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Shown here are sitting, from left, Evelyn Hocking, 2nd place; Maria Beach, 1st place; and Arianna Strength, 3rd place. Standing, from left, are Tegan Thompson, Maria Kilpela, Justin Gutierrez, and Kayleigh Callahan. The three students taking classes virtually are, from left, Ella Sabotka, Elizabeth Marschall, and Reagan Wilkins.

Fowlerville Jr. High congratulates Top 10 seventh grade readers

The Fowlerville Community Schools, like others across Michigan, have planned numerous special events for 'March is Reading' Month with the goal of stressing the importance of this educational and leisure-time activity. But, of course, reading isn't something to be done only one month of the year—either at school, at home, in the library, or elsewhere.

The requirement for seventh grade students in their ELA class at Fowlerville Junior High was to read enough books during the first semester to finish at least 850 pages. These Top 10 students

far exceeded this minimum number.

Congratulations to the following seventh grade students who are at the top of their game when it comes to reading:

1st place Maria Beach - 6,799 pages read, 2nd place Evelyn Hocking - 4,648 pages read, 3rd place Arianna Strength - 4,422 pages read, 4th place Ella Sabotka - 3,901 pages read, 5th place Justin Gutierrez - 3,677 pages read, 6th place Kayleigh Callahan - 2,630 pages read, 7th place Elizabeth Marschall - 2,620 pages read, 8th place Maria Kilpela - 2,344 pages read, 9th place Tegan Thompson - 2,224 pages read and 10th place Reagan Wilkins - 2,174 pages read.

What the Fowlerville District Library Means to Me

Commentary by Marion Cornett

First off, let's all admit, the renovated building at 130 South Grand Avenue is a treasure. It is a place to cool off in the sizzling heat of summertime or a warming station to come in from the cold and maybe cozy up to a good book.

It is so much more, though. Especially to me.

The Fowlerville District Library is a shining star in the downtown area. It is a place where everyone is welcome, to be greeted by a cadre of staff who really care, and where there are so many possibilities for learning, relaxing, to get in

conversation with friends, to work at one's own pace, to spend time away from our busy lives.

And yet, two things, in particular, stand out for me making the library a special place—the staff and the historical room.

While I was board president, we bought a building; the old Curtis Grocery building, to be exact. They had closed the store and that building had the square footage and was so much more affordable than trying to expand the old library (which would have only served as a band-aid) so library services could be expanded. Larger meeting rooms, new program possibilities, a place for the staff to spread out for their work, and eventually additional space for growth.

For a year, during renovation and before moving everything from 131 Mill Street, the staff worked relentlessly to make the move go as smooth and as quickly as possible once we got the okay for occupancy. I could name names of all who worked so hard but they know who they are and I hope they'll always remember how much I appreciate their dedication. The staff "stepped up" committing to extra, unpaid long hours; coming in when they weren't scheduled to work; even being patient with a volunteer like me that wanted to help. All of this wrapped up together to make a great experience.

On second thought, I will name two people that saved probably close to \$150,000 that did not need to be in a future budget. Beth Lowe and Tally Anton got word the Northville Library—as well as a second Michigan library—had scheduled redecorating and were offering stacks, tables, cabinets, computer tables, and much more at no cost—the only condition was to come get them at no cost to that library.

Beth, Tally, my husband Doug, and I caravanned to Northville (twice) and loaded our trailer and their vehicle with beautiful pieces of library equipment. The specter of having to spend so much money disappeared, thanks to Beth and Tally's quick action. So, for them and all of the untold hours the staff gave of themselves, I will forever be grateful.

Secondly, I have a soft-spot in my heart that the renovations provided for a safe, secure room for irreplaceable, historical documents, books, family genealogies, photographs, yearbooks, and so much more. The collection had become well-traveled in the downtown area, having been moved from the library to temporary storage at the old post office building on Second Street to the village hall chamber (in a locked closet), and finally to the new building upon completion. No one was harmed during all of those moves but we all ended up with some sore muscles!

Over these few weeks, I've been sorting through, doing some minor repairs, organizing, and cataloguing everything. What a treasure-trove!

As soon as this project is completed, I sincerely hope you will call the library, make an appointment to come in to see the room, and maybe take a few minutes checking out the three-ring binder listing what's available. You might find your family name, discover the artistry of Nellie Lansing Glenn (the founder of the Ladies Library in 1904 and historian for the village), be intrigued by some old fur-skinning tools or ladies boots from the early 1900s, find yourself in a school yearbook, discover where the opera house was located, see how many local authors have helped save this village's history through their writings, or learn some obscure trivia to impress your family and friends.

Keep watch for more information in weeks to come of when the historical room is accessible. Please remember, though, it is by appointment only as a staff member needs to be available while you discover this village's history.

Fowlerville Junior High News

IMPORTANT DATES:

Parent-Teacher Conf 5-7:30 (virtual)- Thur. March 11th

No School- Teacher PD- Fri. March 19th

End of 3rd Marking Period- Fri. March 26

No School-Spring Break- March 29-April 2

No School-Easter Monday Break- Mon. April 5th

SPORTS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 8:

Mon. thru Thurs., 3/8-3/11: GBB TRYOUTS/ PRACTICE!

8th @ FJH-2:30-4:30* 7th @ Munn-2:30-4:00 except Wed. @ FJH-4-5:30. *Thurs. practice for 8th-2:30-4

Tues., 3/9: WRESTLING @ DeWitt-4:30; bus-3:15; versus Eaton Rapids & Ionia

A special THANK YOU to the Fowlerville Fire Dept. for their presence at the 3/2 home wrestling meet.

FJH TRACK practice for 6-7-8 graders will not begin until after spring break. Interested athletes, please register on the FINAL FORMS site.

7th GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL

Feb. 24- Haslett

Both the 7th A and B teams lost to Haslett in hard fought games. Our offense looked great in the second half but struggled to get going early. Luke Docusen lead the B team with 7 points, Sam Shrader lead the A team with 8 points.

Charlotte

The 7th grade team played against Charlotte's boys basketball team. The A and B teams lost in hard fought battles. Both teams had a comeback in the 4th quarter but in the end Charlotte's offensive rebounding and defense was the difference in the games. Our final game is Wednesday against Dewitt, who we played earlier this season.

8th GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL

The FJH 8th BBB teams traveled to Charlotte on Monday for only a "B" game with the Orioles. Our young Glads were able to pick up their first win of the season. Karsen Syzmczak led the Glad scoring with 14 points; Braxton Grossutti followed w/ 12 points. A great night for all the players as the "A" team cheered on their teammates keeping them fired up for the victory.

WRESTLING

The Junior High wrestling team traveled to Eaton Rapids to square off against the host Greyhounds, the Redwings of St. Johns and the Hornets from Williamston.

Pinners and winners for the night were: Connor Stankov (1 pin), Vince Saunders (2-1), Kiely Davis, Waylon Lamkin (2 pins), Anna Buurma (1 pin), Levi Baker (1 pin) and Gavin Stankov.

'Match of the Night' honors go to Anna Buurma for earning her first win of the season with a 3rd period pin. The team fought hard and will look to continue to get better in practice this week.

The Gladiator grapplers welcomed the Redwings of St. Johns and the Orioles of Charlotte to Fowlerville this past Tuesday. It was a great night of wrestling for the young Glads.

Finishing undefeated for the night were: Gavin Stankov (3 pins), Maggie Buurma (2 pins) and Waylon Lamkin (3 pins). Other pinners and winners were Brecon Aeschliman, Connor Stankov, Tony Bergin, Levi Baker, Vince Saunders, Kiely Davis, and Doug Braidwood.

'Match of the Night' honors (as voted on by the team) go to Doug Braidwood, with a 3rd period pin in his last match of the night.

The team returns to the mat next Tuesday when they travel to Dewitt.

YEARBOOK INFORMATION: Yearbooks are on sale now for the 2020-2021 school year. Order in person or online - the school has a link online to order there. They are \$32 dollars. Checks made out to Fowlerville Community Schools. Also we have 11 yearbooks left from 2019-2020 if you did not get one. They can be purchased for \$32 from Mrs. Spisz in room D-19.

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

7th GRADE TOP READERS: Top 10 Readers in 7th grade at Fowlerville Junior High. Congratulations to the following 7th grade students who are at the top of their game when it comes to reading. The reading requirement for 7th grade students in their ELA class is 850 pages for the first semester. These students far exceeded that amount!

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Fowlerville High News

OFFICE HOURS

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

Watch your emails from Mr. Lusk for school updates.

The yearbook staff is busy and working hard to create the best yearbook possible. Time is running out to order your 2020-2021 FHS yearbook. Be sure to order so your student doesn't miss out on the 2020-2021 yearbook! The final deadline for yearbook orders will be March 30th, 2021. No extra copies will be ordered. Order by going to balfour.com, going to the FHS school's website, or stop by the main office for an order form.

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

Juniors and Seniors interested in the Co-Op Program: Are you currently working? Are you interested in finding out if you could earn high school credit while you work? You may be eligible for the high school co-op program. To learn more about the co-op program and requirements, please contact Mr. Hardenbrook: hardenbrookj@fowlervilleschools.org. If you picked up forms last school year or have printed them out from the front page of the High School website under Co-op Information, filled out forms can also be turned into the main office.

Fowlerville High School CTE Student of the Week



Photo by Ty Theibert

Trent Theibert

Congratulations to this week's Career Technical Education Student of the Week at Fowlerville High School, Trent Theibert! Trent is being recognized for his efforts in the Construction Trades program through Livingston Career & Technical Education. Trent spends a portion of each school day in Howell working and learning with other students from Livingston County. During a typical school year the class will build a home from the ground up. This experience allows students to gain knowledge in many areas and also provides beneficial hands-on experience. Due to the circumstances this year, the class is building tiny homes. This program is primarily a hands-on program. For those who enjoy learning this way it can be a great fit.

The instructor, Mr. Millspaugh, had the following to say about Trent, "He is in his second year with the program and just does an amazing job. Always first one on-site. Very good working with his hands and problem solving. He gives consistent effort every day and has grown into a strong young man. I am very proud of him."

Trent's favorite part about the class is the fact that it's hands-on. He enjoys the fact that he gets to learn this way as opposed to being in a classroom.

Trent plans to have a career in the construction industry and is still working on figuring out in what area. This class is providing him with the opportunity to figure out where that might be.

When asked about some specific things he has learned, Trent advised, "We learn the basics of all the main trades like plumbing, electrical, and carpentry. Also how to use tools and how to be safe with them. You also get to take an OSHA class and get an OSHA Ten Construction Safety and Health card when in the class."

To those considering this program, Trent feels it is a great fit for those who enjoy projects, hands on work, and enjoy working outside. Trent stated, "It is a great way to find out what you might want to do for the rest of your life, and possibly make a bunch more friends while you're at it." Congratulations once again to Trent Theibert!

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School News

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

School Hours: 8:50 am – 3:32 pm

IMPORTANT DATES:

March 7-March 13- Scholastic ONLINE Book Fair
 March-CELEBRATE READING MONTH! Watch communications for some exciting activities we are planning.
 March- Kindergarten Round Up (see explanation below)
 March 11 – K-5th ½ Day Schedule - Dismissal Time 12:02 pm (6th -12th Full School Day)
 March 11 – K-5th P/T Conferences 1:00-4:00 pm, K-12th P/T Conferences 5:00-7:30 pm
 March 19 – NO SCHOOL – Full PD Day for Teachers
 March 26 – World’s Finest Chocolate Fundraiser - Pick Up Your Orders Day
 March 29 – April 2 – NO SCHOOL – SPRING RECESS
 April 5 – NO SCHOOL – EASTER MONDAY RECESS
 April 6 – School Resumes
 May 31 – No School Memorial Day
 June 9 – K-5th Gd Full Day of School and 6th-11th Gd ½ Day of School
 June 10 – K-11th Gd, ½ Day of School (Elementary Dismissal Time 12:02 pm)
 June 11 – K-11th Gd, ½ Day of School (Elementary Dismissal Time 12:02 pm)

KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP-If your child turns 5 by September 1, 2021, it is time to start thinking about registering him/her for school! We are requesting that parents complete the Pre-Registration process found on the FCS webpage before March 31, 2021. Go to fowlervilleschools.org and click on the Kindergarten Registration link and enter your child’s pre-enrollment. After April 6, please call the office 517-223-6430 to set an appointment to come in and complete the registration process. We are holding a Virtual Round Up this year and that information has been posted to Fowlerville School’s main webpage and also on H.T. Smith’s link for you to access and learn more about our wonderful programs! We look forward to meeting the Class of 2034!

