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Country music, professional wrestling, and an expanded rodeo are among the new evening Grandstand offerings at the upcoming Fowlerville Family Fair, scheduled July 25-30. John Michael Montgomery of Nashville fame will be performing on Saturday, July 30. Micro Wrestling takes place on Thursday, July 28, and the Broken Horn Rodeo brings a more complete line-up of hi-caliber competition on Friday, July 29. Two Demolition Derby events and harness racing fill out the rest of the evening schedule.

## Fowlerville Family Fair offering 'retro look' with pair of Grandstand shows

By Steve Horton

The Fowlerville Family Fair, scheduled July 25-30, is offering a 'retro look' with a pair of new Grandstand shows this year.

On Saturday, July 30, John Michael Montgomery will take the stage at 6 p.m. with his country music show, harkening back to when the fair featured these concerts as a major attraction each year.

Prior to that, on Thursday, July 28, Micro Wrestling will be the main act, turning back the pages to the 1960s when professional wrestling, with all its theatrics, was a popular entertainment.

Also new this year—although not the type of show—is Broken Horn Rodeo who will offer a more complete line-up of hi-caliber competition. The cowboys and cowgirls are members of the International Professional Rodeo Association and the event is co-sanctioned with BHRS. It's scheduled for Friday, July 29.

The remainder of the evening Grandstand shows will have a familiar look, with harness racing on Monday, a Bump & Run Demolition Derby on Tuesday, and a Figure 8 Demolition Derby on Wednesday.

"We are very excited about the upcoming fair and especially the Grandstand shows," said Brooke Tate, the fair manager.

She noted that the fair board, when it went to this year's state convention in January, wanted a slightly different look to the entertainment line-up than what's been held for the past few years.

The theme for the upcoming fair is "Neon Lights & Country Nights" and nothing illustrates it better than an outdoors concert on a summer evening.

For many years, the Fowlerville Fair was a 'go to' venue for country music shows, with the performances drawing several

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Institutional Justice, Individual Mercy

One of the key responsibilities of government is to execute justice. The legislature should support this end by passing fair, responsible laws that promote peace and order. The courts are to issue just judgments on difficult issues with impartiality. The president must uphold the Constitution, laws, and judgments with integrity and lead through example and influence for a just system. Justice is a central component of a well-ordered society that alleviates the constraints of anarchy, and the government must know and carry out sound justice.

As Americans, we expect our government to embody and properly implement justice, and the Constitution even enshrines this expectation in its preamble. The Constitution’s objectives are to “form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity...” Given

that imperfect governments and societies do not produce perfect justice, Americans have acted throughout our history to improve our country toward a more perfect form of justice. The pursuit of justice was a major contributor to the Civil War; it drove the civil rights movement; and it remains a central point of attention for a host of issues from new legislation to Supreme Court nominees.

This longstanding preoccupation with justice is encouraging because it means we are interested in preserving a fairer, securer society. Rather than indulging in our worst impulses, justice enables a more responsible system of due process. When justice is properly prioritized, we do not have to take issues into our own hands because there is a just way to deal with grievances. This places a check on raw emotions and reactive tendencies that we would likely later regret. While acknowledging that the application is not perfect because it is run by imperfect humans, the idealized system of institutional justice provides a balanced structure that empowers fairness for all.

Institutional justice is a necessity, but agreement with that statement does not preclude individual mercy.

As individuals, we are often so fixated on justice that I think we miss this critical duality. We can expect justice from the system while still demonstrating personal mercy to the fullest, which is no less critical for a successful society. The system must maintain a just order, but we can still “love [our] enemies, bless them that curse [us], do good to them that hate [us], and pray for them which despitefully use [us], and persecute [us]” (Matthew 5:44).

What is our outlook and motivation? Are we looking for excuses to lay down the hammer and put others in their place? Or are we looking for ways to show love, help others up, and build stronger communities together? The government is the institutional tool of justice, and we are right to expect just decisions and policies. But as individuals, we can also live lives that are filled with mercy and love.

Livingston County Republican Party announces 2022 Lincoln Day Dinner

The Livingston County Republican Party announced that their annual Lincoln Day Dinner will take place at 6:30 pm on Thursday, May 12, at Crystal Gardens, 5768 E. Grand River Ave., Howell.

This year, the Livingston County Republican Party has decided to forgo the traditional keynote speaker, and instead is partnering with MIRS News to feature a 2022 Primary Debate for Republican Gubernatorial candidates. Captain Mike Brown, Chief James Craig, Tudor Dixon, Ryan Kelley, Michael Markey Jr., Ralph Rebandt, Kevin Rinke, and Garrett Soldano have all confirmed their attendance and participation in the debate, thus far.

The event rules provided to the campaigns state that “only Republican candidates who filed nominating petitions as of April 19, 2022, and have legally qualified for the August 2022 Primary ballot will be allowed to participate in the candidate debate.”

All conservatives and Republicans are welcome to attend this event. Tickets are \$75 per person or \$750 for a reserved table of ten seats.

For additional information, tickets or sponsorships, please visit [www.livingstonrepublicans.com/lcrp-2022-lincoln-day-dinner](http://www.livingstonrepublicans.com/lcrp-2022-lincoln-day-dinner) or email [Info@LivingstonRepublicans.com](mailto:Info@LivingstonRepublicans.com).

‘Breakfast with the Easter Bunny’ being held April 9 in Pinckney

‘Breakfast with the Easter Bunny’ is being held Saturday, April 9, from 9-11a.m. at the Pinckney Memorial Post 419, located at 3908 Whitewood Rd. Cost is \$5 per person (children under 4 free). Pancakes, sausage, milk, and juice. Lots of fun and great opportunity for you to take those free photos with the Easter Bunny.

Bountiful Harvest hosting Euchre Tournament on April 14 in Brighton

Bountiful Harvest is hosting its first Euchre Tournament to raise money to feed those in need. Tickets are available on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) or [Bountifulharvest-mi.org](https://bountifulharvest-mi.org). The event will be held on Thursday, April 14, at the Brewery Becker, 500 Main St., Brighton. Tickets are \$25 (also available at the door) Cash Prizes.

Livingston County Coin Club holding Spring Show on April 16 in Howell

The Livingston County Coin Club Spring Coin Show will be held at the Howell Eagles Hall, 141 Schroeder Park Dr, Howell, on Saturday, April 16, from 10am to 3pm. Coins, paper money and precious metals will be bought, sold and traded. There is free admission, free parking, hourly door prizes and educational exhibits. Contact Steve Deitert at [sdeitert@chartermi.net](mailto:sdeitert@chartermi.net) or 734-645-7265 for more information.

Fowlerville Family Fair, continued

thousand spectators. Among the stars who performed here were Tim McGraw, Faith Hill, Brooks & Dunn, Carrie Underwood, Vince Gill, and John Michael Montgomery.

Increasing prices for the major acts, coupled with the competition from indoor arenas that were built in the area, eventually prompted the fair board to go in another direction.

But, as the saying goes, “What goes around, comes around” and fair officials hope there’s an audience eager for the return of this tradition.

“We’re selling 4,000 tickets at three different levels,” Tate noted.

They are available for purchase at: [www.fowlervillefamilyfair.com](http://www.fowlervillefamilyfair.com)

- General Admission Track (standing)--\$40
- Standing/Bring Chair--\$35
- Reserved Grandstand Seating--\$30

Ticket price does include gate admission, but ticket fees will apply.

The Micro Wrestling event will include several bouts, with the ring set up on the race track. Seating will be available at ringside, as well as in the bleachers and Grandstand.

“We’ve received a lot of enthusiasm for this show,” noted Tate.

As for the rodeo, the line-up of competitions include: Bareback Riding, Calf Roping, Barrel Racing, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Saddle Bronc, and Bull Riding.

On another note, Tate said that Skerbeck Entertainment Group will again be providing the midway rides, starting on Tuesday and continuing thru Saturday.

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## Fowlerville High School News

### OFFICE HOURS

Administration Offices 7:00 a.m.– 3:30 p.m.  
Building opens 6:45 a.m.

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### IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES TO NOTE:

April 4 Return to School

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

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

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### FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL SPRING TESTING SCHEDULE 2022!

As we welcome spring to Michigan it is also time to look at our high school testing schedule. State law requires students to participate in The Michigan Merit Exam (MME) summative assessments. Summative assessments measure what students are expected to know and be able to do at specific grade levels and in specific content areas. It provides 9-10 grade students the chance to practice their skills for their 11th grade SAT and gives all students the chance to take these assessments free of charge and in a familiar location.

Testing check-in for grades 9-11: 7:15-7:30 am. (Room rosters/testing locations are posted throughout the high school)

Testing will begin promptly at 7:30am

#### Testing Wednesday, April 13, 2022:

9th- PSAT- D Hall 2nd Floor (7:30-11:30-C Lunch-5-6 hours as normal).

10th- PSAT- B Hall 1st Floor (7:30-12:00-D Lunch-D shortened 5th hour. 6th hour as normal).

11th- SAT- Competition Gym (7:30-1:30- NO LUNCH- Light snack during mid-morning break. 11th grade students are dismissed from school after testing).

12th- No school

#### Testing Thursday, April 14, 2022:

9th- Normal school day.

10th- Normal school day.

11th- ACT WorkKeys- Competition Gym (7:30-11:30-Lunch-5-6 hours as normal)

12th- Normal school day.

**Friday, April 15, 2022: No School** in Observance of Good Friday

#### Testing Monday, April 18, 2022:

9th- Normal school day.

10th- Normal school day.

11th- M-Step- Competition Gym (7:30-9:30-Extra time for those that need it. Return to normal school day).

12th- Normal school day.

