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Fowlerville alum wins Big Ten First Team honors at recent gymnastics meet

By Steve Horton

Landon Blixt, a 2022 Fowlerville High alumnus and current member of the University of Michigan Gymnastics Team, won Big Ten First Team honors at the conference's recent individual meet and also helped the Wolverines win their fourth straight team championship.

Blixt, a sophomore, captured a gold in the Floor Exercise on Saturday, April 6th, during the individual competition held at the University of Illinois, earning him the All-Conference designation.

The day before he competed in several different categories to assist the team in winning another title.

The U-M team was ranked No. 4 in the nation and had a 16-2 record going into the April 5th tournament.

In the team event, Blixt competed in the Floor Exercise, Vault, Pommel Horse, and Parallel Bars, earning points that added to the Wolverine's first-place total of 418.100 points. The host school Illinois finished second with 413.750 points and top-seed Nebraska came in third with a 407.350 score.

This was the second time in school history that a U-M gymnastics team has won four straight Big Ten titles, with the other span occurring in the early 1960s. It was

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Wayne Copeland, former Fowlerville Village President, passed away April 17th

By Steve Horton

Wayne Copeland, a former Fowlerville Village President and lifelong resident, passed way on Wednesday, April 17th, at his home. He had recently observed his 90th birthday.

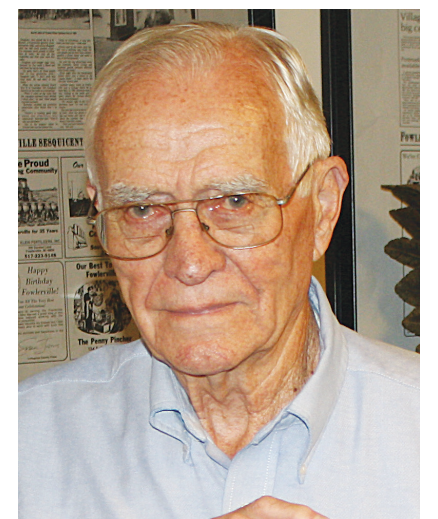
His passing ends a life of family, love of sports, work, public service, an active retirement, and many friendships.

Copeland served as Village President for over 14 years. He was elected to council in 2002 and shortly afterwards appointed as president. He was then elected to a full term in 2004 and reelected to additional two-year terms until 2016 when he decided to step down.

He returned to council in June of 2018 when he agreed to fill a vacancy for a few months until the November election.

Kathryn Rajala-Gutzki, the Village Manager, worked with Copeland for many of those years and offered the following

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Wayne Copeland in a recent photo.

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Michelle, Sloane, Rachel, Katie, Carol, and Sara.



Michigan House Report

By Bob Bezotte,
50th District

Democrats are now back to a 56-54 seat majority in the Michigan House of Representatives after a special election to fill the two vacant seats that I've written about in past updates. That means Democrats again control the House, Senate, and governor's office.

Technically the seats won't be filled until the elections are certified, but once that process is completed the 54-54 tie that we've had for all of this year thus far will be broken and Democrats will again have the ability to push through legislation without having to compromise.

Not that there has been much compromise these past few months anyway. As of this writing, there have only been about two dozen bills passed so far this year because Democrat lawmakers chose to run out the clock rather than work on meaningful issues. (The two open seats were in heavily Democrat districts, meaning they could safely wait for the special election in April knowing that they would eventually reclaim majority.)

The first major thing we'll be working on once the House is back to full strength is the budget. I'm hopeful the process will include more opportunities to work together in a bipartisan way because the margin is still thin, so there is a practical incentive to compromise. But in a larger sense, it should be bipartisan because the budget affects the whole state.

One of the things I'll be watching closely is an attempt by Democrat lawmakers to bypass Michigan's truth in sentencing laws by bringing back credit for good behavior, which could substantially shorten actual time served with little or no concern for the victims of violent offenders.

It was recently revealed that a Whitmer appointee spent \$4,500 of taxpayer money on a Jura coffeemaker. (Technically, the coffee machine itself was only \$3,900 and then she also bought another \$600 of accessories including a cup warmer and milk cooler.)

In case you're wondering, this is not some industrial coffeemaker. It's available for the home consumer at Williams Sonoma.

April 15 was Tax Day. How much did you pay this year in state income taxes? Did you help pay for her coffeemaker? How does it taste knowing that's where your tax money is going?

The money came from a \$20 million grant that was supposed to be used for a business accelerator. This shows that the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, which oversees the grant, does not have proper oversight or financial controls in place. Also worth mentioning – the appointee was serving on the MEDC board. To my knowledge, the MEDC has never clawed back a grant, but it should seriously consider doing so based on the reporting about how these funds are being spent.

No comment from the governor yet despite several articles

covering this story. Perhaps she can address it in her column she sends out.

Some positive news to end on. This past week Sen. Lana Theis, Rep. Ann Bollin, and myself offered tributes to our veteran and auxiliary veteran of the year.

Alan Hatfield is the Livingston County Veteran of the Year. Alan is the fourth generation of his family to serve in the United States Army. After his 41 year military career, he helped bring The Wall that Heals, the Korean War Traveling Memorial, and the Vietnam Traveling Memorial to Livingston County. He is also active in food drives at Gleaners Food Banks, and he operated the Injured Soldier booth at VETFEST.

Theresa Waters is the 2024 Livingston County Auxiliary Member of the Year. Theresa is an associate member of the Marine Corps League Detachment Devereaux Post 141, where she assists her husband in maintaining the detachment's M1 Garland rifles and transporting equipment to the Great Lakes National Cemetery every month, as well as anywhere the honor guard is requested. She also serves on the Marine Corps Ball planning committee, among other activities.

We salute Alan and Theresa for their continued service to our community.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office by calling (517) 373-3906 or emailing RobertBezotte@house.mi.gov. I am always happy to hear from people in our community.

Wayne Copeland, continued

statement on the news of his death.

"Wayne was a wonderful man, who did great things with integrity. He had many accomplishments for the Village of Fowlerville, as village president, and for the community he lived in and loved. He was my mentor and friend, whom I learned so much from. Every question I had, he knew the answers. Even after his term as Village President, he always made time for me with questions, and of course memories and laughter. Through him, I met his wife Sue, who became a great friend as well. I will miss him dearly."

Earlier public service included serving as a trustee on the Conway Township Board for a number of years before moving to the village and as a member of the Fowlerville Fair Board.

Copeland grew up on the family farm in Conway Township, the youngest of four children of Harold and Cleo Copeland. His older brothers were Clare and Elwood and his sister is Doris Hallock, who survives him.

He was an outstanding athlete while in school and was the first recipient of the Fowlerville Rotary Athletic Award, given to him his senior year.

He graduated from high school in 1952 and became a full-time farmer. It was on the farm that he raised his four children: Vickie, Debbie, Karen, and Gary.

His sports career did not end with graduation. He continued as a player on various softball, baseball, and basketball men's teams that competed in different leagues around the area.

He and his older brother Elwood also began working as football and basketball referees as well as baseball umpires.

Copeland also took part in the Fowlerville Men's Golf League that played at Oak Lane Course in Webberville and on the bowling league that competed in Howell. He continued golfing into his senior years.

Like many athletes, he was a sports fan. His allegiances included the Detroit Tigers and Lions and Michigan State University.

Concerning the latter, green-and-white Spartan paraphernalia could be seen around his home and he was known to wear a MSU cap and jacket when going some place.

He also attended the games—along with other school activities—of his children and grandchildren when they competed and later on his great grandchildren.

Between he and his wife Sue, who survives him, they have seven children, 16 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren.

Copeland operated his dairy farm until the early 1970s when he sold the cattle and started Copeland Construction & Rentals with his brother Clare. He later sold his portion of the business and went to work for the Livingston County Road Commission, remaining there until he retired in 1999.

It was shortly after that retirement and after having moved to the Village that he ran for council.

Friendships also played a key part in Copeland's life. In a 2022 interview, he noted that "I've accumulated a few. Some date back to school, some are people I played ball with in those different leagues, and others I've met through work, being on the fair board and village council, or living all these years in the community."

Among those friends has been Ann Utter.

"There is no way that I can describe my relationship with Wayne Copeland in a few words. Our parents were friends and the Copeland and Utter families have continued to maintain that connection over the years. Wayne and I are both 'natives' with deep roots in Livingston County.

"From being a Conway Township farmer to a retired Fowlerville Village president, with several other positions in between, he accumulated a wealth of knowledge that served him well in his various endeavors. Always keeping the welfare of others in mind, Wayne was a gifted leader who listened with an open mind and paid careful attention to each situation before presenting his suggested resolution.

"Wayne was good man, a loyal friend. My memories of the times spent with him, through all of life's seasons are treasured."

An obituary will be printed in next week's issue of the newspaper.

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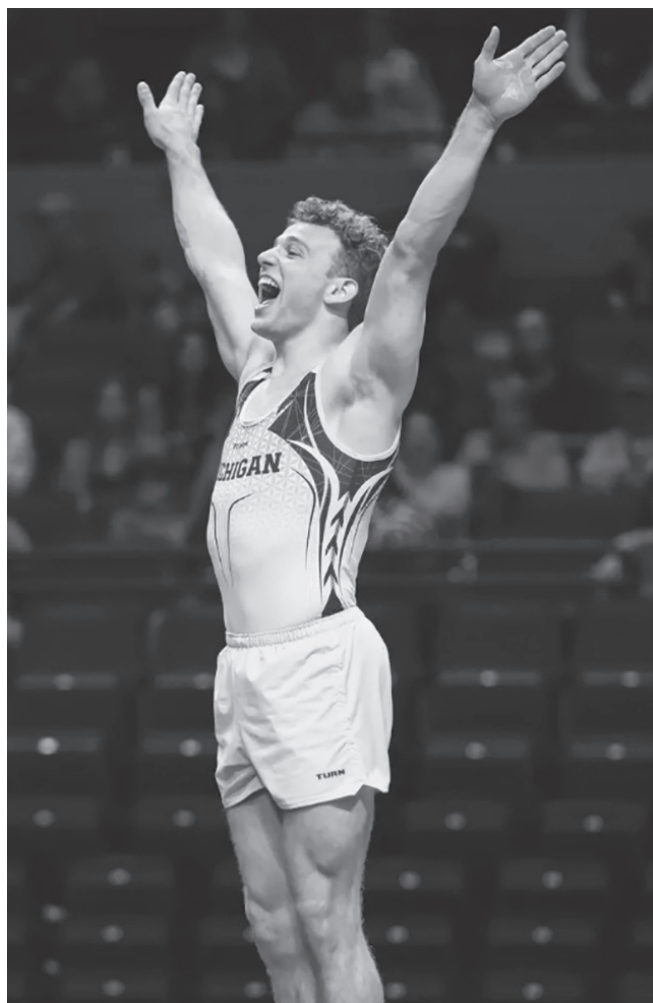
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Landon Blixt, a 2022 Fowlerville High graduate, finished first in the Floor Exercise during the Big Ten Individual Finals on April 6th, earning him First Team honors.

