



"Serving the Local Communities"

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Fowlerville 4th of July Committee prepares for Independence Day celebration The Fowlerville 4th of July Committee was busy this past Wednesday, decorating the reviewing stand at the Main Four corners of the Downtown Business District with red, white and blue bunting and American flags in preparation for the Independence Day celebration. The evening parade that starts at 7 p.m., followed by the fireworks display at 10 p.m. (dusk), are the two major highlights of the event. From left, front row, are Butch Ogden, Jim Mayhew, Dale Brewer, Brandon Denby, Ssg. Mike Brunger, Mark Ridenour; and back row, Mary Helfmann, Melissa Salgado, Ellen Peters, Michelle Soli, Terri Ridenour, and Kimber Peach.

Local communities mourning loss of Sheila Larson & Bill Wheeler

By Steve Horton

The Fowlerville and Webberville communities are mourning post she held for 13 years until her retirement in June of 2014. As the mother of four children, she was involved in their various activities while they were growing up. She was also involved in her church-St. Agnes Catholic. In recent years, much of Larson's community volunteer efforts were centered on the Family Impact For Fowlerville, that grief came with the news that Sheila Center, with the main focus being the annual 'Run for the Impact' 5K-Run/Walk which she organized since its inception nine years ago. The event is a major fundraiser for the local organization.

the loss of two individuals who each had distinguished careers as teacher-educators, were active in the community during their working years, and remained active during their respective retirements. Larson had passed away on June 26 at age 69 after a long battle with cancer, while for Webberville the grief came with the death of William 'Bill' Wheeler on June 29 at age 82, also from cancer. Among her many interests was long-distance running, and one

Sheila Larson enjoyed a 37-year career in educationof her fellow runners was Vance DeCamp. The two of them had first at St. Joseph Catholic School in Howell and then at the been fellow teachers at the junior high, with DeCamp serving as a Fowlerville Community Schools starting in 1986 where she joined coach for the cross country and track teams. An auto accident that her husband, Robert 'Bob' Larson, who was also a teacher. left him blind resulted in his early retirement from teaching, but thanks to Larson's encouragement and help as a guide runner, he

At Fowlerville, Larson taught English classes in the junior high, but also branched out to develop a technology education Postal Customer

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program. She headed the school's Gifted & Talented Program and sponsored the Odyssey of the Mind team.

Her impressive resume, along with her energy and drive, led to her being hired as the Curriculum Director—an administrative

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Vacation Bible School

Students from Smith Elementary donate cereal boxes to Family **Impact** Centers

Back in May, Fowlerville's H. T. Smith's Principal Kathy Gibson challenged her students, teachers and staff to bring in 600 boxes of cereal for the Family Impact Centers before the end of the school year. They got to work, and on Tuesday, June 8th, over 600 boxes of cereal (totaling 683 pounds) were delivered to our Food Pantry!

Before that happened, however, they did something else really fun! All of the boxes were lined up on the walking path, domino-style, and the students cheered as one by one each box fell!

А huge THANK YOU goes out to Mrs. Gibson and everyone at H. T. Smith Elementary School for this fun-- and very rewarding-- project! You're the best! And we're SO appreciative of your hearts to help families in need!



Livingston Centre Historic Village committee to meet July 7 at fair office

The committee for the Livingston Centre Historic Village will meet Wednesday, July 7, at 7:00pm in the Fowlerville Fair Office. Monthly meetings are now scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month.

Newly-elected President

Matt Dickinson will lead

discussions on two primary

agenda items, in addition to

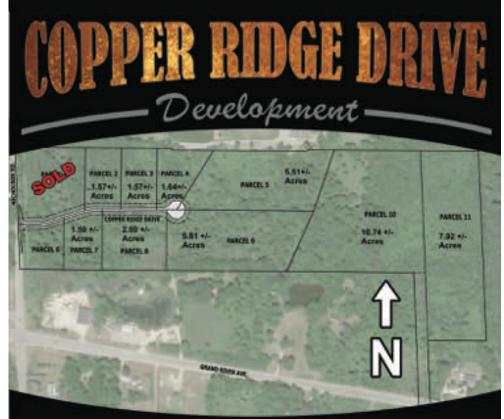
other minor issues.

--Final plans for Fair Week, July 26 - 31, on staffing the table under the Grandstand to provide information about the Village as well as selling raffle tickets for the annual Quilt fundraiser. Also, the schedule will be set for free tours of the historic buildings during that week.

--Continuing plans for the Annual Fall Fest, September 11, to be held at the Historic Village, beginning at 10:00 am.

Interested individuals are always welcome to attend these monthly open meetings and learn more about efforts to preserve Livingston County's history.







Take-home snack package each night Family picnic on Thursday, July 15!

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Haley Juopperi*, Ryann Kelley, Maisy Kelso*, Desmond Kerby*, Elektra Kotch*, Mya Lanza, Ian Lindsey, Remington Losey, Kollin Lovejoy*, Anabelle Mangan*, Drew Miller, Lauren Miller, Danykah Muck, Evan Noble*, Izabelle Nystrom, Anja Ott, Ayla Papple*, Alyxis Parsons*, Jacob Pennala*, Hunter Pisella, Lon Pringle, Gavin Rager, Ava Rose, Logan Rose, Makenna Rudnicki, Savannah Sauls, Alyssa Seiter*, Ella Shaw*, Joshiah Smith, Abigail Spalding*, Dezmon Stambersky, Oliver Stavropoulos, Trenton Stephens, Bristol Thomas, Cecilia Trevisan*, Nathan Tschirret, Ayden Turchi*, Bailey Villerot*, Kamdyn Wells.

Seventh Grade

Landon Aeschliman, Makenna Archibald, Bailey Armstrong*, Kassidy Bantau, Maria Beach*, Lindsey Bergin, Landon Black, Kamryn Bodley*, Jason Botruff, Jeffrey Brockmiller, Preston Browne, Owen Carney, Audie Charboneau, Isabelle Chase, Katherine Clark, Isabel Cox*, Cody Cruz, John Dalton*, James Darin, Carter Davison, Ashlyn Dean*, Kylan Dillingham*, Luke Docusen, Taylor Drenchen, Spencer Drummond*, Levi Dutton, Tanner Dyer, Avery Farris, Aubrey Feldt, Alexander Figurski, Lilah Finley, Kailee Fitchpatrick*, Milan Fulton*, Landon Garcia*, Ella Genovesi*, Adisyn Grimm, Michaela Gulledge, Jacob Hardies*, Ethan Harmon*,

Preston Hartke, Erik Helminen*, Olivia Highhouse*, Evelyn Hocking, Anna Horne, Annalie Howard, Lana Howie, Sophia Hughes, Hailee Johnston, Zach Juopperi, Maria Kilpela*, Mariah Kirby, Matlyn Lawson*, Troy Lockwood, Ranger Matteson, McKenna Maybee*, Grace Miller*, Haylie Stankov, Emma Taucher, Reagan Wilkins, Grant Wilkinson*, Ethan Willard, Riley Williams*, Jack Wilson*, Travis Wroblewski, Zachary Yarbrough*.

Eighth Grade

Luke Anderson, Anna Arnot, Shane Auxter, Levi Baker, Gabriella Banko, Jackson Bastian*, Kierstin Bishop, Addison Borowy*, Douglas Braidwood, Meadow Browne, Margaret Buurma*, Autumn Carr*, Alana Chappell, Chloe Coker, Emma Copeland*, Patrick Cox, Tyler Dailey*, Abby DeCare*, Sophia Doane*, Benjamin Durbin, Waylon Fletcher, Jenna Forrester, Kalvin Gasche*, Fiona Gitulli, Molly Grant*, Alyx Hahn, Trevor Hale, Ethan Hall, Aubrianna Hotelling, Alyssa Hubble*, Damien Hudson, Matthew Jeffrey*, Clara Johnson, Olivia Johnson, Salene Kalis*, Adeline King, Tommi Kleinschmidt*, Kelsi Kline, Amelia Koenemann, Zachary Krolczyk*,

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St. John's Lutheran Church offers family activities in July

Summer is in full swing and St. John's Lutheran Church has July activities for youth and families in our communities.

On Wednesday, July 7 at 6:30 p.m. children through grade three will enjoy meeting "Cowgirl Cathy" in person. She will share a book about armadillos and children will take a copy of the book home with them (while supplies last). This program is sponsored by the R.E.A.D. Team at St. John's. The team's mission is to encourage strong reading skills by third grade and is in line with the LESA "Talking is Teaching" program.

Later in July, get ready for Vacation Bible School and the Knights of North Castle! St. John's will host a three-night event for kids age 4 through teen on July 13, 14, 15, beginning at 6:30 p.m. This will include faith, fun and friendship through Bible study, games, crafts and song. Weather permitting, the event will be held mostly outdoors, with an indoor craft station. Pre-registration is encouraged for this FREE event.

See our advertisements information about







Card of Thanks

We would like to extend our gratitude to everyone who stopped in the middle of the thunderstorm Tuesday afternoon to help clear Lovejoy Road of fallen trees and branches. The road was impassible at multiple locations in a half mile stretch and the storm was still raging as they were clearing debris. Thank you for your efforts to make the road safer for everyone traveling that day.

Keith and Tarah Wasilenski





Fowlerville District Library Events

Special Announcements

Some programs are now in person! See Below for details.

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Tails and Tales

Summer Reading 2021 Programs

Summer Lunch Bunch Wednesdays, June 16th-August 25th 12PM - 12:30PM

The Salvation Army is handing out lunch boxes, pantry kits, and craft packs. Check our website for more of Salvation Army Lunch bunch locations.

Animal Scavenger Hunts July 1-31 Ocean Animals Friends

K-5th Graders - Get your checklist at the front desk. Search around the library during open hours for some animal friends. Grab a checklist and see if you can find them all!

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

K- 5th Graders - Meet our new Youth Librarian, learn signs, sing songs, and play in this interactive story time! * * *

Digital Escape Room Monday, July 1 - Saturday July 31, 2021

Kids 8+-Will you escape the locked zoo? Go to the Fowlerville District Library's Facebook page or to Fowlervillelibrary.net for the link to the adventure.

Tuesdays with Mrs. D Tuesday, July 6, 2021 10:30 AM -**NOW IN PERSON**

Preschool - For ages 2 1/2-5 years. Come and search for wild animals and the places that they call home. Through stories, finger plays and songs join in the fun/adventure.

Summer at the Tabletop Tuesday, July 6, 2021 1-5PM-Discord

Teens - Has the pandemic left you bored? Do you wish to be somewhere - or someone - else? Join us online every Tuesday for a tabletop RPG! Every week will be a different game and a different system. Sign up or just come hang out on Discord at https://discord.gg/sKumgbBy4t

Rock & Read Storytime with Storm Wednesday, July 7, 2021 10 AM-NOW IN PERSON

K-5th Grades - Jump in this Storytime for some stories, music, and fun! * * *

Flipflop Sign Adult Crafts Thursday, July 8, 2021 6:30PM - NOW IN PERSON

Adults - Make a flipflop sign with us. All supplies will be included. Kits will be available to pick up for those who still wish to continue to do the crafts while social distancing, they will be available on Friday July 9th, a YouTube tutorial will be available on Monday July 12, 2021 * * *

Petting Zoo RESCHEDULED Saturday, July 10, 2021 12 - 2PM -side yard

Family- Goats, bunnies, sheep, a mini horse, an alpaca, and more! Come check out a variety of animals in a sociallydistanced climate, courtesy of Carousel Acres!