SPIRIT WEAR FUNDRAISER – This fundraiser goes until the end of the school year. You can order online anytime at www.BrideausApparel.com/fundraisers FREE SHIPPING IS INCLUDED! Ships directly to you! Help support H.T. Smith Elementary and get some great spirit wear for the family!

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.**

Some Special Recipes

By Dawn Horton

The following recipes were provided by Julie Hath of Webberville and includes one made by her late father, Louis Bauer

PIG LICKING GOOD CAKE

CAKE

- 1 box butter vanilla cake mix
- 1/8 oz. can mandarin oranges, including juice
- 1/4 cup oil
- 4 eggs

Blend all together. Place in greased 9x13 pan, bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes. Let cake cool.

FROSTING

- 1- 15oz. can crushed pineapple, including juice
- 1- 3 1/2 oz. box of instant vanilla pudding
- 1- 8oz. container cool whip

Mix all together and spread over cooled cake. Refrigerate before serving.

-Julie Hath

BROCCOLI SALAD

SALAD

- 2 heads broccoli, chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 10 strips cooked, crisp bacon

Mix above items and set aside.

DRESSING

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- 1/2 cup sugar

Mix all together and pour over broccoli mixture. Mix well. Refrigerate before serving.

-Julie Hath

SOUR CREAM SUGAR COOKIES

CREAM TOGETHER

- 2 sticks butter, softened
- 2 cups sugar

ADD

- 4 eggs
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 2 tsp. nutmeg
- 5 cups flour
- Pinch salt
- 1 cup sour cream

Blend all ingredients well. Chill for 1 hour. Divide dough and roll onto floured surface and cut with cookie cutters. Place on cookie sheets, bake at 375 degree oven for 8-10 minutes. Let cool and add frosting if you want. Enjoy!

-Louis Bauer

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NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT:

All pre-enrollments are 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.
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Calendar of Kreeger Events

March is Reading Month – Calendars were sent home with students
3-8-21 Share a joke or a riddle
3-9-21 Slip into a good book (wear slippers)
3-10-21 Make a bookmark
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3-11-21 Design a cover for favorite book
3-11-21 **1/2 Day School for Students K thru 5. Dismissal 12:02 p.m.**
3-11-21 Spring Conferences – Virtual
3-12-21 Read to a pet or a stuffed friend
3-15-21 Read a non-fiction book
3-16-21 Reading Jogs your Mind (Wear exercise clothes)
3-17-21 Dress like your favorite book character
3-18-21 Camp out with a good book (flashlights)
3-19-21 Call a favorite person and read aloud to them
3-19-21 **NO SCHOOL** Professional Development for Teachers
3-22-21 Do a word search or crossword puzzle
3-23-21 Sock it to me with a good book (crazy socks)
3-24-21 Dive into a good book (beach/ocean theme)
3-25-21 Snuggle up with a good book (PJ day)
3-26-21 Listen to a story read aloud to you
3-29 thru April 5th **Spring Break**
4-5-21 **MONDAY NO SCHOOL EASTER RECESS**
4-6-21 First Day back from Spring Break
4-6-21 Spring Picture Day
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SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR:

Our Book Fair is online! Support our school and help your child discover new books, favorite characters, complete series, and more! You'll love the fun new option to shop for Book Fair exclusives directly from the interactive booklist and enjoy free shipping on book-only purchases over \$25.

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LOST AND FOUND:

We are beginning to have overflow in the lost and found areas for each grade level. Please be sure to check with your child to see if they are missing hats, gloves, coats, boots, sweatshirts, water bottles or tennis shoes.
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YEARBOOKS:

The 2020-2021 Kreeger yearbooks are on sale now for \$12/each. If you would like to order a yearbook we will be sending home flyers or you can go to book.hrimaging.com. If you are ordering from the flyer, please make checks payable to: HR Imaging
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GLADIATOR WEAR: Gladiator Spirit Wear will be sold all year long please check out the following site for orders – www.brideausapparel.com/fundraisers.
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ONLINE STUDENTS: If you are having technical issues you can email the Tech Department at festechassist@fowlervilleschools.org and they will get back with you.
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UPDATED COVID INFORMATION: We have added a video from Livingston County Health Department on the Kreeger Webpage, it can also be found on the Fowlerville Community Schools main webpage. Please take a moment to check out this video for more information regarding quarantines.
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FYI- Each school building in the Fowlerville Community School District has a Child Study Team/Response to Intervention process in place, which is a vehicle for staff members to review student performance, concerns, and collaboratively develop interventions. If you have concerns about your child's development and are interested in more information on special services, contact his/her building Principal.
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NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF HANDY TOWNSHIP TOWNSHIP BOARD IN-PERSON MEETINGS RESUME

The MDHH Order dated March 5, 2021, allows for the gathering of up to 25 people indoors. Social distancing and mask wearing is required. **The Handy Township Board will now be resuming their regular board meeting in person and will be held on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Handy Township Board Room, located at 137 N. Grand Avenue, Fowlerville, (please use rear entrance). The Public is always welcome to attend.**

Laura A. Eisele, Handy Township Clerk
(3-7 & 3-14-21 FNV)

Letter to the Editor

“Cancel Culture” Strikes Howell

One of the most disturbing issues facing our state and nation today is the notion of “cancel culture” – according to “cancel culture,” any person can lose their jobs, prospects and relationships because they hold a view that is different. It’s a disturbing phenomenon, particularly for a nation that once valued different ideas and diverse viewpoints.

While “cancel culture” was once seemingly limited to Wall Street and Hollywood, that is no longer the case. In fact, we now have a tremendously disturbing case of cancel culture right here in mid-Michigan.

Recently, a 20-year member of the Howell City Tax Increment Finance Authority, or TIFA, was told he could no longer be part of this local appointed board. Why? Because he expressed his opinion on a local ballot issue three years ago.

A TIFA is governed by a locally-appointed board that is able to raise taxes without a vote of the people. It is important that its governing members are reasonable, pragmatic individuals who are capable of ensuring local residents aren’t buried under the weight of local property assessments.

Howell had one such board member in 2018. He was extremely effective in his work—so much so that he was asked to apply for one of two open positions on the city council back in 2018.

During his appointment interview, sitting council members asked him how he planned to vote on an upcoming Headlee

override issue appearing on the local ballot. He sensibly demurred, saying that his personal vote was not germane to the open city council seat.

He did not get that initial appointment but applied for the other opening immediately. The second time he told the council that he would probably be voting no.

Fast forward two years, the Headlee override vote failed by over 55 percent. Now, city council members have chosen not to re-appoint him to the TIFA board because he “exercised his first amendment rights” and expressed publicly his intention to vote no.

It is clear that the Howell City Council is comprised of individuals who only want to appoint people that will do their bidding and raise taxes, even if that decision runs counter to the wishes of city residents.

During any public policy or tax debate, a strong civil discourse is crucial. We must protect the rights of people to speak out and share their opinions, instead of cancelling them the moment they veer from the majority.

It is wrong to cast out dissenters. They have a voice, and a right to be heard—particularly when they represent important cross-sections of our population. Leaders like Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, or Ruth Bader Ginsberg had views that were different than the majority.

History shows that Antonin Scalia, former Supreme Court Justice and far more conservative Justice than his colleague Ruth Bader Ginsberg, invited discussion and discourse, as did Justice Ginsberg, and the two were best of friends – perhaps because of, rather than in spite of their different beliefs.

What the Howell City Council did is plain wrong.

We, as Americans, cannot allow cancel culture to become the acceptable norm. The United States of America was founded on democratic discussion and lively-heated debate. We must do better. Our friends, family, and neighbors deserve to express opinions without the fear of being cancelled. It’s time to quickly cancel “cancel culture” here in Livingston County.

Meghan Reckling

Livingston County Republican Party Chair

—Area Deaths—



Cathy Louise Russell

Cathy Louise Russell passed away on Feb. 13, 2021. She was born Sept. 25, 1956 to C. Bruce and Marian Russell of Fowlerville.

She worked at Meijer for several years. She was active in different programs at the recreation center of Howell and was also involved with Special Olympics. Cathy loved playing cards with family, coloring and putting together puzzles. She enjoyed watching football and baseball, especially Michigan and the Tigers.

She is survived by her mother, Marian Russell, and seven siblings. They include her five sisters: Joan Bebee, Nancy (Rob Firebaugh), Denise Russell, Sue Russell, and Yvonne Simonyi, and two brothers: her twin Tom (Mary Beth) Russell and Bruce M. (Tina) Russell. She is also survived by many aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, and cousins who will miss her dearly.

She was preceded in death by her father, C. Bruce Russell.

St. Patrick’s Day meal being held at Catholic Church on March 20

Mark Your Calendar!

A new fundraiser is being held at St. Agnes Catholic Church on Saturday, March 20. It is called ‘It’s All About the Cabbage’.

In honor of St Patrick’s Day, we are offering a corned beef and cabbage dinner with all the fixings, including potatoes, carrots, home-made Irish soda bread, and dessert, along with the two main ingredients.

Service will be curbside and reservations for dinners must be made by calling Liz at 517-304-1009 by March 17.

The church is located at 855 E. Grand River, Fowlerville.

For a full schedule of events, visit the church website at <http://stagnesmi.weconnect.com> and click on the ‘Parish Calendar’ tab.

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Fowlerville School's Equestrian Teams holding sign up March 9

It's that time of year again to sign up for the Fowlerville High School and Fowlerville Junior High School Equestrian Teams. Anyone in 5th through 11th grade is welcome to join. There will be a season start-up meeting held via Zoom. This meeting will be on March 9th. Please email Coach Carnevale at donaldcarnevale@att.net for more information about the team along with the meeting link.

Does love grow where you go?

By Jace Arledge

Who remembers these words to a popular 60's song by Edison Lighthouse:

Oh, but Love grows where my Rosemary goes and nobody knows like me.

That song makes me bop every time I hear it. There is something about the beat, the fun, lilting melody and the words. Man, the message behind such a simple song. If you have the time, read the lyrics. The singer talks about how "different" this girl is and the way that people perceive her, but she doesn't care and it shows because everywhere she goes, all you REALLY see is LOVE.

Is that what people see when you walk by? Does your presence radiate sunshine and joy? Or, something else?

I think about how Jesus was seen from stories I read in the Bible; how when people gazed upon his face and the love, compassion and kindness that looked back at them. This song could have easily been his personal anthem. Jesus was a freak, a rebel, a non-conformist, a hippie who challenged everyone to think differently, behave differently, and love BOLDLY.

In my life, as hard as it is, I try to emulate the joy and love that Jesus teaches us to do. To look at others with eyes like Him and with an open heart, accepting of all differences. Is it easy? NO WAY. Especially in times like we are going through right now. However, I take a deep breath and say: "What Would Jesus Do

(WWJD)?"

I hope that you will take the time and research the lyrics to this song, read and listen to them, and think of it as your relationship with Christ. I think you may have a different pep in your step the next time you go out. Then ask yourself, does love grow where you go and, if not, how can I change this?

Stay kind my friends and love deeply!!

Till next time...

Fowlerville Fire Department Report

February 25th 7:35 am. Medical emergency on Cherry Street in the Village.

February 26th 9:07 am. Medical emergency on Iosco Ridge Dr. in Iosco Township.

4:57 pm. Mutual aid to NIESA Fire for a structure fire on Norris Road in Ingham County.

February 27th 7:37 am. Animal rescue on I-96 in Handy Township.

4:23 pm. Structure fire on James Drive in Handy Township. We were assisted at the scene by NIESA Fire while Howell Fire provided station coverage.

February 28th 1:31 pm. Medical emergency on Roberts Road in Iosco Township.

March 1st No call received.

March 2nd 3:34 pm. Medical emergency on Stow Road in Handy Township.

4:47 pm. Medical emergency on Lovejoy Road in Conway Township.

11:25 pm. Medical emergency on Ann Street in the Village.

March 3rd 7:27 am. Medical emergency on Church Street in the Village

12:05 pm. Medical emergency on Allen Road in Handy Township.