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**The yearbook staff is hard at work creating** the FHS 2021-2022 yearbook. The yearbook sale deadline is quickly approaching. Fowlerville HS Yearbook Sale Deadline is 1/15/2022 for the price of \$60.00, after that date, the price will go up until March 30th, 2022. We will NOT order extra books, so make sure you pre-order your copy today! If you haven't purchased a yearbook yet, you can at the following link: <https://www.balfour.com/> If you have any questions about yearbook sales, you may contact our yearbook advisor, Mrs. Hardenbrook at [hardbrookm@fowlervilleschools.org](mailto:hardbrookm@fowlervilleschools.org)

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

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**Fowlerville Community School wishes to thank** all scholarship providers for their continued support of our senior classes. For information on becoming a scholarship sponsor, please email Jamey Hardenbrook at [hardbrookj@fowlervilleschools.org](mailto:hardbrookj@fowlervilleschools.org).

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**Anyone wishing to donate to the Micro food pantry** please go ahead and put canned goods etc. into the pantry.. self serve and self fill. The pantry is located on 2<sup>nd</sup> St and Grand River next to State Farm.

### St. Agnes Catholic Church to host Welcome Table Dinner on April 7

St. Agnes Catholic Church (855 East Grand River Avenue, Fowlerville) will host Welcome Table in-person dining on Thursday, April 7th. Dinner will be served in the parish's LPC at 6:00pm.

For guests who prefer, curbside pick-up will be offered at 5:30pm. **Please note: April will be the last month we will offer the curbside pickup option. Starting in May, we will offer dine-in meals only.**

To participate, guests must call 517-499-5690 to make reservations by Tuesday, April 5, 2022, letting us know if you will be joining us in person or prefer your meals 'to go'. This invitation is open to all - Please share!



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# Kreeger Elementary School News

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- CALENDAR OF KREEGER EVENTS**
- 4-5-22 Kreeger Spring Picture Day
  - 4-6-22 Fire Safety Assemblies
  - 4-15-22 Good Friday -No School
  - 5-20-22 Flower Delivery
  - 5-30-22 No School Memorial Day Recess
  - 6-7-22 ½ Day School K-5
  - 6-8-22 ½ Day School K-5
  - 6-8-22 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

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**SPRING FLOWER SALE:**  
Friday, May 20th– Your flowers arrive at Kreeger Elementary, pick up time is from 11:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.  
Please note: *If you are unable to pick up your plants on this date and time, please make arrangements with friends or family to have them picked up. We are NOT responsible for any plants not picked up.*

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**STUDENT ABSENCES**  
If your student will be absent for any reason please call the attendance line at 517-223-6333. Attendance calls are generated at 10:05 a.m., any messages regarding absences after that time will receive the automated message regarding your child’s absence.

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

# Fowlerville Junior High News

**IMPORTANT DATES:**  
NJHS Dance- Thurs. April 14<sup>th</sup> 2:30-4:00pm  
Semi-Formal Dance- Fri. May 6<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm

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**SPORTS FOR WEEK OF APRIL 4:**  
Mon.-Fri., 4/4-4/8: BOYS’ & GIRLS’ TRACK PRACTICE BEGINS! 2:30-4:15. Grades 6-7-8. REGISTRATION REQUIRED at FINAL FORMS site. Current PHYSICAL is required.  
BRING clothes proper for both INDOOR & OUTDOOR practices. Lockers available in the BLR & GLR. Athletes must furnish their own lock  
Information sheets went home before spring break. Water bottles, w/ name on it, are highly recommended. If your athlete missed the meeting, contact a coach or Mrs. Recker immediately.

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

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

# SOS - Fowlerville Alumni Scholarship Donations

The Fowlerville Alumni Association learned last week that the Alumni Association post office box had been closed for failure to pay the box rent. No notification was received by any officer, so we were not aware of the problem.  
As president of the Alumni Association, I was shocked to learn this action had been taken. As soon as this issue was called to my attention, steps were taken to reinstate the post office Box 446 in order to receive communication from alums. My apologies for the inconvenience this action caused folks.  
PLEASE, if you received your communication back stamped “undeliverable,” return the communication once again. Also, please communicate this information to others who may have been affected by this inconvenience. This time of year is a very important time for the FHS Alumni Association as many scholarship donations are made for the local scholarship program. Your understanding & cooperation is greatly appreciated.  
Questions and/or concerns may be directed to Judy Recker at [reckerj@fowlervilleschools.org](mailto:reckerj@fowlervilleschools.org). Thank you

# MARION TOWNSHIP ADOPTION NOTICE OF ZONING AMENDMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Marion Township Board of Trustees at its regular meeting of March 24, 2022 approved the adoption of the following rezoning:  
Tax ID# 4710-02-200-004  
129 Mason Road Howell, MI 48843 rezoned from Highway Service to Urban Residential.  
The effective date of the adopted amendments will be April 24, 2022, in accordance with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, PA 110 of 2006 as amended.  
A copy of the ordinance may be inspected at Marion Township Hall, 2877 W. Coon Lake Road, Howell, MI, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. or online at [www.mariontownship.com](http://www.mariontownship.com).  
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# Smith Elementary School News

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## IMPORTANT DATES:

Kindergarten Round Up Has Begun! (See More Info Below)  
April 4 – School Resumes

April 8- Fundraiser items can be picked up in the afternoon

April 15 – NO SCHOOL (GOOD FRIDAY RECESS)

May 30 – NO SCHOOL (MEMORIAL DAY RECESS)

June 7 – K to 5<sup>th</sup> Gd ½ Day of School (Release time 12:02 PM)

June 8 – K to 5<sup>th</sup> Gd ½ Day of School (Release Time 12:02 PM)

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

\*You will receive a goodie bag after the completion of enrollment!

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**The World's Finest Fundraiser: Hop into Spring-** The Fundraiser has wrapped up. *Items will arrive and can be picked up the afternoon of April 8.* Thank You in advance for supporting our school!

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**Vision Screening for 2022 Kindergarten Entry** – The Livingston County Health Department is pleased to offer no-cost Vision Screening for children entering Kindergarten in fall 2022. Please call for an appointment at 517-546-9850. Face coverings are required when entering LCHD and measures are in place to ensure social distancing and safety among clients and staff. Appointments will be available for these dates and times:

Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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**The Office Desperately Needs Boy & Girl Clothing Donations** – We are completely out of boys and girls underwear. We are also very low on stretch waistband sweatpants or athletic type pants and t shirts. We use sizes ranging from 4-6 to 10-12 in all clothing and under garment options. Thank You in advance for your generous donations, you are all greatly appreciated by the entire Smith staff, students and families \*Clothing Donations may be dropped off in the Smith office during regular hours, Monday-Friday 7:30 – 4:30. The office will be closed during Spring Break and will reopen April 4<sup>th</sup>. THANK YOU AGAIN!

## MARION TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED MINUTES MARCH 24, 2022

The regular electronic meeting of the Marion Township Board was held on Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 7 pm. Members Present: Hanvey, Andersen, Donovan, Durbin, Lloyd, Lowe, and Beal. Members Absent: None. The following action was taken: 1) Call to Order. 2) Call to the Public. 3) Motion carried to approve agenda as amended; motion carried to approve consent agenda. 4) Motion carried to adopt a resolution to approve Iverson rezoning RZN #01-22. 5) Motion carried to accept Option 1 from LCRC for Cedar Lake Road with an estimate of \$115,000; motion carried to accept proposal from LCRC for Triangle Lake Road from Rubbins to South Oaks and D-19 to South Oaks with an estimate of \$78,000; motion carried to approve quote from Chloride Solutions for 2022 dust control; motion carried to accept estimate from Gorski Hauling for \$3,300 for 2022 spring cleanup. 6) Motion carried to have perc tests done at the township hall. 7) Correspondence & Updates. 8) Motion to adjourn at 8:13 pm.

Tammy L. Beal, MMC  
Township Clerk

Robert W. Hanvey  
Township Supervisor  
(4-3-22 FNV)

# Some Special Recipes

By Dawn Horton

This week's recipes are supplied by Doris Bowers of Fowlerville. Enjoy!

\*Note: We are looking for more recipes to put in the paper. This feature began two years ago this past March and people have often expressed how much they enjoy it. Please send recipes via fax them to 517-223-4177, email to [fowlervillenews@gmail.com](mailto:fowlervillenews@gmail.com) or drop them off at the office.

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## SMOKED SALMON DIP

• 1 14-16oz can pink or red salmon, drained, remove skin & bones, flaked

- 1 8oz cream cheese, softened
- 1 small red onion, diced (1 1/2 Tablespoons)
- 1 1/2 Tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon liquid liquid smoke or more to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon red or black pepper
- 1 1/2 Tablespoons ground horseradish
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Mix all ingredients with a blender. Chill in fridge overnight. Stir with a spoon or fork before serving. Sprinkle with nuts before serving (optional). Serve with crackers. This is delicious!

Note: I used 2 1/2 8oz cream cheese, 2 Tablespoons lemon juice, 3/4 teaspoon liquid smoke, and 2 Tablespoons horseradish. Tastes better and goes further. I do not use nuts, if there's leftovers, nuts become soggy.

—Doris Bowers

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## GLORIFIED POTATOES

- 2 lb bag of frozen hash brown potatoes, thawed
- 1 cup diced onion
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 lb carton sour cream
- 8oz shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 Tablespoons sugar
- salt and pepper to taste

Mix in large bowl. Put in greased baking dish. Use a 9x13 pan. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese and paprika. Bake at 375 degrees for 1 hour. Serves 8-10. A favorite to serve at pot lucks. Recipe is from Managers of Magnolia RV Park Chris & Howard.