Take and Make Craft Kits Monday, July 12-17 - Ocean in a Bottle

K-5th Graders - Crafts change weekly and are available while supplies last. Each kit comes complete with all supplies needed and instructions. This activity requires no sign-up. Please call or stop in to find out about this week's craft.

Summertime Cardmaking Thursday, July 15, 2021 6:30 **PM – NOW IN PERSON**

Adults - Join library staff members Mary and Zoe, as they guide you through making four different cards to celebrate summer. July's card theme is Under the Sea. Kits will be available Friday, July 16, 2021 for those who wish to continue to do it online and it includes all supplies needed to make four different cards. A video tutorial will be posted on YouTube Tuesday July 20th. Supplies and spaces limited, sign-up today!

Summer Outdoor Movie Night RESCHEDULED Friday, July 16, 2021 9 PM Side yard

Family- Featuring The Lion King 94' -- Bring lawn chairs, blankets, snacks, and bug spray and come pick out your spots on the lawn.

Summer Outdoor Movie Night Friday, July 23, 2021 9 PM Side yard

Family – Featuring The Emperor's New Groove -- Bring lawn chairs, blankets, snacks, and bug spray and come pick out your spots on the lawn.

Frederick Stonehouse Presentation - Pirates, Crooks, and Killers Tuesday, July 27, 2021 6:30 PM-Zoom Adults - Ahoy!

Do you like the idea of sailing the ocean blue in search of daring adventure! Did you know that the great lakes of Michigan have been called inland seas? What other secrets do the lakes of Michigan hold --Pirates! I tell you....Join us on zoom and hear about the darker side of sailing the great lakes presented by Frederick Stonehouse Maritime Historian. Please be advised this presentation will contain mature themes including but not limited to the discussion of prostitution.

Beyond the Book and Movie Thursday, July 29th, 2021 @ 6:30 PM – Adults – Zoom

Adults - July selection: All Creatures Great and Small by James Herriot. Read the book at home and then come meet at the library to watch an episode of the New TV adaption of this book and discuss both.

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

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

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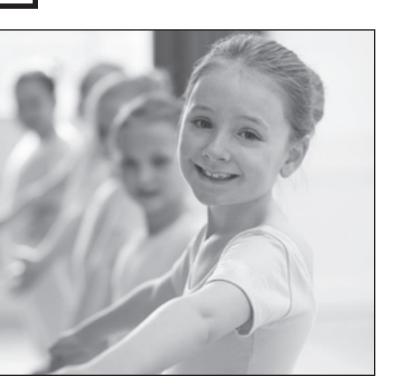
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Caleb **Jenkins** Column



State of America on July 4, 2021

On July 4 of each year, we recognize the official signing of the Declaration of Independence and the unification of thirteen colonies as a sovereign nation. This critical document, dense with understanding, insight, and foresight, shows the severity of this act of independence and the level of careful thought that went into the decision to secede from British rule. Accurately, the Declaration of Independence acknowledges that people throughout history rarely abandon current securities, even those constrained or imperfect, to rectify broken or oppressing government structures.

Nor should such a consideration be a light matter. The Declaration of Independence states that good order should not be abandoned for "light and transient causes." The declaration of July 4, 1776 was not a simple act of rebellion. It was a recognition of repeated, grave issues that the Founders believed could not be solved any other way. With this act, the signers knew that the thirteen colonies would need to quickly establish a new government "on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness."

What was the purpose of this new government? The answer is perhaps the most well-known part of the Declaration of Independence. From the viewpoint of the signers, people form governments to secure "certain unalienable Rights" that are "endowed by their Creator": "Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." This was arguably the first official guiding statement for the government of the newly unified nation. The United States stands for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Government is to provide good order so that its people can pursue these rights and principles. As responsible citizens, it behooves us to understand the proper role of government to ensure we do not unintentionally misguide our expectations, critiques, or demands. To take it a step further as individual Americans, we should maximize our contributions of those rights and principles to make the USA the best it can be. That responsibility is up to each of us.

I still believe America is the greatest nation on earth and has been blessed greatly in our short history, but we have also fallen short of our potential and original intent in many ways. There are actionable steps each of us can take to improve that conclusion. That does not require an abandonment of our original principles. Rather, we would be well served by a careful evaluation of America's founding ideals as we critically reflect if we truly embody the desired potential. I do not believe the Founders were foolish enough to think America was or would be immediately perfect. Growth, whether as an individual or a nation, is a journey. If we are all willing to meaningfully contribute to this journey, then I think America is just getting started.

Livingston County Catholic Charities receives grant funding for program

Livingston County Catholic Charities (LCCC) is excited to receive special grant funding of \$25,000 from the Raskob Foundation to help strengthen our Mental Health Counseling program and our organizational ability to serve low-income and underserved individuals and families within Livingston County.

LCCC places a high priority on responding to local needs and serving all residents of the county with a focus on the indigent and at-risk. In addition to accepting most major insurances, LCCC maintains a sliding fee scale for counseling services for the unemployed, uninsured and under-insured.

This special grant funding is important as LCCC is seeing a dramatic increase in need for counseling services since the onset of COVID-19. Physical distancing, death, isolation, nationwide turmoil and fear have all vastly increased the number of people struggling with mental health, substance abuse and suicide ideations and now seeking help.

The Raskob Foundation is an independent, private family foundation which was founded in 1945. "The Foundation is proud of its legacy of grant making and philanthropic activity in service to the Catholic Church and institutions and organizations identified with it." LCCC, as a branch of the Catholic Church's social mission, extends the outreach of God's love and care to ALL community residents regardless of race, religion, age, sex, disability and financial ability.

Over 56% of the people we serve through our Mental Health Counseling program at LCCC share through the intake process that they live at or below 150% of the poverty level with many more who reside just above that level and are uninsured or under-insured. Therefore, the Raskob Foundation grant funding will support LCCC's general operations to close the gap in cost to provide counseling services vs. LCCC's sliding fee scale or decrease in insurance reimbursements.

As the needs for counseling services continues to greatly rise, LCCC is also looking to hire additional therapists. For more information on LCCC's counseling programs or to explore a position with LCCC, please contact John Furey, Clinical Director, at john@livingstoncc.org.

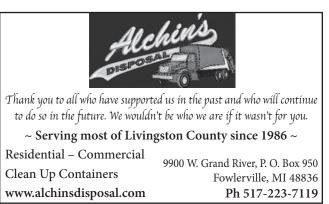
Meals on Wheels needs volunteer drivers in

Fowlerville area

The Meals on Wheels program needs volunteers in the Fowlerville area! We would love the opportunity for you to be part of our team. This is a commitment of 1-2 hours of your time as little or as often as your schedule will allow. Once a month, once a week, temporary or on a continuous basis. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

For more information please call Lucy @ 810-632-2155 or email info@lwmow.











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Share Your Faith

"To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord" is a statement I hear many preachers quote as being in scripture, but you cannot find it in any translation of the Holy Bible. Although, in all honesty, I admit, I used to make that statement frequently at funerals.

What Paul does say in 2 Corinthians 5:6-8 is he is confident in his eternal destiny and longs for the day when he can be "absent from the body" and be present with the Lord he loves and serves. To be "absent" from one's body simply means to die; because at death, the spirit is separated from the body and moves into its eternal home—either heaven with the Lord or hell, separated from God for eternity.

Therefore, because I am saved, I am responsible as a bornagain believer in Jesus to share my faith and the foundation on which it is firmly rooted and grounded with others. It is also my responsibility to live my life walking as closely as possible to the pattern laid out by Jesus. Being obedient to God is not something I take lightly.

When I think about all Jesus suffered through because of me, I am more determined than ever to help as many people as possible to find the peace of living in a close relationship with Jesus. But I know that my determination is not enough. Human willpower will never be able to stand up in the face of some of the adversities and challenges that the spiritual



world will place in our path once we commit to follow Christ obediently.

Matthew 5:3 reads, "Blessed are those who know they are spiritually poor." Until I was able to face the reality that I could not live as God desires me to live without the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit, I was constantly stumbling and backsliding on my faith journey.

Paul tells us in Ephesians 6 that the battle we face is not against flesh and blood. It is not people that we must conquer.

Paul says, "be strong in the Lord and his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." (Emphasis mine.)

Do you realize that evil spirits are all around you trying to get you to slip up and turn away from God? You cannot overcome the spiritual forces of evil with mere human power. The natural will never be able to overcome the supernatural. And the spiritual forces of evil are supernatural. They are the powers in control of this broken and dark world of sin. So when we try to stand up against them, we are destined to fail without the supernatural power of God's Holy Spirit.

I understand this today. I know who my enemy is, and I also know who my Savior is. I know that Satan will never give up trying to draw me away from God. He will use every temptation and every evil scheme he can think of to lure me into his den of inequity.

But he does not stand a chance of winning as long as I stay focused on Jesus. As long as I have a healthy and active relationship with God's Holy Spirit, who is dwelling inside me, leading, guiding, and directing me, I know I can resist any temptation and stand up against any adversity the devil throws at me.

Suppose you have been struggling in your journey of faith. In that case, if you are experiencing depression and anxiety because of the evil and sinful behavior that is taking place all around you, I encourage you to take some time to reevaluate your relationship with Jesus. Take as much time as you need. Don't rush yourself. Read the Bible. Ask God to reveal Himself to you and then listen to what He has to tell you.

This is where many people fail; because when they go to God looking for answers, they already have preconceived ideas about what they want. In reality, they turn to God, looking for confirmation more than they do for direction. When God's guidance conflicts with their preconceived ideas about what is best for them, they usually abandon God and choose their own path, which ultimately leads to disaster.

Based on scripture and what it says about the end times, some people believe the end of civilization is closer than the beginning. Hearing predictions about the end of the world is nothing new. I have been hearing them since I was a preteen.

Although many of the signs the Bible says will take place before the end comes are prevalent in our world today, I can't say I believe the end is just around the corner.

I remember Abraham asking God if He would spare Sodom and Gomorrah if He found just ten faithful men. And God said, "For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it." Genesis 18:32.

There are a lot more faithful men in America than ten. However, the number is slowly dwindling downward. Through my writing and preaching, I am trying to reverse the trend so that the number of faithful disciples of Jesus will start to rise.

In Matthew 22:37-40 NIV, Jesus says: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself."

> When we set the course of our lives to follow

—Area Deaths—

Beverly Lee Miles

Beverly "Bev" Lee Miles went to be with her Savior Jesus Christ on Friday, June 11, 2021 after a full and loving life of 80 years. Married to the love of her life Roy Miles for 61 years, they raised 3 sons: Russell, Randy (Cola), Todd (Jamie). Bev had a full career as a farm wife, cook and a wonderful and loving mother.

She was born to Paul and Lizette Ellsworth on July 20, 1940 in Stockbridge MI. She graduated from Dexter High School in 1958. Roy and Bev moved to Fowlerville in 1970. They farmed here for many years. Bev had many passions: gardening, reading, horses, cooking, sewing, and talking to people. She especially loved having fun with her family. She was a wonderful grandma. She truly enjoyed her 9 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. She will be missed by all.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cancer Society or United Brethren Church, Fowlerville MI.