Photo by Michigan Photography

Fowlerville alum wins Big Ten First Team honors, continued

the 21st conference championship in the program's history.

In the individual tournament on April 6th, Blixt competed last in the rotation for the Floor Exercise and tied with Illinois' Connor McCool with a score of 14.500. A stuck dismount on his final floor pass proved to be the difference that earned him a first-place finish. Blixt came in 7th in the Pommel Horse and 10th in the Vault.

The U-M advanced to the 2024 NCAA Championships hosted by Ohio State this past weekend, April 19-20.

Blixt's accomplishments are the latest in a stellar career. He was an NCAA All American in the Floor Exercise in 2023 as well as First Team All-Big his freshman year in 2023. During his high school and junior high years he won numerous regional and state championships, placed first at the 2021 National Championships, and competed in international events in London, Columbia, and Italy. He also competed in the World University Games held in China last August.

Blixt is enrolled in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts at the U-M. His parents are Mollie & Steven Blixt of Fowlerville and his two younger brothers are Kyler and Quinn—both Fowlerville students.

Fowlerville Fire Department Report

- April 11**
 8:10 a.m. Medical response on Nicholson Rd in Handy Township.
 7:36 p.m. Medical response on Hayner Rd in Conway Township.
- April 12**
 6:01 p.m. Medical response on Spruceview Ln in Handy Township.
- April 13**
 3:24 a.m. Odor investigation on N Collins St in the Village.
 7:32 a.m. Personal injury accident on E I-96 in Handy Township.
 9:03 a.m. Medical response on Sargent Rd in Handy Township.
 6:48 p.m. Medical response on Pinewood Dr in the Village.
 6:58 p.m. Odor investigation on Lance Ln in Handy Township.
 9:01 p.m. Reported vehicle fire on W Grand River Ave in the Village.
 10:43 p.m. Medical response on Spruceview Ln in Handy Township.
- April 14**
 6:23 a.m. Assist Livingston County EMS on E Grand River in the Village.
 9:38 a.m. Medical response on Addison Circle in the Village.
 2:05 p.m. Personal injury accident on Fowlerville Rd in Conway Township.
 4:16 p.m. Medical response on S Grand Ave in the Village.
 8:13 p.m. Reported explosion (unfounded) on N Cedar Rd in Handy Township.
- April 15**
 8:46 a.m. Medical response on Mason Rd in Iosco Township.
 12:35 p.m. Medical response on S Benjamin St in the Village.
 1:21 p.m. Medical response on N Grand Ave in the Village.
 2:37 p.m. Medical response on W Grand River Ave in Handy Township.
 2:44 p.m. Medical response on Converse Rd in Handy Township.
 8:15 p.m. Medical response on Samantha Dr in Handy Township.
- April 16**
 12:49 p.m. Reported grass fire on Pierson Rd in Conway Township.
 1:45 p.m. Mutual aid to Howell for structure fire on Hickory Acres Dr.
 5:44 p.m. Medical response on Brookdale Dr in the Village.
 6:11 p.m. Mutual aid to N.I.E.S.A. for structure fire.
- April 17**
 6:08 a.m. Medical response on Jackson St in the Village.

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Caleb Jenkins Column



The Fate of Societies and the Promise of the Future

As a child, I loved science fiction of many forms, ranging from *Star Wars* grand fantasy to quasi-scientific attempts at retro futurism. Some of my earliest television-related memories are watching sci-fi classics with my dad, to include random *Star Trek* episodes on VHS and even the occasional *Flash Gordon* serial. Perhaps the most impactful show on my young childhood was the original *Lost in Space* series, being the first DVD set my family ever bought. In fact, my parents purchased the first season before we even owned a DVD player, at last acquiescing out of kindness to my unabashed excitement to own the series for myself.

Until I entered my teen years, almost all science fiction I consumed consisted of movies and television shows from the 1950s and 1960s, partially because that was my dad's favorite sci-fi era and partially to shield my young, impressionable mind, understandably so. Most of the content was quite campy, obvious even to a young child, but some entries stood the test of time to this day.

Campy or not, science fiction of this era was obsessed with the potential and risks of the future, and several prominent films, such as the 1960 movie adaptation of H.G. Wells' *The Time Machine* and 1968's revolutionary *Planet of the Apes*, dealt with themes of humanity's eventual regression. As opposed to the gradual but steady advancement of human society that we have grown to expect, books and movies like these pondered how the world might look if societies atrophied into a sort of futuristic dark ages, explained through a variety of potential catalysts. In other words, this type of storytelling, provocative for its day, asked a simple but haunting question: What would the state of humanity be without experts?

Of course, science fiction is an overly dramatic vision of the future, and not to worry, I did not base my thoughts about expertise

on the somber tales of H.G. Wells. But I think the worth of well-crafted science fiction is its ability to capture our attention on questions to which we might otherwise never give much thought. Stories like *The Time Machine* consider a bleak future in which humanity exchanges development for immediate comfort. In the tale and others like it, societies discard the importance of a synergistic community comprised of passionate, hard-working individuals, instead opting for lethargic sub-mediocrity.

Am I saying that we are at risk of devolution on the scale of *Planet of the Apes* or that science fiction provides a portal through which we can peer into our future? Certainly not. But I do believe there is a real danger in demonizing expertise, and the effects are subtler and more immediate. States and societies have risen and fallen throughout history, and it is hubristic to believe that we are exempt because we live in a moment of history filled with affluence and discovery. It is true that states have rarely collapsed in the dramatic fashion represented by science fiction, but over extended decline, many extremely successful societies have found themselves in an apathetic stagnation. They watch others charge boldly into the future while they cling only to accomplishments of the past.

This sort of decline does not happen overnight. It builds over a long period of callous fatalism. To stop the slide downhill, the people must recognize the defeatism within themselves and make a conscious choice to embrace potential. We in America are in such a moment of despondency and passivity, but while the way forward may seem hazy and challenging, I truly believe that our best days are behind us only if we accept that fate.

Over the past four weeks, I did my best to examine the topic of expertise. I tried to be fair when discussing legitimate skepticism over abuse of the title, and my intent was to provide a full-throated warning about misinformation. Notwithstanding, while taking these nuances into account, I approach the conclusion by reemphasizing the importance of experts and expertise. While there is potential for bias or misappropriation of the label of expert, we must not succumb to confusion and frustration and in so doing reject the good with the bad. Always be discerning, but also appreciate the insights that others can bring in building a stronger and better America.

Spring Cleanup planned at Livingston Centre Historic Village on April 21st

Spring Cleanup begins at the Livingston Centre Historic Village this Sunday, April 21, from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help in the gardens surrounding the buildings. Community members can join the committee of the Historic Village to prepare for the summer season, ready to welcome guests visiting the Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds.

The Historic Village Board invites gardeners, students wanting to meet service hour requirements, individuals needing community service hours, lovers of local history, supporters of the Historic Village, or anyone who simply wants some time outdoors preparing for spring.

The cleanup will be focused on weeding garden beds, trimming hedges and trees, and cleaning the Historic building yards. Chips and water will be available for volunteers; however, BYO lunch. Volunteers are also asked to bring gloves, garden tools, shovels, and yard waste bags if possible.

Fowlerville High School's "ATHLETES" OF THE WEEK

Varsity Girls Soccer

Molly Kilpela is the one of the two captains on the Girls Varsity Soccer team. She is a leader in all areas including academics, attitude and skill. She can distribute the ball and cause goal scoring opportunities in the toughest games. She currently has one goal and one assist while also being an asset to the defensive team. Well done, Molly!

Mia Jaeger is one of the two captains on the Girls Varsity Soccer team. She brings a hard working attitude to all practices and games. Her dedication and work ethic is a skill that allows for the underclassmen to look up to. She is positive and keeps the spirit of the team fun and uplifting. Her defensive abilities define her as a strong leader and player on the field. Good job Mia!

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God, The Ultimate Fixer-Upper

By Susan Kretchman

The advent and popularity of “do-it-yourself” and “fixer upper” television shows have broadened my appeal for watching amateurs or professionals take a dilapidated or older home and turn it into a stunning new residence. When I was a child I often accompanied my dad to properties that were being demolished as he was the first person I ever knew who found a way to “repurpose” lumber, fixtures, windows, etc. that otherwise would have made their way to the city dump. In the past few years, I’ve watched my oldest adult niece find pieces of furniture on curbsides, take them home and with a lot of elbow grease, sanding, repairing and applying a fresh coat of stain or paint, she’s turned someone else’s discarded trash into beautiful pieces that have been sold to new homes. I guess you could say that “restoring” and “repurposing” is a generational trait in my family!

Such it is with God, too!

Last week I wrote about Step #1 from the Celebrate Recovery program, stating our admission that compulsive behaviors or addictions cause our lives to become unmanageable. In Step #2 we “*came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity*”. I think we all know the opposite of being sane, which is insane, further popularized by the definition of “*doing something over and over again expecting a different result*”. That repetitive behavior is a character flaw of our human nature. Left to our own devices, we will most certainly fail.

When my dad or niece have restored a broken piece of furniture, sometimes a different method was used to repair wood that had lots of scratches, missing pieces or several layers of paint full of cracks and wrinkles. I remember when a downtown fourier business in Saginaw suffered a fire, my dad was allowed to go into the building and look around the debris. He spied a washstand that had all its pieces intact, but the top portion of the mirror frame was scorched from the flames. He literally carried the washstand home under his arms. Using his woodworking skills he reassembled the stand, made new pieces, stripped away the old stain and applied fresh color when the wood was ready. He even salvaged the marble slab that was part of the stand and this beautiful antique was part of their living room for many years. In order to retain a “piece of its story”, he left the blackened portion of the mirror’s frame, a reminder of what the washstand had endured as well as an interesting focal point for conversation. Although the washstand no longer served its original purpose of holding a wash basin, it became the perfect place for a lamp that served as a “night light” in the late hours of the evening.