2:48 pm. Medical emergency on Grand River in the Village.

5:31 pm. Mutual aid to NIESA Fire Department in Williamston. Canceled in route.

9:56 pm. Medical emergency on Nicholson Road in Handy Township.

11:50 pm. Medical emergency on Judd Road in Handy Township.

Fowlerville High School's "ATHLETES" OF THE WEEK

Jud Scott

Girls JV Basketball

Zaylin Rinehart: Zaylin is the starting point guard for the Lady Glads Junior Varsity Team. Her responsibilities include running the offense and getting the ball up the court against the press. With the ball in her hand the transition from defense to offense happens smoothly. Offensively, Zaylin has been in the top 2 scorers of team as we finish week 1 of competition. The future is bright for Zaylin and we look forward to seeing what the future holds for her in the Fowlerville High School basketball program.

Morgan Near: Morgan is a first year, starting forward on the JV basketball team. She is the leading scorer for the Lady Glads and contributes on both ends of the floor, from scoring to rebounding. Morgan can shoot from the perimeter, handle the ball or dominate at the post, depending what is needed and asked of her by her coaches. Fowlerville Basketball is fortunate to have Morgan in the program and we are excited to see what the future holds for her as a Lady Glad.

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Letter to the Editor

Recently, it has been revealed that Livingston County has been awarded the 83rd place, out of 83 County positions in the State, to receive Covid vaccine doses for our residents. The criteria to achieve this rather dubious honor is a rather involved CDC scoring matrix called the Social Vulnerability Index. What has come as a surprise is the reaction of our Board of Commissioners, along with several other County elected officials.

First, on February 23rd, the Board passed a Resolution, with an Amendment, decrying the use of the SVI because it put the County at the bottom of the List. Resolutions like these are political theater, they have no ability to enforce their statements of purpose. The Amendment to have the County's legal experts investigate suing the State to stop using the SVI will result in vast amounts of County Tax Dollars being used to pursue the Governor down HER rabbit hole. By the time any judicial result is reached, the initial Vaccination Process will be pretty much concluded. The Legislature's recently introduced bills to stop the use of the SVI will be challenged in the courts, and they will eventually have the same non-effect. Lots of public tax dollars wasted by both sides.

Before I go further, let's get everyone on the same sheet of music: Livingston County Government has traditionally provided a minimalist level of County Services. For example, instead of having our own Community Action Agency, we

are junior partner with Oakland County in the form of the Oakland/Livingston Human Services Agency (OLHSA). Or that a full-time Medical Director (MD) was not on staff at the County Health Department until May of last year; the position having been sub-contracted using the Washtenaw County's MD for many years. This has always been acceptable to our residents, as it has allowed very low millage rates on the property taxes.

But in times of disasters or emergencies, like the current pandemic, this also means that it requires an extra effort on the part on the County Government to implement previously established disaster plans, using funding reserves established just for these purposes. The aforementioned does not appear to have been done, though the monetary reserves are there, along with outside funding sources.

This non-performance mindset on the part of the County government can be seen by the fact that in the past year the County established and conducted ZERO Public Covid testing sites, no direct mailings to County Residents with health suggestions, and no radio or newspaper ads, either. Whether this lack of action was a result of a lack of a plan, a lack of will, or because by not testing it couldn't be proven that Covid was more wide-spread than folks were stating, is not known.

Instead, for the past year, many of our County's Elected Officials on various levels have trumpeted the "natural" resistance of our County Residents to the ongoing Covid infection, and decried the State's efforts to control its spread.

We have heard that Covid is not real and/or that it is a Chinese & Democrat Party Plot. There was the "BOO" Conspiracy, UnMask Michigan petitions, and "an impingement of one's civil rights with the mandatory wearing of masks" were all heard over the months in an endless manner. While the pandemic raged, people died, and we waited for a vaccine.

In October of 2020, our County Commission Board Chairperson was interviewed on the WKAR TV program 'Off the Record' and stated that he was a strong proponent of the "Theory of Survival of the Fittest" and mask wearing should be a personal decision. Basically: If people went out, and got sick, that was their lookout. An interesting position for an elected official responsible for public health & safety of a county. As the Board Resolution passed on February 23rd proves, the vast majority of the County Board supports that position.

So now, the good residents of Livingston County are reaping what our local leaders hath sowed. We, and our elected leaders, can either shrug off this temporary state of affairs and go forward. Or we can continue to stay on the discredited course that the Board has used for the last year. Just remember: There is certainly one thing that Americans of all stripes agree on: Whiners are Losers.

Sincerely Yours,

Dan Delmerico
Iosco Township



Michigan House Report

By Bob Bezotte,
47th District

This week, MDHHS relaxed several of the COVID-19 restrictions. These include:

- Restaurants and bars will be able to operate at 50 percent of capacity (the 100-person cap still remains) with a curfew of 11pm for dine-in service
- Indoor gatherings of up to 15 people from three different households are allowed
- Retail stores will be able to operate at 50 percent capacity

With looser restrictions in place now, it is important for all of us to continue to support not only our local restaurants, but other local businesses as well. Small and local businesses are important to our community as we support our own small businesses owners and families.

March is Reading Month! I encourage everyone to read a bit more than they usually do this month whether it's a newspaper, magazine, or book. Reading is essential for the mental stability in our brains! This month, I will be reading to elementary schools in our district either in person or through Zoom. So far, I have read in person to Village Elementary School in Hartland. I look forward to visiting other schools within our district and sharing my love of reading with the students!

Last week, The House Oversight Committee met to listen to an overview of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) nursing home policy failures. Committee members also heard testimony from people across Michigan who have been restricted from visiting their family members due to COVID-19 policies.

I am irritated with the way COVID-related regulations implemented by MDHHS are impacting those living within assisted living and nursing home facilities. I believe the refusal of MDHHS Director Elizabeth Hertel to appear before the committee indicates a broader lack of concern by government officials in relation to elderly and infirm populations.

I was stunned to hear the director of MDHHS would not appear before the Oversight Committee, choosing to send a piece of paper in her place. This response clearly indicates our elderly family members have been forgotten, and that we are expected to watch them wither away in care homes while looking through the windows.

Under CMS guidelines, indoor restrictions could have been lifted when county positivity rates were between 5-10% or below 5%. Michigan saw that drop in COVID-19 cases throughout the summer and fall seasons, but the state did not adopt or implement CMS suggestions. This is a blatant misuse of government power, and everyone from Gov. Whitmer to MDHHS employees should be held accountable. We all need human connection to survive, and our government officials have cruelly robbed nursing home residents of that opportunity.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at 517-373-8835 or Robert.Bezotte@house.mi.gov.

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Nice location close to town and schools for this spacious ranch with over 4,000 sq.ft. of living space. This beautiful home features 5 bedrooms, 5 baths, a full finished walkout with 2nd kitchen, bath and living room. Enjoy your meals with the nice gourmet kitchen, 4 bedrooms have their own bath and updated Geo Thermal heat in 2010. Landscaped 2.5 acres with deck, patio and basketball court along with a 2 car attached garage. \$299,000.



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2020 Water Quality Report for Village of Fowlerville

This report covers the drinking water quality for Village of Fowlerville for the 2020 calendar year. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you in 2020. 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. Immuno-compromised 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.



Water Quality Data

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2017 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 – December 31, 2017. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All of the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

Terms and abbreviations used below:

- **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant

that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** means the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** means the level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- **N/A:** Not applicable **ND:** not detectable at testing limit **ppb:** parts per billion or micrograms per liter **ppm:** parts per million or milligrams per liter **pCi/l:** picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity).
- **Action Level:** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Regulated Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Your Water	Range	Sample Date	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Iron (automated)	.3		.6	.3-1.6	2020	No	Naturally occurring in our water
Hardness as CaCO3			305	275-404	2020	No	Naturally occurring in our water
Chloride	250		164	94-145	2020	No	
Fluoride (ppm)	4	.43	.4	.15-.44	2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits. Water additive to promote strong teeth. Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL	MRDLG					
	4	4		.14-.58	2018	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Radioactive Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Your Water	Range	Sample Date	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Radium 226-228 Combined	5 pCi/l	0	4.90	.86-3.57	2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Alpha	15 pCi/l	0	ND	ND-11	9-25-2018	No	Naturally occurring in our water

Special Monitoring and Unregulated Contaminant*	Your Water	Range	Sample Date	Typical Source of Contaminant
Sodium (ppm)	110	38-1.04	2020	Erosion of natural deposits
Sulfate (250Mg./L)	26	19-52	2020	Naturally occurring in our water

Inorganic Contaminant Subject to Action Levels AL	Action Level	MCLG	Your Water	Range of Results	Year Sampled	Number of Samples Above AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	.2 ppm	0.013-0.3ppm	9/16/2020	none	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Lead (ppb)	15	0	3ppb	0-9ppb	9/16/2020	none	Lead service lines, corrosion of household plumbing including fittings and fixtures; 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/.

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Caleb Jenkins Column



Truth, Opinion, and Disinformation

Some argue we are now living in a post-truth culture in America. In other words, many politicians, commentators, reporters, and even individual Americans have cast aside verifiable and objective facts in exchange for emotional appeals and distorted assertions. Once a fairly straight-forward term, truth has become a complicated and controversial concept. Many view facts as subjective and open to interpretation. Two people can view the same information and derive ‘alternate facts’ contrary to each other. In such a complicated climate, many ask in exasperation, “What is truth?”

Progressively more people base what they believe to be truth on emotional feelings and their own opinions. It is important to make a distinction here because *truths* and *opinions* are two different things, yet many blend the two and adamantly express their opinions as absolute facts. To be clear, truths are objective facts which people derive from verifiable and valid sources. On the other hand, opinions are personal beliefs that

may or may not be backed by facts.

Does that mean opinions are less important than facts? Not necessarily. Beliefs are important because not every question can be answered with complete and unquestionable truths. Many issues boil down to personal priorities and worldviews. Even when clear data exist, each of us differs in how to respond to the available information. We all need fundamental beliefs to guide our application of facts. However, while they are valuable in their own right, opinions and beliefs do not define what is truth.

Why is this important? There are many reasons, but I want to focus on two. First, recognizing the difference between opinions and validated truth mitigates circular reasoning and purposeful disinformation. If we base our ‘facts’ on opinions and emotional feelings, then we are likely developing false excuses to justify what we want to believe. Since we then base future arguments on ‘facts’ we created through personal opinions, we mislead ourselves and become lost between what is truth versus opinion. In such a vicious cycle, we are also more at risk of purposeful disinformation. There are nefarious actors who take advantage of the post-truth mentality and use emotional triggers to spread false information purported to be true. I hope it is obvious that none of the above is desirable.

Second, distinguishing truth and opinion can help de-escalate the hyper-partisan and destructive rhetoric plaguing America. When ‘facts’ are based on opinions, there is no room for debate. Everyone is entitled to an opinion, so if truth is taken off the table, discussions are pointless and only lead to frustration. It is okay, and often necessary, to have a healthy debate over the accuracy of purported facts, but that is different than abandoning all objectivity and submitting to the culture of post-truth. Our opinions should be in response to facts, not the other way around.

As Americans, each of us needs to better understand truth, opinion, and disinformation and come back to the conversation in a mature and truly beneficial way.

LETS offering residents free rides to COVID-19 vaccine appointments

The Livingston Essential Transportation Service (LETS) is offering free transportation to and from COVID-19 vaccine appointments for Livingston County residents. LETS supports the County’s vaccination effort and believes that transportation should not be a barrier for our community to access the vaccine.

Due to reduced bus capacities, rides for in-County appointments will be given first priority. Rides for out-of-County appointments may be requested, but depend on our availability on the requested day and time. Our ability to schedule next-day or same-day rides is extremely limited, so please call 517-546-6600 to schedule your ride as soon as your vaccination appointment is confirmed.

The safety of our drivers and passengers is our top priority. LETS is following CDC guidelines for public transit and worked with our local Health Department to develop a robust COVID-19 Safety and Preparedness Plan. The Plan provides direction for the sanitization of high-touch surfaces throughout the day and complete sanitization of vehicles daily; provision of Personal Protective Equipment for drivers; and reduced vehicle capacities to accommodate social distancing. Passengers are required to wear face coverings in all LETS vehicles unless they cannot be medically tolerated.