—Doris Bowers

## Plainfield United Methodist Church offering ‘Take Out’ Chicken Dinner

The Plainfield United Methodist Church is having a ‘Take Out’ Chicken Dinner on Saturday, April 9th, from 5 pm until it's gone. It is free will donation. The address is 17845 M-36 in Plainfield, MI. Please come out for the Supper.

# Section of Van Orden Road closed due to springtime thaw

A section of Van Orden Road between Briggsville Road and Cedar Road has been closed to through traffic since Friday, March 25. County Road Commission officials noted that closure was necessary due to the deterioration of the roadway during the springtime thaw.

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Howell Township home-repair business owner seeks State House Seat

Glen Miller—a Howell Township home repair specialist—is running as a Democratic candidate for the new 50<sup>th</sup> State House District, stating that he has “solid, actionable ideas for how to make Lansing responsive to the real needs of Livingston County families.”

“In coming weeks, I will release my Contract with Livingston, a contract that I will enter into with you, the voters of District 50,” Miller said. “It will be my checklist and my promise of how I will make Livingston County a better place to live and raise your family. If I do not keep my promise, promise me one thing – that you will fire me and move on. But if I honor the contract, then I will ask you to reelect me in 2024 so we can continue our progress together.”

The contract will cover making sure the entire district is connected to affordable, high-quality internet; fair elections;



Glen Miller, a Howell Township home repair business owner, announced that he is a Democratic Party candidate for the 50<sup>th</sup> District Michigan State House seat.

transparency; violence prevention; individual liberties; protecting public schools; help for real farmers; and protecting our natural resources.

“Like many of you, I am no stranger to hard work. I work with my head and my hands every day, and I will bring that same work ethic to the job of representing you in Lansing,” he said.

Miller notes that he doesn’t exactly fit the stereotype of the typical Democrat, being a self-employed business owner and an avid hunter. But he says that his background as a

legislation being considered in the House. He will also share information at least weekly on a Facebook page.

While he pledges to run a positive campaign, he says that 50<sup>th</sup> District voters need to face up to what the Republican Party has become. In Miller’s words, it’s now “a collection of ideologues with no real policy ideas, just a commitment to using hot-button social issues like abortion, so-called critical race theory, and disinformation about the 2020 election to keep their base fired up so they won’t stay home on election day,” despite their candidates offering no solutions beyond slogans about “owning the libs.”

“My opponent,” Miller says, “has recently debased his integrity another big notch” in calling for a forensic audit of 2020 election results in the state. Miller noted that such audits have already taken place in Arizona, Georgia, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania, and “not a single one has found any irregularities in ballot-counting.”

“My opponent knows perfectly well that Biden’s 7-million vote trouncing of former president Trump was a landslide, but here he goes playing to diehard Trumpers who refuse to move on,” Miller said. “God help us if he actually believes the nonsense on Fox, Breitbart, and OAN!”

If elected in November, Miller pledges to support “our hard-working State, County, city, and township clerks,” who ran the cleanest election in American history despite an unprecedented pandemic. “When people like my opponent raise fears about ballot-counting, they undercut our clerks – and hell, nearly all of those clerks are Republicans!—and stoke mistrust of the system that makes our democracy work,” he says.

Miller said he has clear ideas for how to reorient the State’s budget priorities, with an emphasis on public health, mental health, senior and veterans’ services, and especially affordable broadband. High-speed internet, he feels, should be a regulated public utility, just like the post office, gas and electric utilities, and waste treatment.

“The internet is to our century what the post office and Ma Bell were to the previous one,” he pointed out, adding that “trying to function without affordable access to a high-speed connection has become impossible, which gives those with good connections a big and unfair advantage over those who don’t.”

With lots of federal funds sloshing around to address the lack of affordable high-speed broadband, Miller says, “There’s just no excuse for us not making a once-in-a-generation investment to fix this.”

The new 50<sup>th</sup> House District in which Miller is running includes nearly all of the western half of Livingston County—the entire townships of Cohoctah, Conway, Deerfield, Handy, Hartland, Howell, Iosco, Marion, Oceola, and Unadilla; plus the southern part of Tyrone Township, the western half of Putnam Township, and the city of Howell.

Miller serves on the Howell Township Planning Commission. He has lived in Livingston County for 17 years, the past ten of those in Howell Township. He is a licensed builder and has operated *Glen Miller the Home Doctor*, a home remodeling business in the county, for more than 32 years.

He is a member of the Masonic Lodge #121 and was a member of the United Auto Workers Local 235 while working at Detroit Gear and Axle. In 2016, he was active in Bernie Sanders’s primary campaign. As a youth, Miller was active in Boy Scouts and achieved the rank of Life Scout.

He and his wife, Michelle, have been married for 44 years and have one grown son.

People wishing more information may contact Miller at [friendsofglenmiller@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofglenmiller@gmail.com) or visit his Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/GlenMiller4rep>. A map of the new district is on the Facebook page.

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**Emily Homrock** - Sr - Emily is in her 3rd year on varsity. She was named all league honorable mention last year also at 1 doubles. She was chosen as captain for this year. Last year, she finished 4th in leagues and will look to improve on that this year. She will also be looking to move into the top 10 in career wins with a strong senior season. Congratulations Emily

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—Area Deaths—



**Nancy Lee Russell**

Nancy Lee Russell of Williamston, Michigan passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on March 28, 2022. Nancy was born on April 30, 1945, to the late Ralph and Marian (Nolen) Stickle in Battle Creek, MI. She graduated from East Lansing High School and then received her teaching degree from the University of Michigan. Nancy married the love of her life, Robert (Bob) William Russell, on August 19, 1967, spending 54 years together.

Nancy and Bob started their lives in the East Lansing area, eventually finding and moving to their forever home in Williamston. Her teaching career began in 1967 working for the Lansing School District and then moved to East Lansing. In 1970, she took time off to enjoy many years at home raising her two young children. She returned to the classroom in 1987 at Fowlerville Community Schools, where she retired from teaching French in 2000.

After her retirement, Nancy enjoyed gardening, worked a part-time job at Christian's Greenhouse and joined the Williamston Garden Club. Much of her time after that was absorbed in being a wonderful friend, great-grandmother, grandmother, mother, and wife. She treasured spending time with her six grandchildren here and up at the family cottage in Sutton's Bay where many priceless memories were made. Nancy very much enjoyed traveling with Bob as well, visiting all but four states.

Their travels began with the MSU Hockey Road Crew following the hockey team to various schools in the Midwest. Some of their other traveling highlights included places such as Alaska, California, and numerous visits to Florida, always taking time to stop and visit friends and family along the way. Part of their travels were slow moving in their Ford Model A where they enjoyed meeting up with the Model A Club.

Not only did Nancy enjoy her gardening, travels and family, she also created many cherished memories with her various friends she met along the way.

She is survived by her loving husband, Robert Russell; her children Jennifer (Brian) Savage of Howell, Todd (Bridget) Russell of Williamston; her dearly loved grandchildren, Kylee Savage, Madison Savage, Alyssa (Caleb) Medina, Natalie Savage, Alexis Russell, and Emmalee Russell; her great-granddaughter Oaklee Medina; and her sister Barbara Stickle of Mill Valley, CA.

Visitation for Nancy will be held at Gorsline Runciman Funeral Home, Williamston Chapel 205 E. Middle St., Williamston, MI 48895 on April 8, 2022, from 2 PM to 8 PM. The memorial service will be held at Williamston Free Methodist Church, 4400 Williamston Rd., Williamston, MI 48895 on April 9, 2022 at 12 PM. Nancy will be laid to rest at Greenwood Cemetery in Fowlerville, MI. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 801 Joe Mann Blvd., Suite P9, Midland, MI 48642 or submitted online at [alz.org](http://alz.org) or Memorial Lutheran Church, 1022 W. Grand River Ave, Williamston, MI 48895.

*Michigan DNR Fishing Tips—*

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Crappie are among the most difficult pan fish to pattern because of their tendency to suspend in the water column, except in the spring. During this time, crappie move to shallow water – sometimes in water only a couple feet deep – to spawn, so there isn't a lot of water column to suspend in.

Crappies like both minnows and jigs. The easiest way to fish for them is to suspend the bait under a bobber, halfway between the surface and the bottom, around any sort of cover – weeds, brush, dock pilings ... whatever.

Anglers who prefer a more active approach can cast with jigs and swim them back or fly fish with minnow-imitating streamers. Just think shallow in spring.

