hamameh, Ben Miller-Comcast, Bob Feig-Fowlerville Fire, and residents: Chuck Wright and Kevin Todd. Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

At the regular Handy Township board meeting the following motions were made:

To approve the agenda as presented

To approve the minutes of 3-21-22 & 4-5-22 as presented.

To pay the bills of 4-18-22 in the amount of \$90,624.37

To approve copier lease agreement for Twp. offices

To approve Metro Act Permit for Comcast

To approve resolution in support of Livingston Cty. Hazard Mitigation Plan

To approve amendment to farmland lease agreement with Culver

To approve amendment to Twp. fee policy

To continue investigation of costs associated with water service on W. Gd. River

To approve proposal from HRC concerning work on Van Buren sewer line

To adjourn meeting at 8:50 P.M.

Laura A. Eisele
Handy Township Clerk
(4-24-22 FNV)

Kreeger Elementary School News

ATTENTION NEW STUDENTS:

All enrollments can be done online 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.

CALENDAR OF KREEGER EVENTS

5-20-22	Flower Delivery
5-30-22	No School Memorial Day Recess
6-7-22	½ Day School K-5
6-8-22	½ Day School K-5
6-8-22	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

SPRING FLOWER SALE:

Friday, May 20th– Your flowers arrive at Kreeger Elementary, pick up time is from 11:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

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DRESS CODE

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

Decency interpreted by the administration and staff is to be maintained at all times. Shirts that expose the midriff, short skirts, short shorts are not allowed. Hats, caps, bonnets, helmets, hoods, and head scarves are not to be worn inside Kreeger Elementary. At Kreeger, all sleeveless tops must have a minimum of two inches on shoulder.

STUDENT ABSENCES

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STUDENT MEDICATION

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

Fowlerville Junior High School News

IMPORTANT DATES:

M-Step testing for 6th graders- May 3rd and 4th
M-Step testing for 7th graders- May 10th and 11th
Semi-Formal Dance- Fri. May 6th 6-8pm

SPORTS FOR WEEK OF APRIL 25:

Wed., 4/27: TRACK @ HOME-4:30 vs Portland & Lansing Catholic

Spectators are asked to enter the track complex through gate between tennis courts & soccer field. There is NO charge for admission this season. There should be a concession open & operated by the Athletic Boosters. Cars should park in the bus parking lot. The gate on east side of track (by football entrance) is open for a limited time to allow buses to unload before parking. This gate will be locked early & not unlocked until meet is complete.

FJH has only 2 home track meets this year. PLEASE try to attend & support our young Glads--whether they are running 50 meters or 3200 meters, high jumping or shot putting. Lots of action.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost & Found will be cleared out on April 29th. If you believe your child has lost something, please have them check the lost and found before this date.

A NIGHT UNDER THE STARS - SEMI-FORMAL DANCE

The Student Council is proud to announce the Semi Formal Dance which will take place on Friday, May 6th, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Students are to dress in Semi Formal attire - no jeans allowed and students need to be in attendance the day of the dance. The cost of the dance is \$10 in advance and \$13 at the door. A chaperone sign up sheet was sent out in April.

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FBA's Annual Mother's Day Basket Drawing



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*To enter, complete ONE entry at any participating Business.
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Drawing is the week of May 2nd

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Alexis Gronow – “Best Senior Dancer”
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David Flores – “Mr. Petite Dance Force 2022”

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Goodby Elgin, Texas, Hello Lansing!

By Karen Grab

After five years, my time as a DJ at KELG radio in Elgin, Texas ended in 1985 when the owner, Steve Longcrier, sold the station. He wanted to open a game and sport complex called “Sports Park” in Austin. He invested his money there and all the DJs were out of a job. That is radio and the insecurity of it. The sports complex is still going strong in Austin and now called “Capital City Athletics”.

I drove home to Michigan where family was and looked for a job here. I contacted Dave Downing, the communications director at Lansing Community College, who told me that K-92 (WKLH) in St. Johns was looking for country DJs. I applied and was hired in to do the 6pm to midnight shift.

Kevin Lee was working the midnight shift, and we became good friends. That proved to be instrumental when he moved to WITL and later on secured me a job at that station.

I remember Ron Mason, head coach for MSU ice hockey, would come in and do the play-by-play on the radio. AJ Wilson was our engineer. The station’s slogan was “We’re Working for You.” The owner, Charles McLavy, eventually sold the station and the new management changed the format. It’s now a Christian station, with the call letters JOY WWSJ.

My next career move was working at WJIM Radio, which was located next to the Frandor Shopping Center in Lansing.



Here I am in the studio at K-92 in St. Johns, playing country music. I began working there soon after returning to Michigan.

I had learned that the station had an opening for a DJ, so I applied and was hired in by Grant Santimore, the general manager.

I was a DJ on 1240 AM for easy listening music and on WJIM FM 97.5 for the Big Band songs. I was also involved with Talknet, a syndicated show on NBC radio out of New York that was popular with Sally Jessy Raphael and Bruce Williams as the hosts. My job was to run the board and announce the weather and promos.

The parent company for WJIM also owned Channel 6 TV, with the radio station and TV studio housed in the same building I remember meeting Martha Dixon of the “Copper Kettle Cookbook” fame. She did her cooking segments on Channel 6. Howard Lancour worked there as a news announcer and was later a well-known TV personality with Channel 10 in Lansing.



Kevin Lee worked the midnight shift at K-92, and we became friends. He would later help me secure a DJ job at WITL after he had gone to that station.



This is a photo of the K-92 radio station in St. Johns where I worked.



My business card from WJIM radio in Lansing.



My twin sister, Kathy, who had remained in California, visited me in the K-92 station when she was in Michigan.



I received this good-by trophy from KELG Radio in Elgin, Texas for the five years I worked at the station.

From Unapproved Minutes CONWAY TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING April 19, 2022

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

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

The following Motions were made:

1. Motion to approve Consent. Roll Call. Motion approved.
2. Motion to approve the Board Meeting Agenda with amendments. Motion approved.
3. Motion to schedule a public hearing on May 17, 2022 for Secluded Acres special assessment district. Motion Approved.
4. Resolution #220419-1 offered, Roll Call, Resolution passed.
5. Motion to hold Spring Cleanup on May 14th was offered by Whitt, support by W Grubb. Motion approved.
6. Motion to run advertisement for May 14th Spring Cleanup. Motion approved.
7. Motion to post vacancy for Trustee position in the News and Views until the next Board Meeting, Roll call. Motion approved.
8. Motion to schedule a public hearing on May 4, 2022 for Eva Lane special assessment district. Motion Approved.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. Complete minutes are available at the Conway Township office at 8015 N. Fowlerville Road, Fowlerville, Michigan 48836.

Elizabeth Whitt
Conway Township Clerk
(4-24-22 FNV)



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**Thank You Fowlerville
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Dear People of Fowlerville,

I have tried putting into words a ‘thank you’ big enough to express how our family feels regarding the outpouring of love and support we have received since the news that our daughter, Willow, was killed in a head-on collision in Grand Rapids on March 27, 2022, but I cannot. The saying “It takes a village to raise a child” is what Willow lived growing up in Fowlerville. It also takes a village to bury one they raised. How do you write a ‘thank you’ for that?