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2020 Water Quality Report, continued

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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, 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/pfas/response>.

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, 8:00 AM 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?

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Shown here getting ready for the Chili & Soup Cook-Off, a fundraiser for the Fowlerville 4th of July Committee, are Adyson Euliss, Rhyann Euliss, Caysen Euliss, Michelle Soli, Mary Helfmann, Annette Chamberlain, Ellen Peters, Melissa Salgado, Cindy Denby, John Tyler, Gary Helfmann, Terry Ridenour, Mark Ridenour, Brandon Denby, Jim Mayhew, Dave Mester, Michael Brunger, and Matt Williams. The event is being held on April 24 at the Fowlerville Fairgrounds.

July 4th Committee's Chili & Soup Cook-Off to be held at fairgrounds

The Fowlerville 4th of July Committee has announced plans for its 16th Annual Chili & Soup Cook-Off, noting that this major fundraiser is to be held Saturday, April 24, from 4-7 p.m. at the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds. All proceeds from the event go towards paying for the fireworks and other costs incurred in putting on the community's July 4th celebration.

Both the Cook-Off and the July 4th festivities were cancelled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic and

public-health restrictions that had been enacted.

The Cook-Off, in past years, has been held at the VFW Post. However, with limits on how many people can attend an indoor gathering still in place, the committee approached fair officials about holding an outside event at their location.

"The committee is very grateful to the Fowlerville Fair Board for making this event possible by allowing us to offer the Cook-Off at the fairgrounds where we'll have enough room for social distancing and still be able to put on a fun event," said Brandon Denby, the committee chair.

Another major change is offering soup in addition to the chili menu. Local professional and hobby chefs can compete in either category with 18 quarts of their favorite chili or soup in a variety of interesting categories.

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Livingston County Comments

By: Doug Helzerman, District 4 Commissioner

The good news is that the number of new Covid cases in Livingston (and Michigan as a whole) has been on a steady decline since the middle of November. With the rollout of the vaccines across the country, the coming of warm weather, and this decline of new infections, the level of fear associated with this world-wide scourge can legitimately lessen. The governor has wisely relaxed some restrictions for Michigan. The risks associated with Covid and the need of one-size-fits-all emergency measures imposed by one person are quickly shrinking. A return to normal is the option that allows each person to assess their own risk and act accordingly. For those who, because of a vaccination or a recovery from Covid, cannot be infected and cannot spread the virus, the wearing of a mask serves no purpose.

Until that time of normalcy comes in full, we still need to do all in our power to make the vaccination possible for all who need it and want it.

Monday, the 22nd, the board passed a resolution calling upon the Governor and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to retract their SVI social factor based plan and replace it with a scientific, medical factor based plan that would result in a prorated uniform distribution to Michigan's most medically vulnerable population. It was very interesting that almost all of the emails we received favored the resolution and about 80% of the people who spoke at our Wednesday and Monday Calls to the Public were strongly against the measure. Those in favor were for a medical-based plan. Those against used many reasons such as it is "bad optics", it shows that our county is "systemically racist", we are "pitting one group against another", we should depend upon advice of the "experts from CDC," and you are being "political", to give some examples. When points of disagreement devolve to character assassination it demonstrates the weakness of that position.

Livingston County has, in the past, had some bad actors that, I believe, falsely gave our whole county that label. May I remind all of us that Livingston County sent many of its fathers, sons, and brothers to give their lives to save the union and free the slaves. In studying the history of western Livingston County, I found that our soldiers were at critical places in the crucial

battles that made the difference in who won the Civil War. After the war, Fowlerville welcomed a black barber to the village. In his obituary it stated that he was a welcomed guest in every house in the village. I'm sure that Livingston County was in full support of the underground railroad.

As the commission is dealing with the obvious slight by the state under the cover of the SVI standard, we are considering a lawsuit to backup our resolution on behalf of our citizens who should have been vaccinated, but couldn't, because of the state's unequal and non-proportional distribution of vaccines to our county. We are working on every method at our disposal, including providing transportation to places outside of our county where they are more readily available and looking into vaccinations at home for those who cannot get out. For that, we would have to use the vaccine that can be stored at room temperature.

Livingston County continues to be a leader in many ways because we encourage new ideas outside of the box. One such idea that was brought to us by our Livingston County Health Department was the plan to wave all of this year's annual fees for the restaurant 2021 licensing process. Our health department has been active during this time to keep our restaurants and

businesses open, but in a safe manner. Government should be an ally of business instead of just imposing overreaching regulations. Feel free to contact me: Dhelzerman@livgov.com.

Fowlerville Varsity Boys Basketball Team wins pair of games

The Fowlerville Varsity Boys Basketball Team traveled to St. Johns on Friday, Feb. 26, and came away with a hard-fought 51-37 win. The CAAC Red Division win puts the Glads at 4-2 in league play. Brendan Young led the local cagers with 23 points. Carter Young added 10 points and Bill Hutchins chipped in with 7. Anthony Mazzolini led the Red Wings with 9 points.

The Gladiator Varsity Boys Basketball team stepped out of conference to play Holt on Saturday, Feb. 27. Brendan Young scored 16 of his game-high 33 points in the third quarter as the Glads outscored the Rams 25-8, erasing a six-point halftime deficit to win the game, 72-55. In the process, Brendan became the school's all time leading scorer! Billy Hutchins added 20 and Carter Young had 7. Jacob Howard scored 14 points for the Rams and Aaron Carter added 12. The team is now 6-2 for the season.

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—Area Deaths—



Patricia Carol Sicher

Born July 8, 1941

Died February 24, 2021

Patricia Carol Sicher, 79 of Fowlerville passed away on February 24, 2021. Born in "Fire Creek", West Virginia on July 8, 1941. She was a homemaker and worked at the Bowling Center in Fowlerville years ago, as well as the Frank's IGA with the Curtis Family.

She loved her trips to Shear Image Salon and visiting with the "Girls" as well as her trips to Doe Valley Salon and visiting with Karen. She was a hard-working person with a "Get It Done" attitude. We will miss her smile, advice and trips to breakfast on the weekend for a good cup of black coffee.

Fire Creek, West Virginia was an old coal mining town that is non-existent today. And "yes" she was a coal miner's daughter.

This paper is not big enough to explain how wonderful she was and how much she loved to talk and see all of you. A celebration of life will be held in the summer. A notice will be in the paper.

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Ingham County Comments

By: Randy Schafer, District 13 Commissioner

***COVID Update:** The Ingham County Health Department utilizes the Michigan State University Pavilion for drive-through services. It is preparing to use the Exhibition Building at the fairgrounds for another drive-through location.

Sparrow Hospital utilizes the Sears Frandor site for a drive-through.

Meijer (on West Saginaw in Lansing) conducts a “walk-in service” in the back portion of the store. I observed the

operation on Wednesday. It was absolutely amazing.

Clients followed the signs to the back of the store, were given a clip board with the required forms, and directed to have a seat and fill out the information. The seats were socially distanced and cleaned after every person used it.

Every five minutes, a group of 20 people were called. For example: “Those with a 1:30 appointment, follow me.” The sequence occurred every five minutes.

People were directed to a numbered table to present the paperwork, then proceeded to one of many stations for the injection. The follow-up appointment for Dose 2 was automatically scheduled. The whole process took less than 15 minutes.

I asked how many vaccinations were done. It was estimated 400 on Monday, 1,000 on Tuesday and 1,400 on Wednesday.

Meijer utilized employees from across the spectrum. It was absolutely amazing. Everyone appeared to be in the over 66 age range and others with disabilities.

The pharmacy will keep distributing the vaccine based on availability.

This approach is fantastic for those comfortable with walk-

through. Others may prefer the drive-through. However, keep faith. Things are getting better and very quickly and many more vaccines are becoming available from manufacturers.

***Mailboxes/paper boxes:** The harsh Michigan winters bring on many casualties as these get knocked over during plowing operations.

The Road Commission will compensate for a box if it is actually hit by a truck. Moving snow doesn’t qualify. The trucks maintain a speed under 30 when plowing and must have enough speed to actually get the snow relocated.

***Trails/Parks Millage:** The County is requesting the funds to be distributed to the rural townships, villages and cities. The Parks Department is asking local units in Ingham County to contact them and fill out the applications. It will provide assistance.

There is a recognition that all tax-paying units should get some benefit.

Please ask your elected officials to investigate the possibilities.



March is Women’s History Month

Women History

Painting of young Florence.

Florence about 1860

Florence Nightingale

Florence Nightingale was born in 1820 to a wealthy British family. She grew up with many luxuries. In 1837, Florence discovered that she had a calling to be a nurse. In 1844, she told her family that she wanted to be a nurse. Her family was very upset, because that was not what wealthy British ladies did at that time. Florence was firm in her decision and began studying nursing. She travel around Europe learning medicine and ways to nurse.

She began working in a hospital in 1853. The next year, there were reports that the wounded soldiers fighting in the Crimean War needed help. Florence gathered 38 volunteer women nurses and went to Turkey, where the war was being fought. She found that the hospital for the wounded soldiers needed food and equipment. She wrote letters and soon the British government sent food, equipment and a portable hospital.

Florence and her nurses helped the wounded soldiers in Turkey. She was called the “Lady with the Lamp” because she would check on the soldiers at night carrying a lamp.

After the war, Florence was famous. She was able to start a school for nursing and wrote many books. She improved the way nurses were trained and the methods they used.

Florence died in 1910 at 90 years old. She still inspires many people to become nurses.



Drawing of Florence at the hospital in Turkey in 1856

Florence Nightingale

Florence Nightingale was a nurse who tended to wounded soldiers during the Crimean War in England in the 1850s. She worked to change the unsanitary conditions of hospitals at the time, and helped nursing become a respected profession.

Q AND A

What was Florence called?

What was the war Florence went to in Turkey?

Who did Florence take with her to Turkey?

When was Florence born?

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U.S. Congress Report

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

Hosts Rural Broadband Roundtable with Local Leaders

U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin (MI-08) convened local leaders in Livingston and Ingham counties on Feb. 19 to hear about their communities' challenges in accessing reliable internet, and to discuss ways to ensure strong, affordable broadband access for all Michiganders. "We should treat broadband like we do any other utility," Slotkin said on the call. "For our kids, their opportunities, our local economies, keeping people around — we need universal broadband."

Particularly given the importance of strong internet connection for employment, education and commerce during the COVID-19 pandemic, the lack of reliable internet access in some 8th District communities poses an urgent, significant challenge. For instance, one local leader told Slotkin they cannot successfully hold a remote township board meeting, because board members lack an adequate internet connection. Right now, Livingston County is part of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's "Prosperity Region 9," where an estimated 48% of people in the region do not have reliable internet access. Slotkin told the group she has also heard from students who have had to take online AP exams in parking lots, and from teachers who, in the early days of the pandemic, had to deliver hard copies of worksheets to students without internet access.

She was joined by a number of local leaders from the 8th district, including a representative from U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow's team, State Representative Julie Brixie, township supervisors, school superintendents, and county commissioners from Ingham and Livingston Counties.

As part of the bipartisan COVID relief bill Slotkin fought to pass in December 2020, Congress enacted a series of measures to provide broadband access for those who need it. The bill established or provided funding for the following programs:

A new grant program at NTIA that provides \$300 million to support broadband infrastructure deployment to areas lacking broadband, especially rural areas.

The Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program includes \$285 million for grants that will support internet connectivity for businesses and nonprofits that serve minority

communities. At least 20 percent of the funding must be used to ensure that students of such institutions have internet service and devices.

\$3.2 billion was appropriated for the FCC's Emergency Broadband Benefit Program, which allows eligible households to receive a discount of up to \$50 off the cost of internet service, and a subsidy for devices such as computers and tablets. Eligibility details and participating providers should be announced in the coming weeks.

\$54 billion in funding was provided to K-12 schools to support students and teachers, including to facilitate internet connectivity.

The COVID-19 relief bill that Congress will vote on within the next two weeks includes \$7.6 billion to establish an Emergency Connectivity Fund for broadband support, and would require the Federal Communications Commission to support schools and libraries, enabling them to provide devices, internet service, and hotspots to teachers and students. The FCC would reimburse the full cost associated with eligible equipment and service, and funding will be

distributed through the E-rate program.