Arrangements entrusted to Herrmann Funeral Home. Online condolences may be expressed at <u>pjherrmannfuneralhome</u>. <u>com</u>

Letter to the Editor

Integrity: A Needed and Noble Goal

Integrity of our nation's democracy needs to be a priority and our elected officials must value, declare and support truth.

State Republican officials clamor about integrity and ethics, more as an attack tool on our current Michigan governor and her administration, rather than reform. Integrity is no longer a word associated with the GOP unless you have been living in a bubble for the past four years.

Citizens deserve profound leadership, not dishonesty, office disgrace and the blatant cowardice silence. Integrity brings relevance and requires strength and courage, but Republican legislators have a shaky history for openness and truth.

For example, the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) reforms to include the executive branch and bring Michigan in line with 48 other states has lingered in the legislature multiple times. Former representative Brandon Dillon proposed reforms several times which were left to die in the Senate. The newly proposed FOIA replacement, Legislative Open Records Act (LORA) has shortcomings, is not as thorough as previous proposals and is a lame effort at openness.

Another example is former Secretary of State, Ruth Johnson's attempt to clean up "dark money" in Michigan political ads. She was met with abrupt opposition from her own party and ultimately the Republican Senate codified into Michigan law the shady policy she wanted to eliminate.

An elected official that truly wants to improve ethics and integrity in Michigan must condemn baseless falsehoods and misinformation that damages democracy. Do not use democracy to destroy democracy. It is wrong for leadership to support or stay silent about insane claims, such as, widespread voter fraud, school shootings are false, and wildfires were started by a Jewish space laser. Yet unfortunately, we have a state Senator who traveled to D.C. to support false claims and do not have one elected official that condemns groups who perpetuate misinformation. This damages Michigan and ultimately damages America.

Support of H.R. 1, For the People Act, which holds elected officials accountable for corruption, expands and protects voting rights and creates a democracy for all Americans would demonstrate how deeply local officials value integrity. Value your country more than your position and make integrity great again.



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IF YOU HAVE ANY REAL ESTATE QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO BUY OR SELL A HOME, PLEASE CALL OR TEXT ONE OF THE BROKERS. without compromise the instructions in these two commandments, the spiritual enemy of God, Satan, will come at us with his entire arsenal. He will be relentless in his attempt to break us down and draw us over to his side.

But we can be victorious because Jesus has already paid the price and set us free from the penalty of sin and death.

Please join me and share the reason for your faith in God with someone today. It could be the determining factor as to whether they come to Christ, stay with Christ or walk away from Christ. Think about it. Evelyn Gallegos Brighton, MI

MARION TOWNSHIP 2021 JULY BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING NOTICE

The Marion Township Board of Review will convene on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 10:00 am inside the Marion Township Hall located at 2877 W. Coon Lake Rd., Howell, Michigan.

This meeting is held for the purpose of correcting qualified errors, clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact, pursuant to MCL 211.53b of the General Property Tax Act. The board will also have authority to act upon principal residence exemptions, agricultural exemptions, hardship exemptions, and veteran exemptions.

> Lori Judson, MAAO Marion Township Assessor (6-27, 7-4 & 7-11-21 FNV)



Market volunteers (L to R) Max Battist, Zach Battist, Collin Hicks, Lexi Battist, Sharon LaPointe, Carol Grainger and Jane Reagan pose with Rose Titus of

Williamston' Farmers Market to celebrate Independence Day on July 4th

For those with mobility issues, curbside drop-off and pickup, a courtesy wheelchair, wagons for hauling purchases to vehicles, and two on-site parking spaces are available.

The Market accepts payments from the various food assistance programs: SNAP, Double-up Food Bucks and Senior Fresh, and offers "banking" services at the Information Booth, allowing customers to use their debit/ credit card to purchase 'Market tokens' that are like cash and accepted by all of the Eastern Ingham Farmers Market vendors. There will not be special activities for children until later in the season. Last week was National Camera/ Selfie Day, and

Fowlerville Rotary Club selling raffle tickets with three prizes to winners

The Fowlerville Rotary Club is selling tickets for their 2021 Raffle. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold. Cost is \$10 or 3 for \$25. The prizes are:

- First Place -- \$1,000 Cash
- Second Place-Ruger 450 Bushmaster gun
- Third Place—Apple iPad
- Tickets can be purchased from any local Rotarian or at
- --Harmon Real Estate, 100 W. Grand River
- --Massage Rehab, 140 E. Grand River
- --Fowlerville News & Views, 206 E. Grand River

The drawing will be held Sept. 12, 2021 at 11a.m. during the Club's annual Dawn Patrol at Maple Grove Airport, 7080 Sherwood Road, north of Fowlerville.

Proceeds can be used for the Fowlerville Community Park, the Fowlerville Rotary Centennial Park, scholarships for local high school seniors, and other Rotary programs.



Williamston Area

Senior Center

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July 2021 Events

Please check our website www.williamstonseniorctr.com or our Facebook for specific announcements of upcoming activities.

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The Williamston Area Senior Center Third 2021 Picnic in the Park will be held on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at the Wheatfield Township Park at 985 Holt Rd., Williamston, Michigan from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Lunch will be provided: hot dogs, chips, bottled water and dessert. Please bring your own chairs. **Reservation is a must** – call 517-655-5173 and leave a voice message, please call before July 9 to make your reservation.

We have been seeing a decline in the Covid-19 infections and the meeting guidelines are being relaxed. In an effort to start to increase our service to seniors we will be providing the following events from 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm unless as otherwise indicated.

--Tuesday, July 6, 2021 a Mini Craft Show from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Proceeds to support Christmas in September Placemats for TCOA.

--Wednesday, July 7, 2021 Chair Exercise by Kristen McIntyre.

--Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at 11:00 – 12:00 noon information by TCOA on the Fresh Produce presentation. A program to double your Farmer Market buying power.

--Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 11:00 am Coffee with the President of the Williamston Area Senior Center.

--Wednesday, July 14, 2021 Senior Living Safe Options presentation by Brookdale.

--Thursday, July 15, 2021 Music Bingo with Tammy from Grace Hospice.

- --Tuesday, July 20, 2021 Lunch with the Willows.
- --Wednesday, July 21, 2021 Birthday Bash.

--Tuesday, July 27, 2021 Mind Games sponsored by the Williamston Area Library.

--Wednesday, July 28, 2021 Senior Movie.

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

Covid-19 Guidelines – wearing proper face covering and social distancing is recommended. Hand sanitizer and disinfectant will be provided on the premises.

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

Other July Activities at the Senior Center -

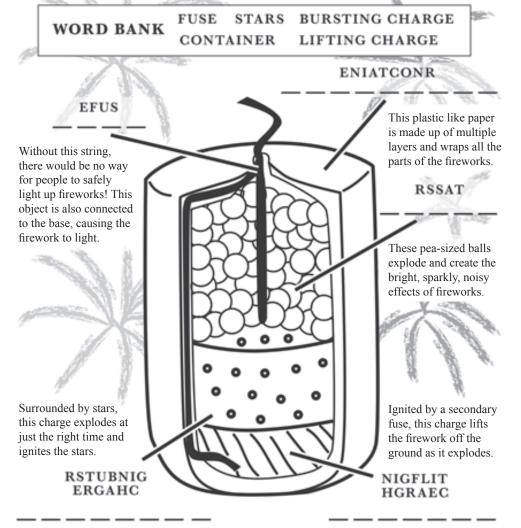
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Wednesday Needle Craft Group meets 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Thursday Euchre held from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.

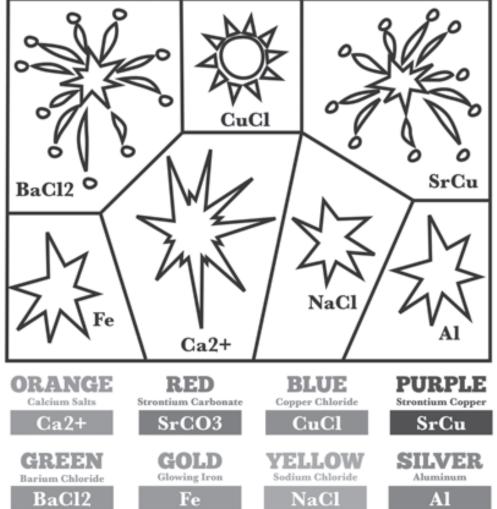


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13-gun salute in honor of the 13 colonies. The Pennsylvania Evening Post reported: "at night there was a grand exhibition of fireworks (which began and concluded with thirteen rockets) on the Commons, and the city was beautifully illuminated." That same night, the Sons of Liberty set off fireworks over Boston Common.

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Some Special Recipes

By Dawn Horton

This week's recipes are from Debbie Brown and Kami Kargel. Enjoy!

Marzetti's Pasta Slaw-

- 16 oz. angel hair pasta
- 16 oz. bag of tri-colored coleslaw
- 13 oz. jar of Marzetti's Original Slaw Dressing
- 6 oz. grated parmesan cheese
- 1 small red onion finely chopped
- 1 green pepper finely chopped

Boil noodles and cool completely. Add bag of coleslaw, onion, grated parmesan cheese and 3/4 of a jar of slaw dressing. Toss until combined. Refrigerate overnight. Before serving, mix in remainder of slaw dressing and top with more grated parmesan cheese.

-Debbie Brown

Oatmeal Fudge Squares

So gooey and chocolatey!

For Oatmeal Cookie Base:

- 1 c. granulated sugar
- 1 c. brown sugar
- 1 c. margarine
- 2 eggs
- 2 c. flour
- 1 t. baking soda

• 3 c. quick oats

For Filling:

- 6 oz. semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 c. margarine
- 1- 14 oz. can sweetened condensed milk

For cookie base:

Cream sugars and margarine. Add eggs, flour, baking soda and oats. Press 2/3 of mixture into a greased 9"x13" pan. **Filling:**

Heat chocolate chips, margarine and sweetened condensed milk over low heat in a small pan until melted. Pour over the oatmeal mixture. Sprinkle remaining oatmeal mixture over top of filling. Bake at 300 degrees for 40-45 minutes. Cool completely before cutting.

-Kami Kargel



Report By Bob Bezotte,

47nd District

Happy Independence Day! I hope everyone has a safe and happy 4th of July weekend!! Thank you to everyone that helped out with Fowlerville's 4th of July events. We encourage families to take advantage of the activities

coordinated by the Fowlerville Fourth of July committee.

Last week, I had my first bill, HB 4725 pass the house with bipartisan support. I am hopeful the senate will pass this bill and the Governor will sign it into law.

With summer in full swing, visiting our local farmers markets is a great way to support local businesses and try all the fresh produce we have this season!

· Hartland Farmers Market 9am-2pm on Saturdays at 10400 Highland Rd

• Howell Farmers Market 9am-2pm on Sundays on State and Clinton Streets

 Brighton Farmers Market 8am-1pm on Saturdays at 200 North 1st St

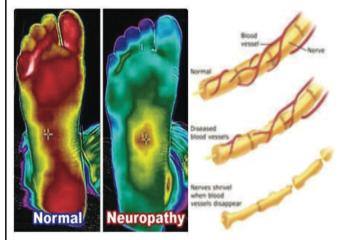
As summer plans also solidify, everyone should visit our Pure Michigan website to find new things to do and see in our beautiful state. Visit www.michigan.org for more information.