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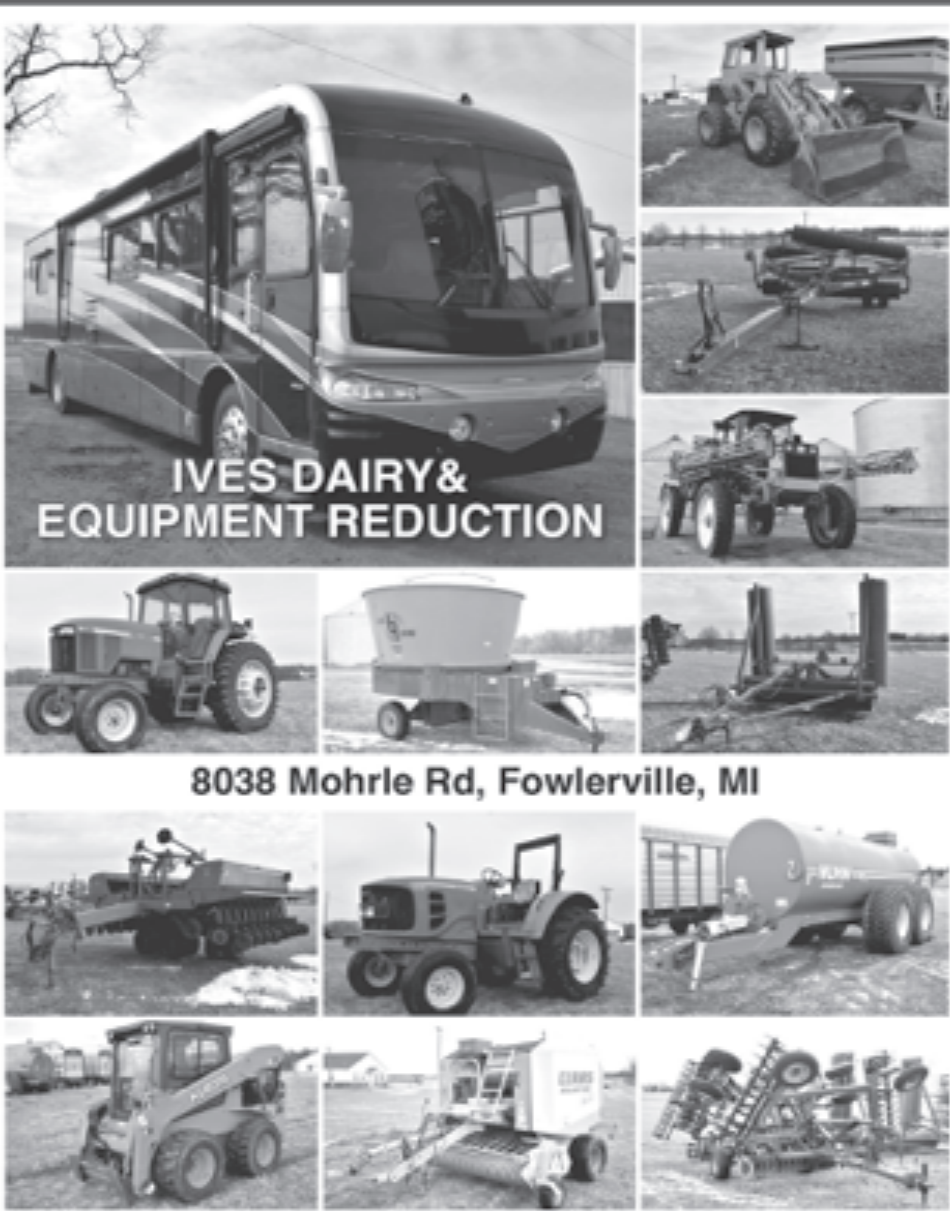
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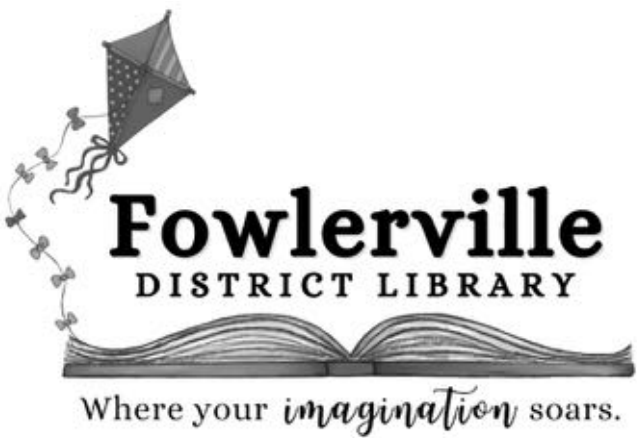
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Saturday: 4:30pm  
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**ALL AGES**  
**Easter Egg Hunt & Baby Animals**  
**Saturday, April 9, 11:00 am**  
Find five Easter eggs and win a prize! After the egg hunt, visit with adorable real life baby goats, lambs, ducks, and bunnies.

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**More Music! Singing the Good Old Songs Again**  
**Saturday, April 16, 2:00 pm**  
Take a trip down memory lane with published musician and poet Gary Brandt, and Jackie Davidson - who famously performed with the New Christy Minstrels. This duo combines classic and original folk songs into an energetic and fun show!

**ADULTS**  
**Fitness/Yoga with Belinda**  
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Practice postures to strengthen and promote flexibility in all parts of the body with an emphasis on balance and core strengthening. This class is for all levels of fitness. Bring bottled water and your yoga mat.

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**Monthly Crafts**  
**Thursday, April 7, 6:30 pm**  
Join Zoe for monthly craft hour. This month create your own Hello Spring painting. **Registration required.**

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**Alzheimer’s and Dementia Series**  
**Monday, April 11, 11:00 am**  
Michelle Phalen, Program Coordinator from the Alzheimer’s Association, presents Understanding & Responding to Dementia-related behaviors. **Registration required.**

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**LIFE SKILLS**  
**Quilting with Patty (Teens and adults)**  
**Friday, April 8, 12:00 – 2:00 pm**  
Join local seamstress Patty Fitzgerald for a fun quilting project. From beginning to advanced quilters – all levels of skill are welcome. **Registration required.**

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**Gardening (Teens and adults)**  
**Thursday, April 21, 2:00 pm**  
Master Gardener Nan-Marie Fox will teach the fundamentals on Pollinator Plantings. **Registration required.**

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**TEENS**  
**Tabletop Wednesday**  
**Wednesdays, 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm**  
Drop in and play your favorite tabletop RPGs. Play with your friends or have out teen librarian Connor run a one-shot. All are welcome, no registration required.

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

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**Friday Gaming**  
**Fridays, 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm**  
Drop in anytime to join Connor & Tally for free play on the Nintendo Switch. Enjoy multiplayer classics like Smash and Mario Kart or choose games from the library’s collection.

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**Magic the Gathering Draft**  
**Saturday, April 2, 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm**  
Join Connor’s free MTG booster draft. Assemble decks, challenge other participants, and win prizes. Take home all the cards you open! The best deal in town. Drop in, or pre-register to hold a guaranteed spot.

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**Escape Room: Alien Abduction!**  
**Thursday, April 14, 4:00 pm**  
Which of the famous aliens beamed up all the world’s ice cream? Solve it before they escape! **Registration required.**

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**KIDS**  
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**Baby Lap Sit (ages 0 to 2 with caregiver)**  
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**Facebook Live Storytime (ages 2 to 8)**  
**12:00pm Thursdays on Facebook**  
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## Former Fowlerville High School teacher passed away March 21

Betty Steen, who taught business classes for many years at Fowlerville High School, passed away on March 21, 2022. She was 95 years old, having been born May 29, 1926 in Ann Arbor.

She had also taught at East Lansing. After her retirement, she volunteered at both Sparrow Hospital Gift Shop and the Michigan History Museum. She was a lifetime member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Her obituary stated that "Betty was a very caring and kind woman who loved animals and travel," adding that "she always had a Milkbone for the dogs who visited her and she traveled to six continents in the company of her lifelong friends and family." She was also an accomplished musician with the organ as her favorite instrument.

## Livingston Centre Historic Village meeting this Tuesday, April 5

The Livingston Centre Historic Village will meet Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fowlerville Fair Office. Please note: due to scheduling demands, meetings will now be held the first Tuesday of the month.

Project and scheduling plans for the 2022 season continue to be topics of discussion. More specific details will be set for the annual Gramma's Attic Sale, May 19 - 21. Please watch your *Fowlerville News & Views* in coming weeks for more information on this annual sale, as well as Fair Week, Fall Fest and October's annual fall clean-up. And remember to set aside items from your spring cleaning to be donated to this worthy May fundraiser; drop-off days will be posted soon.

Now is a good time to join the committee working toward the restoration and maintenance of the historic buildings at the Village inside the Fowlerville Fairgrounds. Please consider joining efforts to preserve these symbols of Livingston County's history.

Questions or concerns can be addressed to the fair office at 517-223-8186 or the committee chair, Matt D., at 517-294-6710.

## One-time Fowlerville girls physical education teacher passed away Feb. 21

Sandra 'Sandy' Hoover (Parks), who was the girls physical education teacher at Fowlerville High School in the early 1960s, passed away on Feb. 21, 2022. She was born and raised in Howell, taking part in sports while growing up.

She graduated from Michigan State University where she majored in physical education. After leaving Fowlerville, she moved to the Northeast in 1963. She and her family eventually settled in Woodstock, CT, where Sandy was a gym teacher at the Woodstock Elementary School from 1968 to 1992, when she retired.

Her obituary stated that "Sandy had a great love for the arts, befriending and collecting works from numerous artists and crafts-people," adding that "In the early 1970s she was instrumental in organizing art classes for children at the Pulpit Rock Art Community in Woodstock."

In 2000, she moved to Northampton, MA. She was an active member of the Northampton First Churches and a member of the Dorcas Society.

"A gregarious soul, Sandy made friends everywhere she went on her many travels and remained a fast friend to the many she had known since childhood," it was noted. "Even though she spent most of her adult life living in New England, she never forgot the place of her birth, often returning to her hometown for family gatherings and never missed a high school reunion event. She remained an

ardent fan of Michigan State Spartans Football and enjoyed Saturday afternoons each autumn tuning into televised college football."



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## VILLAGE OF FOWLerville HYDRANT FLUSH

The Fowlerville Department of Public Works will begin fire hydrant flushing throughout the Village of Fowlerville starting Monday, May 2, 2022.

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

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

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

Kathryn Rajala, CMMC, MiPMC  
Village Clerk/Manager  
(4-3 & 4-17-22 FNV)

## Greenwood Cemetery Spring Clean Up Notice:

The Annual Spring Clean-Up begins **April 4, 2022**.

Families are responsible and encouraged to remove all items, including items they wish to keep, prior to the scheduled clean-up.