Last Congress, Slotkin also co-sponsored the ACCESS BROADBAND Act to foster the development and growth of broadband resources for underserved communities, the RURAL Act, which would protect electric cooperatives as they provide affordable internet, and the Broadband Data Improvement Act of 2019, which requires broadband providers to report broadband availability in different areas, allowing for better broadband mapping.



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MARION TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED MINUTES February 25, 2021

The regular electronic meeting of the Marion Township Board was held on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 7:30 pm. Members Present: Hanvey, Andersen, Beal, Donovan, Durbin, Lloyd, Lowe. Members Absent: None. The following action was taken: 1) Call to Order. 2) Call to the Public. 3) Motion carried to approve agenda as amended; motion carried to approve consent agenda. 4) Motion carried to accept contribution made by Sunridge Phase II/Tamarack Place for future road improvements. 5) Motion carried to grant Sunridge Phase II/Tamarack Place preliminary site plan approval. 6) Motion carried to allow Spicer's to create bid specs for the Township parking lot. 7) Motion carried to form a sub-committee to help with Township personnel items. 8) Motion carried to pay employees off work related to positive COVID-19 tests and when awaiting COVID-19 test results. 9) Motion carried to allow Zoning Administrator ability to contact an Attorney. 10) Correspondence & Updates. 11) Call to the Public. 12) Motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm.

Tammy L. Beal, MMC
Township Clerk
Robert W. Hanvey
Township Supervisor
(3-7-21 FNV)

New fishing season kicks off April 1, licenses now on sale

While anglers prepare their gear and equipment for spring fishing, there's another key thing to remember: a 2021 fishing license! The new license sales began last Monday for the season kicking off April 1. Michigan's annual fishing license is valid from March 1 of a given year through March 31 the following year. Purchase licenses online at Michigan.gov/DNRLicenses or from retail outlets.

License options include:

- Annual all-species resident: \$26.
- Annual all-species nonresident: \$76.
- Annual all-species senior: \$11 (65 and older or legally blind, Michigan residents only).
- Annual all-species youth: \$2 (voluntary license for residents or nonresidents under the age of 17).
- Daily all-species resident or nonresident: \$10/day (you set the date/time for license to start).

Michigan law requires people 17 or older to purchase a fishing license before fishing in public waters. Those under 17 may fish without a license but must observe all fishing rules and regulations.

New this year: Anglers 16 or younger can purchase a voluntary youth all-species license. Any adult actively assisting a youth angler must have a fishing license.

For more information on licenses and regulation changes, check out the Michigan Fishing Guide – available at license retailers or online at Michigan.gov/DNRDigests. The 2021 guide will be available online April 1 and will be valid through March 31, 2022. The online version of the current guide is always up to date and available to download.

Webberville Report



Webberville Community Schools Staff Person Spotlight—Colleen Feeny

Mrs. Colleen Feeny, LLMSW is the Webberville Community Schools Social Worker for both the elementary and secondary buildings. A proud Spartan, she graduated from Webberville in 2008. She holds a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Applied Psychology from the University of Michigan-Flint, graduating in 2015. In addition, she obtained a Masters of Social Work (MSW) from Spring Arbor University in 2019.

In her leisure, she enjoys the outdoors, spending time with her family, crafting, dancing and photography. She is married with two children, Izzy and Beau.



Senior Spotlight—Joshua Moran

By Nettie Backus

Joshua Moran is a senior at Webberville High School. Moran is a son of Bill and Roxanne Moran, he is also the younger brother to Jacob, Lindsey, and Tony.

Some of his favorite memories are family vacations.

"One of the trips was two years ago in 2018. We went to Florida to Universal Studios," said Moran.

His grandfather has been quite an inspiration.

"He has many words of wisdom and has taught a lot of valuable things. He also has unconditional love for his grandchildren," said Moran. "He loves to give."

Outside of school Moran spends his time playing soccer, with his team, Elite Development in St. Johns in an indoor Soccer Zone in Lansing. Moran has been playing soccer for three years.

He also spends his time volunteering at KidMin at the United Brethren Church.

"I get to see the children engaged in the Bible spiritually. They get to know that they're not alone in the journey that they're going to take," says Moran. "And because I'm a high school student, the children look up to me and I just want to be a leader for them."

Moran has been active inside school as well, participating in choir, wrestling, and cross country. Moran has been participating in both wrestling and cross country for two years.

Moran looks up to the school counselor Mr. Ben Bachman, while Mr. Bachman sees a lot of potential in the young man.

"Josh's work ethic and perseverance will help him conquer any challenges that he will have," said Mr. Bachman.

Moran's future career plans are to be a leader at KidMin, to play soccer at a Pro level and go into the construction industry.

He is planning to enroll in trade school at Michigan Career & Technical Institute (MCTI) to become an electrician and learn the trade of construction.

He wants to pursue this career because he is more of a hands-on learner. Even when he was a child, he was fascinated with building things, spending hours building with his Legos. He hopes that one day he will be able to know how to do wiring and plumbing too.

Moran thinks Webberville is a great place to learn because it is a small, but strong community where you can make easy connections. "Webberville has great people," said Moran.

His advice to underclassmen is: "Listen to your teachers, they know what they are talking about so don't give them disrespect. Turn in your work, because it reflects on your transcript if you are planning to go to college. Have fun, make friends and enjoy your life because it will fly by in front of your eyes."

Webberville Elementary hosting Kindergarten & Preschool Round-up

Webberville Elementary School is hosting Kindergarten and Preschool Round-Up on Thursday, April 15, 2021. Round-up will occur from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the elementary school building located at 202 North Main Street, Webberville.

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

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NIESA Fire Report (Northeast Ingham Emergency Service Authority)

Wednesday February 24, 2021, NIESA had three emergency responses. Two were emergency medical calls within the City of Williamston, and the third was a fire response for a utility pole problem in the City of Williamston.

On Thursday February 25, 2021, NIESA responded to an odor investigation in Leroy Township.

Friday February 26, 2021, NIESA had three responses. Two of the responses were emergency medical calls with one in the City of Williamston, and one in Wheatfield Township. The third response was a structure fire in Williamstown Township.

On Saturday February 27, 2021, NIESA responded to five calls, three were emergency medical responses and two were fire response. Two of the emergency medical calls occurred in Williamstown Township, and one was in the City of Williamston. One of the fire responses was in Williamstown Township for an illegal burning complaint, and the second was a mutual aid response to Fowlerville Fire Department for a structure fire.

Sunday February 28, 2021, NIESA responded to four emergency medical calls, one in the Village of Webberville, one in Leroy Township, one in the City of Williamston, and one in Williamstown Township.

On Monday March 1, 2021, NIESA responded to six calls. Four of the responses were emergency medical calls. Two occurred in Williamstown Township, one in the City of Williamston, and one in Locke Township. NIESA also answered to fire calls, one was a fire alarm activation in Williamstown Township, and the second was a vehicle accident at the corner of M-52 and Grand River in Leroy Township.

Tuesday March 2, 2021 NIESA responded to four calls. All were emergency medical calls, with two occurring in the City of Williamston, and two in Williamstown Township.

March is Reading Month

Fowlerville District Library News

Special Announcements

The library is opening to 30% capacity. Appointments will no longer be required and we will continue to offer curbside service. Face masks are still required for all library patrons and staff, as well as maintaining the social distancing of 6 feet.

Monday-Thursday 9:30am – 7pm

Friday 9:30am – 5pm

Saturday 10am – 2pm

How to Use Curbside Service

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

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

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

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

Upcoming Programs

All programs are intended for Fowlerville School District residents. Call (517) 223-9089 for more information, or check out our Facebook Page.

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

Virtual Community Mosaic Board: ongoing

The mosaic project is available through Letsticktogether.com so there is no need to leave the house on a cold winter's night

Williamston Senior Center

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MARCH 2021 EVENTS

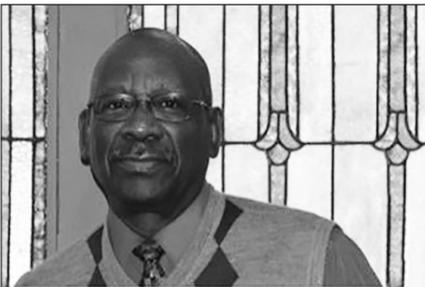
Please check our website www.williamstonseniorctr.com or our Facebook for specific announcements of upcoming activities as we hopefully begin to resume our normal activities after Covid-19.

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

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Reflections for Standing Firm in Times of Unprecedented Chaos

THOMAS E. TARPLEY SR

About the Author- Thomas E. Tarpley SR served as the senior pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Fowlerville, Michigan, until his retirement in 2015. He is currently the minister of pastoral care for the Fowlerville United Brethren in Christ Church, also in Fowlerville. Tarpley is a huge fan of Dr. Charles F. Stanley; whose writings and teachings were the inspiration for assembling this book.

ABOUT THE BOOK

Some may consider calling the period we are living in chaos, an understatement. Others consider doing so an exaggeration. But the truth of the matter is that we find ourselves living in a time where we are required to face things individually and as a country and world that we have never experienced before.

Readers will find help in facing these times in Thomas E. Tarpley SR's book, Words from a Small-Town Pastor. Using the Bible, his experiences as a minister, and the writings of others, Tarpley helps believers in their faith walks and leads them through self-examination into a life-changing relationship with Jesus. You will find words that will inspire you when you feel like you are struggling as life starts to close in on you. You will also find reflections to lift you in times of trouble and give you a sense of hope when things seem hopeless. If you are not a believer, or you are finding it difficult to hold onto your faith, Words from a Small-Town Pastor will help you discover—or rediscover—the necessity of faith and help you find your way through the difficult times through God's love.

to participate because it is all online. You may visit every day and can place up to 75 pieces per visit. There is a total of 3996 digital stickers in this project and everyone helps on the same board. With the help of the community the final picture will be revealed when it is done. The project link is: <https://letstick.to/session/17ca1579> and the link can also be found on our Facebook as well as on our website.

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Beer Brewing Program -Two Part Series

FDL welcomes Travis Fitts from Old Nation Brewery in Williamston to present this two part series on beer.

Friday, March 12, 2021 at 2 PM via Zoom: History of Beer

Friday, March 26, 2021 at 2 PM Via Zoom: Brewing 101

Beginner Gardener Series

Learn to garden with Master Gardener Nan-Marie Fox.

Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 6:30 PM via Zoom: Starter Plants

Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 6:30 PM via Zoom: Transplanting

Lunch Book Club with New Director Ellen Peters

Meet the FDL's new director and discuss the book *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren. Books are available at the front desk for anyone interested in participating.

Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 12 PM via Zoom

Study Bunny Craft

Learn to make a sock bunny. All supplies provided. Kits will be available to pick up Monday, March 22, 2021

Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 4 PM via Zoom

For more information regarding any of our programs or services please call us at (517) 223-9089 or check out our Facebook Page.

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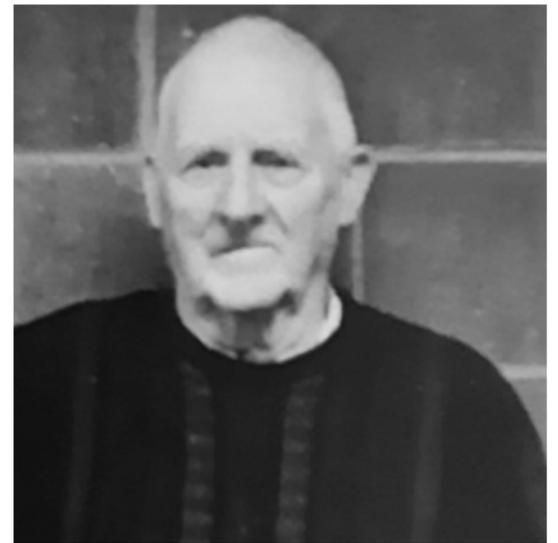
up a five-day supply of frozen meals here at the Williamston Center every Wednesday. To participate in this temporary meal program please contact the Tri-County Office on Aging at 517-887-1393 to set up a time to pick up your meals at the Williamston Area Senior Center on any Wednesday.

Other March Activities at the Senior Center –

Tuesday Knitters Group meets from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm and the

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

—Area Deaths—



George Raymond Crofoot

George Raymond Crofoot, age 90, of Fowlerville joined his heavenly family on Feb. 18, 2021. He was born May 10, 1930.