We want to thank everyone who touched Willow’s life, whether it be positive or negative, because you taught, guided, and made her who she was. She was loving, smart, feisty, beautiful, determined, adventurous, confident, and so much more. She always saw the good in people even when they didn’t see it in themselves. She stood up for classmates and friends even when it wasn’t the popular choice.

It wasn’t just the people of Fowlerville who guided Willow, but also the community groups she was a part of, including the First United Methodist Church, Maria’s School of Dance, Grille in the Ville, Save On Family Foods, Fowlerville Pharmacy, 4-H, Biggby Coffee, Fowlerville Family Fair,

Fowlerville School System, and many more.

One very special ‘thank you’ goes to the ‘Fowlerville News & Views’ for the article that was written about Willow. Steve Horton took it upon himself to pull it all together so it would make it into the paper for that week of the funeral. We were so touched by his sentiment.

Willow moved onto Kendal School of Design and really found her niche. She was blossoming in the field of industrial design. Her future was bright and her ambition for what she was designing was strong. When our family was planning Willow’s funeral, it was important for us to show where she came from and where she was heading. All of our planning went into that.

We wanted her friends from Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, West Bloomfield, Royal Oak, Lansing, and other places to see the town she grew up in and where she started her journey. Fowlerville, the love you showed our daughter in those two days, and are still showing, was and is overwhelming. You did us proud! We will be forever grateful for your support and what you have done for our family. We hope to keep paying it forward.

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—Area Deaths—



Marilyn Bailey
Fowlerville, MI

Her Legacy... Marilyn Rita (McGill) Bailey, 90, passed away April 15, 2022. She was born on October 6, 1931, in Detroit, Michigan to Oreon McGill and Irene (Zaretsky) McGill. She graduated from Cooley High School in Detroit, in 1949. Marilyn married the love of her life, Lewis J. Bailey, on November 3, 1947 in Redford Township, Michigan. Their love would continue for the next 64 years. Marilyn was the office manager at Kmart in Okemos, Michigan from 1971 until their closing in 1995. She will be remembered as a loving Mother, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother. She was the best friend to all 7 of her children. She was an amazing gardener, and loved all animals and children. Her generosity and caring nature to her family was altruistic, with her continuous love and support.

Her Family... Marilyn will be missed by her 7 children: (Kerry) Vicki Watkins, Karen Cochran, (Roy) Debbie Lynn, (Todd) Christie Showerman, Bill Bailey, (Jeff) Tracie Hymer, (Scott) Kelly House; her brother: Larry McGill; 13 grandchildren: Mike (Janet) Wilson, Jason Watkins, Tami Libby, John Cochran, Matthew Cochran, Tiffany Forester, Nicholas (Jenn) Morse, Christopher Bailey, Brandon (Laura) Bailey, Austin Meyer, Danielle Meyer, Jordan Gorshe, Brendon Gorshe.

Also, 21 great grandchildren: Paige Wilson, Mikey Wilson, Tim Waycott, Ethan Waycott, Brian Libby, Amber Libby, Levi Cochran, Rodi Cochran, Isiah Cochran, (Jake) Alyssa Miller, Josh Cochran, Makayla Cochran, Austin Forrester, Leah Forrester, Jayden Morse, Jenna Morse, Jaxson Morse, Eli Bailey, Arabella Bailey, Caden Gonzalez, Asher Meyer; and 1 great-great grandchild: Maven, along with many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband Lewis Bailey, her parents Oreon and Irene McGill, her brother Michael McGill, her sister Beverly Alder, and her granddaughter Tonya Hale.

Her Farewell... Marilyn's family and friends gathered Thursday, April 21, 2022, from 11:00AM-1:00PM at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Lamb Chapel in Howell, Michigan. Community Farewell followed at 1:00PM at the funeral home, Lamb Chapel. Burial took place at Greenwood Cemetery, Fowlerville at 2:00PM. A celebration of Marilyn's life followed with a reception at the VFW Hall in Fowlerville. Jeffrey Howard served as celebrant. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Humane Society. Please leave a message of comfort for Marilyn's family at 1-877-231-7900, or sign her guestbook at www.borekjennings.com.



**CONWAY TOWNSHIP IS
LOOKING FOR A
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(4-24, 5-1, 5-8 & 5-15-22 FNV)



Madeline Westmoreland

Madeline "Dorothy" (Rach) Westmoreland passed away at age 98 at her home on Sunday, April 17, 2022. She was born in Lansing, Michigan on June 1, 1923 to the late Ewald and Pauline Rach.

She retired from Utilex. After retirement, she worked as a cook and a waitress at Oak Lane Golf Course in Webberville.

She was preceded in death by her husband Elwin in 1971.

Dorothy enjoyed cooking and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her children: Janice Westmoreland, Richard (Nancy) Westmoreland, Deanna Bogart, Cheryl Delaere and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

A Private Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Herrmann Funeral home. Online condolences may be expressed at pjherrmannfuneralhome.com

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SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED
MINUTES**

APRIL 14, 2022

Regular Meeting-7:00 pm

A regular meeting of the Marion Township Board was held on Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Marion Township Hall, 2877 W. Coon Lake Road, Howell, MI 48843. Members Present: Hanvey, Andersen, Durbin, Lloyd, Beal, Lowe and Donovan. Members Absent: None. Other Members Present: Township Attorney, John Gormley. The following action was taken: 1.) Call to the Public: 2) Motion carried 7-0 to approve amended agenda. 3) Motion carried 7-0 to approve the Consent Agenda. 4) Motion carried 7-0 to sign the Marion Township Road Contracts ROLL CALL: Dan Lowe: yes; Scott Lloyd: yes; Tammy Beal: yes; Bob Hanvey: yes; Greg Durbin: yes; Les Andersen: yes; Sandra Donovan: yes. 5.) Third Quarter Financials 6.) Motion carried 7-0 to approve the Emergency Operation Plan ROLL CALL: Tammy Beal: yes; Les Andersen: yes; Sandy Donovan: yes; Greg Durbin: yes; Dan Lowe: yes; Bob Hanvey: yes; Scott Lloyd: yes. 7.) Township Hall Addition 8.) Motion carried 7-0 to approve The Howell City REU Agreement with contingencies defined in motion 9.) Motion carried 7-0 to have a special joint meeting with the Planning Commission on April 20, 2022 at 7:30pm 10.) Call To Public 11.) Motion carried 7-0 to adjourn at 7:45 pm.