God is in the business of “restoring” and “repurposing” our lives, too. Paul wrote in Philippians 2:13 “*For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose*”. If we imagine and admit that sometimes our lives are broken, that they are messy, and for some people, hopeless, we CAN come to Him for the renewal we need. The beauty of Celebrate Recovery is that we who attend meetings are there because we want to rather than someone demanding our attendance. Most who attend gladly acknowledge that Jesus Christ is the higher power that the 12 Step programs talk about in their meetings. Yet, no one is ever forced to believe in Jesus to be part of this wonderful recovery program. An invitation to know God and come into relationship with Him is always offered and the majority of men and women who attend weekly meetings are followers of Christ.

Another piece of furniture my dad brought home was a huge heavy sideboard cabinet. He had made an inspection visit to a home one morning and noticed the cabinet. It was made from solid cherry wood, was in very poor condition and to his dismay dirty soiled diapers were piled on its counter area. Dad was able to ask the homeowners if they would be willing to part with the sideboard, asked them to discuss a fair price and give him a call at his office. He was shocked when they told him he could have it for “free”. Apparently, they had attached no sentiment or value to the item. After cleaning it up, stripping it and refinishing the wood, it became a dining room piece in my parents home for years until my brother took it for his own home. Dad had a piece of marble that he was able to fit on that sideboard, too. He always seemed to find free treasures and have just the right stuff at home in his

woodshop to complete a project. That’s how God works, too.

He has all the right circumstances and pieces to put us back together when we’ve allowed life’s hurts, habits and hangups to wear us down, strip us of our original beauty, or thwart our purpose. He can accomplish renewal and restoration for us by Himself or use others as part of the plan which is another beautiful aspect of Celebrate Recovery. Although we work on our own “stuff”, we have friends who listen, encourage, support, pray, but never try to “fix” us. He may allow us to be “refined” by going through His fire, and like the scorched wood of my dad’s antique wash stand, also give permission for visible scars to remain and be a reminder of His handiwork.

Writing this week’s article allowed me to fondly recall the numerous things my dad brought home to “fix” rather than see it go to the dump. Some things DO belong in the trash, but not everything. That’s the way it is for us humans, too. Many habits are trashed. Hurts need to be talked about. Hang ups need to be redirected. And to make that possible, we make a decision to tap into the Higher Power of Jesus Christ!



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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Joe E. Mesh, also known as Joseph Mesh, also known as Joseph E. Mesh, and Aline A. Mesh, also known as Aline Mesh, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: KeyBank National Association

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None

Date of Mortgage: May 24, 2002

Date of Mortgage Recording: July 29, 2002

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$37,800.65

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Putnam, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the North 1/2 of Section 34, Town 1 North, Range 4 East, Putnam Township, Livingston County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 34; thence South 88 degrees 51 minutes East, along the North line of said Section 34, which is also the centerline of Patterson Lake Road, 24.53 feet; thence South 00 degrees 43 minutes 04 seconds West, 808.05 feet; thence South 42 degrees 58 minutes 15 seconds East 114.18 feet; thence South 73 degrees 26 minutes 35 seconds East 111.66 feet; thence South 49 degrees 20 minutes 55 seconds East 113.27 feet; thence South 01 degree 19 minutes 35 seconds East 744.18 feet; thence South 89 degrees 38 minutes 33 seconds West 441.25 feet; thence North 01 degree 37 minutes 55 seconds East 1452.20 feet; thence North 00 degrees 23 minutes 30 seconds East 295.30 feet; thence South 88 degrees 29 minutes East, along the North line of said Section 34, which is also the centerline of Patterson Lake Road, 95.47 feet to the point of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 2551 PATTERSON LAKE RD, Pinckney, MI 48169

The redemption period shall be 1 year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: April 14, 2024

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT.

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MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Justin Sietman and Heather Sietman, husband and wife, whose address is 325 E. Main Street, Pinckney, Michigan 48169, as original Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting as a nominee for Highlands Residential Mortgage Limited Partnership, being a mortgage dated December 30, 2021, and recorded on January 10, 2022 with Document Number 2022R-001092, Livingston County Records, State of Michigan and assigned through mesne assignments by said mortgagee to SERVIS ONE, INC. DBA BSI FINANCIAL SERVICES, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated April 8, 2024 and recorded on April 8, 2024 with Document Number 2024R-005501, Livingston County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX AND 65/100 (\$176,566.65).

Said premises are situated in the Township of Putnam, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and are described as: Lot(s) 6, Block 5, Range 7, except the West 2 feet, Original Plat of the Village of Pinckney, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Deeds, Page 64, Livingston County Records.

Street Address: 325 E. Main Street, Pinckney, Michigan 48169

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE.

Dated: April 14, 2024

For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing:

Kenneth J. Johnson, Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 18, Kalamazoo, MI 49009.

Telephone: (312) 541-9710.

File No.: MI 24 5674

(04-14)(05-05)

(4-14, 4-21, 4-28 & 5-5-24 FNV)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Livingston County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM on 5/8/2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Names of Mortgagor(s): Gary Stobbe.

Original mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Nexera Holding, LLC dba Newfi Lending.

Date of mortgage: 7/29/2022.

Mortgage recorded on 8/12/2022 as Document No. 2022R-022010.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee of PRPM 2023-NQM2.

Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: \$318,756.71.

Mortgaged premises: Situated in Livingston County, and described as: LAND SITUATED IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BRIGHTON, COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON, STATE OF MI, IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: PART OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 26, TOWN 2 NORTH, RANGE 6 EAST, BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE EAST 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 26; THENCE DUE NORTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION AND THE CENTERLINE OF KENSINGTON ROAD, 463.40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL TO BE DESCRIBED; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES, 37 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST 423.23 FEET; THENCE DUE NORTH 206.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST 423.23 FEET; THENCE DUE SOUTH ALONG SAID CENTERLINE AND SAID SECTION LINE, 206.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as 4398 Kensington Road, Milford, MI 48380.

The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after the statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241, the redemption period will be 1 month from the date of such sale. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes pursuant to MCL 600.3240(16), the redemption period is 1 year from the date of such sale. The redemption period may be extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Date of Notice: 04/07/2024.

Codilis & Moody, P.C.

15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100
Burr Ridge, IL 60527

(313) 536-2500.

This law firm is a debt collector.

C&M File 23-24-00005

(04-07)(04-28)

(4-7, 4-14, 4-21 & 4-28-24 FNV)

VINA Community Dental Center announces Veteran Honor Roll

VINA Community Dental Center is proud to announce a veteran honor roll recognizing veterans at the upcoming Stars, Stripes & Smiles fundraising event. The honor roll consists of veterans' names submitted for the "Honor a Veteran" sponsorship level for the upcoming fundraiser. This sponsorship opportunity offers a meaningful way for individuals and businesses to show their support for veterans in their lives while supporting low-cost dental care services for people in need.

The "Honor a Veteran" sponsorship level, priced at \$100, allows sponsors to have the name of the honored veteran, along with their branch of service, prominently displayed at the event, in the program, and on the event website. There is no limit to the number of veterans' names that can be displayed at the "Honor a Veteran" sponsorship level.

The event is being held on Saturday, April 27, starting at 5:30p.m. at the American Spirit Center in Brighton. Tickets

are \$60 per person.

The current veteran honor roll includes:

Connor Smith, Army

Evan Schwimmer, Army

Lt. Col. H.R. Petersburg, USAF

Michael "Mick" Jorgens, Army

Capt. James L. Fenton, M.D., Army

Sgt. William Abraham Androsian, Air Force & Army

Capt. Ronald Paler, USAF

Lt. Regina Ridley, Army Nurse

VINA's Stars, Stripes & Smiles spring fundraising event promises an evening filled with music, dinner, dancing, raffles, and a wine/beer pull, offering an unforgettable experience for attendees. The winner of the Corvette Raffle will be drawn that night as well.

For those interested in participating in the "Honor a Veteran" sponsorship or attending the event, please visit the event website at <https://smiles.cbo.io>.

Livingston Concert Band to perform 'In Living Color' on Saturday, May 11th

The Livingston County Concert Band will be under the direction of Dale Marzewski for their upcoming concert, In Living Color, at 7:00 pm on Saturday May 11th. The concert will be presented at the Rod Bushey Performing Arts Center, Howell High School, 1200 West Grand River Ave. This concert features music from films and TV, including *West Side Story*, *The King and I*, *Midway March* and other favorites.

Admission is \$10. Children and students are free. Refreshments served following the concert.

LEGAL NOTICES

FORECLOSURE NOTICE NOTICE OF SALE TO ALL PURCHASERS -

A lien has been recorded on behalf of Highland Meadows Condominium Association. The lien was executed on October 30, 2019 and recorded on November 4, 2019, as Instrument 2019R-030510, Livingston County Register of Deeds. The lien secures assessments and other sums as of the date hereof in the amount of Four Thousand One Hundred and Twenty Six Dollars and Ten Cents (\$4,126.10). Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Under the power of sale contained in the recorded Condominium Documents and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212 that the lien will be foreclosed by a sale of the property described below, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, at the main entrance of the Judicial Center located in Howell, Michigan (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said County), on Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at 10:00 AM, Eastern Standard Time.