George spent most of his life working on the family farm. He was employed a few years at a factory in Howell. When it closed, he went back to working on the farm for the Van Gilder family. George loved going to church and making friends. He enjoyed talking on the phone and attending church dinners where he could meet new people to talk to. He also grew some awesome vegetables in his garden every year.

George was preceded in death by his parents: Arthur 'Bud' and Iva Irene Crofoot; his brothers: Bill, Bob, Wallace, Paul, Marvin, John and Richard; and his children: Mickey, Judylyn, Raymond, Leonard, Edward, Allen Dale, and Penny.

His surviving family includes daughters: Pam Bower-Crofoot of Northern Michigan and Jackie Crofoot of Fowlerville; his sister: Edna of Florida; a grandson in Texas; a granddaughter in Michigan; 3 great granddaughters; a great grandson; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the Place of Refuge on Feb. 23. Burial took place at Greenwood Cemetery in Fowlerville.

Arrangements were handled by Herrmann Funeral Home of Fowlerville.

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New support group offered by Elder Abuse Recovery Resource Program

Livingston County Catholic Charities' (LCCC) Prevention of Elder Abuse Neglect and Exploitation (P.E.A.N.E.) team is offering a new support group for seniors who have experienced elder abuse which includes neglect and exploitation as well. The Attorney General provides the following definitions of each:

Abuse is harm or threatened harm to an adult's health or welfare caused by another person.

Neglect is the inability or failure of the adult, or an individual responsible for the care of the elder or vulnerable adult, to provide adequate food, shelter, clothing, medical care, etc.

Exploitation is the misuse of an adult's funds, property or personal dignity by another person.

According to the National Center for Elder Abuse (NCEA), elder abuse has become a major public health problem and costs seniors over \$2.6 billion each year. They also note that victims of elder abuse are three times more likely to be admitted to the hospital. With the growing aging population and the growing number of elder abuse incidents, LCCC's P.E.A.N.E. team saw the need to launch a support group to help people work through this traumatic experience.

The Elder Abuse Recovery Resource Program is a group where participants are safe from judgement and embarrassment. They are encouraged to share their experience and learn from others. LCCC's experienced P.E.A.N.E. team will also assist participants to find resources within our community.

The group will be held the third Tuesday of each month from 3-4pm. At this time, the group will meet via Zoom. Contact Beth Newman, Prevention Specialist, at beth@livingstoncatholiccharities.org or 517.545.5944 for more information.

Below are Some Myths about Elder Abuse

Myth: Elder abuse only happens in nursing homes.

Fact: Most abuse happens at the hands of family, close friends, and other trusted individuals

Myth: Abuse can always be seen.

Fact: The abuse is often invisible with no marks, no signs of neglect, or evidence of mental assaults or financial abuse.

Myth: "I can't become a victim of a scam; I'm smarter than that."

Fact: Any person can become a victim of a scam. Scammers are able to hack into anybody's personal information, can play on anybody's emotions and can be extremely convincing. Scammers are nondiscriminatory thieves. We have seen an explosion of scams during COVID-19; they are on the rise.

Myth: Denying they are a victim of abuse means the abuse never happened.

Fact: Often, seniors or vulnerable adults depend on the abuser for their care so they are scared to say anything or the abuser has threatened them to not say anything.

Myth: Elder abuse is not a serious problem.

Fact: Elder abuse is the fastest growing form of abuse. Financial exploitation/abuse is the third largest form of abuse in Michigan.

Myth: Senior suicide is not a form of elder abuse.

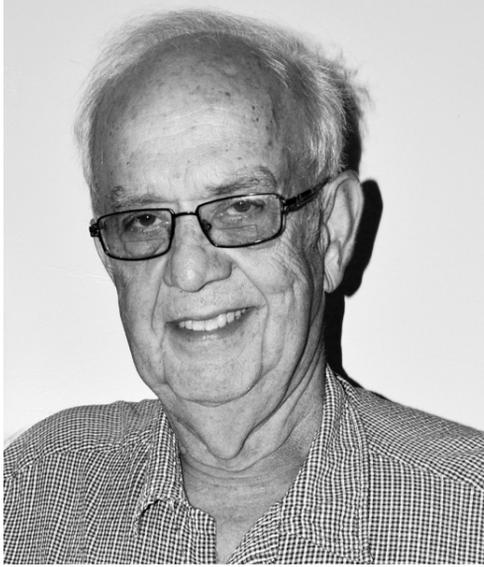
Fact: The red flags for elder abuse are the warning signs for senior suicide. Senior suicide amongst males 85 and older is the fastest form of suicide.

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—Area Deaths—



Charles Richard Keiser

Charles Richard Keiser was born June 23, 1938 at the family farm on Kane Road in Stockbridge Township to Walter and Viola (Kelch) Keiser. He passed away February 24 with family at his side.

He married the love of his life, Virginia (Elmer) on July 27, 1963; they celebrated 57 years together. They were blessed with four children who survive him: Annette (Joe) Varkoly, Alese (Mark) Wordley, Aaron (Colleen) Keiser, Adele (John) Janetzke; and six grandchildren: Stephen and Lauren Varkoly, Julia and Nicole Wordley, Rosalyn and Ethan Janetzke, and grand-dog Mya.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, LaVern, Valbert, Mary Rose, Amelia, and Ruth Ann. His brothers Robert and Donald survive him.

Chuck graduated from Pinckney High School with the class of 1956 whereupon he enlisted in the Army and was honorably discharged. He worked at the family's block plant and also as a carpenter and draftsman. He later graduated from Michigan State University and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees along with his teaching certificate. He primarily taught middle school industrial arts (wood shop) and math at both Waverly and Williamston and retired after 30 years of service.

Chuck and Ginny built a business together renting homes to countless community members over the last 55 years, most of whom became friends as well as tenants. He learned to raise bees from his dad and provided the community and family with locally sourced honey and the occasional glass of mead by a hot fire.

His passion for learning led him to learn to carve and he has blessed his family with many carvings by which to remember him. His garden at the farmhouse will continue to provide fresh asparagus and berries long after his passing.

He was committed to his community and church and was a man of great faith who often prayed for others, volunteered regularly, and did not hesitate to give to those in need. He donated over 15 gallons of blood in his lifetime, which he said was just a small way he could help others. Proudly, he was a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus. He will be sorely missed by his family and friends at the local breakfast tables.

Chuck Keiser's legacy will live on through his true character and the lessons he instilled in others, particularly his children. He will be remembered for his kind and generous soul.

A Rosary was held on Wednesday, March 3 at 7:00 pm at St. Mary Catholic Church in Williamston. On Thursday, March 4, viewing took place at 10:00 am in the church, followed by a mass of the resurrection at 11:00 am. Interment will be at the Mt. Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Mary's Youth Group.

Letter to the Editor

I read with interest your February 28th paper, especially the articles "Whitmer's Deadly Choice" and "Livingston County Seniors Are Important Too."

I have questions: Why are politicians, lawyers, and hospital administrators making decisions today impacting medical treatment and our health? Are they now given licenses to practice medicine?

Any newby physician, or registered nurse for that matter, should have known how dangerous it would be to contaminate a nursing home, Alzheimer's facility, or any congregate living facility for the elderly or mentally impaired. None of these facilities has the number of staff necessary to care for these COVID patients. They also do not have staff with the necessary skill levels to maintain necessary isolation procedures to lessen the chance of spread to non-COVID patients.

Our physicians had better stand up and take back control of their profession or soon we will have "Cuban" level physicians with a "Cuban" level of care.

Sincerely,
Nancy A. Manson,
Howell

Area state lawmaker's bill part of package to 'strengthen elections'

An area state lawmaker introduced a bill that is part of a package designed to "strengthen Michigan elections and make voting safer."

Rep. Kara Hope (D-Holt, who represents the Webberville-Williamston area, joined Padma Kuppas (D-Troy) and Jim Haadsma (D-Battle Creek) in presenting legislation that they said will "improve transparency and access to voting in Michigan elections."

The Vote at Home legislative package (HBs 4360-4362) would make it easier for Michigan voters to receive and return absentee ballots, help local clerks strengthen the absentee voting process and hold circulators accountable for lying about the contents of petitions, the three lawmakers noted.

"A free and fair election open to every eligible voter—even during a global pandemic—is the bedrock of our democracy," said Kuppas. "We must do everything we can to make voting easier and safer for our citizens while providing our election administrators with the tools they need to make that happen."

HB 4362 (Kuppas) would amend Michigan Election Law to require local clerks to send absentee ballot applications with prepaid return postage to every registered voter with the costs to be reimbursed by the state. The bill would also allow clerks to tabulate absentee ballots up to 22 days before election day, counting ballots or establishing results would be prohibited, and notify absentee voters about a problem with their signature and establish a process to fix the problem.

"Voters passed no-reason absentee voting in 2018 and a record 3.3 million cast absentee ballots in the last election," said Haadsma. "It is abundantly clear that safe and secure voting is a priority for Michiganders."

HB 4361 (Haadsma) would ensure voters automatically received absentee ballot applications by requiring local clerks to maintain a permanent absent voter list. The bill would also help clerks establish polling locations based on likely in-person voters.

"Michigan voters expect our elections, including the petition process, to be run with honesty and integrity," said Hope. "Unfortunately, there is nothing in Michigan law that prevents circulators from lying to people about the petitions they are asking them to sign. This is fraud pure and simple, and we must put an end to it."

HB 4360 (Hope) would prohibit circulators from intentionally making misleading or false statements to potential signees about the contents of a petition, initiated law, referendum or recall. Penalties for individuals would include a civil fine of up to \$1,000 and the entity employing the guilty circulator would be charged with a misdemeanor and face a \$10,000 fine.

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2021 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE OF MEETING SCHEDULE HANDY TOWNSHIP, LIVINGSTON COUNTY

The Handy Township Board of Review for March 2021 will be held by **electronic remote access**, unless by the dates of the March Board of Review meetings it becomes lawful under state agency rules for an indoor in-person public meeting to be held. Electronic remote access, in accordance with Michigan law, will be implemented in response to COVID-19 social distancing requirements and limitations on the number of individuals in an indoor public gathering.

EFFECTIVE MARCH 5, 2021, IT WILL BE LAWFUL TO HOLD BOARD OF REVIEW MEETINGS IN PERSON AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICES. HANDY TOWNSHIP WILL BE HOLDING THEIR BOARD OF REVIEW MEETINGS IN PERSON. THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WILL BE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW THE CDC GUIDELINES FOR IN PERSON MEETINGS. PPE WILL BE WORN AND SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE REQUIRED. THE MEETING ROOM WILL BE SANITIZED THROUGHOUT THE DAY DURING THE MEETINGS. NO MORE THAN 25 PEOPLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO GATHER AT ONE TIME DURING THE SESSIONS.

The Board of Review meetings will also be available for attendance electronically on the following dates.

• **Monday, March 8, 2021 for Appeal Hearings from 9 a.m. til Noon and from 1 p.m. til 4 p.m.**

We will be live-streaming the video at: <https://youtu.be/Mx1eKSEe5BU> from 9:00am -12:00pm and at: <https://youtu.be/beEjm4YmqkQ> from 1:00pm -4:00pm

Meeting ID: 850 0980 0232 Password: 12345
OR

By Telephone: 312-626-6799
Enter the Meeting Number: 850 0980 0232
Enter the Pass code: 12345
Press *9 to Indicate you wish to speak
Then Wait for "You are unmuted"

• **Wednesday, March 10, 2021 for Appeal Hearings from 1 p.m. til 4 p.m. and from 6 p.m. til 9 p.m.**

We will be live-streaming the video at: <https://youtu.be/xDdbPgNdhfk> From 1:00pm - 4:00pm, and at <https://youtu.be/AtejqiEVPmK> from 6:00pm - 9:00pm

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The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2021 assessments. By Board Resolution, taxpayers have the ability to protest by letter (including e-mail), sent to Handy Township, P. O. Box 189, Fowlerville, MI 48836 or by e-mail to apashby@handytownship.org, provided protest is received prior to March 8, 2021.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2021 are as follows:

• Agricultural	49.47%	1.0107
• Commercial	48.80%	1.0246
• Residential	47.95%	1.0428
• Industrial	49.35%	1.0132
• Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000

Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services who are planning to attend the Board of Review Meetings should notify Laura Eisele, Clerk, at (517) 223-3228 no later than Thursday, March 4, 2021.