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Monday, April 25th – Euchre 10am-Noon, Decorate Your Own Apron 11am, and Strength with Bands hosted by Motivated and Moving

Tuesday, April 26th – Euchre 10am-Noon, National Pretzel Day, Mind Games with the Library 12:30pm, and Knitter Group 1pm-3pm

Wednesday, April 27th – Euchre 10am-Noon, Babe Ruth Day, Retro Candy Party 12:30pm, and Needle Work Group 1pm-3pm

Thursday, April 28th – Euchre 10am-Noon, and Paint by Numbers at 12:30pm

Monday, May 2nd- Euchre 10am-Noon, Paint your own tote bag with Artist Patt Bennett at 12:30pm

Tuesday, May 3rd – Euchre 10am-Noon, Chair Exercise 12:30pm, and Knitter Group 1pm-3pm

Wednesday, May 4th- Euchre 10am-Noon, Star Wars Day Party-May the 4th be with you! Managing Hand Pain with Doctors of Physical Therapy at 12:30pm, and Needle Work Group 1pm-3pm

Thursday, May 5th- Euchre 10am-Noon, Cinco de Mayo Birthday Bash with The Senior Class Band at 12:30pm

Monday, May 9th- Euchre 10am-Noon, Kentucky Derby Party 12:30pm, and Garden Club 5pm-9pm

Tuesday, May 10th- Euchre 10am-Noon, Presentation by CATA at 12:30pm, and Knitter Group 1pm-3pm

Wednesday, May 11th- Euchre 10am-Noon, Twilight Zone Day, Presentation by Eastern Ingham Farmers Market at 12:30pm, and Needle Work Group 1pm-3pm

Thursday, May 12th- Euchre 10am-Noon, and Spring into Summer with Karen

Monday, May 16th – Euchre 10am-Noon, Wear Purple for Peace Day, Blood Pressure Testing by The Willows, and Mexican Train at 12:30pm

Tuesday, May 17th – Annual Board Meeting and Lunch at noon located at Wheatfield Township, 985 Holt Road, Williamston (**The Senior Center will be closed**)

Wednesday, May 18th – Euchre 10am-Noon, Movie & Popcorn at 12:30pm showing “Yours, Mine & Ours”, and Needle Work Group 1pm-3pm

Thursday, May 19th – Euchre 10am-Noon, Tech with Drew at 11:30am, and Travel Expo to The Magnolia Trail at 12:30pm

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

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

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

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

Monday, May 30th- Closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 31st- Euchre 10am-Noon, National Macaroon Day, Save Your Hearing Day! Presentation by Hearing Health Care at 12:30pm, and Knitter Group 1pm-3pm.

Webberville Lions Club holding fundraising golf outing on June 18

The Webberville Lions Club is holding a golf outing fundraiser on Saturday June 18th, 2022 at Webberville’s beautiful Oak Lane golf course. This will be a four-person scramble, \$300 per team. (First 30 teams). Shotgun Start 9 a.m.

We are also looking for hole sponsors.

\$100.00 - Gold Sponsor

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To thank our sponsor, a hole sign will be made with the name of your choice and placed at one of the 18 holes.

Please consider being hole sponsors or making a team to help support your Webberville Lions Club.

Pre-registration is required. Refer any questions to: Mark Lott by (517) 719-3838. Please make checks payable to the Webberville Lions Club.



U.S. Congress Report

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

Biden Administration urged to delay lifting

In a new letter sent this past week to Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary of State Antony Blinken, and White House Domestic Policy Advisor Susan Rice, U.S. Reps. Elissa Slotkin (MI-08) and Abigail Spanberger (VA-07) urged the Biden administration to delay lifting Title 42 until a comprehensive plan is ready to “address the inevitable migration surge” at the U.S. southern border.

“We are concerned about how DHS will contend with an increase of people – including children and families – that will more than triple the department’s capacity without ample and robust planning,” the Representatives wrote. *“And while the administration gave itself two months to prepare, what has been shared with us to date seems like too little, too late – especially when the removal of Title 42 will occur at the same time that a spike in seasonal migration occurs.”*

Slotkin and Spanberger – both national security professionals who served in the CIA – recommended that the administration also expand options for “in-country immigration processing in Central America” to make applying for legal status outside the U.S. a viable option and to free up resources for asylum seekers at the border. The Congresswomen also reiterated the need for the administration and Congress to work together on comprehensive immigration reform that will secure the border in the long-term while also making legal immigration – tied to the U.S.’s economic needs – easier.

Slotkin noted that she has been a staunch advocate for securing our border and reforming the U.S.’s outdated

Webberville Woman’s Advance Club makes cards at meeting

By Betty Dodge,
Publicity Chair

The Woman’s Advance Club of Webberville met April 18 at 1:30pm at the Webberville United Methodist Church. It was snowing hard and very cold out, so we were glad to be in a warm place. Out of the 15 members, 5 were unable to make it. We welcome back from vacation, Lynn Reed.

President Nancy Webb called the meeting to order, and Sallie Brodie read the Secretary report. During roll call each member told of a special card or letter they had gotten in past years. One read a letter from her mom who had written to her about being a good little girl. Others talked of cards sent home from servicemen, a teacher got end-of-school year cards from students, and some still get cards every year from the same people. So much history, if they save them.

Janice Wheeler treasures her last birthday card from Bill. He never forgot to send one, she said. Betty Dodge shared cards from Dean on their Anniversary from 1953 on. Others also had saved theirs from spouses, friends and family members. Next question, where do you store all the cards or letters? Will your children or grandchildren want them?

Our program on card-making was taught by Rosemary Cahaney, Jill Moon, Judy Christie and assisted by guest Tina Johnston. They were able to set up two long tables and on each table spread out the materials to work with. Envelopes, card stock, gems, double-sided tape, messages, little sized squares of colored card stock, some with designs and some plain, all had been cut to sizes before. There were so many to choose from.

They helped all of us, one-on-one, to complete the task. We were able to take them home. Thank you ladies. I never realized how much prep it took and all of the time involved. I have always kept all of my homemade cards, but now I look at them differently with loving respect for who made them.

Refreshments were served by Carolyn Freyaldenhoven. The table also held two small red roses in a planter and were given to two very surprised women. What a nice gesture!

Our next meeting will be on May 16th at the Williamston Depot Museum at 1:30pm, where we will learn about the history of the Museum. Phyllis Webster has interest in places of local history and has provided us with many adventures to local spots. She will also provide refreshments.

When the Village of Webberville’s water bill comes, it also contains many local events to check out, including what’s happening at the library. The library will now post more events coming up in the community. Of interest will be a jewelry sale with donated pieces, plus a used book sale.

Hope to see the following people back from vacation or who were unable to attend. We are thinking about you: Pat Jennings, Jean Johnson, Marge Lawson, Kathy Ward and Marion Sherburne.

immigration laws. In the 116th and 117th Congresses, Slotkin introduced the bipartisan INTEL At Our Borders Act, which would require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to apply cutting edge technology to help secure the border. The legislation was endorsed by the National Border Patrol Council and the Bipartisan Policy Center.

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Letter to the Editor

I have a dog that I like to take for walks in the Village, in the Fowlerville Community Park, in Centennial Park, and around our Community Schools. I always have two or three hole free plastic bags with me to pick up any of my dog’s poop. But as I walk my dog I see dog poop everywhere. It is disgusting.

Our two beautiful parks have dog poop stations with plastic bags and a disposal can for the dog poop and yet you will see dog poop in the lawn and on the sidewalks. You will find dog poop on church lawns. You will find dog poop on the Village sidewalks. No one wants to step in dog poop, ride a bike through dog poop, run, walk, or jog in dog poop, stroll their stroller through your dogs poop or mow through poop. Please be a respectful dog owner and always pick up your dog’s poop!