The amount due on the lien may increase between the date of this notice and the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

The name of the record property owner is Gunter Huhn, and is situated in the Township of Oceola, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and is legally described as follows: Unit 5, of Highland Meadows Condominium, a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 1868, Page 890 et seq., Livingston County Records, as amended, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 64. Sidwell No. 07-30-401-005

Commonly known as: 1147 Oakcrest Rd., Howell, Michigan 48843

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which event the redemption date shall be thirty (30) days after the foreclosure sale or fifteen (15) days after the Association's compliance with the notice requirements of MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCL 600.3278 the co-owner(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the Association for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the lien at the telephone number stated in this notice. This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing lienholder. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: April 15, 2024

Highland Meadows Condominium Association
c/o Makower Abbate Guerra Wegner Vollmer PLLC
Stephen M. Guerra
30140 Orchard Lake Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
248 671 0140

(04-21)(05-19)

(4-21, 4-28, 5-5, 5-12 & 5-19-24 FNV)

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Alexander J Sugar and Leanne E Sugar, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

Date of Mortgage: May 28, 2015

Date of Mortgage Recording: June 10, 2015

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$206,204.92

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Green Oak, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 15, Silver Pines, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 26 of Plats, Pages 36 through 38, Livingston County Records

Common street address (if any): 9109 Ravinewood Ln, South Lyon, MI 48178-9373

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: March 31, 2024

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY LIVINGSTON

PUBLICATION NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S TRUST ESTATE

Decedent: Marsha A. Harwood

Date of Birth: April 18, 1938

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Marsha A. Harwood, who lived at 5505 Hinchey Road, Marion Twp., Michigan died January 4, 2024. There is no probate Estate.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Marsha A. Harwood Trust dated August 19, 2003, as amended will be forever barred unless presented to Suzanne M. Harwood-Brown and William A. Harwood, Successor Co-Trustees, c/o Brian R. Jenney, Esq. – 201 West Big Beaver, Ste. 600, Troy, MI 48084 within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

This notice is published pursuant to MCL §700.7608. There is no personal representative of the settlor's estate to whom letters of administration have been issued. Notice is further given that the trust estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

April 10, 2024

Attorney:

Brian R. Jenney P55839
201 West Big Beaver, Ste. 600
Troy, MI 48084
248-528-1111

Trustee:

Suzanne A. Harwood-Brown & William A. Harwood
c/o Brian R. Jenney
201 West Big Beaver, Ste. 600
Troy, MI 48084

(4-21-24 FNV)

St. John's Lutheran offers Gospel Music, VBS & Community Study

The community is invited to save the dates and attend upcoming events at St. John's Lutheran Church.

On Sunday April 28, come and enjoy great gospel music as offered by The Thurston's, who have shared the stage with many Gospel Music icons, such as The Booth Bros., Signature Sound, Triumphant, The Perry's and The Hoppers. They have had top 40 charting success with their songs, "I Am Blessed", "God's Word Will Stand", and "God's Been Faithful". The worship concert begins at 9:30 a.m. and a free-will offering will be received to support their ministry.

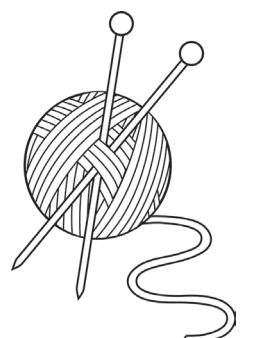
Families are invited to save the dates of July 15-17 for a three-day, evening VBS (Vacation Bible School!) This free event will offer dinner for the whole family at 6:00 p.m. each night and programming from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Kids ages 4 through teen are invited to share in faith, fun and friendship through crafts, Bible teaching and recreation activities. Registration is requested at 517-223-9108 or <http://www.stjohnsfowlerville.org>.

Adults are invited to join our Spring Community Bible study for five Thursdays during the month of May. We will study the book of James from the New Testament and enjoy video teaching by noted author Francis Chan. The study is free and also includes a workbook and group discussion. There are two options: Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in person at St. John's Lutheran Church or Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. through an online platform or in person at Grace Lutheran Church in Howell (our partners.) Registration is requested at 517-223-9108 or <http://www.stjohnsfowlerville.org>.

St. John's Lutheran Church is located at 132 South Benjamin Street in Fowlerville, one block south of Grand River Avenue and at the corner of Church and Benjamin Streets.

Craft Show being held at Howell Eagles Club on May 4th

A Craft Show is being held on Saturday, May 4th, from 11am to 5pm at Howell Eagles Club, located at 141 Schroeder Park DR. Proceeds from the Sale will benefit the Alzheimers Association. For more information, contact JoAnn Leatherman at 517-861-6785 or leatherj1968@gmail.com



Plans underway for Fowlerville Alumni Banquet on June 8th

Willy Wonka's Golden Ticket has got nothing on the 130th Fowlerville High Alumni Association Banquet ticket!

Join us Saturday, June 8, at Fowlerville High School (700 Grand Street, Fowlerville) starting at 4pm for social hour, 5pm class photos, and 6pm dinner/program.

This year, we toast to Classes of 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009, 2014, and 2019. Everyone is welcome to come, but we are looking for members of these classes to participate and give a toast to your graduation milestone. We also remember those that we have lost.

Donations are always welcome, and if you would like to remember a classmate, family member, or faculty/staff, please do so. Donations to the Alumni Scholarship are printed in the onsite program and the *Fowlerville News & Views*. Donations can be made out to FHS Alumni Association and mailed to PO BOX 446, Fowlerville, Michigan 48836.

Own a business and would like to advertise? We got that too! For a minimum donation of \$25, you will have your business card printed in the onsite program and recognition on social media and in the *Fowlerville News & Views*.

You can pick up your ticket(s) at Reggie's Barber & Beauty Shop. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30.00 at the door. Or, you can order your tickets online securely at <https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/fhsalumniassociation/130th-fhs-alumni-association-banquet>. There is a small fee to do so.

PS...we are trying to grow participation from classes of the 1980s, 1990s, 2000s, 2010s, and 2020s. We would love to see you!

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Ruby Lee Hale

Ruby Lee (Lloyd) Hale, 81, was called home by her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and changed her citizenship from this earth to her Heavenly home on April 15, 2024. Ruby ("Liz") was born October 9, 1942 in Saginaw, Michigan to Walter and Ruby (Marrow) Lloyd. Following graduation from Fowlerville High School (Class of 1960), she met and married Allen E. Hale on June 30, 1962 at Cohoctah United Brethren Church.

Liz attended Beauty College where she learned to be a dedicated hairdresser and cosmetologist. She opened her own Beauty Shop which she ran from home. She had been both an avid golfer AND bowler, being a league member of both sports for many years. Other hobbies and interests that she was active in over the years included gardening, crafting, sewing, clowning with her husband, reading Amish novels,

and camping/vacationing with family.

She had a big heart and loved people, especially children. Besides being a Sunday school teacher for many years, Liz became a 4-H leader, and was active as a part of the Fowlerville Alumni Committee.

She was probably most proud of the years that she babysat neighborhood children who became extensions of her own family. They, as well as her own grandchildren and great-grandchildren, were the apple of her eye.

She is survived by her four children: sons Tim "Tucker" (Geoff Boden), and Scott (Dana) Hale and daughters Angela (Rick) Grooms, and Melissa (Larry) Houck. Ruby was richly blessed with 3 beloved granddaughters: Elizabeth, Courtney, and Shannon, and 2 great-grandchildren: OrahLynn and Easton. Liz's sisters Linda and Peggy, and brothers Walter Jr. and Robert also survive.

Ruby was preceded in death by husband Allen, both parents, and a sister, Marie.

A Funeral Service dedicated to celebrating Liz's life was taking place on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at Fowlerville United Brethren Church (9300 W. Grand River Ave, Fowlerville, MI 48836). Visitation was from 10 – 11 a.m., with the Service immediately following. Pastor Julie Priestley was officiating. Following the service, Ruby was to be interred at her final resting place next to her beloved husband at Greenwood Cemetery, with a luncheon back at the church immediately following.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that gifts be dedicated to the Fowlerville Fire Department or Fowlerville UB Church.

Today, we are confident by the fact that Ruby is beholding the face of Jesus Christ and enthusiastically singing, ... "Yet as for me, I KNOW that my Redeemer LIVES..." (Job 19:25) May you who knew Liz reflect on the gifts and laughter God enabled her to add to your lives and may those gifts prompt you to recognize your need to surrender your hearts and lives to Jesus Christ. Soli Deo Gloria! ("to God alone be the Glory!")

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



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**Woman's Advance Club of Webberville
learn about bees at April meeting**

On April 15, the Woman's Advance Club met in the Webberville United Methodist Church. Members enjoyed a wonderful presentation on Bees and Propagation by Tamara West, an avid beekeeper. Ms. West, who has been in the business for 10 years, reminded the members about the increasing risks of losing native bees and honeybees due to inappropriate excessive use of chemicals on lawns, etc.

She explained what the various types of honeybees were in a colony and their role in producing honey and maintaining the colony. The importance of pheromones used by the queen in her management of the colony and being capable of producing 2,000 eggs per day was very fascinating.

Following this delightful presentation, Nancy Webb, president, called the meeting to order and led the members in reciting the Club's Ten Commandments. Members answered roll call by giving "One Fact about Bees". The minutes were read and approved. The Club received a Thank You note from the Webberville Food Bank for the 81 food items donated by the members last month. Rosemary Cahaney gave the treasurer's report, which was approved.

Committee reports reminded the members that the next meeting is Tuesday, May 21, at the Summit Street Shop, followed by refreshments at Noah's Nook in Webberville. Janice Wheeler, chair of the library committee, noted that in

cooperation with the Webberville Garden Club, the library would be giving out garden and flower seeds. Ms. Wheeler, chair of nominations committee, reported the nominations for next year's officers. In sadness, it was reported that long time member Alfreda Schmidt had passed on at 97 years of age. President Webb reminded the members of Earth Day, April 22, with the goal of reducing plastic use and its harm to our environment.

The meeting closed with wonderful refreshments and conversation by all.



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Charles Jacob Vermillion

Charles Jacob Vermillion passed away peacefully in Fowlerville Michigan on April 16, 2024 surrounded by his family. He was born in White Oak Michigan on May 2, 1940 to Vera Helen (Worthington) Vermillion and John Henry Vermillion. He was raised in Michigan and Ohio, graduating from high school in Carrolton Ohio.

Charlie joined the Army after graduation and served 4 years. He worked as a mechanic and was stationed in White Sands New Mexico. He also served in Korea.

He married Frances Charlene Ervin on May 27, 1966. Together they raised 4 children: Dub (Dee) Toddy, Don (Karen) Toddy, Helen Turner and Tammy Vermillion.

He was a hardworking and gentle father, retiring from Western Wheel after 29 years of service. He enjoyed building things, country music, traveling back roads and western movies. He also liked traveling with the boys, he spent hours looking at the Atlas to see where they had been and where they should go next.

He was preceded in death by his, parents, wife Frances Charlene, brothers Norman, Ed, Bud, Mike and Don, sister Ida and granddaughter Jessica Toddy.

Charlie also leaves behind 9 granddaughters, 1 grandson, and 6 great grandchildren.

He will be greatly missed by all.

Visitation is Sunday, April 21, 4:00-7:00 pm. Funeral will be Monday, April 22, at 11:00 am at Herrmann Funeral Home. Burial will follow with Military Honors at Lakeside Cemetery. Contributions are suggested to: VFW Post 6464 and the Women's Auxiliary.