Items left, including grave blankets, wreaths, or lawn ornaments will be removed beginning 7:00 a.m., on Monday, April 4, 2022. Items removed may be retrieved after the clean-up. Please contact the Village Offices to schedule retrieval appointments by **April 20, 2022**.

Items, including decorations/lawn ornaments, may be placed on the graves starting Tuesday, April 5, 2022.

Thank you for your continued efforts and patience during this COVID-19 epidemic and the maintenance and beautification of Greenwood Cemetery.

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Cathy Elliott, the crew leader for the Village of Fowlerville Dept. of Public Works, was honored as the ‘Water Operations Specialist of the Year’ by the Michigan Rural Water Association. She accepted the award at the organization’s annual conference on March 15-18.

### Fowlerville DPW crew leader honored as ‘Water Operations Specialist of the Year’

Cathy Elliott, the crew leader for the Village of Fowlerville Dept. of Public Works (DPW), has been honored as the ‘Water Operations Specialist of the Year’ by the Michigan Rural Water Association. She accepted the award during the organization’s annual conference on March 15-18 at Soaring Eagles Conference Center in Mt. Pleasant.

The Association is comprised of municipalities located in rural areas of the state, as well as companies that service their water systems or are suppliers.

Being the Senior Water Operator for the Village is only one of Elliott’s numerous duties. In that role, she works with fellow DPW crew member Jason Herbert to conduct the

daily, monthly and annual testing as required by the Michigan Dept. of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy, along with submitting monthly and yearly water reports.

She also oversees the repairs and maintenance of the Village’s water system.

Elliott was nominated for the award by Northern Pump and Well, a member of the Association and a company that does business with the Village.

Kathryn Rajala, the Village manager, included biographical background and her own comments in the nomination application.

The document noted that Elliot’s municipal experience began in 2007 when she came to work for the Village as a part-time DPW worker, taking care of the flowers and flowerpots located in public areas of the town.

“Since then her duties increased to becoming a fulltime employee and then becoming the crew leader,” Rajala stated.

A list of accomplishments was also provided:

- continues her education and training to be well informed and prepared for her position;
- displays community collaboration;
- serves as a liaison between the DPW, the Village Engineers, and suppliers.

Rajala also submitted the following comments:

“She has the mentality that there is always something to do and never a dull moment.

“She runs the DPW as efficiently and organized as possible.

“Even though her workload increased since her part-time days, Cathy still manages to take care of the beautification of the flowers in the downtown, even on her own time.

“Cathy takes her job seriously and admits dealing with the public can be challenging at times, but says that she tries to manage each situation on a case-by-case basis and to be fair across the board to all.

“Cathy’s contributions have made a significant impact and contribution to the Village of Fowlerville, and supports the goals and objectives of the Village of Fowlerville and the community. Cathy is available to serve the residents and continues to improve by thinking of ways to be more efficient so as not to waste time and taxpayer’s dollars. She should take pride in herself for not letting any question go unanswered and deals with each situation with compassion and fairness.

“Cathy is a valued employee and thank you for nominating her for recognition.”

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### Trinity United Methodist Church April Activities

Trinity Methodist Church is planning several April activities.

--April 10th will be our annual Spring Tractor Blessing for a safe spring planting season, starting at 2pm. Two miniature farm displays will be on exhibit. After the tractors are blessed, there will be grilled hot dogs, chips, cookies and beverage offered.

--April 14th at 7pm will be a live re-enactment of the Last Supper with narration and interactive communion. All are invited to attend.

--April 16th at 10am will be our annual Easter Egg Hunt for children. We will have crafts for children in the basement after the egg hunt. Bring your basket and join us.

We are located at 8201 Iosco Rd in Fowlerville and can be reached at 517-223-3803.

### Have you ever seen the rain? By Jace Arledge

I am a huge fan of 60's, 70's and 80's music. There is something about hearing songs from these eras that does something to my soul.

The title of this piece is a song that was recorded in 1971 by Creedence Clearwater Revival. I can remember listening to this and at the time looking at it as a depressing tune. I mean the melody was great but the words just felt blah.

As I have gotten older, I look at those lyrics now and I get them. John Fogerty was talking about how even on a sunny day there can be rain, but that shouldn't define our day. Also, I look at this song based on the era it was written/recorded (Vietnam War) and the title that poses a question, "Have YOU ever seen the rain?"

In a broader sense, it is asking if anyone else has felt this feeling before, who is in my "posse"? How many of you can say that you understand this song, that it hits you in the 'feels'?

This is a common human experience that we all have had

at one time or another in our lives, and if anyone can say "NO" to this it would be to deny that you are human. That you don't cry or laugh. It's actually a "human connection song" that let's each of us know that we are in this together.

*Someone told me long ago  
There's a calm before the storm  
I know, it's been comin' for some time  
When it's over so they say  
It'll rain a sunny day  
I know, shinin' down like water*

*I wanna know  
Have you ever seen the rain?  
I wanna know  
Have you ever seen the rain  
Comin' down a sunny day?*  
(Have You Ever Seen the Rain Lyrics as written by John Fogerty)

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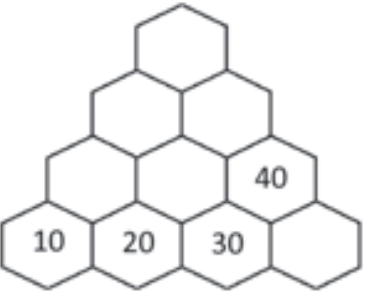





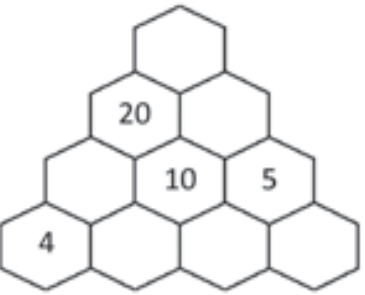
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**Williamston Senior Center celebrates recent Academy Awards with party**

Williamston Senior Center celebrated the recent Academy Awards with an ‘Oscars Party-Walk the Red Carpet’ event last Monday, March 28. The ceremony in Hollywood was observed the evening before. Like their counterparts in Tinsel Town, attendees at the local party dressed up and walked along a red carpet. They also enjoyed a meal and held a trivia contest.

The Senior Center offers a variety of activities, including special events like this one. It’s located at The Commons, 201 School Street - 517-655-5173.



Robert Bement won the trivia contest that was part of the Oscars Party at the Williamston Senior Center.



Barb Upleger attended the event.

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

On Wednesday March 23, 2022 NIESA had eight responses. Six of the responses were emergency medical calls, with two occurring in Leroy Township, and one each in the City of Williamston, Village of Webberville, Williamstown Township, and Locke Township. The remaining two responses were fire related, one was for a vehicle accident in the City of Williamston on Williamston Road. The second was for a fire alarm activation in Williamstown Township, which was a faulty alarm.

Thursday March 24, 2022 NIESA responded to one emergency medical call within the City of Williamston.

On Friday March 25, 2022 NIESA responded to two calls. One response was an emergency medical call in the City of Williamston. The second response was also in the City of Williamston for a fire alarm activation at Discovery Elementary School. The activation was a false alarm.

Saturday March 26, 2022 NIESA had no emergency calls, however we were delighted to escort the Division 2 State Champion Varsity Boys basketball team into Williamston after their championship win at the Breslin Center.

On Sunday March 27, 2022 NIESA responded to four emergency calls. Three of the responses were emergency medical calls, with two occurring in Williamstown Township and one in Wheatfield Township. NIESA also responded to a fire alarm activation in the City of Williamston. The alarm activation was the result of a faulty detector.

Monday March 28, 2022 NIESA responded to one emergency medical call. NIESA also stood by at three prescribed burns, two in Wheatfield Township and one in the City of Williamston.

On Tuesday March 29, 2022 NIESA responded to five emergency medical calls. Two responses occurred in Wheatfield Township, another two were in Locke Township, and one was an assist to Meridian Township.

**Williamston Area Senior Center**

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**April 2022 Events**

Please check our website [www.williamstonseniorcenter.com](http://www.williamstonseniorcenter.com) or our Facebook for specific announcements of upcoming activities.

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**Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>** – Euchre 10am-Noon, and Make Your Own Glass Suncatcher hosted by The Ceramic Studio 12:30pm

**Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** – Euchre 10am-Noon, Chair Exercise 12:30pm, and Knitter Group 1pm-3pm

**Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>** – Euchre 10am-Noon, Used Purse & Jewelry Sale 9am-2pm, Mexican Train 1pm, and Needle Work Group 1pm-3pm

**Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** – Euchre 10am-Noon, Caramel Popcorn Day, Birthday Bash, and Birthday Bingo 12:30pm

**Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>** – Euchre 10am-Noon, Charlies Angels & Ukaladies 12:30pm, and Garden Club 5:30pm

**Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>** – Euchre 10am-Noon, National Licorice Day, Lunch with the President 12:30pm, Board Meeting 1pm, and Knitter Group 1pm

**Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>** – Euchre 10am-Noon, International Plant Appreciation Day with a presentation from the Garden Club 12:30pm, and Needle Work Group 1pm-3pm

**Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>** – Euchre 10am-Noon, Easter Party 12:30pm, and wear your Easter Bonnet

**Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>** – Euchre 10am-Noon, Music Bingo 12:30pm and Blood Pressure Screening

**Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** – Euchre 10am-Noon, Succulent Plant Day 12:30pm, and Knitter Group 1pm-3pm

**Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>** – Euchre 10am-Noon, Chair Exercise 12:30pm, and Needle Work Group 1pm-3pm

**Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>** – Euchre 10am-Noon, and Travel Expo Great Trains & Grand Canyons by Premier World



Dressed for the occasion were, from left, Julie Rudd, Assistant Director; Beth Schrader, Director; and Diana Aldrink.