Respectfully,
Cathy Vaupel

Fowlerville Fire Department Report

April 14
9:43 a.m. Motor vehicle accident on I-96 in Handy Township.
11:59 a.m. Medical response on Hazelnut St in the Village.
12:28 p.m. Grass fire on W Sharpe Rd in Handy Township.
4:24 p.m. Power line down on Neyland Dr in Conway Township.
5:47 p.m. Tree down on S Gregory Rd in Iosco Township.
6:38 p.m. Grass fire on Neyland Dr in Conway Township.

April 15
4:28 a.m. Medical response on Sherwood Rd in Conway Township.
7:03 a.m. Medical response on Addison Cir in the Village.
10:53 a.m. Carbon monoxide investigation on Garden Ln in the Village.
2:40 p.m. Medical response on W Allen Rd in Handy Township.

April 16
2:10 p.m. Medical response on Lange Rd in Iosco Township.

5:58 p.m. Medical response on N Ann St in the Village.

April 17
7:27 p.m. Grass fire on Layton Rd in Handy Township.
11:30 p.m. Medical response on E Grand River in the Village.

April 18
10:41 a.m. Medical response on Birch Meadows Ln in Handy Township.

April 19
7:10 a.m. Medical response on S Gregory in Iosco Township.
11:08 a.m. Medical response on N Ann St in the Village.
12:56 p.m. Medical response on Hogback Rd in Handy Township.
3:44 p.m. Medical response on Eva Ln in Conway Township.
4:04 p.m. Medical response on W Sharpe Rd in Handy Township.
4:12 p.m. Medical response on S Grand Ave in the Village.

April 20
12:07 a.m. Odor investigation on Briggsville Rd in Handy Township.



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The Planet Saturn



Saturn is the second largest planet in the solar system and is a gas giant but it is also the lightest planet. It is most well known for its rings. The rings are made up of ice crystals which can be as big as houses or as small as dust. The planet has high levels of radiation. It is named after the Roman god Saturn and has over 60 moons. It takes about 10,755 days for Saturn to orbit the sun.

Answer the questions.

1. How many moons does Saturn have? _____

2. The weather on this planet is _____

3. How long does it take to orbit the sun? _____

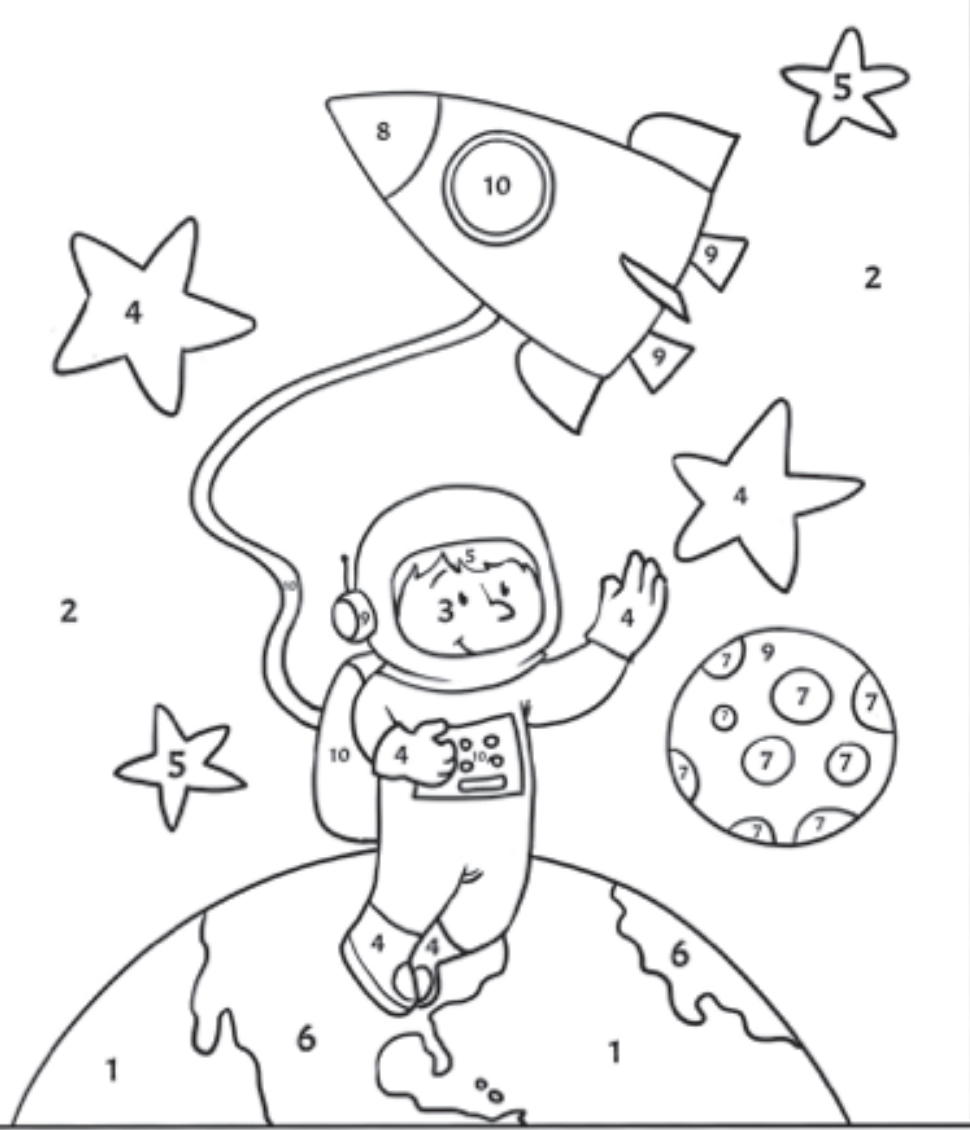
Write 1 interesting fact about the planet.

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Q. Why did Mickey Mouse go to space?
A. To find Pluto.

Q. What is an alien’s favorite candy bar?
A. A Mars Bar!



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Q. What is fast, loud and crunchy?
A. A rocket chip!

Q. How do the aliens get their baby to sleep?
A. They ROCKET!

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Livingston County Comments

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

Six years ago, before my first election, I campaigned on doing what I could to bring broadband to rural Livingston. Much progress has been made since then by individual companies. The advances in service have come slowly and not necessarily steadily. The recent ARPA funding has reignited this discussion and has raised the hopes of many.

Livingston County has funded a survey of broadband availability. The Merit company, which facilitated the collection of information, will be presenting their findings Monday, April 25th, at 6 PM at the regular Full Board meeting. I encourage all who are interested in this project to attend. For those who cannot be there in person, you may join by zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3997000062>). The completed results of the survey are also available on the top left corner of the home page on the Livingston County website (livgov.com).

There will follow development of plans on how to spend the moneys available to bring broadband to as many homes as possible. We are hoping to complete the county's fiber loop so that our emergency agencies will have ample and direct access to online communication. We also want to bring sufficient volume of service so that private companies will be able to provide the "last mile" to each individual home.

Guidehouse will provide American Rescue Plan Act Consulting Services to correctly meet the terms of receiving and spending the ARPA funds. Some of the services Guidehouse will provide include reviewing proposals for eligibility compliance, assistance with federal reporting, and reviewing additional grants and available funding sources. This process is very complex and if we do not comply with all requirements, we could be forced to repay a portion in the future.