Online condolences may be expressed at pjherrmannfuneralhome.com



Fowlerville High School News

OFFICE HOURS

Administration Offices 7:00 a.m.– 2:30 p.m.
 Building opens 6:45 a.m.
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Fowlerville High School Class of 2025 presents Light Up the Night at Prom on Saturday, April 27th. Prom will take place at Crystal Gardens in Howell. Prom begins at 6:00pm and ends at 11:00pm. All guests must arrive by 8:00 pm.
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Parents & Senior 2024 – Make sure to check the senior information page on the FHS website.

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

Graduation tickets and information letter will be mailed to the address on MI-Star, please check to make sure your information is correct. If you need to make a change have your senior stop in the office and get the form for you to make the changes.

Yard Signs: Fowlerville Community Schools has ordered graduation yard signs for all our graduates.

Commencement Practice: Thursday May 30th, at 7:30 a.m. in the high school cafeteria. A complete breakfast will be served for seniors. After the senior breakfast students will be required to report to the High School Competition Gym for commencement practice. Practice is mandatory and will be from 8 a.m. until about 10 a.m. with Grad Gauntlet following.

Commencement Ceremony: The commencement ceremony will be in the High School Competition Gym on Sunday, June 1st, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. Graduating seniors should arrive no later than 12:30 p.m. and report in front of the counseling office. Seniors may park in the bus lot; students only enter through the cafeteria. All other family members are required to enter at main entrance (door 1).
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Fowlerville High School Class of 2024 is looking for donations to help make their Senior Lock a memorable celebration that will last a lifetime.

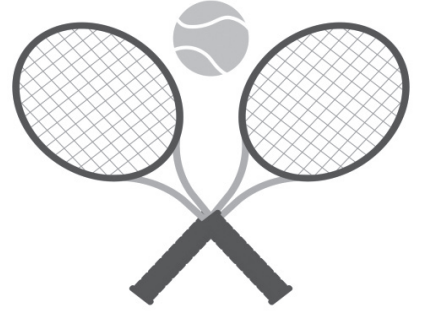
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Calling all Fowlerville High School Senior parents and guardians. We are looking for Senior Lock in Volunteers. We have many activities planned during Senior lock-in and we need your help to make the night run smoothly. Please consider signing up for a volunteer spot or donating food items. QR code is on FHS N&V online.
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Anyone wishing to donate to the Micro food pantry please go ahead and put canned goods etc. into the pantry. Self-serve and self-fill. The pantry is located on 2nd St and Grand River next to State Farm.

Fowlerville Girls Junior Varsity Tennis Team defeats Charlotte in exhibition

The Fowlerville Girls JV Tennis Team defeated Charlotte in exhibition play on Monday, April 15th. Winning in singles for the Gladiators were Ella Shaw, Estrella Cacique, Chloe Dillon and Lila Ratliff. In doubles play, winning were the team of Natalie Rajala and Anna Horne and the team of Addison Ellen and Samantha Kalis.



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Fowlerville Varsity Softball Team wins doubleheader against Mason

Tori Briggs hit a two-run bomb in the first inning and ended the first game with 3 hits and 3 RBIs helping the Fowlerville Varsity Softball Team defeat Mason 4-1 last Tuesday, April 16th. McKenna Maybee added 2 hits, including a double, while scoring 2 runs and stealing a base. Tara Peterson, Meadow Browne and Kiely Davis each collected a hit and Davis added a SB. Briggs (3-0) went the distance on the mound giving up 3 hits, 1ER

and striking out 6.

Game 2 was a back-and-forth affair with Fowlerville picking up the 8-7 win on a Meadow Browne home run in the top of the 7th inning. Briggs (4-0) picked up her second win on the day in relief of McKayla Fletcher and Meadow Browne. Briggs struck out 4 in two innings of work while giving up 1 unearned run. Tommi Kleinschmidt had a double and 2 RBIs, and Avery Borg picked up 2 hits, including a double, and drove in 1 run.

Fowlerville is now 6-2 overall and 2-0 in league play.



From left, K9 Officer Henry, School Liaison Officer Tony Coln, Ingham County Sheriff Deputy Bill Belanger, Callee LaFave, and Junior High Principal Myriah Lilly.

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Fowlerville Junior High School News

RIDING FOR SUCCESS PROGRAM

Callee LaFave was nominated to receive a new mountain bike from the Riding for Success Program. Callee is a 6th grade student who works very hard in school and always has a smile on her face. She is so deserving! Thank you to the Riding for Success program for offering these gifts to our students at FJHS!

SPORTS FOR WEEK OF APRIL 22:

Wed., 4/24: TRACK at Haslett-4:30; bus-3:30
Fri., 4/26: TRACK @ Williamston-4:30;

bus-3:30

Reminder: Athletes should plan to ride the bus to & from the track meets. If there is a reason you wish to transport your child, please notify the coach so proper paperwork can be completed ahead of time.

Note: some schools may charge admission for attending sports events. Please be prepared to pay. FJH will NOT be charging admission at HOME track meets.

The school's food & nutrition staff will prepare a sack lunch for athletes for a nominal fee. Orders must be placed by the end of the 1st hour on meet day; meal will be delivered to the FJH office for pick up immediately after school. Orders can be placed online.

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Hunters advised to use caution when handling turkeys due to avian influenza

With the Turkey Hunting Season starting this Saturday, the Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources is advising caution by hunters who bag a bird due to the possible presence of avian influenza.

Avian influenza, or “bird flu,” is caused by viruses that infect both wild and domestic birds. Highly pathogenic avian influenza was detected in North America in 2021 and has since become endemic and is expected to persist in the environment. This virus is carried by migrating waterfowl and can infect wild birds such as waterfowl, birds of prey and others, as well as domestic poultry such as chickens, turkeys, quail, ducks and geese. HPAI has also been confirmed in wild and domestic mammals.

To date, highly pathogenic avian influenza has not been detected in wild turkeys in Michigan. While the risk to people from HPAI viruses is low, hunters should still use caution when handling and field-dressing harvested birds. Harvest only turkeys that act and look healthy. Wear disposable or rubber gloves, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, and do not eat, drink or smoke while processing game birds.

Dress game birds in the field or outdoors whenever possible and wash hands, utensils and work surfaces thoroughly with soap and water after handling any meat. Remove and discard intestines soon after harvesting, and avoid direct contact with the intestinal contents and fecal material.

Poultry and waterfowl should be cooked to an internal temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit. The risk of hunting dogs acquiring bird flu is likely low since they are not consuming the bird, but exposure to the virus may occur when mouthing or biting the bird. If you want to share waterfowl meat with your dog, thoroughly cook it first.

Avian influenza has been found in backyard poultry flocks, commercial flocks and wild birds. For the latest information, visit Michigan.gov/AvianInfluenza.

If you notice wild birds acting abnormally or find six or more free-ranging birds dead, please report it to the DNR by calling 517-336-5030 or online through [Eyes in the Field](#).

Fowlerville Junior Varsity Softball Team wins pair of games against Mason

The Fowlerville JV Softball Team won both games against Mason last Tuesday, April 16, by scores of 19-13 and 7-2.

Ava Rose earned the win in the opener, while Bailey Armstrong wrapped up with the save. Both teams were hitting the ball and challenging the defense. Fowlerville racked up a few more errors than they are accustomed to, but handled themselves well when the game was tight. Hot bats included Tessa Smith - 4 for 5, Audrey Felver - 3 for 3, and Maggie Buurma-3 for 4. Brynn Goulding, Cayden Taylor, and Armstrong each added 2 hits each.

Rylee Gullede made her pitching debut in the nightcap, striking out 11 and tallying the win. The defense settled down and played a much better game. The girls collected 10 hits in game two. Smith was 3 for 4, Michaela Gullede was 2 for 4, and Felver was 2 for 3.

The team is 4-2 on the season.

Thank You

We would like to send a big “Thank You” to our family, friends, and local/state officials who attended the Fowlerville Fire Department retirement reception.

Gayle & I were grateful and overwhelmed with all the well wishes.

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

- April 22- Pod D Walking Field Trip
- April 24- PTC Meeting 4:00
- April 26- PTC Popcorn
- May 1- ACES Day 10:00
- May 27 – NO SCHOOL- MEMORIAL DAY RECESS
- June 3 – ½ Day of School (Dismissal 12:02)
- June 4 – ½ Day of School (Dismissal 12:02)

Kindergarten Round Up - dates have passed, but you can still enroll incoming students for this fall! Begin the registration on the Fowlerville Schools Website. When you have completed the pre-enrollment online, that is the time to call the Smith Office at 517-223-6430 to set up a time to come in and finish the enrollment process.

What do I need to bring?

- Student Birth Certificate issued by the state or country of birth
- Current immunization record
- Vision screening record, after age 3 (for Kindergarten or Kinder Academy)
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- Most recent dental records

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Clothing Donation – The Smith office is always looking for more stretch waistband sweatpants or athletic type pants. Unisex sweatpants are the best option. Sizes used most often are 6 to 8 & occasionally 5T & 10. We really appreciate any and all clothing donations. Our community is the best!

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

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



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Fowlerville High Robotics Team earns spot in Robotics World Championship

In what was described as “an extraordinary display of innovation and teamwork,” the Fowlerville High School Robotics Team ranked high enough from earlier competition to earn a spot in the FIRST Robotics World Championship. That event was held this past week in Houston, TX and was the first-ever trip for a team from the school. Qualifying for the event was a milestone feat given that there are only five students on the team.

Each year, teams from around the globe are tasked with designing and building a new robot from scratch, tailored to meet specific competition requirements. The robots then go head-to-head in a series of rounds, performing tasks that challenge their design, speed, efficiency and the strategic thinking of their creators.

“This achievement is a testament to what young minds can accomplish with ingenuity, hard work and a passion for science and technology,” Matthew Stuard, Superintendent of Fowlerville Community Schools, said in a statement.

“Their journey to the World Robotics Competition in Houston is not just a victory for Team 7056 but an inspiration for our entire district,” he continued, adding that “It highlights the importance of STEM education and the incredible potential of our students.”

The World Robotics Championship was expected to draw hundreds of teams from across the globe, offering students a unique opportunity to learn from their peers and engage with professional engineers.