Board of Review Members
Cathy Elliott, Chairman
Diana Brady
William Wisuri

Ed Alverson, Secretary for the Board of Review (Twp. Supervisor)

Cathy Elliott, Chairman
Handy Township Board of Review
(3-7-21 FNV)



Pastor Tom Tarpley

How I Found Freedom

It was a little over five years ago when I attended Celebrate Recovery (CR) for the first time. I came to the program already in long-term recovery. This means I had not used an illegal drug or had a drink of alcohol for the past twenty-six years.

Being a regular attendee in the Alcoholics Anonymous program (AA) helped me resist the temptation to drink alcohol, use drugs, and brought some order into my life.

In my first book, "From Gutter to Grace," I share how I suffered from low self-esteem, fear, and feelings of insecurity as a young boy and young adult. It was because of these character defects that I sought relief through the overindulgence of alcohol and drugs.

My life was out of control and unmanageable before I entered AA. I lived to get high, and nothing else mattered as long as I was able to keep plenty of chemicals on hand. It didn't matter whether it was alcohol, opioids, amphetamines, or mood-altering plants, as long as it altered my mood and allowed me to hide from myself.

But even with my attending AA and abstaining from alcohol and drugs, I did not have the freedom my heart craved.

For several years I viewed alcohol and drugs as my problem. However, my real issues were the deep-seated character defects that I had acquired from years of living

in fear, self-hatred, and low self-esteem. I felt like the most unloved and unlovable person on earth.

Alcohol and drugs were what I thought to be the solution to my problems. It was my way of avoiding the pain of rejection and loneliness. I could take a drink, pop a pill, or shovel some powder up my nose, and in a few minutes, I became whoever I wanted to be.

The problem was, the more I drank and the more drugs I used, the more of them I needed to keep me in a state of oblivion where I could not feel the pain. It got so bad until my abuse of chemicals began affecting my relationships with my family and friends. When I went into AA, I was thinking about getting a divorce from my wife, and my life was entirely out of control. I was living with no direction and no purpose except to stay high.

I thank God that a good friend who was already in AA recognized my alcoholic behavior and began a campaign to get me to a AA meeting. He must have hounded me for more than a year before I finally decided to go to a group session merely to get him off my back. The night I attended that first meeting was the night that God revealed to me through a handful of men who suffered from many things that caused me to drink and do drugs, that I was an alcoholic, and if I wanted to continue to live, I was going to have to make some changes in my lifestyle.

The main point I got out of that meeting was I could never take another drink of alcohol or use another illegal drug. That was kind of scary at first. To think I could never have another drink didn't sit well with me. After all, I had been a practicing alcoholic for more than forty-four years. How could I just quit?

Nevertheless, I did stop. I chose to commit my life to work the twelve steps of recovery in the AA program, and one day at a time I was able to resist the temptation to drink or get high.

I was sober, but I was still held captive by many other character defects that I had not addressed. I had no idea how screwed up I was. It never entered my mind that I might have a problem with many of the things CR has revealed to me in the past five years. Co-dependency, anger, pride, food addiction, control issues, compulsive spending, and addiction to overeating are just a few recovery areas working through a CR Step Study uncovered.

CR has helped me find the freedom I have always yearned for, but never was able to grasp. Working through the program of CR has given me a completely new outlook towards life. So many things I feared in life are no longer a problem. The CR Twelve Steps of Recovery and the Eight Recovery Principles in the Beatitudes enabled me to uncover those freedom-stealing character defects that I didn't even know existed.

Almost everyone I know could benefit from going through a Step Study in CR. The study helps you to examine every area of your life. The CR Step Study leads us through a step-by-step process to go back in time and seek out the origin of those hurts, habits, and hang-ups that hold us captive and keep us from enjoying the freedom God intended us to have.

Once we identify the root cause of our problems, we use the Eight Recovery Principles and Twelve Steps of Recovery, along with the Holy Spirit's supernatural power to make the corrections needed to get our lives in order.

When I faithfully practice principle seven and "Reserve a daily time with God for self-examination, Bible reading, and prayer in order to know God and His will for my life and to gain the power to follow His will" my day goes smoother and my weeks are more productive. Life is more enjoyable overall.

I don't worry about stress and anxiety because my time with God helps me remain focused on Him. I don't get caught up in the foolishness and divisive behavior that is so widespread in our society.

I keep my thoughts on Jesus, and I remember that my purpose in life is to share the unconditional love of Jesus with anyone willing to listen.

Principle three says I "Consciously choose to commit all my life and will to Christ's care and control." When I commit to following Jesus and living by what the Holy Spirit tells me and guides me to do, I experience a new sense of freedom and peace of mind.

If you are struggling to make sense of everything taking place today, I encourage you to pause and turn your eyes toward Jesus. Focus on Him and the marvelous gift of salvation with which He has blessed you.

Fowlerville Varsity Boys Basketball Team wins another league game

The Fowlerville Varsity Boys Basketball Team won another league game at Lansing Eastern, beating the Quakers 72-62. Billy Hutchins had 18 of his 23 points in the first half, while Brendan Young scored 20 of his 31 points in the second half. Jailen Bowles led the Quakers with 17 points.

The win puts the Glads at 7-2 for the season and 5-2 in the CAAC Red Division.



BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
2258 E. Highland Rd. (M-59)
Howell, MI 48843
517-546-6561
Pastor Tim Christoson
Sunday Worship Services:
8:30 am, 10:00 am & 11:00 am
Wednesday:
6:30 pm - Awana
www.howellchurch.org



Area Church Listings



SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
Saturday Morning Sabbath Service
Bible Study/School ... 9:30 a.m.
Divine Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday: Prayer/Revival Series 7:00 p.m.
5210 E. Highland Road, Howell, MI 48843
(517) 546-5200
www.Adventist.org
"And He said unto them, 'The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.'" Mark 2:27

Fowlerville Church of the Nazarene

8040 Country Corner Drive,
Fowlerville, MI 48836
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
Rev. Craig Weihman
(517) 223-7111
www.fowlervillenazarene.org

Calvary Bible Church

1389 Elm Street • Box 298
Cohoctah, Michigan 48816
WELCOMES YOU TO
Sunday School 9:45am
Morning Service 11:00am
Sunday Evening Service 6:00PM
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting 7:00PM
Pastor Dennis Guillen
517-375-5777
"A Warm and Friendly Country Church"

Fowlerville First United Methodist Church

201 S. Second St.,
Fowlerville
517-223-8824
www.fowlervillefumc.org
Pastor Scott Herald
Sunday Worship Service
Nursery available
10:30am
Sunday School
September - May
9:30am

Trinity United Methodist Church

8201 Iosco Rd, Fowlerville
(Corner of Bull Run & Iosco Rd)
517-223-3803
Pastor Mark Huff
Sunday Worship Service 9:30am
Sunday School 9:30am
Youth Group (6-12 grade)
Visit us on Facebook
Trinity United Methodist Church



St. John's Lutheran ELCA
132 S. Benjamin, Fowlerville
PO Box 218 • 517-223-9108
Pastor Diane Greble
Contact us to learn of
Worship opportunities in this
time of public health crisis.
We are working toward
regathering.
More information available:
www.stjohnsfowlerville.org
All are welcome here in Jesus Christ!

Place of Refuge Ministries

6909 Grand River, Fowlerville
(across from Greenwood Cemetery)
Pastor Bob Storey
Sunday Worship 10:30am
Wed. Evening Bible Study 7:00pm
(517)223-3660
Psalm 46:1
"God is our refuge and strength."
www.psalms461.com



9300 W. Grand River,
Fowlerville
223-9490
www.fowlervilleub.org
Sundays
9:00am
10:45am
Infant, Toddler, and K-8th grade programming at 9:00 am & 10:45am

Webberville United Methodist Church

4215 E. Holt Rd.,
Webberville
Pastor Martin Johnston
All Ages Sunday School 9:30am
Worship Service 11:00am
Church: 521-3631
www.webbervilleumc.church



Grace Pointe Baptist Church
Pastor Ronald Schultz
(517)294-9791
2567 Elm Rd. • Webberville
Michigan 48992
www.gracepointebaptist.com
SUNDAY SERVICES
Sunday School at 10:00am
Morning Service at 11:00am
Evening Service at 6:00pm
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study at 7:00pm

Antrim Baptist Church

4509 E. Lovejoy Rd., Byron
Pastor Mark Bohman
517-223-3126
www.antrimbc.org
Sunday School 10:00am
Sunday Morning Service 11am
Sunday Evening Service 6pm
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7pm
Our deaf friends are always welcome.

St. Agnes Catholic Church

855 E. Grand River, Fowlerville
517-223-8684
Fr. Nathaniel Sokol
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Tuesday 3:00 - 4:00 pm
Thursday 7:00 - 8:00pm
Mass Times
Wednesday: 6:30pm
Thursday: 10:00am
Friday: 8:30am
Saturday: 4:30pm
Sunday: 8:30am & 11:00am



First Baptist Church of Fowlerville

214 S. Grand, Fowlerville
517-223-9084
Pastor Mark Jones
www.fowlervillebaptist.org
All ages Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 10:30 am
(nursery provided)
Youth Group (6-12th grade)



Fowlerville School Report

By Superintendent, Wayne Roedel

May 4th Bond Proposal

On May 4, 2021, voters within the Fowlerville School District boundaries will be asked to vote on a 37-million-dollar bond proposal *that will not raise current taxes*. If passed, the bond funds would be used to construct a new elementary building that would house grades K through 2 and provide much needed air conditioning in all pre-K through 8th grade classrooms. This proposal is part of the Fowlerville Board of Education’s 10-year vision to position the District in a way to continue to draw young families to the Fowlerville community to learn and grow.

Why a new K-2 building?

H.T. Smith Elementary, built in the early ‘60s, is the oldest K-12 building on campus. Approximately 650 students attend classes there. The building was not designed to house that many students, particularly given the variety of activities and supplemental supports required to engage and meet the needs of students today.

If you observed learning in the building today, you would see every space utilized and then some. Most every storage closet and back room has been turned into intervention spaces where small groups of students receive essential support in reading, writing and math. You would also notice that makeshift office space has been constructed in the cafeteria to create workspace for the many ancillary staff members (speech therapists, social workers, physical therapists, etc.) who support our students.

What will happen to the old H.T. Smith Elementary?

The passing of the bond would allow for some renovations to take place so that the building could house our current preschool programs, before and after school programs, as well as the community recreation department. All are currently housed in the John S. Munn building. Advisors

have estimated that 20 million dollars would need to be invested into the Munn building over the next two-to- ten years to keep it operational. It is not fiscally responsible to invest that much money into a building that was constructed in the 1950s, has failing mechanical systems, and was never intended to house the community’s smallest children. H.T. Smith Elementary is well suited to house preschool and before/after school programs with minimal investment in the current structure. In the future, the Smith building could also house the transportation department to allow for necessary updates in technology and communication infrastructure for that service.

Where and when would the new elementary building be constructed?

The new K-2 building would be built on the East Access Road’s north end by Sharpe Road (the northeast corner of the campus). The planning team investigated four potential sites on campus in great detail and determined that this location simply made the most sense. The site allows us to construct the building without major disruptions to the operation of existing building operations, traffic flow, etc. If all goes well, the new building would be ready for students in the fall of 2023.

What other projects would be completed by this bond proposal?

The second priority of the Fowlerville Board of Education is to provide climate control, including cooling systems, in all academic buildings. This bond would allow for the immediate installation of air conditioning at the Junior High School and Kreeger Elementary. These projects would begin in the summer of 2022 so that when the 2022-2023 school year begins, student learning and well-being would not be impacted by the sweltering heat at the beginning and end of the school year.