In other news, Chuck Wright, a Handy Township resident, has been appointed to the Livingston County Tax Allocation Board for the 2022 term.

LETS will purchase five new replacement buses at a total cost of \$730,155. Due to ongoing production delays in the auto industry, current lead times for new bus orders are estimated to be 14 months or greater. The replacement buses will have a useful life of seven years or 200,000 miles.

I look forward to your comments, dhelzerman@livgov.com or 517-375-4869.



Michigan Dept. of Agriculture announces agreement to implement key conservation program

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) announced a pivotal conservation agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture's Farm Services Agency (FSA), which reinstates Michigan's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP).

CREP is a partnership between the state of Michigan, the USDA Farm Services Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service, conservation districts, and other partners to implement voluntary conservation practices in the Western Lake Erie Basin, Lake Macatawa, and Saginaw Bay watersheds. It will further protect the state's environmental and natural resources.

The Huron River watershed flows into Erie Lake, while the Shiawassee River watershed flows into Saginaw Bay.

"Michigan's farmers power our economy and are effective stewards of our natural resources," said Governor Gretchen Whitmer. "By reinstating CREP, we can continue improving Michigan's water quality and reducing phosphorus in the Western Lake Erie Basin. I am grateful to the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and our federal partners for coming to an agreement and bringing back this crucial program. Let's keep working together to protect our Great Lakes and ensure Michigan's farmers can succeed."

"Our Michigan farmers play a key role in tackling the climate crisis," said Senator Stabenow. "The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program gives them the tools they need to continue to lead on climate and improve water quality across our state. I applaud USDA and MDARD's decision to continue this critical program."

"CREP is one of our most flexible tools when it comes to voluntary, locally-led, partner-driven conservation efforts, and we're so glad that we're able to put it to work again in Michigan," said Robert Bonnie, USDA's Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation. "This initiative previously had a positive impact in Michigan, and we look forward to broadening the reach of the program to new agricultural producers and landscapes. We are grateful to have support from Michigan leaders to make this program possible."

"Michigan is excited to bring CREP back to our state to help farmers protect our natural resources. Thanks to the support of the Governor and our legislative partners, we're going to be able to leverage \$5 million for a \$40 million federal investment," said Gary McDowell, Director of MDARD. "After six years without CREP, this is a huge win for water quality in Michigan and will help the state reach our 40 percent phosphorus reduction entering the Western Lake Erie Basin from farmland."

Under CREP, landowners agree to install and maintain at least one, if not several, of six possible conservation practices (filter strips, riparian buffer, sediment control structure, field windbreak, wetland restoration, and grass, forb, and legume buffers) for up to 15 years. In return, USDA-FSA will reimburse up to half of the costs to install those practices plus additional financial incentives. MDARD will then reimburse the remaining half of the practice installation costs plus offer a sign-up incentive and a maintenance payment. Sign-up for CREP is ongoing until funds are depleted.

"MDARD continues to be deeply committed to working with our farming community to reduce nutrient run-off into Michigan's waterways," said McDowell. "It will take us working together with USDA-FSA,

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, our local conservation districts and our farmers to successfully implement CREP in the state."

MDARD is also partnering with Michigan State University Extension to help with landowner outreach and training conservation district technicians who, along with the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, will also assist in conservation practice implementation.

Landowners interested in applying for CREP should contact their local conservation district or the USDA's Service Center.

Fowlerville High School CTE Student of the Week



Brooke Simon

Congratulations to this week's Career Technical Education Student of the Week at Fowlerville High School, Brooke Simon! Brooke is being recognized for her efforts in the Healthcare Foundations program through the Wilson Talent Center. In this program students gain knowledge and skills important for those looking to start a career in healthcare. After completing the first year of this program eligible students can continue on to a specialty program for their second year.

When asked about her favorite part of class, Brooke shared that it's being able to learn about something day in and day out that she is interested in.

Regarding her future career goal and how this class is helping to prepare her, Brooke shared, "I would like to be a pediatric nurse practitioner in the future. This class does a great job teaching me the basics of the healthcare field."

When asked about something specific she has learned in class, Brooke shared that out of everything the class has learned thus far, CPR was her favorite.

To those considering adding this course to their schedule in the future, Brooke had the following to say about the class, "I would highly recommend if you are interested in healthcare, you meet amazing people and have great experiences."

Congratulations once again to Brooke Simon!

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2021 Water Quality Report for Village of Fowlerville

This report covers the drinking water quality for Village of Fowlerville for the 2021 calendar year. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you in 2021. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and State standards.

Your water comes from 5 groundwater wells, each over avg. depth of 250-290 ft. Drawing from the Michigan & Marshall Formations watershed. The State performed an assessment of our source water to determine the susceptibility or the relative potential of contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from “very-low” to “very-high” based on geologic sensitivity, well construction, and water chemistry and contamination sources. The susceptibility of our source is [Well #9 (moderately high) Well #10 (moderately high) Well #11 (moderately high) Well #12 (moderately low) Well #13 (moderately low)].

Significant sources of contamination: The Village of Fowlerville has no contamination in our wells.

If you would like to know more about the report please contact, Cathy Elliott at the Village Office (517) 223-3771 or via e-mail at celliott@fowlerville.org.

- Contaminants and their presence in water:** Drinking Water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the **EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791)**.
- Vulnerability of sub-populations:** Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).
- Sources of drinking water:** The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.
- Contaminants that may be present in source water include:
 - Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
 - Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
 - Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.
 - Radioactive contaminants**, which are naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
 - Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems.

Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which provide the same protection for public health.



Regulated Contaminant	MCL, TT, or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Iron	N/A	N/A	0.39	0.3-1.6	2021	No	Naturally occurring in our water.
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.4	0.15-0.44	2021	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Sodium ^[1] (ppm)	N/A	N/A	97	38-1.04	2021	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Sulfate (ppm)	N/A	N/A	25	19-25	2021	No	Naturally occurring in our water.
Hardness as CaCO ₃	N/A	N/A	277	275-404	2021	No	Naturally occurring in our water.
Chlorine ^[2] (ppm)	4	4		0.14-0.58	2018	No	Water additive used to control microbes.
Radioactive Contaminant	MCL, TT, or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Combined radium (pCi/L) Radium 226-228	5	0	4.90	0.86-3.57	2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Gross Alpha (pCi/L)	15	0	7.2	0-11	9-20-2021	No	Naturally occurring in our water.
Inorganic Contaminant Subject to Action Levels (AL)	Action Level	MCLG	Your Water ^[3]	Range of Results	Year Sampled	Number of Samples Above AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	15	0	3ppb	0-9ppb	2020	0	Lead service lines, corrosion of household plumbing including fittings and fixtures; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.2ppm	0.013-0.3ppm	2020	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.

*Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.

Information about Lead: If Present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant woman and young children. Lead in drinking water primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing.

Village of Fowlerville is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, test methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

We will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. Copies are available at Fowlerville Village Office, 213 S. Grand Ave. or by calling (517) 223-3771 . EXT. 10. This report will not be sent to you.