The Fowlerville Robotics Team: in front from left, Assistant Coach Mike Dailey, Tyler Dailey, Cameron Cook; middle row from left, Student Mentor/Alumni Claire Schwarz, Spencer Drummond, Hunter Arledge-Teran, Jason Smyczyski, Head Coach Ray Burr; back row from left, Mentor Steve Schwarz and Mentor Vaden Cook.

Kreeger Elementary School News

CALENDAR OF KREEGER EVENTS

- 5/2/24 Student Council 3:40-4:40pm
- 5/13/24 Flower Pick Up Day 11am-4pm
- 5/27/24 No School – Memorial Day
- 5/30/24 Grad Gauntlet 10:15am
- 5/31/24 Field Day
- 6/3/24 ½ Day 12:02pm dismissal
- 6/4/24 Last Day of School – ½ Day 12:02pm Dismissal

ATTENDANCE LINE: If your child will not be at school, please call the attendance line to excuse their absence. The attendance line number is 517-223-6333.

SPRING FLOWER SALE

Flower Pick-Up Date: Monday, May 13th– Your flowers arrive at Kreeger Elementary, pick up time is from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 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.

ATTENTION NEW STUDENTS:

All pre-enrollments can be done online www.fowlervilleschools.org.

After you complete those documents please print and sign areas marked. Bring your child’s original raised seal birth certificate, 2 proofs of Fowlerville Schools residency and if your child attended a school in Michigan his/her immunizations will be on the MCIR website. Please call the office at 517-223-6340 when finished so that we may finalize the enrollment.

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Webberville Report



Senior Spotlight—Caleb Cozart

By Madison Bowlin

This week's featured senior is Caleb Cozart, who is the son of Lachelle Harvey and Preston Cozart. Caleb has been going to Webberville Schools since kindergarten.

His favorite memory at Webberville was when the elementary teachers put together a cool glow-light dance at the talent show.

Caleb said that Choir and FFA are his favorite high school classes.

Webberville teacher Mrs. Mayes noted that "I had the privilege of being Caleb's 3rd grade teacher and now as his English 12 teacher. To see the growth he has gone through from then to now is amazing. He is a kind and considerate human being and will be a successful adult."

In Caleb's free time, he likes to play video games and make new digital music. Friends expressed that Caleb is very kind, helpful, and loves making tech music or building robots. Fellow senior, Zander Hose added that "He likes to keep to himself, but he's a good friend and loves to help others. He is also very passionate about what he likes to do. All around, Caleb is a great guy."

Caleb has not decided what to do after high school, but is planning on going into the workforce.

His advice for underclassmen is: "Always be kind and respectful to others, because you never know what they could be going through."



Webberville Varsity Softball players, from left, Makayla Culver, Payten Sholty, Samantha Hull and Haley Proctor were ready for the season-opener game.

Webberville Varsity Softball Team takes the win in season opener

In collaboration with Isabella Crampton

The Webberville Varsity Softball Team started their season off strong on Friday April 5th. Playing a doubleheader against the Morrice Orioles, the Spartans took the win 16-2 the first game, and 13-3 the second.

The Spartans took the lead 7-1 during the bottom of the first inning. Two runs were scored on a dropped third strike that tripled.

Stat leaders for the Spartans for batting average was Hayley Proctor at .667. Payten Sholty led for RBIs at 5. Valerie Grosser had 4 stolen bases and Makayla Culver had 4 strikeouts, with a pitch record of 1-0. Haley Proctor also maintained a 1-0 pitch record.

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From left were Dan Rosinski of Lakes Electric, Jason Kubiak, Elementary Principal, and Asher Rosinski.

Webberville Elementary receives donation for math intervention program

On April 8th, Dan Rosinski of Lakes Electric stopped by Webberville Elementary School. He presented a check for

\$1,000 to Elementary Principal Jason Kubiak. This donation will be used to supplement the math intervention support program at the elementary. Webberville Schools thanked Dan and Lakes Electric for their very generous donation.

We've Faced This Before

By Jace Arledge

Imagine it's the early part of the 1900's, no one really balked at where a person's place was, such as who had power to go where they wanted and who was not welcome. It was unspoken knowledge, based on the color of your skin, your social status, and who you knew.

This was a time of social unrest, which has trickled down the centuries and has always been met with brave people calling out the lies, hate, privilege and all social injustices which kept inequality at the forefront of every small town, urban setting and even some larger cities.

Thankfully there were many people, be they musicians, artists, or just common people of the time who saw the plight of the mistreated/marginalized and stood up for the wrong that was being done by those who abused their power.

Many of these brave souls took to song, to broadcast to a larger audience issues and problems that were or had been a cancer growing at the core of the country.

There are many people today who believe in the motto "MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN", yet when you ask them what era they would like to go back to, to achieve this, the answers would shock you, I have heard eras from the 1940's, 60's 80's and even 1890's. My question, have you not done your due diligence in researching what was going on during these times? Not just from your culture, race, social position standpoint, but AMERICA as a whole?

Well, you are in luck! Since I have a MASTER'S DEGREE in Education, also with a HISTORY degree, I am more than willing to give you a short lesson.

Let's pull apart these "MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN" times in history and see how GREAT they were for ALL AMERICANS shall we:

1890's:

1. At the height of this depression, over three million American workers were unemployed. By 1895, Americans living in cities grew accustomed to seeing the homeless on the streets or lining up at soup kitchens. Immediately following the economic downturn, people sought relief through their elected federal government.
2. Plessy vs. Ferguson in 1896, which established the doctrine of "separate but equal" in regard to race.
3. The Homestead Strike of 1892 was a strike with Union workers at a Carnegie Steel plant. The Panic of 1893 was a depression that lasted most of the 1890's. It had deflation, rural decline, and unemployment.
4. The Pullman Boycott of 1894 was a result of Union members refusing to unload trains that carried sleeping cars, so they could protest the conditions at the car manufacturer.

Around the turn of the century, we had more immigrants coming here from places unfamiliar to AMERICA, such

as Hungary, Italy, Poland, and Russia. Most of these were Catholic or Jewish and most settled in cities.

Labor violence, rising racial tension, militancy among farmers, and discontent among the unemployed. The Populist Party was gaining momentum.

Don't get me wrong, there were good things that happened, however, when we look at the whole of society present during this time, it wasn't GREAT.

1940's:

1. Involving more nations and costing more money than any other war in history. World War II killed more people, altogether, 70 million people served in the armed forces during the war, and 17 million combatants died. Civilian deaths were even greater.
2. World War II was truly a global war. Some 70 nations took part in the conflict, and fighting took place on the continents of Africa, Asia, and Europe, as well as on the high seas.
3. Japanese Americans living on the Pacific coast were relocated from their homes and placed in internment camps.
4. In 1945, nearly a third of Americans lived in poverty. A portion of the country's homes had no running water, two-fifths lacked flushing toilets, and three-fifths lacked central heating.
5. Most African Americans still lived in the South, where racial segregation in schools and public accommodations were still the law.

1960's:

1. The 1960s was a decade when hundreds of thousands of ordinary Americans gave new life to the nation's democratic ideals. African Americans used sit-ins, freedom rides, and protest marches to fight segregation, poverty, and unemployment. Feminists demanded equal job opportunities and an end to sexual discrimination. Mexican Americans protested discrimination in voting, education, and employment. Native Americans demanded that the government recognize their land claims and the right of tribes to govern themselves. Environmentalists demanded legislation to control the amount of pollution released into the environment.

Nothing more needs to be said, we know these 10 years for 1960-70 were filled with social unrest, war and hate.

1980's:

1. In the 1980s, both in the cities and in rural and suburban areas, local governments strove to deal with crises in health, education, and safety.
2. Americans directed their attention to issues such as AIDS, drug abuse, abortion, and education.
3. The crisis in education was closely connected to the crisis in the cities. Many undereducated students lived in cities such as Baltimore, Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C.
4. During the early 1980s, women's rights activists worked to obtain ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). Although Congress had passed the amendment in 1972, it had not yet been ratified, or approved, by three-fourths of the states. Supporters of the amendment had until June 30, 1982, to gain ratification from 38 states. They obtained only 35 of the 38 ratifications they needed, and the ERA did not become law.

Granted, the music was awesome in the 80's...

Through music we can see how society has warned us that what we are experiencing today, has been a part of the fabric of this country and because people finally became fed up, they created a change that made EVERYONE feel like they belong.

See, those who want to MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN are the older generation, what I mean by "older" are those who are in the "Baby Boomer" and "Gen X" groups, and to be honest from history's stand point, we can see where the power and status was during the childhoods of those in these categories. Privilege will always rear its ugly head when you have the power and those who feel their entitlement.

Some music for you to check out, if you feel so inclined. LISTEN to the words, perhaps you will understand what others have experienced that many of you will never.

Strange Fruit – Billie Holiday 1939

This Land is your Land – Woody Guthrie 1940

Which side are you on – Almanac Singers 1941

John Henry – Josh Wright 1942

Down by the Riverside – Sister Rosetta Sharpe 1944

We shall overcome – Pete Seeger 1946

Black, Brown And White – Big Bill Broonzy 1951

Where Have All The Flowers Gone? – The Kingston Trio 1961

The Ballad of Ira Hayes – Peter Lafarge 1962

A Hard Rain's a-Gonna Fall – Bob Dylan 1963

A Change Is Gonna Come – Sam Cooke 1964

Eve of Destruction – Barry McGuire 1965

Four Women – Nina Simone 1966

Fortunate Son – Creedence Clearwater Revival 1969

What's Going On – Marvin Gaye 1971

Get Up, Stand Up – The Wailers 1973

The Pill – Loretta Lynn 1975

(Sing If You're) Glad to Be Gay- Tom Robinson Band 1978

Typical Girls – The Slits 1979

Redemption Song – Bob Marley and the Wailers 1980

The Message – Grandmaster Flash and the Furious Five 1982

Brenda's Got a Baby – 2Pac 1991

To the Teeth – Ani DiFranco 1999

Somos Más Americanos – Los Tigres del Norte 2001

We The People – A Tribe Called Quest 2016

These are some of the obscure songs. I am sure you know others more popular that share concern of social justice, but I could go on and on. As you can see, this isn't new, it has been going on for many years. There have been multiple artists standing up for the rights of ALL people, not those who have money, status or power.

In a world where you can be anything you want, strive to be HUMAN and care for everyone.

Stay kind and LOVE unconditionally!

Til Next Time. . .