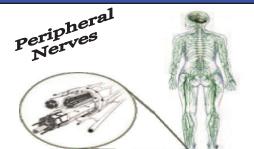


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Peripheral Neuropathy WARNING!

Brighton, MI – The most common method your doctor will recommend to treat your neuropathy is prescription drugs that may temporarily reduce your symptoms. These drugs have names such as Gabapentin, Lyrica, Cymbalta, and Neurontin, and they're primarily antidepressant or antiseizure drugs. These drugs may cause you to feel uncomfortable and have a variety of harmful side effects.





There is now a facility right here in Brighton, that offers you hope without your taking those endless drugs with serious side effects.

In order to effectively treat your neuropathy three factors must be determined:

1) What is the underlying cause?

We even have home based programs available to those who have transportation concerns. So, don't worry that we aren't in your town. You may still be able to get the care you need, in the comfort of your own home.

Dr. Robert Moore, D.C. from Chronic Pain Relief of Brighton, will set you up for a FREE phone consultation to determine: if there is an appropriate therapy for you and to see if we can accept your case.

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Figure 1: When these very small blood vessels become diseased they begin to shrivel up and the nerves begin to degenerate.

Peripheral neuropathy is a result of damage to the nerves. It most often causes weakness, pain, numbness, tingling, and extremely debilitating balance problems. This damage is commonly caused by a lack of blood flow to the nerves in the hands and feet which causes the nerves to begin to degenerate due to lack of nutrient flow.

The main problem is that your doctor has told you to just live with the problem or try the drugs which you don't like taking because they make you feel uncomfortable.

2) How much nerve damage has been sustained?

NOTE: Once you have sustained 85% nerve loss, there is likely nothing that we can do for you.

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Livingston County will be receiving approximately 37 million dollars of covid relief money. Let me say a few things that I think are obviously true but in the world of government are not. All money that goes to Washington or the State is "our" money in that the government is working on our behalf. Thus the money coming from the State or Federal government is still "our" money. Though this may be true in a common-sense way, it is not true in reality because the moneys returned to us come with "strings" and directions. This money may be spent only for a limited list of projects.

I favor using this money for long-term investments as opposed to hiring new staff that will only have temporary employment until the one-time gift is exhausted. Internet infrastructure is one of the allowable uses for this money mainly because covid shutdowns necessitated education and work from home. This was severely hampered by the absence of reliable access, especially in the rural areas. Most of the citizens of the 4th county district face these difficulties keenly. The County IT is working to secure a grant to map the whole county internet system in the hope of devising a plan. This project would be funded by Federal money and would build a "backbone" system in the county that companies could use to take the internet to people's individual homes. In conjunction with developing the County's 5-year strategic plan, we will prioritize the use of this money to best serve all Livingston residents.

Representative Elissa Slotkin had given us hope that she could "earmark" 12 million dollars for this project. Upon review by her office, she chose other endeavors instead. I think the biggest reason for the refusal was because funds

from the \$37 million covid relief money could be used for the purpose of internet fiber lines.

This has been a goal of mine since I ran and won in 2016. That year state Senator Joe Hune convened a panel to help work out the details to open the door for this service. Sadly, the progress from that time has been very slow. Conway voters vetoed a plan for their township. Iosco Township spent countless hours trying to develop a township plan but was unable to bring a proposal to the voters. I have received two phone calls this week asking what is being done to hasten the day when reliable internet will be widely (universally) available.

In the cities and more urbanized areas of our County, many have internet. It may not be adequate for those who have very heavy data usages for their work or education at home. A county wide tax most likely would not pass.

There are public utilities that have a monopoly in certain areas and are regulated to make access to their services more affordable. The number of internet providers make a stateregulated monopoly unlikely, however. The federal act that brought phones to most remote areas by a "party line" system is not a good model because a much higher level of service is demanded with internet.

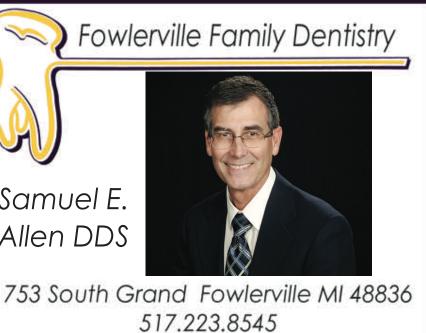
State laws, county and township ordinances regulating the use of utility poles and right-of-ways must be adjusted to favor rural development. In addition, there are a number of unused ("dark") fiber lines that are dedicated, because of their funding source, to uses that have not yet and may never be developed.

If the county builds and owns the lines, there will be maintenance costs and administration of rental charges to be established. All of these, plus other reasons that I may not know have slowed the process. Companies in Livingston are making progress every month to improve our access, but that is little comfort for those who "needed it yesterday."

I remain committed to overcoming these obstacles in the months to come and developing a workable plan.

With all of the problems in our society and government, we are still a very blessed country that is a beacon of hope to people from every corner of our globe. May God continue to bless America. I hope to see you at the Fowlerville July 4th parade.





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House Bill 4411 now returns to the House of Representatives

--Manchester Community Schools \$500,208

--Brighton Area Schools \$4,836,662

--Howell Public Schools \$3,973,005

--Charvl Stockwell Academy \$663.874

--Chelsea School District \$1,328,090

for concurrence.

Michigan Senate Report

By Lana Theis, 22nd District

Senate approves auto no-fault update to protect accident victims, support certain health care providers

The Senate on Wednesday approved a \$25 million Post-Acute Auto Injury Provider Relief Fund to temporarily reimburse health care providers whose businesses might be severely impacted by the 2019 auto no-fault reforms.

While these changes offered drivers flexibility and lower car insurance rates, Sen. Lana Theis said, some providers have yet been unable to transition their business models to compensate for the changes.

"Certain rate reductions may impact some providers' ability to operate their businesses and treat accident victims," said Theis, R-Brighton, who championed the 2019 reforms and offered the Senate substitute to the bill that creates the new fund. "The fund approved today will provide those health care providers focused more on patient care than the bottom line an opportunity to apply for assistance if other cost saving measures aren't effective."

The fund, which would be operated by the state Department of Insurance and Financial Services, would enable affected health care providers experiencing a severe, systematic deficit in their business because of the fee schedule change to seek financial help. To be awarded assistance from the fund, applicants would be required to submit relevant documentation that fee schedule changes are causing systemic losses, proof that business cost saving measures are insufficient to continue to provide care, and evidence of efforts to alter their business practices to comply with the new law.

DIFS would be required to consider an applicant's charges compared to other charges sent to Medicaid, worker's comp, private insurance, and other non-auto insurance for similar care. This will enable the department to determine if overcharging is occurring.

The department would also be required to publicly post certain statistics about the fund every quarter and produce an annual report on fund performance.

"The historic autono-fault reforms are benefitting thousands of Michigan families, helping them save significantly on their car insurance policies — over a billion this year alone," Theis said. "With the approval of this temporary Post-Acute Auto Injury Provider Relief Fund, we can ensure those savings continue, while also providing a bridge for our accident victims so that they continue to get the care they need from their health care providers."

The bill now goes to the House of Representatives for concurrence before going to the governor for approval.

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Senate passes K-12 budget for upcoming year; includes \$155 million for reading scholarship program

The Senate on Wednesday approved the fiscal year 2022 School Aid Budget, providing school districts certainty as they prepare budgets for the next school year.

As part of the Senate passed budget, Sen. Lana Theis fought for and championed the inclusion of a \$155 million reading scholarship program to support schoolchildren between kindergarten and fifth grade who are considered less than proficient in reading. The program would provide up to \$1,000 for eligible students for reading materials, literacy programs, and tutoring services. "Over the course of the past year, COVID-19 and school shutdowns have devastated our children's education," said Theis, R-Brighton, who chairs the Senate Education and Career Readiness Committee. "This lack of in-person learning has had a detrimental impact on thousands of students in numerous subjects, especially in reading. Considering this immense learning loss and its potential long-term impact, this program will empower parents to take control of their children's education with resources to improve their access to quality learning materials and support to get students back on track as proficient readers." As approved by the Senate, the School Aid Budget also features a revised, equalized funding formula, which Theis says is monumental for districts in Livingston and Washtenaw counties. Equalizing the school funding formula will help over 95% of schools throughout the 22nd Senate District. "This is an historic moment in our state as schools strive to bounce back from a year lost to COVID-19 and ineffective distance learning," said Theis. "Today we approved an historic budget to meet the challenge. We've invested significantly into our classrooms and eliminated the funding gap that has

impacted so many schools in Livingston and Washtenaw counties. We're also investing in our children's mental health and making sure our school buildings are in the best shape possible."

Under the approved spending plan, the current state minimum of \$8,111 will now increase to \$8,700 for the 2021-2022 school year – an increase of nearly \$600 per student for many. Every school in Livingston County and most schools in Washtenaw County currently receive the state minimum, and under the Senate passed plan the districts in the 22nd Senate District will see the following increases:

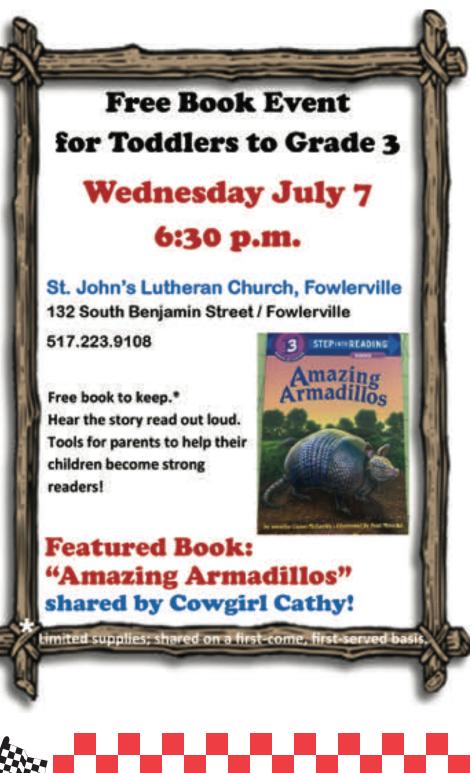
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William "Bill" Wheeler

William "Bill" Wheeler 82 of Webberville passed away June 29, 2021, at his home surrounded by his family. He was born on March 25, 1939, in Ann Arbor, the son of the late Jean and Ethel Wheeler. He married Janice Roehm on July 30, 1966, in Saline, Michigan. Bill graduated from Manchester High School in 1957 and Michigan State University in 1963 with a degree in Agricultural Education. He received his master's degree in 1968 in Ag Ed. He taught at Ubly Community Schools from 1963-1966. He began his 31-year teaching career as an Ag Teacher and FFA Advisor at Webberville Community Schools in 1966 and retired in 1997. He was the recipient of the 2014 Michigan Association Fairs and Exhibitions Heritage Award. In 2016, he was honored with the National Association Agricultural Educators' Lifetime Achievement Award.

He was an active member of the Webberville United Methodist Church, serving the church in many capacities including the Crop Walk Co-Coordinator for 40 years. He was also a member of the Webberville Lion's Club, Ingham County Farm Bureau, Webberville 4-H, Webberville FFA Alumni, Webberville Garden Club, and Webberville Masonic Lodge. He was Webberville's Citizen of the Year in 1985.