We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. You may contact the Village Office located at 213 S. Grand Ave. Fowlerville, MI or call (517) 223-3771 for more information about your water, or the contents of this report. For more information about safe drinking water, visit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at www.epa.gov/safewater/.

Water service line in Fowlerville 798
N/L lines 576
Unknown 222

PFAS

Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl substances(PFAS)

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), sometimes called PFC'S are a group of chemicals that are resistant to heat, water, and oil. PFAS have been classified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) as an emerging contaminant on the national landscape. For decades, they have been used in many industrial applications and consumer products such as carpeting, waterproof clothing, upholstery, food paper wrappings, fire-fighter foam, and metal plating. They are still used today. PFAS have been found at low levels both in the environment and in the blood samples from the general U.S. population.

These chemicals are persistent, which means they do not break down in the environment. They also bioaccumulate, meaning the amount builds up over time in the blood and organs. Although our understanding of these emerging contaminants is constantly evolving, elevated levels of PFAS have the potential to cause increased cholesterol, changes in the body's hormones and immune system,

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Steve Horton Column

Fire Station Groundbreaking: A Feel-Good Moment

The groundbreaking ceremony at the site of what will be the new Fowlerville Fire Station on West Grand River, west of town, was one of those feel-good moments in the affairs of a community. Despite the cold and damp weather, the heavy cloud cover that blocked out the sun, with attendees bracing themselves against a biting wind, there were plenty of smiles, laughter, and animated conversation.

Excitement—a combination of accomplishment and anticipation—was in the air. A lot of effort had gone into this afternoon, with more ahead, but there was the realization that it was “finally happening.”

The actual ceremony was not that long, with a couple of short speeches by Fire Board Chair Jerry Bell and Fire Chief Bob Feig, followed by Chief Feig and fire board (Bell, Bill Grubb, Amanda Bonnville, and Ed Alverson) putting on the obligatory hardhats and then turning the dirt with their shiny-new shovels.

But people hung around afterwards, both for the photos we took for the newspaper and just to savor the occasion.

The new station is a major investment, estimated at over \$6 million, but more importantly the latest chapter of a vital community service that has progressed from a hook-and-ladder brigade of townsmen formed in the latter 1800s who would rally to the cry of “Fire!” to the first horse-drawn pumper to the current state-of-the-art fire engines, emergency-rescue vehicles, and highly-trained firefighters.

As a local journalist, starting in 1975, I recall one of my early assignments was interviewing the then fire chief, Maurry Bohm, at his desk, tucked into a small enclave in the very narrow fire hall that was located where the southern half of the Handy Township office now is. There was room for two engines and, I believe, the jeep—the three vehicles parked in tandem.

There was a door in the parking lot to the west and one that fronted North Grand Avenue.

Where I sat, talking with Maurry, I could reach out to touch one of the engines. Not a lot of wiggle room.

Back then the fire board, comprised of representatives from each of the area townships and the Village of Fowlerville, were making plans for a new, larger station. Then, as now, the process took a while.

The Village had purchased the old feed mill on Mill Street, with a portion of a remaining building being used to house the police car. As it turned out, that site would eventually accommodate the public library and the current fire station.

There was plenty of excitement back then when the open house for the new station was held, and I was on hand to take a few photos. Unfortunately, being young, I didn’t keep them around for posterity.

The hall, over the years, has seen dozens of firefighters come and go and sent out fire engines or rescue vehicles countless times, in daytime and night, in all kinds of weather, to fight blazes, attend to medical needs, babysit downed power lines, and keep an eye of possible tornadoes.

It was central headquarters when the area was shut down for a couple of days back in the 1970s due to a severe blizzard, sending out snowmobiles with food, fuel oil, and prescriptions to residents needing those supplies.

The hall has also hosted the Christmas in the Ville suppers and, more recently, the annual Buck Pole. Every year the fire department sends personnel and a truck to the school for fire safety lessons and has highlighted many a kid’s birthday party

with the appearance of a truck, complete with flashing lights. You’ll find them at the Fowlerville Fair and Dawn Patrol, on hand in case of an emergency, and what would a parade be without the line of trucks, with wailing sirens.

The new station, once it’s completed a year from now, will (I have no doubt) do all of that and more.

Jerry Bell, in his opening remarks, called it a “once in a generation event”—which it certainly was. For myself, as a journalist, and for others of my age group and older, we’ve been around long enough to witness the event twice. And to have seen the department, the manner and scope in which it serves the community, evolve and expand.

So, congratulations to the board and department on the start of the project. We, as a community, look forward to watching the building go up and eventually attending that open house.

Showcasing the Michigan DNR— Preparing a Bucket List for Springtime

By John Pepin

DNR Deputy Public Information Officer

“I’m trying to rock while I can rock, I’m trying to roll while I can roll,” – Steve Forbert

About this time each year, when the angle of the sun starts to get higher and higher into the sky, and the days start dropping hints of late winter and springtime around the bend, I start thinking about things I want to do in the weeks ahead.

There are many things that I love to do that winter doesn’t afford opportunities to enjoy. I might still be able to get to some of these places, but the experience isn’t the same as it is during berry-picking time or the monarch butterfly migration.

In addition to the things that I generally presume I will be able to do, like trout fishing and camping, there are special things I have always wanted to do but have never done. I try to cross at least a few of these off my list every year.

The older I get, the more I hope I will be able to cross off the so-called “bucket list.” I want to try to pick up the pace of crossing things off. The way to do that is plan with intention, ahead of time – like now.

Last year, I was able to cross three significant items off my list that I am still enjoying reliving in my mind. These things were all new to me in some way.

I was able to visit a railroad bridge that I had only heard about and seen on maps and aerial photographs – a tremendous steel trestle that towers 104 feet over a wild river that crashes through a gorge below, during springtime’s high-water flows.

There are no railings on the nearly 600-foot-long structure, which must be eerie for engineers moving iron ore trains across the span, especially during stormy conditions or at night.

My trip out there with a friend on a hot summer afternoon reminded me of the investigations we set out on as young kids: walking cross ties, crossing railroad trestles, waving to passing engineers, putting pennies on the tracks, and even climbing up the steel ladder to check out the inside of open-doored boxcars.

We’d find rusty, railroad spikes and steel plates, get creosote from the railroad ties all over our clothes and chase grasshoppers back and forth across the steel rails. Just thinking about it, I can feel the warmth of the summer sun.

Those days also remind me of Stephen King’s “The Body,” known better to many as the movie “Stand by Me.” The movie is about kids on an adventure following a railroad line to see a dead body.

The remaining two places I visited were places I had been before, but not in many years.

I was able to visit a waterfall that I hadn’t seen since the early 1980s.

This place is very special to me because it is the very first place I ever remember seeing, smelling and touching a brook trout. I was fishing there with my parents. It was before my brother and youngest sister were born.

I am still enthralled with the deep, dark and foam-covered

water of that place. I remembered so many details since the last time I had been there.

I recalled specific cracks in the granite boulders, trees that shaded my vehicle where I parked and the way the river split past the base of the falls and then rounded a big corner, and the beautiful black rocks that shouldered the splash pool carved out by the water.

I took many pictures when I visited most recently, which I have since looked at with fondness. It’s as though I can go there anytime now much easier, with these photos as reminding guides.