NIESA Fire Report (Northeast Ingham Emergency Service Authority)

On Wednesday April 10, 2024 NIESA responded to four calls. One call was in the City of Williamston for a medical response. Two calls were in Williamstown Township, with both being citizen assists. One call was a mutual aid to Perry for a fire response.

On Thursday April 11, 2024 NIESA responded to eight calls. One call was a mutual aid to Okemos for a medical response. Four calls were in Williamstown Township, with all being citizen assists. One call was in Wheatfield Township for a utility problem. One call was in Leroy Township for a vehicle accident. One was in the City of Williamston for a medical response.

On Friday April 12, 2024 NIESA responded to four calls. One call was in the City of Williamston for a medical response. One call was in the Village of Webberville for a medical response. One call was in Locke Township for a citizen assist. One call was in Wheatfield Township for a utility problem.

On Saturday April 13, 2024 NIESA responded to six calls. One call was in Williamstown Township for a medical response. Two calls were in Leroy Township, with both being medical responses. One call was in the City of Williamston for a medical response. One call was in Locke Township for a medical response. One call was in the Village of Webberville for a medical response.

On Sunday April 14, 2024 NIESA responded to zero calls.

On Monday April 15, 2024 NIESA responded to six calls. One call was in the Village of Webberville for a medical response. One call was in Wheatfield Township for a structure fire. One call was in the City of Williamston for a citizen assist. Two calls were in Leroy Township, with both being medical responses. One call was in Locke Township for a medical response.

On Tuesday April 16, 2024 NIESA responded to six calls. One call was in the City of Williamston for a medical response. One call was a mutual aid to Fowlerville fire for a structure fire. One call was in Williamstown township for a medical response. One call was in the Village of Webberville for a structure fire. One call was in the City of Williamston for a citizen assist. One call was a mutual aid to Mason Fire Dept for a structure fire.

Williamston Area Senior Center

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April 2024 Events

Monday, April 22nd - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Dr. Carol Munson D.O. presents her book 'Aging Optimally' at 12:30pm

Tuesday, April 23rd - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Mind Benders with Jackie from Williamston CADL at 12:30pm

Wednesday, April 24th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, SHIRLEY TEMPLE'S BIRTHDAY, Chair Exercise at 11am, 'Poor Little Rich Girl' movie and popcorn, Needle Work Group 1-3pm

Thursday, April 25th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Card Making with Sandra at 12:30pm

Monday, April 29th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Craft with Pat and Nikki at 12:30pm

Tuesday, April 30th - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Nancy from MSU Extension presents 'Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate?' at 12:30pm

HANDY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024

The meeting of the Handy Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Alverson at 7:00 P.M. in the Handy Township Boardroom. Members present: Clerk Eisele, Treasurer Shear, and Trustee Munsell. Absent: Trustee Roddy. Also present: Mike Darga-HRC, Doug Helzerman-Liv. Cty. Commissioner and members of the public: Chuck Wright, Bob and Linda Hinton, Jeff Vega, and Dan Wholihan. Meeting was opened with a Moment of Silent Reflection, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

To approve the agenda as amended

To approve the minutes of 3-18-2024 & 4-1-2024 as presented

To pay the bills of 4-15-2024 in the amount of \$100,687.49

To schedule the 2024 Budget Workshop for May 8, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

To approve the 2023-2024 amended General Fund Budget as presented

To approve the quote from Brown Well Drilling for repairs on Well No. 2

To approve road work for Nicholson and Sharpe Roads

To adjourn meeting at 8:19 P.M.

Laura A. Eisele
Handy Township Clerk
(4-21-24 FNV)



Seventh and eighth grade science class testing out the pinhole viewer they created.



Sixth grader Caleb Rudolph viewing the solar eclipse through his pinhole viewer.

Webberville Middle School students take part in Solar Eclipse Project

Written in collaboration with Allison Dodds

On Monday, April 8th, there was a total solar eclipse that students at Webberville Middle School were able to safely view. During science class, with the help of their wonderful middle school science teacher, Ms. Petty, middle school students had the opportunity to make pinhole viewers.

What is a pinhole viewer? A pinhole viewer is a box that you can look into, and because of the piece of white paper at the bottom of the box, you can see the light of the sun entering through the pinhole. As the eclipse occurs, the light

that is visible changes and the eclipse shadow can be safely seen at the bottom of the box.

The next total solar eclipse in Michigan will occur on September 14, 2099 and will be visible to much of the state. However, a partial solar eclipse can be viewed on January 14, 2029 and everyone will be able to use those pinhole viewers again!

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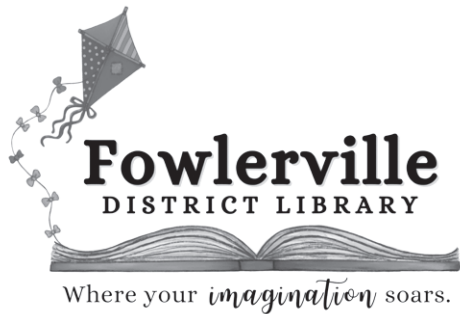
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For any questions, or to register for programs, call us at 517-223-9089

STORYTIMES

Family Storytime (Ages 1-5)

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PJ Storytime (Ages 1-5)

Wear your pjs for an evening storytime. We will have snacks & crafts. Bring a blanket and stuffie to be extra cozy. Mon, May 6 • 6 pm

KIDS & FAMILY

First Friday Performance (All Ages)

Join us for a live performance by guitarist Robin Marriott on May 3 between 5 & 6 pm to get your weekend off to a great start.

Life sized Candy Land

Drop in to make your way to the Candy Castle for a sweet treat as we enlarge our favorite board game.

Fri, Apr 26 • 3-5:30 pm

Perler Bead Party (Ages 7-12)

Join Storm to make your own Perler Bead creation.

Friday, May 10 • 4 – 5 pm

Chess Club

Join the Chess Club! The Mid-Michigan Jr. Chess Club will meet. All levels are welcome from beginner to advanced! See you next on April 20, Saturdays • 1-3:30 pm

Kids Krafternoons (Ages 7-12)

Drop in and get crafty with a new and exciting craft each month! Supplies provided.

Monday, May 13 • 4-5 pm

Lego Club (Ages 7-12)

Build your own Lego creations and complete challenges

Thursdays • 4 pm

Crochet Kits

Stop by the library on the 15th of the month to grab a themed crochet amigurumi kit. Provide your own hook and everything else is included. While supplies last.

Homeschool Social

Meet for learning, fun and snacks. Mondays, thru May 20 • 12-1:30 pm

New Graphic Novel Club (Ages 7-12)

Join Storm for a discussion on Cat Kid Comic Club by Dav Pilkey, Monday, Apr 22 • 4-5 pm

Book Boxes (All ages)

Fill out the online form by visiting the events page on our website. Let the librarians pick a surprise selection of books for you. Register the first two weeks of every month to get next month's box, which will be ready to pick up the first of the following month.

TEENS

Teen Crafting (Teens)

Join Mary and drop in to make crafts such as sewing, resin jewelry, bow making, diamond painting, and much more!

Wednesdays • 2:30-4:00 pm

Twitch Streaming (All Ages)

Join Connor and Tally and get sneak peeks of new games! Find us online - twitch.tv/fowlervillelibrary

Mondays • 3:30-4:30 pm

Board Games with Connor (Age 10+)

Join Connor and friends for some after school fun.

Tuesdays • 3-5 pm

Dungeons & Dragons (Ages 12-18)

Come play D&D 5th Edition! No prior experience needed.

Wednesdays • 2:30-5 pm

Switch Free Play (Ages 10-18)

Open gaming time with the library's Switch.

Fridays • 2:30-5 pm

ADULTS

Tote Bag Craft (Adults)

Join Jackie and Cindy to personalize a tote bag for Summer. Supplies are limited. Registration Required.

Thurs May 2 • 6:30 pm

Yoga with Vanessa (Adults)

Join Vanessa Duke for yoga class, no cost, just bring your mat or use one of ours. Program runs thru April 24.

Wednesdays • 5 pm

Jam Session

Join Mr. Damerow for some musical collaboration. Bring your horn, keyboard, harmonica, or whatever you have and join the fun. Tues May 21 • 5:00 – 7:30 pm

Cardmaking

Join Mary to make 4 greeting cards with the theme of "Spring". Registration is required. Thurs, Apr 25 • 6:30 pm

& Fri, Apr 26 • 11 am

Scrapbooking (Adults)

Join Mary to scrapbook your favorite photos. Stay the whole time or for just a

few hours. Everyone gets their own table. Registration is required. Sat, May 18 • 10:30 – 3:30

Shelf-Indulgence Book Group (Adults)

This is a traditional book discussion group. You can get a copy of the book at the front desk. Next meeting, we will discuss WAGER by David Grann, Thurs, Apr 25 • 2 pm

Beyond the Book Discussion Group (Adults)

Book discussion plus movie or documentary. Books are available at the front desk. Next meeting, we will discuss WOMEN TALKING by Miriam Toews, May 9 • 6:30 pm

Sewing with Patty (Adults)

Bring your sewing machine and learn from a pro. Registration is required. Wed, May 15 • 6:00 pm

Shoe Collection Site

The library is a drop off destination for shoes to benefit the Fowlerville Fair Pen Project. Drop off your gently worn shoes up until May 1.

FDL Oral History Project

Record your history with us as we capture the memories and stories of our residents. Call to schedule an audio interview, which can be done by a family member or staff member and can include video.

Recordings will become part of the FDL historical collection.

Williamston Farmer's Market collecting bottles & cans on Sunday, April 21st

The Eastern Ingham Farmers Market in Williamston is holding its next bottle and can fundraiser on Sunday, April 21st. Simply bring your Michigan-returnable bottles and cans to the large parking lot of McCormick Park at 123 High Street anytime between 11am and 1pm. Stay warm in your car, pop the trunk and volunteers will cheerfully collect your generous donation.

The final date before the Market begins will be May 5th.

Market volunteers are always welcome and needed to work two-hour shifts for the bottle collections on those Sundays during the off-season. Just contact Jane Reagan (517-525-4177)

If your business collects bottles and cans, consider donating them as well. Special collections can be made directly at your business address during the week. Just call Jane to make arrangements for special pick-ups.

For more information about Sowing Growth, the non-profit organization that operates the Eastern Ingham Farmers Market in Williamston, to become a vendor for the 2024 season, to be added to the newsletter email list, to volunteer or to donate to the Market, visit the Market Facebook page or contact Market Manager at EasternInghamFM@gmail.com.