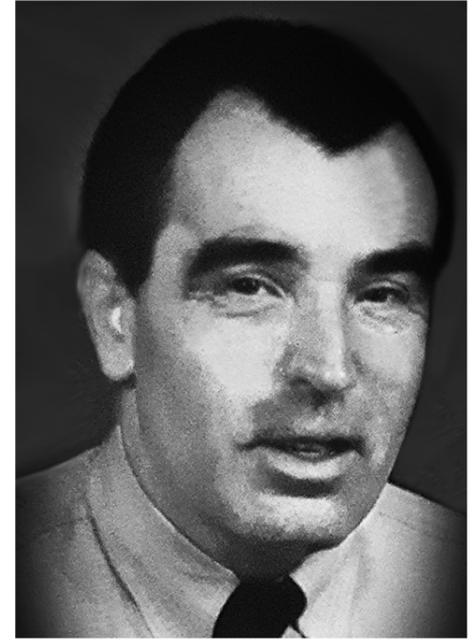
The high school would be equipped with electrical upgrades to handle a new AC system, but the mechanical cooling system would become the top priority of a future bond proposal, potentially in 2026. (The goal would be to again pass a bond which would not raise current taxes.) In addition to the climate control, there would be some funds allocated to convert the old H.T. Smith building into the District’s early childhood center, decommission the Munn building, and continue the District’s plan to refresh aging technology and devices.

Why should a community member vote yes for this bond proposal?

1. Voting yes would NOT raise your current taxes. The District levies 9.55 mills for bonded projects and would continue to do so.
2. A new elementary and climate controlled classrooms in grades K-8 will keep Fowlerville Community Schools in a position to attract families to our community.
3. A strong community school system supports the local economy by employing many residents.
4. Fowlerville Community Schools has been fiscally responsible when entrusted with past bond proceeds by developing a school campus that continually impresses others and demonstrates our community’s commitment to student needs.
5. School construction adds to a property owner’s home value. According to the National Bureau of Economic Research, there is a strong correlation between school expenditures and home values. An NBER report titled *School Spending Raises Property Values* (Linda Gorman, January 2003) found that for every dollar spent on public schools in an area, home values increased by \$20.

Go Glads!

—Area Deaths—



Delford Leroy Hasty
AUGUST 29, 1934- FEBRUARY 22, 2021
In Loving Memory

Delford Leroy Hasty, age 86, of Fowlerville, MI passed away peacefully at home with his family by his side. He was born in South Haven, MI on August 29, 1934 to Delford Wesley and Phyllis (Herrick) Hasty.

He graduated from Eaton Rapids High School in 1952 and later joined the U.S. Army where he was stationed in Puerto Rico during the Cold War years. After his honorable discharge in 1963 he continued his life-long career with General Motors as a test driver at the GM Proving Grounds in Milford, MI, retiring after 41 years with the company.

He will forever be remembered by his family and friends as the WORLD’S GREATEST father, brother, uncle and grandfather! He was honorable in all acts, a genuinely kind, caring and humble man.

Delford is now forever reunited with his beloved wife, Yvonne Belle Bennett Hasty, who preceded him in death in 2014. He was also preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Jan Travis Hasty; his sister, Layne Renee Hartenburg; his brother-in-law, William Axley Whitaker; and his nephews, William Dennis Whitaker and Eugene John Dutzy Jr.

Delford is survived by his children, Lane (Kim) Hasty of Whitmore Lake; Leslie Hasty of Fowlerville; and Gina (Duke) Dominguez of Galveston, TX. Grandchildren, Celeste, Juliana and Alex Hasty of Whitmore Lake; Morgan Hasty of Galveston, TX; Chelsea McBride of Granbury, TX; Sebastian McBride of Galveston, TX; and Jayla Dominguez of New Caney, TX. Sisters, Claudia Whitaker of Eaton Rapids; Paige (Gary) Richardson of Eaton Rapids; and Susan Perrone of Ludington. Brother-in-law Geoffrey Bennett of London, England, UK

Two memorial services are currently being planned for mid-April, one in Fowlerville and one in Eaton Rapids. Details to be announced at a later date. Memorial contributions in his name may be made to MD Anderson Cancer Center of Houston in honor of his granddaughter Morgan who is currently receiving treatment through their Brain and Spine Center at gifts.mdanderson.org Or to LACASA Center of Livingston County which helps families in need lacasacenter.org LACASA Development Department 2895 W. Grand River Ave. Howell, MI 48843

Arrangements entrusted to Herrmann Funeral Home.. Online condolences may be expressed at pjherrmannfuneralhome.com.



LINDA WALKER ATTORNEY AT LAW

Hello Friends,
I have sold my office building in Fowlerville, but can still be reached if needed at

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lindawalkeratty@sbcglobal.net

IOSCO TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING 2021-2022 BUDGET MARCH 20TH, 2021

The Iosco Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 at the Iosco Township Hall, 2050 Bradley Rd., Webberville, MI, 48892 on March 20th, 2021 at 1:00 P.M. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** Public input is welcome; the budget will be voted on at this meeting as well. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the Township Hall during regular business hours of Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M., or at the Special Board Meeting.

Persons with disabilities or hearing impairment need to contact the Township, in writing at least 1 week prior to the meeting, so that accommodations can be made to allow them to participate in the budget hearing.

Julie Dailey
Iosco Township Clerk
(3-7-21 FNV)

NOTICE CONWAY TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING March 16, 2021 7:00pm

The Conway Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2021/2022 at the Conway Township Hall, 8015 N Fowlerville Road, Fowlerville, Michigan 48836, (517) 223-0358, on Tuesday March 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** A copy of the proposed budget will be available for public inspection at the Conway Township Hall after March 8th, 2021 during regular business hours.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meeting Act), MCLA 41.72a (2) (3).

Elizabeth Whitt,
Clerk Conway Township
517-223-0358
(3-7-21 FNV)

NOTICE CONWAY TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING March 16, 2021 7:00pm

The Conway Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed road budget for fiscal year 2021/2022 at the Conway Township Hall, 8015 N Fowlerville Road, Fowlerville, Michigan 48836, (517) 223-0358, on Tuesday March 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** A copy of the proposed budget will be available for public inspection at the Conway Township Hall after March 8th, 2021 during regular business hours.

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Secretary of State says audits confirm accuracy, integrity of Michigan election

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, in a statement issued last week, announced that all of the state’s more than 250 election audits are complete, adding that every one of them “confirmed the integrity and accuracy of the 2020 general election.” She said that the audit process “drew tremendous support and complete transparency from county, city and township clerks.”

In all, more than 1,300 Republican, Democrat and nonpartisan clerks, as well as the state Bureau of Elections, participated in at least one audit.

“Over the last several months, the state Bureau of Elections has worked with local clerks to conduct more audits than ever before in our state’s history, and each has reaffirmed the accuracy, security and integrity of the November 2020 election,” said Benson. “We’ve responded to every question and claim and the evidence is clear. It is time for leaders across the political spectrum to tell their constituents the truth, that our election was the most secure in history, and the results accurately reflect the will of Michigan’s voters.”

In addition to the hundreds of audits of local election precincts – the majority of which were conducted by county clerks of both parties – officials also audited every ballot cast for president in Antrim County and found that the Dominion machines used there accurately counted ballots throughout the county. Officials also conducted a statewide audit exercise, by hand-counting votes cast for president on more than 18,000 ballots randomly selected across the state, which affirmed the outcome of the presidential election as previously determined by tabulation machines.

Benson pointed out that an audit of Detroit’s absentee ballot counting board, which she said “has been attacked repeatedly with lies, baseless conspiracy theories and the misleading claims of people lacking knowledge of election procedure, found that while clerical errors had occurred, election workers supervised by the clerk’s office properly counted 174,000 valid ballots that corresponded to signed envelopes that were submitted by registered voters and reviewed by the clerk’s office.”

“Further, auditors found that 83 percent of the counting boards were balanced or explained, up from 27 percent at the close of the county canvass,” she said. “This means that in each of those boards the number of ballots matched the number of names in the poll book, or that the imbalance could be explained in such a way that the counting board would be recountable. Auditors also found that the net number of ballots out of balance for the entire board was just 17 out of the 174,000 absentee ballots counted in Detroit.

Auditors made similar findings in audits of other cities’ absentee ballot counting boards, including Grand Rapids, Livonia, and Sterling Heights.

“Out-of-balance precincts are common across the state and nation, and essentially represent clerical errors where an election official failed to note that a voter at the polls checked in and then left with their ballot in hand, or a couple mailed their two absentee ballots in one envelope,”



Smith Elementary highlights ‘Classroom of the Week’

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

Front row, left to right: Larsen Gardner, Madison Pace, Avyanna Lintz, Gemma Herbert, Brooklyn Siconolfi, Andrea Lim; middle row, left to right: Westley Davies, Bethany Pharris, Colt Spiker, Zalia Vargo, Lyla Briggs, Jaycelyn Light, Onyka Smith; back row, left to right: Olivia Eiden, Nevaeh Degroot, Fynlie Bodner, Lilah Taulbee, William LaClair, Hunter Dorton, Ryker Moore, Lyla Smith, John Ingamells, Terry Buhler; not pictured: Kiley Aikens, Landon Jordon, and Elliot Kinnunen.

Benson said. “Such errors are often corrected or explained in the county canvass, but time constraints make that more difficult, especially in high-population jurisdictions. This was demonstrated by all four audits of absentee voter counting boards, where auditors were able to balance or explain numerous boards that cities were not able to resolve in the short window of time available after closing of the counting boards, and which county canvassers could not reconcile in the less than two weeks available for the county canvass.

“If state lawmakers truly want to affirm faith in our elections, they will provide more time to election officials to process absentee ballots before Election Day, and canvass them afterwards, just as I’ve proposed in my legislative agenda to advance the vote and protect democracy,” the Secretary of State said. “Had they done this prior to November, after clerks and I asked them to for more than a year, they could have pre-emptively debunked many of the lies that have since attacked our democracy.”

Benson had previously announced her legislative agenda for elections – Advancing the Vote, Protecting Democracy – last month. In addition to calling for two weeks for election officials to process ballots before Election Day, and an additional week to canvass afterwards, she proposed changing the law that prevents precincts that are out of balance without explanation from being recounted. Michigan is one of the only states in the country with such a restriction in place.

Sen. Stabenow introduces bill to boost clean energy & auto manufacturing

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow has introduced her new bill to boost manufacturing by providing a 30% tax credit for manufacturers to retool or build new facilities to produce advanced energy parts or technologies. The *American Jobs in Energy Manufacturing Act* would incentivize manufacturers in Michigan to create jobs that draw on existing skilled workforces and reinvest in communities experiencing high unemployment.

This is part of Senator Stabenow’s American Jobs Agenda. Earlier, Senator Stabenow announced her *Make It in America Act* to strengthen the country’s Buy American laws.

“Transitioning to a clean energy economy creates significant opportunities for Michigan to put people to work in good-paying jobs in industries that are key to combatting the climate crisis,” said Senator Stabenow. “Unfortunately, we have fallen behind countries like China, and the COVID-19 crisis has exposed gaps in our domestic manufacturing. The good news is, we can do something about it. I introduced the American Jobs in Energy Manufacturing Act to address our supply chain shortages and drive investment in clean energy, automotive and battery manufacturing. This bill ensures that America – not China – will lead the way in the clean energy revolution.”

During the economic crisis in 2009, Senator Stabenow created the 48C Advanced Energy Manufacturing Tax Credit as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which helped boost U.S. manufacturing. This new bill builds on the 2009 program by providing new resources for businesses that create jobs making a wide range of energy products such as automotive energy parts, batteries and components. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) is also an author of the bill.

The American Jobs in Energy Manufacturing Act of 2021 would:

Strengthen American manufacturing by providing \$8 billion for a 30% tax credit to manufacturers that retool, expand or build new facilities that make parts and technologies needed to reduce carbon emissions. Companies eligible to apply for the tax incentive include those making batteries, electric and fuel cell vehicles, semiconductor chips, components to produce renewable energy, carbon capture and many others. Half of the funding would be set aside for projects located in communities where coal mines or coal plants have been closed and did not receive the original 48C tax credit.

Provide assistance to applicants and create jobs where they’re needed most. The bill provides new guidelines and technical assistance for projects in areas of the country that did not receive a 48C tax credit more than a decade ago.

The following organizations have endorsed the American Jobs in Energy Manufacturing Act: Third Way, BlueGreen Alliance, National Wildlife Federation, Natural Resources Defense Council, Sierra Club, Environmental Defense Fund, United Steelworkers, Motor and Equipment Manufacturers Association, Electric Drive Transportation Association, Zero Emission Transportation Association, Stellantis, United Mine Workers of America, Ford Motor Company, General Motors, Information Technology Industry Council, League of Conservation Voters, American Automotive Policy Council and Alliance for Automotive Innovation.





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