Bill loved life and people. He could always be found at a school, community, or family event. He enjoyed collecting antiques and treasures. He served his community and loved every minute of it exemplifying servant leadership for others to follow.

He is survived by his wife Janice of 54 years and sons Alan (Jennifer) Wheeler of Adrian and David Wheeler and Christine Cook of Webberville; brothers Theodore (Carol) Wheeler of Grass Lake and Jack (Susan) Wheeler of Howell; his sister Pat (Bob) Johnson of Hendersonville, Tennessee; and grandchildren Alexis and Blain Wheeler of Adrian.

Visitation was held on July 2, 2021, at the Webberville United Methodist Church from 2:00-8:00 p.m. Saturday, July 3. Visitation was also taking place at the Spartan Center at

—Area Deaths—

Webberville High School from 10:00-11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 3, with funeral service beginning at 11:00 a.m. A private burial was taking place at the Alchin Cemetery. Pastor Marty Johnston and Retired Pastor Fred Fischer were officiating the service.

A luncheon was being held following the gravesite service with fellowship in the high school cafeteria-all were welcome to gather and share stories and celebrate Bill's life.

Contributions can be made in Bill Wheeler's name to Webberville FFA and the Webberville United Methodist Church.

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



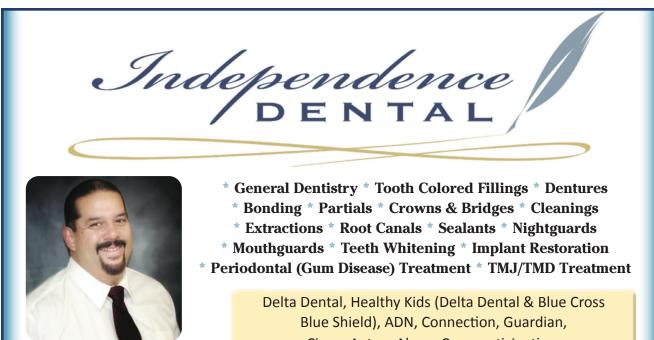
Sheila Mae Larson

April 19, 1952 ~ June 26, 2021 (age 69) Sheila Mae Larson will forever be remembered for her boundless energy. Her 1,000 watt smile and contagious enthusiasm were fueled by her love of life, interest in people, and curiosity for just about anything she came across.

She was terrifically creative and used this power to make the mundane magical and transform holidays into epic events. Her care and enthusiasm had no limits. She gave the same attention to her work and community as she did to her family and leaves behind a legacy of accomplishments, traditions, inspiration, and memories in all areas of her life.

Born in Detroit and raised in Grosse Ile, Michigan, Sheila was the middle child of Dr. Hal Carter and wife Geraldine. Her family was a musical one, often entertained and spent time boating, fishing, and waterskiing. She carried her love of the water and music throughout her life.

After graduating from Grosse Ile High School in 1970, she



attended Grand Valley State University to study education. It was at Grand Valley where she met her husband Bob and started their 48-year love and family adventure. They were married in 1973 and soon after moved to Livingston County, where they both launched their careers in education.

Sheila worked for St. Joseph Catholic School in Howell as the reading center director before starting what would be a 27 year career in Fowlerville Community Schools. She taught middle school English, developed a technology education program, and dedicated extracurricular time to gifted and talented programs. She was awarded District Teacher of the Year in 2000 and commended by Grand Valley for her excellence as an educator. The second half of her career allowed her to combine all her experience and reach even more students and teachers as a Curriculum Director. She truly loved her work and put as much energy into it as anything else she enjoyed and valued.

Much like her professional accomplishments, the list of things Sheila enjoyed and valued is too long for the internet, but a few highlights are:

Her community work, she was always involved in something; Relay for Life, Meals on Wheels, and the garden club at St. Agnes to name a sampling. She could fundraise, organize, and plan with great zest for the community and causes she believed in. One of the events dear to her was the *Run for the Impact 5k* which benefited the Family Impact Center in Fowlerville. She was the director of the race for nine years, tweaking and improving each year to make it an anticipated affair in the community.

She brought the same skills and joyfulness to the family traditions she started. The family Thanksgivings she hosted were legendary, oftentimes welcoming over 30 people. She helped create a family reunion that brought family together and had entertainment for all ages, 0-91. It even had a classic tug-o-war contest, egg toss, 3-legged race, and watermelon eating contest. She knew fun and she knew how to make fun happen.

A pioneer of extreme grandma-ing, Sheila could build a fort anywhere from any household or outdoor item, loved water-balloon fights and jumping in the bounce house with her grandkids.

Most of all she loved how stories ignited the imagination. It's estimated that she read tens of thousands of books over the years to her kids, grandkids, and students.

Travel was another thing that fueled her spark. She was always, always up for visiting places and could out-tour and out-sightsee anyone, city or country. In addition to her uncanny ability to strike up a conversation with any human being, anything from, but not limited to art and history museums, craft and county fairs, boat races, fruit stands, guided tours, live music, off-the-wall museums and roadside attractions were on the table when traveling with Sheila. Even after traversing the nation, Northern Michigan was one of her favorite areas to be and she often went camping and kayaking on the Platte and Au Sable rivers and enjoyed yearly family get togethers near Gaylord.

She also loved gardening, sewing, cooking, family history and photos, scrapbooking, water aerobics, jogging, walking, the outdoors, crafts, going out for breakfast, snail mail, decorating for birthdays and all major and minor holidays, parades, events, weird gifts, sitting around a campfire, and so many other things. All of the interests in her full life created more ways to connect with people, which was what mattered to her, what gave her that trademark energy, and how she will be remembered.

Sheila's spirit and legacy are continued by her husband Robert Larson, son Matthew Larson and wife Meg; grandchildren Bart, Sydney, Nathaniel, and Jacob; daughter Sara Kaye Larson; son David Larson and wife Lacey; grandchildren Arvel, Morgan, Abagail, Lyanna, and Stella; daughter Kathleen Larson Rogers and husband Joe; sister Kaye Bennet; a loving extended family, close friends, and everyone that has chatted, prayed, sang, laughed, ran, or walked with or been inspired, helped, or taught by the beloved wife, mother, grandma, sister, aunt, cousin, friend and teacher: Sheila Mae Larson! (She also loved exclamation points). A funeral mass was held at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Fowlerville at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, July 2, 2021. Memorials are suggested to the Family Impact Center. Arrangements entrusted to Herrmann Funeral Home. be Online condolences may expressed at pjherrmannfuneralhome.com

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This report covers the drinking water quality for the Village of Webberville, for the calendar year 2020. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you in 2020. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards.

Your water comes from the Basal Member of the Saginaw Formation via three groundwater wells at a depth of 220 and 210 feet located at 425 S. Maple St. and 180 Pine St. The state performed an assessment of our source water in 2003 to determine the susceptibility or the relative potential of contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very-low" to "very-high" based on geologic sensitivity, well construction, water chemistry, and contamination sources. The susceptibility of our source is moderately-high.

There are no significant sources of contamination in our water supply. We are making efforts to protect our sources by participating in a wellhead protection program and conducting regular source water monitoring. If you would like to know more about the report, please contact Shane Batdorff, DPW Supervisor, at (517) 375-8671 or <u>sbatdorff@villageofwebberville.com</u>.

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

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which provide the same protection for public health.

Water Quality Data

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2020 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 – December 31, 2020. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All of the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

- <u>Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MDRL)</u>: Means the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- <u>Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MDRLG</u>): Means the level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MDRLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to microbial contaminants.
- TTHM: (Total Trihalomethanes) A byproduct of Chlorine disinfectant.

Regulated Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Level Detected	Test Date	Violation Yes / No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Chlorine* (ppm)	4	4	Average 0.19 Range 0.03 to 1.74	2020	No	Water additive for Disinfection.
Arsenic** (ppb)	10	0	.008	2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.24	2016	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge of metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	Average .3450 Range 0.34 to 0.35	2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits. Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Alpha Particles (pCi/L)	15	0	Average 5.45 Range 4.3 to 6.6	2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits of certain minerals that are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation
Radium 226 and 228 (pCi/L)	5	0	3.4	2020	No	Decay of natural and man-made deposits of certain minerals that are radioactive and may emit forms of radiation known as photons and beta radiation
Sodium (ppm)		Average 23.5 Range 22 to 25	2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits	
Volatile Organics			Range Detected			
TTHM (ppm)	80	N/A	12	2020	No	Disinfectant Byproduct
HAA5	60	N/A	.001	2020	No	Disinfectant Byproduct
Contaminant Subject to AL	Actio	n Level	90% of Samples < This Level	Test Date	Number of Samples Above AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Copper (ppm)	1.3	ppm	0.29	2018	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (ppm)	15	ppb	0 Range 0-2	2018	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives

*Chlorine was calculated using a running annual average.

** While your drinking water meets the standard for arsenic it does contain low levels of arsenic. EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing the arsenic from the drinking water. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

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

Our water supply has 0 lead service lines and 150 service lines of unknown material out of a total of 460 service lines.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Village of Webberville is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

Terms and abbreviations used:

- <u>Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)</u>: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- <u>Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)</u>: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- <u>N/A</u>: Not applicable
- ppb: parts per billion or micrograms per liter
- ppm: parts per million or milligrams per liter
- <u>pCi/I</u>: picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity).
- <u>Action Level</u>: The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment, or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Is our water system meeting other rules that govern our operations? The State and EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety.

We are committed to providing you safe, reliable, and healthy water. We are pleased to provide you with this information to keep you fully informed about your water. We will be updating this report annually, and will also keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen.

We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. Our village council meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. at the village hall at 115 S. Main Street. The public is invited.

For more information about your water, or the contents of this report, contact Shane Batdorff, DPW Supervisor at (517) 375-8671 or <u>sbatdorff@</u> <u>villageofwebberville.com</u>. For more information about safe drinking water, visit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at <u>www.epa.gov/safewater/</u>

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Webberville United Methodist Church holding drive-thru Chicken Dinner

The Webberville United Methodist Church, 4215 E. Holt Rd. is having a drive-thru chicken dinner on Saturday, July17, with 2 pieces oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, green beans, corn casserole, coleslaw, roll and

cookies. All for \$9. The dinner will be served 5 to 7 p.m. or until we run out.





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Webberville Report

Webberville **FFA student** invited to attend farmer forum

Webberville FFA student Cassandra Bosworth was invited to attend a Farmer Forum hosted by Michigan 8th Congressional District representative Elissa Slotkin at the Igl family farm in Mason on June 11. The forum included United States Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack

A question-and-answer session was held, with many mid-Michigan farmers taking part. They touched on many

topics such as heritage tax to cyber security to the food supply chain. Cassandra was given the opportunity to discuss with the Secretary on how we as a nation can become less wasteful with agricultural food, like the dumping of the milk when



From left were Tom Vilsack, the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Cassandra Bosworth of Webberville, and Rep. Elissa Slotkin. Photo by Savannah Halleaux, USDA

> people couldn't find it on the shelves in the stores during the Covid-19 pandemic. Cassandra is hoping her discussion will lead to better solutions for our farmers and our country.



Senior Spotlight—Elizabeth O'Connor By Kylie Atkins

This week's senior spotlight is Elizabeth O'Connor. O'Connor is the daughter of Rachel and John O'Connor and the sister of Jimmy who graduates in 2025.