Discovery 12:30pm

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

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

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

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

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Webberville United Methodist Church  
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Webberville Report



Shown here with the school principal, Jeannette Kiernan, are WES Top Readers for March, from left, front, Lucy, Esaias, Anna, and Nathan. From left, back, Xavier, Allison, Gracie, and Hazel.

Webberville Elementary STARS exceed their reading goals during March

The Webberville Elementary School STARS exceeded their reading goal of 50,000 minutes, and read a total of 61,310 minutes. Congratulations to top readers: Nathan,

Anna, Lucy, Esaias, Gracie, Hazel, Xavier, and Allison. They will be going with the principal, Jeannette Kiernan, to the Grand Traverse Pie Company as a reward.

The top three classroom winners were: Mrs. Burtle, Mrs. Derinan, and Mrs. Elliott. They will each receive a pizza pie luncheon for their efforts.



Senior Spotlight—Owen Hull  
By Lydia Howard

Owen Hull, this week’s featured senior, is most recognized for his easy going and friendly personality. His constant positivity has made him approachable and a great influence on those around him.

“My favorite memories with Owen are the many summers that we spent at each other’s houses,” said fellow senior Michael Phillips. “Owen has the ability to make jokes out of anything. He’s very talkative and just fun to be around.”

Hull is the son of Trent and Jill Hull and is brother to Bridget Hull who graduated in 2012 and Grace Hull who graduated in 2018.

Hull decided to be part of the Wilson Talent Center program (WTC) offered through the school his junior year and said that he has really enjoyed being a part of it. He attends the automotive technology class and looks to go into that field after high school.

“It is an absolute pleasure to see Owen every day! Owen is an amazing student that enjoys feeding his brain to learn new things. That is a trait that I see less and less these days and is one of the many reasons Owen is an outstanding student,” said Wilson Talent instructor Ian Klages. “Owen contributes to class with everything he does by setting a great example for the other students to follow. He is currently rebuilding an automatic transmission for one of our project vehicles and is doing a great job. Owen’s future will be bright! His dedication and work ethic will certainly help him do wonderful things in life.”

Along with WTC, Hull has also been a big contributor to the Webberville FFA chapter, being a part of it since middle school. His senior year he took part in the Chicken Broiler Contest and was the state runner-up. He also earned a FFA State Proficiency Award for Ag Processing and his State Degree.

“I’ve been a part of FFA since middle school and have

enjoyed being involved with everything,” said Hull. “It’s so fun taking part in events like the chicken broiler contest.”

When asked about his advice for underclassmen, Hull talked about how procrastination was something that he struggled with, especially during quarantine. One of the biggest challenges he faced during his high school career was doing school online.

“It’s much easier for me to do school when I’m in person,” said Hull. “When I was online it was harder for me to focus.”

FFA Advisor and English Teacher Colleen Scott Keiser believes he has a promising future.

“Owen is a personable, hard-working student who has so much to offer,” said Scott Keiser. “He is honest, helpful, and kind, and I have really enjoyed having him in my classes. He has a great sense of humor and a great work ethic. I believe these traits will take him far in life.”

Eastern Ingham Farmers Market bottle & can collection this Sunday, April 3

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

- April 3 and 17 (Easter), 11am to 1pm, and
- May 1, 11am to 1pm
- May 15, the 2022 regular season for the Market begins, 10am to 2pm collecting bottles and cans each of 22 Sundays

For more information about Sowing Growth and the Eastern Ingham Farmers Market in Williamston, to become a vendor, to be added to the newsletter email list, to volunteer in the off-season or to donate to the Market, visit the Market website [www.EasternInghamFarmersMarket.org](http://www.EasternInghamFarmersMarket.org), visit its Facebook page or contact Market Manager Tom Cary (616-916-9823) or [EasternInghamFM@gmail.com](mailto:EasternInghamFM@gmail.com)).

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Pastor John Plumley

Calvary Church -- New Pastor,  
New Vision, New Hope

By Dee Wright

There is a new excitement growing within the walls of Calvary Church in Webberville. Last August, new pastor John Plumley was hired and he brought with him a new vision and hope for the future of Calvary (formerly Calvary Baptist Church).

Pastor John Plumley wants to see Calvary Church become a resource for Webberville and the surrounding area. Not just a church on Sundays, but a community-centered facility. Somewhere that families can enjoy time together, where friends can be made and where residents can invite their neighbors to enjoy an event or gathering.

“I dream of a church planted so deep within the heart of the community that they could not imagine life without Calvary” was the message Pastor John spoke of on a recent Sunday.

Paul and Phyllis Hull, longtime members and leaders within Calvary Church said, “We are excited to see what God has in store for our church. It’s great to have some fresh ideas on how to reach our community with Christ’s love.”

And there are some fresh ideas coming!

Members have been working on updating some areas of the building getting ready for Calvary’s First Annual Glow in the Dark Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 9, as well as getting ready for Good Friday and Easter services. There are also big plans in the works to open the activity area up as a friendly, fun area with a coffee bar and game tables where families and friends can hang out, enjoy a coffee and get to know their neighbors.

The grounds that the church sits on are prime to be an area for summer fun. There are many plans for the property being talked about including a walking path, a play ground area, and maybe a mini golf course. So many people have expressed that there isn’t much to do in Webberville. Calvary Church hopes to fill that void.

“I’m excited about the future for Calvary and the greater Webberville community under the leadership of Pastor Plumley,” said David Sexton, Youth Ministry Administrator. “Our eSports game nights were a great success. With the reboot of our youth ministry comes an exciting opportunity to provide an engaging space for our teens and, in the future, our entire community.”

The youth ministry department is undergoing a reorganization and restructuring to better serve the youth of Webberville. They are gearing up to launch a weekly program

for junior and senior high students, as well as planning some fun future events for Webberville’s teens.

Another attender, Dora Smith, put it this way, “John is the real deal. He preaches God’s Word because he believes God’s Word. He breathes new life into Calvary Church.”

And she is right. It is easy to see the new life that Calvary is experiencing. There is an excitement for what the future will bring.

“I have found it to be a church that I can grow in as well as a church that has the potential to grow in this community” said one of Calvary’s newest members, Barb Garyait.

We encourage those that call Webberville home, along with those from and the surrounding area, to watch for upcoming events and for the opening of the Family Community Center that is planned for Calvary Church. Come check out some of the updates and enjoy some fun at the First Annual Glow in the Dark Egg Hunt, on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. *Check out our ad for more information.*

Webberville Woman’s Advance  
Club held meeting on March 21st

By Betty Dodge,  
Publicity Chair

The Woman’s Advance Club of Webberville has 15 members and after a two-month break, they met on March 21st at the Webberville Food Bank.

In attendance were President Nancy Webb. Sallie Brodie, Rosemary Cahaney, Judy Christie, Betty Dodge, Pat Jennings, Marge Lawson, Jill Moon, Kathy Ward, Phyllis Webster and Janice Wheeler. Some of our members are still on vacation in warmer climates. Lynn Reed, Marion Sherburne, Carolyn Freyaldenhoven and Jean Johnson were unable to attend.

Our program was on the History of the Webberville Food Bank by Rachel. She and her husband took over after Dorothy Hart retired. You can reach her by phone at 517-480-4432. If you need food or supplies, they will set up an appointment. They do not stay at the building but are available on call. On a first call, a person will need to fill out forms and they will assist you.

We were able to tour the building which is in front of the Webberville High School. It contains three different areas. Kennedy Closet has many items of clean, slightly used clothing from very young children to high school age. This was started by a mother, in memory of her child whose life was lost in an accident at a very young age.

A second room is supplied with medical needs such as wheelchairs, bathtub chairs, band-aids and other items for personal care, as well as cleaning products and paper goods.

The third room is the Food Bank. Our project was to add to its supplies. Suggested items to bring were canned fruits and vegetables, canned tuna and salmon, instant potatoes, beef stew, chilli, Manwich sloppy joe, ravioli, chicken breasts and spaghetti sauce.

Items can not be outdated and it helps to have what people like best. Everything was well organized, very clean and readily within reach. We hope that we were able

to fill in some empty spaces. Thank you Rachel for all of the information and the work done there. You are so blessed to help people in need of all ages.

Kathy Ward, a club member, served us snacks and punch before we left.

Our next meeting will be at the Webberville United Methodist Church on Monday, April 18th at 1:30pm. Rosemary Cahaney and Jill Moon who will teach us how to make greeting cards, which we will be able to take home.

Our Webberville club and the Haslett club are the only two left in the Ingham County Federation. We were formed in 1893 and have made great friends over the years. We always welcome new members.

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# U.S. Congress Report

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

## Supporting Ukraine’s Fight for Freedom

We have all been watching what has been happening in Ukraine over these past weeks – a ruthless Russian invasion and an incredible display of courage and resilience by the Ukrainian people.

Michiganders, especially those in the Ukrainian-American community, have been standing up to show their support.

And whether it’s calling into my office or speaking with me on the ground, folks from across the 8th District have been making it clear they want Congress to act. With that in mind, I want to lay out the four pieces of concrete legislation I have introduced to support Ukraine’s fight for freedom.