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Fowlerville Senior Center:	203 N. Collins Street, Fowlerville, MI	517-223-3929	Thursday, May 9th
Putnam Twp. Senior Center:	3280 W. M-36, Pinckney, MI	734-878-1810	Thursday, May 16th
Brighton Senior Center:	850 Spencer Road, Brighton, MI	810-299-3817	Tuesday, May 21st
Hamburg Senior Center:	10405 Merrill Road, Whitmore Lake, MI	810-222-1140	Friday, May 24th
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Webberville Class of 1984 holding 40th Year Reunion on May 4th

The Webberville High School Class of 1984 is holding its 40th Year Reunion on Saturday, May 4, at the Williamston Roadhouse, located at 3700 E. Grand River, Williamston.

A cocktail hour will be held from 4 to 6pm, with dinner served from 6 to 7:30pm, followed by the band playing from 7:30pm to midnight. There'll be a cash bar and it's casual attire. Potts Road Band is the featured entertainment, a classic & contemporary country music group that includes classmate Jim Ackerman on bass guitar.

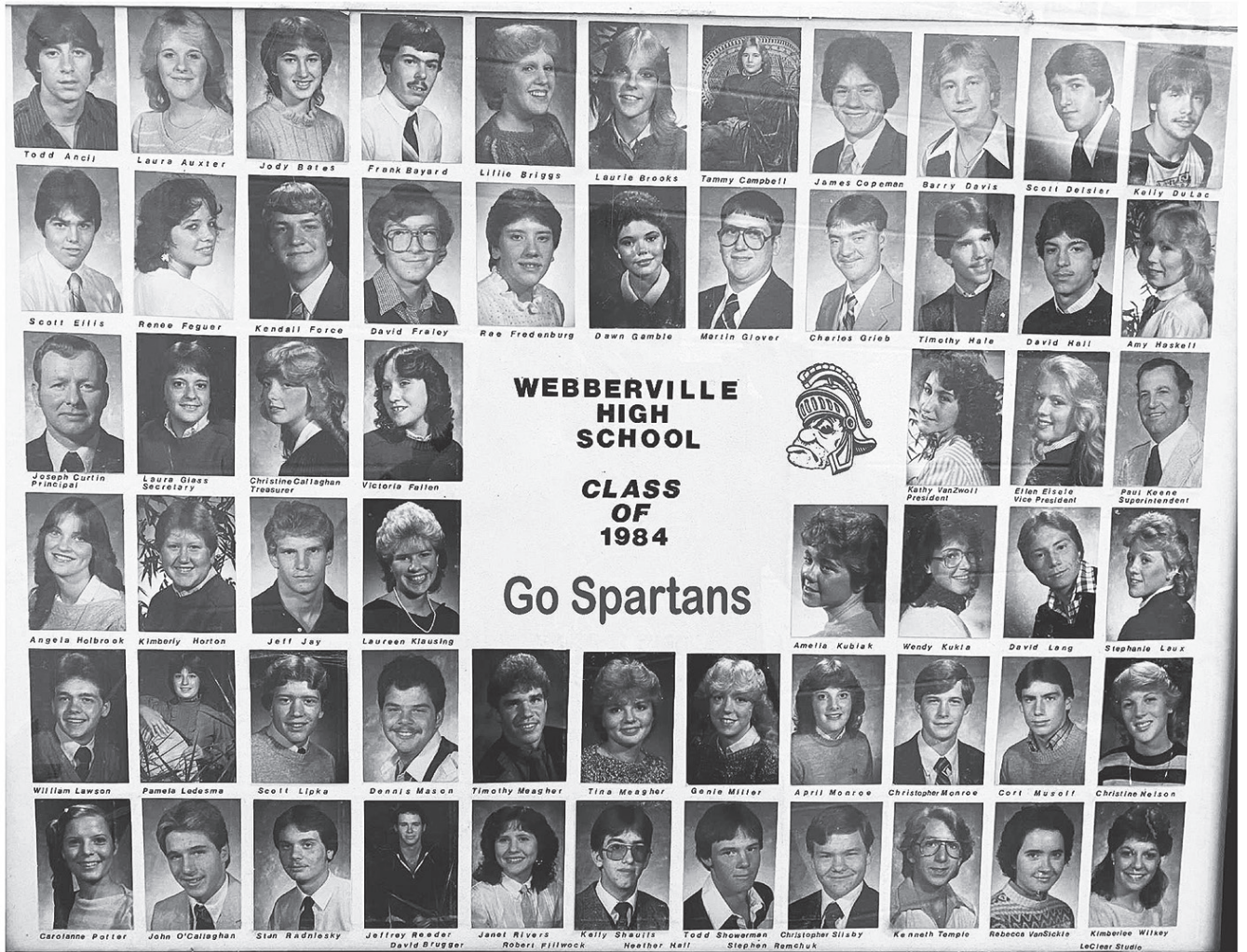
A tribute will be held during the event for classmates who have been lost along the way.

On Sunday, May 5, classmates and their guests are invited to play a 9-hole golf scramble at the Brookshire Golf Club, starting at 11:30am. To reserve a spot, contact David Hall at 517-775-8755 or Brookshire Inn Golf Club at 517-655-4694.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Best Western at the I-96/Okemos Road Exit under the Webberville Class Reunion for classmates needing lodging. The motel phone number is 517-349-8700.

A few highlights of 1984, the year the class graduated, include Prince releasing 'Purple Rain', Kevin Bacon dancing in 'Footloose', Apple airing its first commercial for the Macintosh computer, and Ronald Reagan serving as the U.S. President.

Any questions, contact Jim Ackerman at 517-204-5023.



Three Webberville students named winners of 'America and Me' Contest

Three students from Webberville Middle School have been named local winners in the 55th annual 'America and Me' Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance. Katelyn Kubiak earned a first-place award for her essay. She advances to the state level competition, from which the top ten essays in Michigan will be selected. Tayven Bucchanon earned a second-place award and Nevin Landry earned a third-place award.

A longstanding contest in Michigan since 1968, this year's competition saw several thousand eighth grade students from nearly 200 Michigan schools participating. The topic of this year's contest was "My



'America and Me' Essay Contest winners were, from left, Katelyn Kubiak, Tayven Bucchanon and Nevin Landry.

Personal Michigan Hero." Congratulations to these students on their writing achievement!

Euchre Fun Night being held at the Webberville Library on April 27th

Friends of the Webberville Library is sponsoring a Euchre Fun Night Fundraiser on Saturday, April 27th. Registration at 5:30pm and playing begins 6:00pm at the Webberville Cultural Center (note these are new



times). The entry fee is \$10 per person to play. Prizes will be awarded and there will be a 50/50 drawing. Snacks and beverages will be provided. You are welcome to bring your own snacks and non-alcoholic beverages.

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Michigan Governor's Report

By Gretchen Whitmer

Supporting Seniors

Michigan's seniors have spent their lives building this great state — raising families, running businesses, and

servicing their communities. Many still work in and give back to their communities. It's our duty to ensure they are taken care of and have the dignity, respect, and independence they deserve.

That's why we are working hard to make Michigan the best place to retire and live out the golden years of your life. I'm committed to driving down the cost of prescription drugs, easing the tax burden on seniors, expanding access to nursing homes, and helping those who care for our seniors.

Rolled Back the Retirement Tax

Last year, we rolled back the retirement tax, giving seniors the largest tax break in decades. After working for a lifetime, Michiganders deserve to be able to retire and keep every hard-earned dollar of their retirement funds.

In 2012, Michigan's tax code was rewritten to slap a retirement tax on hundreds of thousands of Michiganders. Money that was promised to seniors was taken out of their hands. It was wrong. We made it right.

Our retirement tax repeal will save half a million households an average of \$1,000 a year. It's 100% phased in for first responders who spent their careers protecting us and saving lives. That's extra cash in seniors' pockets for groceries, gas, and gifts for the grandkids.

To learn more, the Michigan Department of Treasury has prepared detailed information explaining how to benefit from the retirement tax repeal.

Lowering the Cost of Health Care

I've been working hard alongside the Biden-Harris Administration to expand Medicare and lower healthcare costs for seniors. For the first time, Medicare now negotiates drug prices directly, with insulin costs capped at \$35 per month.

Last December, I signed bills lowering the cost of prescription drugs and increasing pharmacy oversight, protecting Michiganders against surprise medical billing, and fostering more competitive health care pricing.

We increased wages for direct care workers and other staff assisting seniors who require home-based and nursing home services and support. We will continue to invest in programs to support older Michiganders, including increased nursing home support payments and expanded services to help seniors age in place with access to senior centers and home care.

To follow through on these investments, I established the Health and Aging Services Administration in 2021. This department is focused on helping aging adults thrive by improving access to health care services and transportation, combatting elder abuse, and more.

Our efforts are paying off. The work we're doing has made Michigan the first "Age-Friendly State" in the Midwest according to the AARP.

Caring for MI Family Tax Credit

In my State of the State address this year, I laid out my plan to offer support for Michigan's caregivers with the Caring for MI Family Tax Credit. Michiganders who are caregivers have enough to worry about. They spend thousands of dollars out-of-pocket on their loved ones while juggling their own lives, families, and careers.

To lower the cost of caregiving, the Caring for MI Family Tax Credit could save thousands of Michigan families up to \$5,000 on their taxes. By allowing people to write off expenses including counseling, transportation, and nursing or respite services, they can save money while caring for parents, children with long-term care needs, or an aging or sick relative.

We are working to get this done so that we can help families who care for our seniors.

GetSetUp

We are also creating new ways for older Michiganders to continue learning and stay connected. Michigan has partnered with GetSetUp, an online learning and discovery platform designed specifically for older adults. GetSetUp helps older Michiganders combat social isolation and stay mentally, physically, and socially active by providing them with 500,000 free virtual classes across a range of topics.

If you are a Michigan resident over 50, you can access the easy-to-use GetSetUp learning platform and join free, friendly, peer-led classes to learn about health and wellness, explore hobbies, and much more.

Learn more about GetSetUp at [Getsetup.io/partner/michigan](https://getsetup.io/partner/michigan).

Michigan is committed to lowering costs, expanding support for care, and working across the aisle to tackle the high cost of prescription drugs.

Together, we will ensure that older Michiganders have the dignity, respect, and independence they deserve.




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