In her spare time, O'Connor likes to paint and draw, along with participating in cosplay, which is the practice of dressing as a character from a movie, book, or video game.

"I love participating in cosplay," said O'Connor. "It allows e to be creative and express myself."

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

On Wednesday June 23, 2021 NIESA responded to two emergency medical calls. One occurred in Leroy Township and the other in the City of Williamston.

Thursday June 24, 2021 NIESA had three responses. Two were emergency medical calls. One was a mutual aid to Meridian Township, and the second was a response in the City of Williamston. NIESA also responded to a possible structure fire in the City of Williamston, which fortunately was burnt food on a stove that filled the residence with smoke.

On Friday June 25, 2021, NIESA responded to five calls. Three were emergency medical calls, with two occurring in the Village of Webberville, and one in Locke Township. Another response was for a vehicle accident on I-96 in Wheatfield Township, and the fifth response was for a utility pole problem in the Village of Webberville.

Saturday June 26, 2021 NIESA responded to an emergency medical call in the City of Williamston, and a fire alarm activation in Williamstown Township which was burnt food on the stove. NIESA also spent several hours sitting at weather points during the tornado warning.

On Sunday June 27, 2021 NIESA responded to two calls. Both were medical emergencies, and both occurred in the City of Williamston.

Monday June 28, 2021 NIESA responded to six calls. Three were emergency medical calls, with one each in Leroy Township, the City of Williamston, and Williamstown Township. NIESA also had three fire responses, two were for utility pole problems in Williamstown Township, and the third was a smoke investigation in Wheatfield Township.

On Tuesday June 29, 2021 NIESA had four responses. Two were fire responses in Williamstown Township for utility pole problems related to the storms. The remaining responses were emergency medical calls, with one occurring in Williamstown Township and one in the Village of Webberville.

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O'Connor's art teacher, Dean Wilson, had many kind things to say about her.

"Even though I have known Liz for several years now, I continue to enjoy her originality of spirit," he said. "She is dedicated to creating her art and, I think, brings that sense of design and adventure into her life. I would hesitate to guess where Liz will be in the future, aside from forging her own path and seeking her fortunes. The only advice I would give her is to stay true to herself."

Although O'Connor isn't sure what she would like to do after graduation, she has a great interest in cosmetology.

"I'm very excited to graduate," said O'Connor. "I feel like I made the most of my time in high school and I don't have any regrets, but I'm going to miss the art room and art class. I always liked being in there."

O'Connor's friend since middle school, Ella Smyth, reflected on the fun times they've shared together.

"My favorite memories with Lizzie are her sleepovers. We always have a great time and have made a lot of memories with her and my friends," said Smyth.

O'Connor leaves the underclassmen with this advice. "Don't procrastinate and don't fall behind on your work, it only gets harder to catch up the longer you put it off."

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Local communities mourning loss, continued

continued to train and compete in various races.

This past fall, both Sheila and Vance were honored when the school's new cross country track was named the DeCamp-Larson Cross Country Complex.

Larson was named 'Teacher of the Year' by her peers and in 2014 she and Bob were selected as the Grand Marshals of the Fowlerville Christmas in the Ville Parade.

In addition, as a tribute to her efforts in putting on the Family Impact Centers 5K Race/Walk, the event has been renamed the 'Sheila Larson Memorial Run for the Impact'. That announcement was made this past Wednesday by Barb Dine, the executive director of the Impact Centers.

Bill Wheeler had a 31-year career in education as a agriscience teacher. His first three years were spent at the Ubly School system and then, starting in 1966, at Webberville Community Schools.

As the agriscience instructor, he was also the FFA advisorthe combined duties making him a year-round employee. Along with the classroom lessons, he prepared his students for the various leadership and profiency contests, starting at the district level and usually advancing to the regional, state, and national levels. He also helped them with their projects.

He was also a familiar face at the Ingham County Fair as both a FFA advisor and 4-H leader.

From the time they arrived in Webberville, moving into

the house next door to the high school, Wheeler and his wife Janice were active in the community, joining several organizations. For Bill, these included the Webberville Masonic Lodge, the Lions Club, and the Garden Club. He was also active in his church-Webberville United Methodist.

As the father of two sons, he was involved in their various activities while they were in school.

His retirement in 1997, while putting an official end to his teaching duties, proved to be a prelude to a second act of work and involvement.

He took on a part-time job at Webberville Feed & Grain, continuing to work there until last March when the COVID-19 pandemic began.

He helped form and was active in the Webberville FFA Alumni. One of the group's main fundraisers is the chicken dinner on Sunday of the Leroy Township Fireman's Field Days' weekend, and Bill would be heading the crew that cooked the chicken halves on an open barbeque pit. He could also be seen driving a tractor during the Field Days' parade.

As a Mason, he and other members took a group of local kids to the circus each year.

His most impressive and impactful involvement, one could easily argue, was his continuous participation with the school's agriscience and FFA programs. He lent his assistance and expertise in numerous ways, helping prepare the students for the contests, accompanying them to the state and national conventions, and being a mentor and advisor.

Over the years, Wheeler received numerous honors. They

included being named the Webberville Citizen of the Year and the National Association Agricultural Educators' Lifetime Achievement Awards. He was also recognized by the Ingham County Fair and his fellow agriscience teachers in Michigan.

Bill was also asked to be the guest speaker at two recent Webberville High School graduation ceremonies.

When word began to circulate that he was nearing death, a new tribute was added by way of a metal statue placed at the Main Four Corners of Downtown Webberville, entitled Mr. Wheeler. It is comprised of used tractor parts, signifying his ties to agriculture and that we are all comprised of imperfect parts, but that it's how we use those parts through our choices that matter. The statue has his trademark ball cap and glasses, along with a heart on the outside to symbolize how large and caring his was.

The placement of the statue has him looking away from the school, as if checking to see how all of his 'kids' are doing since they graduated-the point being that he cared about their well-being not only while they attended classes as students, but afterwards as well.

A Youtube video on Facebook shows the statue, detailing its purpose and meaning, along with telling Mr. Wheeler how much the community cared for and appreciated him.

In the aftermath of his death, it's become a place where people have been leaving flowers.

See the accompanying stories where several friends and colleagues of both Sheila Larson and Bill Wheeler have shared their thoughts on their respective lives and legacies.

Shelia Larson remembered for her caring nature, boundless energy & bright smile

Sheila Larson, who passed away on June 26, enjoyed a 37-year career in education, with most of that time spent as a junior high teacher and then Curriculum Director at Fowlerville Community Schools. She was also involved in the community, including organizing the Family Impact Centers 'Run for the Impact' 5K Run/Walk for the past nine years.

She is remembered by her

friends and colleagues for her caring nature, boundless energy and bright smile. Here are comments offered from four of them on her life legacy.

Ed Alverson, former Fowlerville School superintendent who brought Larson on as the Curriculum Director.

"When I think of Sheila, I think of energy, enthusiasm, kindness. Those are the three things that come to mind. Sheila reached out to all kids and wanted to help them to be enthusiastic about learning. She was a leader early on with the role of technology in education and the future. She became a compatriot with Grace Damerow in that area, with Grace becoming the district's Technology Director. And those two together were just awesome. But probably the most important thing about Sheila, she was just a great person. She was one of the best, nicest person that I've ever met in my whole life. It's a tremendous loss for her family and our community, because she was just into everything, including helping the Family Impact Center."

Barb Dine, a fellow teacher and executive director of the



Sheila when she retired from Fowlerville Community Schools in 2014.

Grace gave the eulogy at Shelia's funeral mass on Friday.

"She was like bright sunshine all the time. She brought it wherever she was. You never heard her complain about anything ever. We became friends over the years and we did a lot of projects at the school together. She was a fantastic mentor. We exercised together and were partners in crime, pulling a lot of pranks at school.

"She was an amazing person. She had so much energy. In putting together the eulogy for Friday, I've been talking to some of her friends. One of them, Janice Avis, the superintendent's secretary, recalled a funny memory. Sheila was always full speed, walking fast, talking fast. And she was walking through central office really fast one time, turned the corner and completely walked out of her shoe and didn't realize it. And that was like Sheila, because she had things to do and places to go and don't get in her way.

"Sheila's faith was part of her core and part of everything she did. Her light just shown all the time. She was like sunshine everywhere "



Vance DeCamp and Sheila in 2020 at the naming of the DeCamp-Larson Cross Country Complex at Fowlerville Schools.

Fowlerville a few times, the Fantasy of Lights race in Howell.

"She was the race director for the 'Run for the Impact' race, so her husband Bob was my guide runner since she was busy. We did that each year, including this year. She was at the race and that was a big goal for her to be there. It was the last time I talked to her in person, so that was a thrill to be able to do that. But I just remember how encouraging she was to me. Over that course of 18 years, I'm sure we ran more than a thousand miles, which gave us a lot of time to talk as we were running. I have very positive, fond memories of her."

See next page for memories of Bill Wheeler.



Sheila and Bob Larson in 2014 as 'Christmas in the Ville' Grand Marshals.

Family Impact Centers.

"I've known Sheila since I first came to Fowlerville with my children in 1979. Our time together included teaching at the Middle School, partnering on the gifted/talented program, doing numerous Bible studies and simply sharing long walks and conversations.

"However, for the past nine years, Sheila was the "spark" or should I say "ball of fire" - behind our Run for the Impact as she enthusiastically served as Race Director for this major fundraiser. Her energy was endless, and as soon as each new year rolled around, she immediately began plans for the next event.

"We are honored to announce that from this point on, we will be calling it the Sheila Larson Memorial Run for the Impact. It's the least we can do in memory of our beloved friend and fellow volunteer, whose tireless effort helped bring attention to and support for both the Family Impact Centers and the needs of our area families.

"Sheila's smile and positive attitude never ceased to brighten everyone's day, and memories of her will continue to do so. Sheila was such a blessing to this community, and we will greatly miss her!"

Grace Damerow, a fellow teacher and administrator.

Vance DeCamp, a fellow teacher and fellow longdistance runner.

"There are a couple of things I'd like to say about Shelia. First of all, I worked with her for 15 years at the middle school teaching. Then, after I had my automobile accident and was blinded, a few months later she said, "Would you like to run with me as your guide?' I said, 'Yes, I would love to do that.' So for the past 18 years that's what we had been doing. I always enjoyed those runs.

"For about 10 months, beginning in November of 2007, my wife Barb and I lived in a house in Fowlerville because our house in Williamston was being fixed up due to damage from a tornado. From then until August, when we moved back home, every Tuesday and Thursday morning, Sheila would come over at 4:50am and take me out for an hour run. Then she'd go home and shower and then go into central office to begin her work day.

"I thought that was impressive that she was so energetic and thoughtful and always helping other people and always had a very encouraging, positive attitude, which I really appreciated it. When we moved back to Williamston, she would come over generally two or three times each week to practice. We also did several races. We did the Dashing through the Snow & Fire in

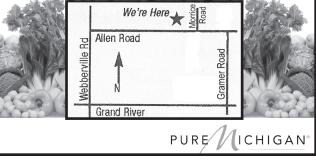
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Bill Wheeler as the guest speaker at the 2016 Webberville High School commencement.

Contestants invited to compete for title of '2021 Fowlerville Family Fair Queen'

Contestants are invited to compete for the title of '2021 Fowlerville Fair Queen.' Judging will take place on Monday, July 26, during a program at the Finlan Gazebo that starts at 3 p.m.. The winner will be named during that program.