### The Ukraine Lend-Lease Act

The Ukrainian people have no shortage of courage and bravery, but they do need Stinger missiles and Javelin anti-tank systems. To provide Ukraine with the might of American firepower, the bipartisan Ukraine Lend-Lease Act:

- Authorizes the President to lend or lease military equipment to Ukraine to bolster their defensive capabilities
- Streamlines the process of providing defense equipment support to Ukraine
- Requires the administration develop procedures to expedite the delivery of equipment to Ukraine

### The American Energy for Europe Act

Because of Europe’s dependence on Russian energy, they have been restrained in their ability to respond to Putin’s aggression. To help wean them off Russian oil and gas, while also supporting American manufacturing, the bipartisan American Energy for Europe Act:

- Creates a Department of Energy program to reduce the reliance of European countries on Russian energy
- Provides supplies and equipment to European allies
- Requires that the Secretary of Energy only approve projects that promote U.S. manufacturing

### The DICTATOR Act:

While the world focuses on Ukraine, I haven’t taken my eye off China and their relationship with Russia. Introduced with my colleague Rep. Young Kim (R-CA), the DICTATOR Act:

- Requires the State Department to conduct an investigation to determine whether China has helped Russia evade sanctions
- Directs the State Department to develop a strategy to block efforts by China to help Russia evade sanctions.

### Stop Russian Gold Act

The Russians are feeling the heat of U.S. sanctions, and we must slam shut every door they could use to evade them. Introduced by equal numbers of Republicans and Democrats, the Stop Russian GOLD Act:

- Closes a loophole to prevent Russia from using its gold reserves to evade sanctions
- Directs the U.S. Treasury Department to develop guidelines for American citizens to ensure they do not unwillingly invest in Russian gold

This bill is co-sponsored by equal numbers of Republicans and Democrats.

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A public lein sale will be held at Livingston Storage, 3835 W. Grand River, Howell on April 7, 2022 @ 12:00 p.m.

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B-14 Danielle Marshall



# Livingston County Comments

By: Doug Helzerman,  
District 4  
Commissioner

Livingston County is honored to welcome Kecia Williams as our Central Dispatch Director and Jason Pless as our Undersheriff. We are pleased to introduce them to the community and look forward to all they will accomplish for our residents.

Kecia comes to the County with an impressive 34 years of public safety experience. She grew up in South Carolina and after graduating high school, she entered the United States Army with a military occupational specialty as a single-channel radio teletype operator. Kecia holds many certifications, including a B.S. in Technology Management from Eastern Michigan University, Michigan’s Professional Emergency Manager Certification, and is a member of the Oakland County Crisis Response Team. During her tenure in the public safety industry, she’s held many dispatch positions, such as Dispatch Manager, Operations Manager, and Training Supervisor.

Undersheriff Jason Pless is a life-long resident of Livingston County and has been serving its residents as a sworn Law Enforcement Officer for over 30 years. He began his career in 1991 after graduating from the Mid-Michigan Police Academy and becoming a part-time Police Officer

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## Williamston Eagles Club Upcoming Events

The Williamston Eagles Club is holding a Euchre tournament Friday, April 15th. Registration starts at 6pm until 6:30 and play starts at 7pm. You don’t have to bring a partner; we will draw for them. Cost is \$10 per person. Prizes for 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Food is available for purchase. The club is located at 835 High St. Call 517-655-6510 after 3 pm for more information.

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Kathy Ford and Friends will be back at the club on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and April 10th. Doors open at 3pm,music starts at 5 and ends at 8 pm. Food will be available for purchase and table snacks and coffee are provided. Requested \$5.00 donation at the door to help cover costs. Come on down and listen or dance the afternoon away. The Williamston Eagles Club is located at 835 High St. Call the club at 517-655-6510 after 3pm for more information.

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April 9<sup>th</sup> brings the Inaugural Don Warren Music Project to the Williamston Eagles Club. The festivities begin at 1 until 8pm and is sponsored by Six String Place. (Sean Barrett, Music Director and Paula Warren, Organizer.) Also, that day, starting at 3pm is the annual Eagles Club Chili and Soup Cookoff. Cost is \$5.00 for entry and \$5.00 to taste. Free tasting if you have an entry, please bring a full crock pot of soup or chili. Register at 3pm and judging begins at 4pm with tasting/eating afterwards. Cheese, cornbread and other fixings included. Bring your appetite for music and chili! Call the club at 517-655-6510 after 3 pm if you need more information. Located at 835 High Street.

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April 22<sup>nd</sup> join us for DJ Trivia with Nick Chase. Registration begins at 6 and play starts at 7pm. Food will be available for purchase. Bring your own six person team, or join one there. Cost is \$10 per person. You won’t want to miss this night of fun! After trivia Nick plays your favorite tunes for dancing or listening pleasure. Call 517-655-6510 after 3pm for more info. Club location is 835 High St in Williamston.

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Join us for Friday Night Fish Fry at the Williamston Eagles Club. April 1st, April 8<sup>th</sup> and April 15th. Two pieces of walleye with fries and salad bar for just \$12.00. Dinner is served from 5 until 8pm or until gone. Club is located at 835 High St. Call us after 3pm for more info at 517-655-6510.

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Wednesday nights at the Williamston Eagles Club is our weekly Jokers Wild progressive jackpot drawing. Tickets are \$1.00 each and can be purchased at the club or contact Victoria Wygant at 517-648-8599 for tickets or more information. The jackpot is growing and this week starts at \$1463.00. Homemade dinners are from 5 until 8pm or until gone. Get there early for a great dinner and a fun night! The club is located at 835 High St on the banks of the Red Cedar.



# Livingston County Comments, continued

for the Village of Pinckney. Two years later, Undersheriff Pless was hired by the Green Oak Charter Township Police Department. To continue his education, he earned his B.S. in Criminal Justice from Michigan State University in 1994 and then graduated from the 351st Session of the Northwestern University School of Public Safety and Staff Command in 2014.

Over the years, Undersheriff Pless worked his way through the ranks at Green Oak Charter Township Police Department to retire in February 2022 as Chief of Police. From 1988 -2004, he also served with the Putnam Township Fire Department and Howell Area Fire Department as a paid-on-call firefighter, eventually rising to the rank of Assistant Fire Chief.

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Information Technology will be purchasing advanced backup, storage, and logging systems along with three years of maintenance support so that we can stay ahead of potential cyber attacks that have increased exponentially across the country. These systems will prove invaluable, quick restoration if county systems become compromised.

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Livingston County Airport is also moving forward with plans to design and build a Snow-Removal Equipment Building. This will give our equipment a longer life and keep it always at the ready when needed.

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Plans for installation of rural broadband are moving forward on many fronts. Surf Air is active in both Iosco and Cohoctah townships. We have a rough draft of the Merit Survey which may be finalized by the time this article is printed. I have attended as many planning sessions as possible and will continue to work to implement a plan that will bring the highest quality broadband to the largest number of households.

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Steve Horton’s article about three views of “social contract theory” (published in the March 27, 2022 issue) was

interesting. As your elected representative, I am very pleased that our forefathers had the wisdom to follow the concepts advanced by John Locke, which in practice has come the closest to giving citizens a meaningful voice in the affairs of government. We wisely rejected the now dead ideas of royal power. We also wisely ignored the deadly ideas of Rousseau which inspired the bloody reign of terror of the French Revolution. We have steered clear of similar ideas

from other philosophers which have been used to justify the death of millions at the hands of those labeled as communists, socialists, dictators, etc.

I have given my oath to uphold the Constitution that limits the dictatorial tendencies of government. I will continue to advocate policies that protect innocent life and insure equal justice under the law for all Americans.

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Fowlerville woman killed on March 27 after colliding with wrong-way driver

A Fowlerville woman was killed on Sunday, March 27, after her vehicle collided head-on with a wrong-way driver. The accident occurred at about 3:15 a.m. on U.S. 131 in Grand Rapids.

Willow Rose Yon, 21, was pronounced dead after being taken to the hospital. She was a Fowlerville High graduate and was in her third year at Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University. The campus is located in Grand Rapids.

Published reports stated that Yon was driving a 2019 Volkswagen Jetta northbound on U.S. 131, near 28<sup>th</sup> Street, when she was struck by a 22-year-old Grand Rapids woman driving southbound in her 2014 Chrysler 200. A tanker truck traveling just behind Yon side-swiped both vehicles during the crash.

The wrong-way driver was also taken to the hospital where she was listed in critical condition.

A GoFundMe account, organized by family friend Nichole DeForest Whitt, was set up to help pay for the family’s expenses and to safeguard Willow’s memory by ensuring their VHS tapes and photos are adequately preserved. Here are the comments by Whitt on that page.

“The beloved Willow Rose Yon, who passed away on March 27th, 2022, was a wonderful daughter, sister, niece, granddaughter, and friend. Her sudden death from a tragic car accident has shocked our community and everyone who knew her. She leaves behind her loving family, Paul, Denise, Gage, and Ava Yon.

“Willow had many talents and gifts. She was a third-year

Kendall Creative Art and Design student in Grand Rapids. She was doing very well in school and recently had six interviews with internships that she was confident in hearing back from. KCAD picked her to design an ultraviolet light for sanitation of surgery rooms for hospitals. Industrial design was her passion and niche. She enjoyed 4-H and danced at Maria’s School of Dance for many years. She rooted for the underdog and wanted to help everyone before herself. Willow loved nature and animals; her pet dog and cat brought her joy. She had the ability to be serious and funny at the right times. Even though Willow was confident and independent, she would do anything for her family. All of her friends have talked about her light being so strong!”

Bradford Lusk, the principal at Fowlerville High School, issued the following statement: “Our school community was devastated to hear of the passing of FHS alum, Willow Yon. Willow was an outstanding student, but even better person. She was always smiling and enjoyed every day. She truly made FHS a better place for students and staff. Willow was well known for her amazing abilities in the area of Art. Her ability to create amazing pieces inspired many students and brought joy to our building. Willow was a special person and we will truly miss her. Our prayers go out to her family.”