Lastly, I reconnected with an old woods road I had not been down since I had gone partridge hunting with my mom and dad when I was younger than 10.

I had remembered that the road ran through low areas where the water inundated the road and came through the floorboards of our old, blue Pontiac four-door.

I remembered being afraid of getting stuck out there in the mud or swampy water. The road had planks on a high hill prone to washouts. In my memories, the days were all rainy and cold when we were out there – that would line up with grouse hunting in the fall.

When I returned this past autumn, it was different being behind the wheel of the car, rather than disappearing into the big bench seat in the back as a kid. I recall having to hoist myself up to see out the window.

I followed whatever instincts I might have had driving into those woods. The road split in several places and I turned with the topography or where I thought the wear of the road seemed like I was heading in the right direction.

I stopped and walked barefoot to the top of a ridge line. I found wolf scat and on a later trip, tracks in the mud of the road. The smell of these woods made me drunk and dizzy. I love the smell of the autumn leaves.

The air was cold and sunk clear and clean into my lungs. I found my way across that road to another route connecting me to other places to explore. Some of these I recalled too from past days when my parents would take me for a “ride in the bush.”

I was very fortunate to have had parents who enjoyed nature and spending time outdoors in it. Growing up that way is perhaps the greatest thing they ever gave me, besides life.

On a somewhat random day that sticks out in my memories of last year, Da Coaster King and I spent a hot summer afternoon beating our way through the brush along trout streams in the eastern Upper Peninsula.

We happened to find a couple of trout, a patch of ripe blueberries on a south-facing, sunny hillside above the river and rapids and pools flowing through the grounds of an old fish hatchery. I also vividly remember netting a fish for him on the last day of trout season.

For the coming year, I hope to make it out to at least a couple of national parks, a few more of our Michigan state parks and camping and fishing in places where I have never been.

More specifically, there’s a couple of hikes that I have long wanted to take. Having lost my coronavirus weight gain over the wintertime, I am even more eager to head out on the trails.

One trail skirts along the bluffs and back side of a lake I have known my whole life, but only from three sides. It is this wild and rugged face I have yet to explore. In a similar fashion, there are numerous backcountry sections of the North Country National Scenic Trail that I hope to explore this summer.

A couple of these stretches also take visitors into the heart of the backcountry to storied wilderness areas I have only read about or maybe have seen a picture of. I want to experience those places for myself.

I also need to take some time to head down more dirt backroads that I have either long forgotten or never been, looking for more chance encounters with wildlife or places to let my mind roam free, breathe fresh air and see new sights.

It still astounds me how tremendously impactful something as simple as an afternoon hike up a gravel path with a sandwich, a drink and some nice weather can be. These types of outings can lead to days I can’t ever forget.

They sometimes end up filed away in my mind as “the day I caught that fish,” “the time I saw the bear,” or “that night when

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decreased fertility and increased risk of certain cancers. Links to these health effects in humans are supported by epidemiologic studies and by laboratory studies in animal models.

Are there health advisory levels?

The U.S. EPA has not established enforceable drinking water standards, called maximum contaminant levels, for these chemicals. However, the U.S. EPA has set a lifetime health advisory (LHA) level in drinking water for two PFAS: perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS). The PFOA and PFOS LHA is the level, or amount, below which no is expected from these chemicals. The LHA level is 70 parts per trillion (ppt) for PFOA and 70 ppt for PFOS. If both PFOA and PFOS are present, the LHA is 70 ppt for the combined concentration.

The amount of PFOA and PFOS combined in the sample collected from our system was ND (non-detected). There are many other PFAS compounds that currently do not have LHA levels. For information on PFOA, PFOS and other PFAS, including possible health outcomes, you may visit these websites: <https://www.epa.gov/pfas>; <https://www.watsdr.cdd.gov/pfas/>; or <http://www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse>.

Who can I call if I have questions about PFAS in my drinking water?

If any resident has additional questions regarding this issue, the State of Michigan Environmental Assistance Center can be contacted at 1-800-662-9278. Representatives may be reached to assist with your questions Monday thru Friday, 8:00AM to 4:30 PM.

Is it safe to eat fish in these areas?

Wild fish samples are being collected from local lakes and rivers. These samples will be analyzed to determine the levels of PFAS in fish and make recommendations on how much is safe to eat. Some information is already available in the State of Michigan Eat Safe Fish guides, which are available at <http://www.michigan.gov/eatsafefish>.

May I bathe or swim in water containing PFAS?

Yes, information currently available suggests that this is not a major contributor to overall exposure

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Rising marijuana use has some rethinking workplace testing

By Hope O’Dell

Capital News Service

American workers are consuming more marijuana — a lot more, according to a new analysis by Quest Diagnostics, a provider of health diagnostic information services.

According to the analysis, the rate of positive drug test results rose last year to its highest since 2001, at 4.6%. That’s a 30% increase from the all-time low in 2012.

Those statistics are giving employers something new to consider.

“Given this (tight) job market, and given the high number of positive drug tests that are out there, many employers are rethinking drug tests altogether,” said Wendy Block, the vice president of business advocacy and member engagement at the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

As more workers use marijuana, some medical experts are questioning the necessity of workplace drug testing, while business interests still want to reserve the right to test. In 2020, one in every five Michigan residents used marijuana, according to a study by Anderson Economic Group for the Michigan Cannabis Manufacturers Association.

That’s a 75% increase from 2010.

Along with recreational marijuana, which has been legal in Michigan since 2018, many state residents also use marijuana for medical reasons, said Kevin Boehnke, a research investigator in the Department of Anesthesiology and the Chronic Pain and Fatigue Research Center at the University of Michigan.

“With pain, both as a standalone condition and a symptom of many other different conditions, quite a few people do use

cannabis and report that it is effective for them,” said Boehnke, whose research focuses on therapeutic applications of illicit substances.

According to U-M’s Injury Prevention Center, about 3% of state residents hold a medical marijuana card, nearly all of them for chronic pain.

For workers who use marijuana in Michigan, there are no laws mandating or prohibiting workplace drug tests, said Mark Osbeck, a law professor at U-M.

When medical marijuana was legalized in Michigan in 2008, a provision was added that may have protected medical users from being fired for a positive drug test because it protected them from being deprived of any rights due to a positive drug test, he said.

But when cases involving that provision ended up in court, that protection didn’t hold, Osbeck said, because there is no state-recognized right to employment.

“There’s no protection because you’re not

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penalizing anybody for a right they already have,” he said.

John Walsh, the president and CEO of the Michigan Manufacturers Association, said his organization has no issue with marijuana use, recreational or medicinal, but due to the nature of the manufacturing industry, it also supports an employer’s right to drug test.

“If employees are drinking or doing drugs, it is dangerous to themselves and dangerous to their fellow workers,” Walsh said. “So it’s an industry that requires diligence.”

The United Auto Workers declined to discuss the topic, saying it doesn’t comment on issues that may be up for collective bargaining.

Block said the Chamber of Commerce supports an employer’s right to choose whether to drug test employees.

“There are certainly reasons that many employers do pre-employment drug tests or drug tests throughout the course of employment, and a lot of that has to do with federal law,” she said.