The event will include the 'Homemaker of the Year' Contest and the naming of the new 'Citizen of the Year.' This year's fair runs from July 26 thru July 31.

With last year's fair having been cancelled, the newlycrowned Queen will take the place of Hannah Whitley of Brighton who won the contest at the 2019 fair.

See the Rules & Regulations as well as the Application below:



Janice and Bill Wheeler celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2016.

Bill Wheeler remembered for his positive impact on community

William 'Bill', who passed away on June 29, had a 31-year career in education as a agriscience teacher and FFA advisor. He also was an active community volunteer, belonging to the Webberville Masonic Lodge, the Lions Club, the Garden Club, and the FFA Alumni. After his retirement, he continued to assist the school's agriscience and FFA programs and to mentor the students.

He is remembered by his friends and colleagues for his positive impact on the Webberville community.

Colleen Scott Keiser, the current agriscience teacher and FFA advisor at Webberville Community Schools.

"Over five decades Bill Wheeler has shaped and taught generations. He saw the good in everyone and inspired others

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to do the same. Although he "retired" in 1997, he continued to volunteer, mentor, teach, lead, and care for the school and community.

"It is a common remark, 'Bill Wheeler is one of the greatest men I have ever known.' This is a statement of his character, commitment and passion. We can honor his legacy by finding the good in others and sharing his passion for agriculture, community, and education."

Mark Lott, a fellow member of the Webberville Lions Club.

"He is an irreplaceable man, for sure. He was a member of the Webberville Lions for 23 years. Even though Mr. Wheeler had all kinds of hats in the fire, he stepped up and became our secretary for the last several years. I don't know how he found the time to do everything he did, but he always seemed to manage to type out all the minutes and everything, even at 80 years of age. So, he is going to be very missed in Lions Club.

"We always operated our White Cane Drive from his house, because it was close to the Main Four corners in the Downtown. This past year we did it and I went down there with the money and we sat there at the kitchen table and counted the money.

"He was always involved with the fair on behalf of the Lions Club, buying the market animal we purchase. He finally passed that job onto me.

"He impacted four generations of the Lott family. My dad, myself. I had him in high school. My kids and finally the grandchildren.'

Jenna Kingsley, a former student at Webberville and member of the FFA who was mentored by Bill Wheeler. She is a recent graduate at Iowa State University and has accepted a position in Iowa teaching agriscience and being a FFA advisor.

Heaven gained a very special person last night (June 29). Mr. Wheeler was more than just an agriculture teacher; he was a friend, mentor, and farmer. Mr. Wheeler was always there to sing me 'happy birthday,' prepare me for the inevitable, and encourage me to follow his career pathway.

"Even after retirement, he was at a school everyday, chaperoning events, and judging awards at the state and national conventions.

"I am confident that not only myself, but our entire community will not be the same without him! So, Mr. Wheeler, make sure to give a hug to my Grandpa Kingsley for me and catch up on the shared birthday dinner you've missed."

Mike Belmas, owner of Webberville Feed & Grain, where Bill Wheeler worked part-time from shortly after

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Two runner-up court members will be selected. They will receive a tiara, sash and will be invited to attend the remainder of fair and other activities held throughout the year. The Fowlerville Family Fair Queen will receive a tiara, sash, prize package and "star" in the fair's commercial for the 2022 Fair. The Fair Queen will also be invited to attend the remainder of fair and announce Grandstands events. during the 2021 Fair. She will additionally be invited to other activities throughout the year and return for the crowning of subsequent. fair. Winner will also receive a complimentary Fowlerville Agricultural Society membership at the end of her reign.

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fair@fowlervillefamilyfair.com 517-223-8186 his retirement until last March.

"He started working here for Bill, the former owner. So we were fellow employees and then the past few years he worked for me. He worked part-time, doing a lot of different things. He operated the sales counter, cut grass, and got the mail. In the beginning, when he first started here, he fixed some of the equipment. He liked to stay busy.

"He was just a really nice guy. Always helpful with the kids. We did a lot with FFA through him. I appreciated his friendship."

Curtis Refior, the current agriscience teacher and FFA advisor at Fowlerville High School, who had Bill as a student and regards him as a role model for his own career.

"He retired in 1997, so I caught him right at the end of his career. I became an ag teacher in a different sort of way than just going to college and then being hired. But he was a mentor before my becoming a teacher. He got me my first job working for Jeff and Donna Cotton on their horse farm.

"Mr. Wheeler also helped me get my first teaching job. I had gone to Michigan State to become a science teacher. After graduating, I interviewed for a position at Byron High School. The principal and Mr. Wheeler were good friends, and he had given me a good reference which helped in my being hired.

"Then, when Fowlerville offered me the opportunity to



This statue of Bill Wheeler stands at the Main Four Corners in downtown Webberville.

become the ag teacher and start the program here, I accepted, knowing the impact that Mr. Wheeler had on me and other students at Webberville.

"Every interaction I ever had with him, from the time I was a student to being a teacher at Byron to my current position, was positive. He was always very supportive of my career. You know, there aren't too many people that you meet in your life that have had more impact on me and other people than he did. I try to follow his example, the way he treated students and others, and hope I can live up to even part of his legacy."

Bert & Helen Anway, friends of the Wheelers and fellow 4-H leaders.

"We have many good memories of Bill Wheeler. He always had a way to get the Webberville 4-H and FFA students, and their parents, involved in the Ingham County Fair. The parents would move the big heavy wooden gates for the hog area from the storage area above the show barn. We'd bring them down, clean them up, paint them if necessary and then set them up. We'd also set up the show ring.

"Bill made sure the Webberville parents and kids were involved in helping at the Large Animal Auction. He also headed up an outdoor cooking event at the fair for a couple of years that was a special competition for the kids. They were judged on their recipe and how the food tasted.

"Bill also had our Webberville group make sack lunches for the auction buyers, using the old dormitory where 4-Hers used to stay back in the 1950s. He also headed up the woodworking projects for the Webberville 4-H kids. They were able to use the school's shop for making their projects.

"In 1982, the Chicken Bar-B-Que started, using the driveway on the west side of the school building behind the Wheeler's home. The men cooked the chickens, while the ladies were inside the school fixing the rest of the meal, baked potatoes, homemade rolls, Janice Wheeler's favorite cole slaw, and homemade pies.

"We had great times working together and they were great friends."





Steve Horton Column

Remembering Bill Wheeler: An Extraordinary Man

It was June of 1997. I was sitting in Bill Wheeler's classroom, the agriscience teacher and FFA advisor at Webberville Community Schools, interviewing him on the occasion of his impending retirement.

I'd done numerous of these 'swan song' articles prior to this one—and many since then. I asked about him about the highlights of his career, his teaching approach, biographical information from the time he was born until that moment. I inquired as to why he decided to become a teacher and also what his future plans were.

Nothing out of the ordinary. While his details were different, the general outline seemed to be similar to others I'd done.

Then Bill began to tell me this story of how, early in his career, he was undecided as to whether he should continue being a teacher or follow an inclination to become a minister.

As he related the story, I took notes as fast as I could. This was something out of the ordinary, a heartfelt and illuminating confession of faith.

His recollection became the main theme for my ensuing story. I regard it as one of my best profiles up until then and perhaps my best to this date.

As events unfolded, Bill's retirement from teaching-with

the impact and influence he'd had in that role—was only the end of one chapter. He would continue to touch the lives of the Webberville community, he would go on mentoring students as they went through high school, he would remain involved in FFA as a helper and extra hand, and he would still volunteer his time and energy to various organizations and events.

Bill was already beloved by the community at the time of his retirement. That affection and high regard would only widen and deepen in the years to come.

But all things end, including our time here. That end came last week with Bill's death. The tributes have flowed since then from his many friends and colleagues—young and old.

As for my own tribute, I decided to re-print the first part of my profile from that 1997 interview.

I believe it demonstrates why Bill Wheeler was such an extraordinary man.

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Bill Wheeler: A Teacher Retires TEACH!

That was the calling Bill Wheeler believes he was given as a young man and one he's been true to for 34 years. But *continued on page 19*

Contestants invited to compete for title of '2021 Homemaker of the Year'

Contestants are invited to compete for the title of '2021 Homemaker of the Year' at the Fowlerville Family Fair. Judging will take place on Monday, July 26, as part of a program being held at the Finlan Gazebo that starts at 3 p.m. The winner will be named during that program.

The event will include the 'Homemaker of the Year' Contest and the naming of the new 'Citizen of the Year.' This year's fair runs from July 26 thru July 31.

With last year's fair having been cancelled, the newlyselected Homemaker will take the place of Ann Clemons of Fowlerville who won the contest at the 2019 fair.

See the Application as well as Entry Requirements below:

FOWLERVILLE FAMILY FAIR

"2021 Homemaker of The Year" Application

All applications must be received by July 21, 2021 - postmarks not accepted. Judging to take place Monday, July 26, 2021, at 4:00 pm at the Fairgrounds.

Name	Birth date	
Address		
City & Zip Code		
Telephone #		
Were you a participant of the 2019 Fowlerville Fam If yes, how many years have you participat	2	
Briefly describe your family:		
Do you or have you ever worked outside the home	? Describe.	
Do you have any hobbies? Describe.		

Briefly summarize why participation in this competition is important to you:

		ting at 9:45 am
June	26, 202	1 Prices
Auctioned Item	<u>Quan</u> t	<u>tity</u> <u>Price</u>
Square Hay	237	\$3.00-\$10.25
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Chicks	13	\$1.00 each
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On a separate piece of paper, complete the following:

Homemakers of today either have full-time homemaking careers or may combine this with a career outside of their home. Your written essay should reflect how you cope with some of the problems of our complex and rapidly changing world. Please include the answers to the following questions in your essay. Essay should be 50 words or more.

- What are some aspects of homemaking that you enjoy?
- Do you take time for yourself? How do you use this time?
- What are the two most important values that you want to pass onto future generations?
- Explain the importance of the Fowlerville Family Fair to the community.
- Volunteer participation/Leadership Roles (Involvement in social organizations, school, church and community)

Entry Requirements

- 1. Exhibitor must provide a completed application, along with a snapshot and their 2021 Open Class entry form.
- Exhibitor must bring one homemade/handmade item to the judging that you have made/created. Examples include but not limited to: Baking, Canning, Photography, Painting, Floriculture, Needlecraft

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Fowlerville Fire Department Report

June 24th - 12:38 pm. Medical emergency on North Grand Avenue in the Village. June 25th

4:28 am. Medical emergency on Layton Road in Handy Township.

7:06 am. Medical emergency on Red Pine Street in the Village.

9:56 am. Medical emergency on Sherwood Road in

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Reach Out Barn at Oak Grove United Methodist Church opening July 7

The Reach Out (Resale) Barn at Oak Grove United Methodist Church is opening Wednesday, July 7, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. We are unable to accept donations at this time. The barn will be open Mondays & Thursdays, 4:30-7:30 p.m. and Wednesdays & Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. We will be open through the end of September. For more information, please call 810-923-8546.

From Unapproved Minutes CONWAY TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF REGULAR **BOARD MEETING** June 15, 2021

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

- The following Motions were made:
- 1. To approve the Consent Agenda
- 2. To amend and approve Meeting Agenda with addition of item #18 - Depositories and #19 - Speed Bumps.
- 3. To accept Rocket Enterprise flag proposal with amendments.
- 4. To reject Surf Broadband Metro Act agreement as presented.
- 5. To postpone HVAC system decision until July meeting.