This photo appeared in the *Fowlerville News & Views* in January 2019 when the Fowlerville High School Art Department selected Willow Yon as its next ‘Artist of the Month’. Willow was a senior at that time, taking an AP Art Class. The write-up noted that she “has always liked creating art, even at an early age with crayons and paper. She even drew on her parents’ walls with markers! She has taken all the art classes she could in elementary, junior high, and high school. Her favorite medium is sharpie and ball point pen.”

It was also noted in the article that Willow has been in many shows, including: Got Art Show, MSUFCU Competition, Scholarship Alert and several held at the school. She has been active during high school, participating in the Dance Team, Maria’s School of Dance, and volunteering at the school’s Feast of the Arts, adding that Willow planned to continue her artist dream in college and would like to go into Industrial Design at Kendall.

—Area Deaths—



Willow Rose Yon

Today, and everyday, we will forever celebrate the life of Willow Rose Yon. She is a precious piece to the family of Paul, Denise, Gage, and Ava Yon. Willow is forever twenty-one years old.

On March 27, 2022, Willow was the victim to the actions of a wrong-way driver. Willow was miles from her apartment when the two cars collided on highway 131 near 28th Street in Grand Rapids. However, no such actions should receive more attention than Willow’s life.

At the time of the death, Willow was a third-year student at Kendall College of Art and Design. Her major, and passion, was with industrial design. She had recently completed six internship interviews that she was excited and confident about. Willow strongly felt that Grand Rapids was her place, and was proud of how she had made it on her own.

Prior to college, Willow attended Fowlerville High School. Throughout her early years, she was involved in 4-H, dance, and many art events. Willow was the artist that everyone knew and admired. The Yon family is now learning just how much Willow touched the lives of others. Many stories start with, “She was my first best friend...” She was encouraging, supportive, incredibly strong and bold, confident and outspoken. She also expressed passion for animals and clothing. The amount of clothes and shoes that Willow owns is probably not surprising to most people that know her. Willow has two pets of her own, one dog and one cat. Willow was, and still is, the most beautiful girl that shines her light on all of us everyday moving forward.

Willow is survived by parents: Paul and Denise Yon, siblings: Gage and Ava Yon, grandparents: Ron and Bonnie Holck, special aunt Christy Holck, many aunts and uncles she dearly loved, and many, many more family and friends.

If you would like to join us in celebrating Willow’s beautiful life, open visitation is Sunday, April 3rd, 2:00pm-4:00pm and Monday, April 4th, 9:30am-11:30am. A small, private family service will be held after visitation hours on Monday, at 11:30am. A GoFundMe has been created in order to preserve the memories made with Willow.

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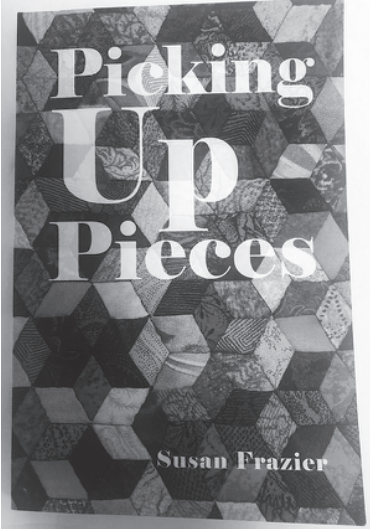
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By Susan Frazier

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



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State’s latest spending bill reflects Mackinac Coalition guidance

Commentary by James M. Hohman  
Mackinac Center for Public Policy

Congress passed massive stimulus spending last March to help states that were expected to suffer revenue losses due to the pandemic. But because state tax revenues remained higher than expected, Michigan lawmakers were left figuring out how to spend all that money coming from Washington.

The Mackinac Center worked with a coalition of center-right allies and business organizations to etch out some principles to help guide legislators. Thankfully, those legislators were listening.

Here were the ideas we offered and how well the spending plan adopted last week by the Legislature reflects them.

Exercise due diligence and don’t be in a hurry to accept these monies

It took roughly a year for the Republican-majority legislature and Democratic governor to agree on a list of items, and even the latest did not allocate all of the federal money that had been transferred to the state.

Do not allow federal funds to undermine previous policy decisions

The ARPA money came with strings prohibiting the state from reallocating it to “directly or indirectly” lower taxes. Federal guidelines from the U.S. Treasury later clarified that it would consider this a breach if any tax cuts caused a state to reduce revenue below inflation.

A basic problem with the Treasury rules is that inflation is up, and it’s uncertain how long that will last. Lawmakers wouldn’t know whether tax cuts would go beyond the guidelines until the year is over.

Beyond that, this rule is also likely unconstitutional. There are cases involving 21 states in courts right now and all four rulings on the policy question have been against broad federal prohibitions on state tax cuts. That includes a case from Kentucky, which is in the same federal judicial circuit as Michigan.

State lawmakers passed tax cut legislation. Even though Governor Whitmer vetoed it, the legislature did not allow the federal rules to undermine their priorities. Do not create ongoing obligations from one-time funds

Most of the items in the new supplemental spending bill are for infrastructure projects that will not require ongoing commitments from state taxpayers.

For instance, the largest item in the spending bill provides supplements to local government water and wastewater systems through existing grant programs. These systems are typically paid for with user fees, so federal spending would prevent user fee increases without starting an ongoing state obligation.

Prioritize ideas that will improve the state’s long-term financial picture

It’s a big bill and it does a lot. While much of it transfers money for other infrastructure, there are a couple items that help the state’s long-term financial picture.

State park grants will help

the state cover some of its \$362.1 million list of “primary infrastructure needs.” That means that the state fixes things faster than it would otherwise.

There is some extra money for roads. The state is getting close to the point where it fixes roads faster than they fall apart, and extra federal funds relieve the state taxpayer of that cost.

In addition, there is a transfer into the state unemployment insurance system. State reserves had been depleted during the pandemic, so this shores up reserves and can offset some payroll tax increases.

Remember that local governments and schools have their own pots of money from federal aid

Local governments tend to own a lot of infrastructure. If the state focuses on using the money to improve long-term assets outside of what it owns, it will need to make payments to local governments. There are a number of transfers to local governments to pay for water infrastructure, parks and trails, roads, and others. The federal transfers to local governments may also get spent on these types of projects, too.

All told, the recently-approved spending bill recognizes many of the key ideas that our coalition highlighted from one year ago.

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DNR says “Enjoy watching baby animals, but from a distance”

Spring brings a new generation of wildlife and plenty of opportunities for people to observe these natural wonders. While you’re enjoying the season, be sure to give wildlife lots of space to raise their babies. Also, don’t be surprised to see young animals on their own.

“As we get into spring and summer you might see fledgling birds hopping around on the ground. This is completely normal,” said Hannah Schauer, wildlife communications coordinator with the DNR. “These fluffy youngsters are getting ready to start trying to fly and need more space than nests provide. The adults aren’t far and will continue to feed



and care for their young.” In addition to birds, you might see other young animals left alone, but the parents are nearby. This is especially true for rabbits and fawns.

“One survival strategy wild mammal moms may use is hiding their young while they are elsewhere,” said Schauer. “This tactic helps young animals stay safer from predators because mom leaves and pulls the attention away from where they’re hidden.”

Eventually, the youngsters will be strong and fast enough to venture out on their own or accompany their mother.

No matter where you find them, never remove animals from the wild. Young animals rarely are abandoned and their best chance for survival is to remain in the wild.

Only licensed wildlife rehabilitators may possess abandoned or injured wildlife. Unless a person is

properly licensed, it is illegal to possess a live, wild animal in Michigan.

Learn more about what to do if you find a baby animal at [Michigan.gov/Wildlife](https://Michigan.gov/Wildlife) or contact the DNR Wildlife Division at 517-284-9453.



Trinity United Methodist Church holding ‘Tractor Blessing’ on April 10

Trinity United Methodist Church is holding its Annual ‘Tractor Blessing’ on Sunday, April 10, at 2 pm.

Come out and see the tractors big & small, old and new. There will also be miniature farm displays set up inside. Hot dogs grilling for a free will donation.

Anyone is invited to bring their tractor, lawn tractor, etc if they would like it blessed for the coming year by Pastor Missy Noll. If you have any antique farm items that we could display, please contact the church office. The Michigan Pedal Pullers will be here again this year.

The church is located at 8201 Iosco Rd, Fowlerville, south of Mason Rd, at the corner of Bull Run & Iosco. Questions contact the church office at 517-223-9601 and leave a message for Andy Herald. Join us for an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship.

Fowlerville Fire Department Report

- March 24**  
8:17 a.m. Medical response on Lance Ln in Handy Township.  
10:22 a.m. Medical response on N Ann St in the Village.  
1:56 p.m. Medical response on Dailey St in the Village.
- March 25**  
9:04 a.m. Medical response on W Lovejoy Rd in Conway Township.  
11:11 p.m. Medical response on Addison Circle in the Village.
- March 26**  
5:17 a.m. Medical response on Bull Run Rd in Iosco Township.  
4:34 p.m. Electrical hazard on Bradley Rd in Iosco Township.
- March 27**  
3:59 a.m. Medical response on Addison Circle in the Village.  
8:08 a.m. Medical response on W Coon Lk Rd in Iosco Township.
- March 28**  
10:16 a.m. Medical response on Addison Circle in the Village.  
11:20 a.m. Medical response on Sargent Rd in Handy Township.  
4:01 p.m. Medical response on Cedar River Dr in the Village.  
4:40 p.m. Mutual aid to Hartland for missing person.
- March 29**  
11:01 p.m. Medical response on Bull Run Rd in Iosco Township.
- March 30**  
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