Since marijuana is still a Schedule 1 drug under federal law, federal contractors must prohibit its use in the workplace, for example.

That would be subject to change if marijuana were legalized at the federal level, Osbeck said.

In early April, the U.S. House of Representatives voted to decriminalize marijuana. Sponsors included Democratic Reps. Brenda Lawrence of Southfield, Daniel Kildee of Flint, Andy Levin of Bloomfield Township and Rashida Tlaib of Detroit.

But Osbeck said the bill’s unlikely to pass in the U.S. Senate.

Block said many employers are also reconsidering drug tests due to the uncertainty of marijuana test results.

According to Boehnke, a marijuana test can come back positive for up to a month after use.

He also noted that employees who use other prescribed psychoactive drugs still go to work after taking them.

“To say that cannabis is so different than those medications strikes me as odd,” he said. “It doesn’t strike me as necessarily the most fair way of approaching things.”

He said much of the stigma around marijuana use comes from its criminalization, but for those who use marijuana as an effective treatment, they may be a benefit to employers.

“Then they have somebody whose pain is less distracting so they can focus better on work,” he said.

Boehnke said he sees the stigma around marijuana use falling as state policy changes.

“I think at some point there will be some separation,” he said. “If people don’t want to work with companies that drug test, maybe there will be a voting-with-feet scenario that occurs.”

Showcasing the Michigan DNR, continued

the meteor shower was happening on the way home.”

My list for the upcoming season is nowhere near completed. I am just getting started making it in serious fashion. I must remember to save room for some favorites, too, places I like to be at least once every year, if I can.

Like a lot of folks, I hope for better days ahead, more things left yet to do, many more firsts than lasts and highs over lows.

Today it will be a pen and paper that take me to these places mentally as I begin to compose my list.

Tomorrow, I intend to have my boots on the ground, taking in everything as much as I possibly can – keep on moving, getting as far as I can before the sun goes down.

So long, New York. Howdy, East Orange.

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Picking Up Pieces

By Susan Frazier

The idea for Picking Up Pieces sprang from all the quilt pieces that came to Sue Frazier out of the blue as if dropped from heaven, either as whole quilts or just a top, sometimes in need of restorative help. Not an instructional book, but a delightful collection of unique and sometimes funny stories about the women and circumstances of these quilts’ origins which came to Sue while holding and sharing the pieces during quilting group presentations. It is a loving effort to highlight a few of the amazing quilts hand-crafted with passion and ingenuity by many thousands of everyday American women, some of whom never lived to see their works of beauty used or admired. Anyone who enjoys an entertaining moment, whether knowledgeable about quilting or not, will find great pleasure in reading about the quilts’ adventures, while learning a little about a quickly-disappearing quintessentially American folk art.

Sue Frazier is a retired teacher who resides in Howell, Michigan. She taught English classes at Fowlerville High School from 1973-2005. She is a Master Gardener, a grandmother, and a seeker of truth and knowledge. Her travels to small towns, historical landmarks, and lands abroad bring great inspiration to her writing.

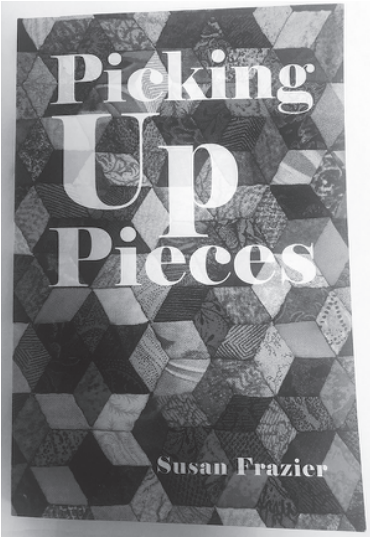
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Savvy Senior Column

By Jim Miller

How to Choose a Medicare Advantage Plan

Dear Savvy Senior,

I will be 65 and eligible for Medicare in a few months and am interested in getting a Medicare Advantage plan to cover my health care and medications. What tips can you provide to help me pick a plan?

Ready to Retire

Dear Ready,

Medicare Advantage plans have become very popular among retirees over the past 15 years, as nearly half of all new Medicare enrollees are signing up for Advantage plans, which accounts for about 42 percent of the entire Medicare market. Here are some tips and tools to help you pick a plan that fits your needs.

First, let's start with a quick review. Medicare Advantage plans (also known as Medicare Part C) are government approved health plans sold by private insurance companies that you can choose in place of original Medicare. The vast majority of Advantage plans are managed-care policies such as HMOs or PPOs that require you to get your care within a network of doctors.

If you join an Advantage plan, the plan will provide all of your Part A (hospital insurance) and Part B (medical insurance) coverage like original Medicare does. But many plans also offer extra benefits like dental, hearing and vision coverage along with gym/fitness memberships, and most plans include prescription drug coverage too.

Medicare Advantage plans are also cheaper than if you got original Medicare, plus a separate Part D drug plan and a Medigap policy. Many Advantage plans have \$0 or low monthly premiums and don't always have a deductible, but they also typically have a high out-of-pocket maximum. In 2021, Advantage plan participants on average were responsible for a maximum of around \$5,100 for in-network care, and about \$9,200 when out-of-network care is included.

How to Choose

To help you pick a plan, a good first step is to call the office managers of the doctors you use and find out which Advantage plans they accept, and which ones they recommend. Then go to the Medicare Plan Finder tool at [Medicare.gov/plan-compare](https://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare) to compare Advantage plans in your area. This tool provides a five-star rating system that evaluates each plan based on past customer satisfaction and quality of care the plan delivers. When comparing, here are some key points to consider:

Total costs: Look at the plan's entire pricing package, not just the premiums and deductibles. Compare the maximum out-of-pocket costs plus the copays and coinsurance charged for doctor office visits, hospital stays, visits to specialists, prescription drugs and other medical services. This is important because if you choose an Advantage plan, you're not allowed to purchase a Medigap policy, which means you'll be responsible for paying these expenses out of your own pocket.

Drug coverage: Check the plan's formulary – the list of prescription drugs covered – to be sure all the medications you take are covered without excessive co-pays or requirements that you try less expensive drugs first.

Dental, vision and hearing: Many Advantage plans come with dental, vision and hearing benefits, but are usually limited. Get the details on what exactly is covered.

Coverage away from home: Most Advantage plans limit you to using in-network doctors only within a service area or geographic region, so find out what's covered if you need medical care when you're away from home.

Out-of-network coverage: Check to see what's covered if you want to see a specialist in a hospital that is not in a plan's network. You can get a list of doctors and hospitals that take part in a plan on the plan's website.

Need Help?

If you need help choosing a plan, contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program at [ShipHelp.org](https://www.shiphelp.org) or call 877-839-2675. Also see the HealthMetrix Research 2022 Cost Comparisons Report at [MedicareNewsWatch.com](https://www.MedicareNewsWatch.com) that lists the best Advantage plans based on health status.

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



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improve the lives of Detroit's neediest citizens—from cradle to career, and beyond.

The grant money—to come in 10 annual installments of \$500,000 a year—will largely be spent supporting programs at the S.A.Y. such as the Play Center at Lipke Park, described as "a motivational academic, sports and enrichment center."

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