Conway Township.

1:53 pm. Medical emergency on West Fork River Drive in Handy Township.

June 26th

6:27 am. Tree down on Sargent Road in Handy Township. 10:55 am. Power pole problem on Sober Road in Conway Township.

June 27th - 5:49 am. Tree blocking the road on Bull Run Road in Iosco Township.

3:10 pm. Fire alarm on Smith Road in Handy Township.

6:24 pm. Generator problem on Bradley Road in Iosco Township.

June 28th - 11:01 am. Medical emergency on Grand River Avenue in the Village.

5:59 pm. Tree blocking the road on Gregory Road in Iosco Township.

June 29th - 2:47 pm. Tree blocking the road on Nicholson Road in Conway Township.

June 30th

7:36 pm. Medical emergency on South Grand Avenue in the Village.

9:43 pm. Gas odor investigation on Chippewa River Drive in Handy Township.

- 6. To approve MTA membership dues and add Premium Pass education package.
- 7. To accept resignation of Mike Stock from the Planning Commission and Recreation Board.
- 8. To adopt RESOLUTION 061521-01 Recognition of Service.
- To advertise in the local newspaper for the Planning Commission and Recreation Board vacancies.
- 10. To move Flagstar CD proceeds to MSUFCU.
- 11. To have Zoning Administrator coordinate with attorney to draft letter to Luke Bryan's promoter.

Motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Complete minutes are available at the Conway Township office at 8015 N. Fowlerville Road, Fowlerville, Michigan 48836.

> Elizabeth Whitt Conway Township Clerk (7-4-21 FNV)

Remembering Bill Wheeler, continued

endings one day arrive and in early August (1997) – after a long and distinguished career – the Webberville High School Agriscience instructor and FFA advisor retired.

Enthusiasm and engagement are two attributes Bill's brought to his work, and life. He's good humored and helpful as well. But, in talking with him at length, you learn that the bedrock is his faith.

"I wasn't sure what I wanted to do while I was in high school and after I first started college," he noted. Having grown up on a 10-acre farm near Manchester (Michigan), he considered that profession. "My high school principal said, 'There's no future for you in production agriculture. Farms are getting bigger'," Wheeler noted. Another career option, he added, was to become a preacher.

Teaching offered another consideration and, after graduating from Manchester High School in 1957, Bill attended Jackson Jr. College and earned an Associates Degree in general education... "getting the basics," he said. Wheeler then attended Michigan State University, still (he said) "not sure of what I wanted to do."

A chance occurrence though propelled him into his eventual profession. "I attended an agricultural education meeting at MSU with a friend of mine," Bill recalled. "From then on I wanted to be an ag-ed teacher."

While his farm background would have made agriculture education seem a good fit, and no doubt did, Bill pointed out that he never took any ag classes or belonged to FFA while in high school. He said, "I did hang out at the ag room. All my friends were farm kids, but I never took any ag classes."

Growing up on a small farm, he said, was an enjoyable experience. "My Dad worked in the shop at Ford's, but we raised sheep, calves, pigs and chickens, and worked other land along with our own. Dad felt kids should have plenty to do, and he kept us busy. If you wanted to go someplace, he'd find something for you to do."

Bill belonged to 4-H as a youngster, showing sheep and vegetables at the fair. "Washtenaw County at that time was, I believe, the largest sheep county outside the western states," he said. While in high school he also served as a 4-H leader.

Bill added that, while farm work kept him and his siblings (two brothers and a sister) occupied, there were rewards. "Once a year we sold a calf and, whatever it brought, we'd use to go on a vacation," he said. "We went to various places around Michigan."

Because of his initial uncertainty about a major, Bill needed two extra years to finish college. He graduated in 1963. While at MSU, he student-taught at Webberville for 10 weeks in 1963 with then local ag teacher Bud Search.

"Bud was getting ready to retire, and they (Webberville school officials) wanted me to apply to take his place," said Wheeler. "But MSU had a policy then that you couldn't go (for your first teaching job) where you had student-taught. The college had a lot of clout back then on such matters." Instead he secured a position in Ubly, a Class D school district in Huron County (in the Thumb area). He was there for three years.

And it was during his stay in Ubly that teaching and Bill's faith fused together and, one could convincingly surmise, gave him the added motivation and inspiration that led to a subsequent career of achievement and recognition; that made him a beloved figure for most of his students and their parents and the recipient of several awards.

Bill – who taught Sunday School while a high schooler and, as mentioned, had considered the ministry as a life's work – came down with pneumonia during his second year there.

"I was driving the school bus during a morning run after a snow storm and the bus broke down," he said. "I ran in the cold to a nearby farm and later came down with a cold. It got worse. My parents happened to come up to visit, and they decided I needed to come home. They checked me into St. Joe's Hospital and for awhile it didn't look like I'd live. I had a bluish color from a lack of oxygen in the blood – the color sheep will get before they die." "I was still in the head and neck brace and, when it came time to give my speech at the luncheon, I said that 'I thank God I'm still alive,' I couldn't give the rest of it and someone there read it for me. I don't recall all the words, but it basically said that 'through Christ, God gives us a purpose'."

As this speech was being read and as he stood there, in the brace and with tears running down his cheeks, Bill explained that the long-ago voice from the hospital returned, saying, 'See, I told you.'

"There's a God," he said, slapping his knee as he concluded the story.

Wheeler added that he kept his Bible in the school desk to consult when needed; his faith being the foundation upon which he built his teaching method. And that method?

"It's been my philosophy that every kid has potential," he said. "As you look for that potential, you find out what they're good at and build in that area. You help them develop selfworth and leadership. Ag education and FFA are vehicles. I never turned a kid down as far as taking a class.

"How was I able to teach? Why did I get certain kids? God sends you these kids. You're their vehicle to head them in the right direction."

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In that profile, I also wrote that "Interestingly and maybe at the core of his teacher method (of seeking to develop each student's inherent potential), is Bill's statement that he expects and wants kids to make mistakes, explaining his belief that this will offer them the valuable lesson of overcoming those difficulties.

"Too many adults want kids to be perfect," he said. "Nobody's perfect. You want to challenge kids to try difficult things. Not scare them off. If a kid fails, then they can learn from the mistake. So many kids don't explore their potential because they're afraid of being criticized. So they won't try things, because that way they won't fail. I like to let them try something, then come and ask me for advice. That helps make them problem-solvers. Without problems, they won't use the talents they have and develop their reasoning skills."

The article ended this way:

Bill looked back at his now-ended school career with typical humility. "We've been blessed. How'd we end up in Webberville? I don't know where else I'd have fit in and been able to do my life's work. Janice and I have really enjoyed it."

"TEACH!" a voice told Bill Wheeler when he was a young man and had nearly died. And teach, by God, he did.

And "TEACH" he continued doing, through both his words and deeds, until his final breath.

Nominations sought for Fowlerville Family Fair '2021 Citizen of the Year'

Nominations are being sought for the Fowlerville Family Fair '2021 Citizen of the Year'. This will be the third year for the award. Paul Harmon—owner of Harmon Real Estate, president of the Fowlerville Business Association, and a member of Fowlerville Rotary—was the inaugural winner in 2019. While the fair was cancelled last year, fair officials named Steve & Dawn Horton, owners of the Fowlerville News & Views, as the 2020 recipient during the annual meeting of the Fowlerville Agricultural Society this past October.

The new recipient will be announced during a program on Monday, July 26, at the Finlan Gazebo that starts at 3 p.m. The program will include the 'Fowlerville Fair Queen' Contest and the 'Homemaker of the Year' Contest.

See the Nomination Form below:

2021 Fowlerville Family Fair Citizen of the Year

Nomination Form

Application due July 21, 2021

Thank you for participating in the Fowlerville Fair's 3rd Annual Citizen of the Year award. The citizen of the year is someone who:

- Lives and/or works in Livingston County
- Consistently volunteers his or her time and efforts to making Livingston County a great place to live and work
- Desires to make a positive impact on the county and its members
- Embodies honesty and integrity

Please email application to: fair@fowlervillefamilyfair.com

Or mail to: Fowlerville Family Fairgrounds P.O. Box 372 Fowlerville, MI 48836

Nominee's Name:_____

Nominee's Phone Number:____

Nominee's Email;

Position or title (if applicable):_

Company Name/Organization (if applicable):_

Why do you think this person should be awarded citizen of the year?

"While I was in the hospital, a little cloud appeared at the end of the bed. A voice said, 'Teach!'. 'You mean preach?' I asked, 'Teach!' it replied. I decided then that, if I survived and that was supposed to be my calling, then I was going to do it the best I could."

Some might, hearing this, feel the illness and medication brought a hallucination of sorts; his mind finally settling an internal debate over whether he should continue as an agriculture teacher or pursue that earlier inclination of the ministry. Wheeler considered this possibility but decided to act on his faith.

That trust, he said, was confirmed by a second chapter to the event, "In 1989 I was in a serious auto accident and broke my neck. They put me in a brace. In 1990 Detroit Edison and other energy companies picked me as the ag teacher that they wanted to honor. Every year one ag teacher from the state is selected and a luncheon is held.

"Before that I'd always thought only old guys got the honor," he laughed.

List two references (not related) who can testify to this citizen's exemplary citizenship. References will be contacted for final candidates only (include name and phone number for each reference):				
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Letter to the Editor

If It Ain't Broke, Why Fix It? We've all heard the old adage, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

How true this is, and how often we have been sorry when we have ignored this age-old admonishment. We think we're going to make something better, even infallible, and we end up with a disaster of our own making; happens every time. That is precisely what the Republican legislature has in mind for our elections; a disaster of their own making.

A senate committee led by Republican Senator Ed McBroom recently released a report on the 2020 election in Michigan, which states in no uncertain terms that there is absolutely no evidence of voter fraud, election tampering, or any unexplained irregularities. The report further states that any allegations of such are lies perpetrated solely for personal gain by those who suggest as much, and for whom criminal charges should be considered.

Yet, because it "ain't broke", says the report, Senator McBroom, and the rest of the Republican legislature continue

to recommend 39 voter obstruction reforms, to make sure that nothing can possibly go wrong in future elections. One must wonder what myriad of melee will be caused by these unnecessary "fixes" to our elections, which according to their own report are already quite secure, and have accommodated record voter turnout in the 2020 election, 3 million of whom voted by mail.

Further, it's not as though the Republican legislators recognize that the allegations of voter fraud, and election tampering were wildly exaggerated, yet somehow still feel that one or two "reforms' may be of some benefit. No. They still insist that all 39 voter obstructions are absolutely essential to secure the integrity of our elections, which they have already deemed to be fraud free.

This is to say nothing of the fact that they have no data to support any notion that these 39 measures of mediocrity would prevent anything; that is, anything other than preventing people from voting. Neither have they studied what unintended consequences these so called "reforms" may cause.



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Despite the Senate report, there are still Republican members of the House, like 42⁻⁴ District Representative Ann Bollin who continue to insist that the 2020 election was fraught with every kind of fraud, and irregularity, and though she herself seems to have no evidence to support her claims, which are in stark contrast to Senator McBroom's report, she continues to run OpEd pieces in the Detroit News maintaining her support for the big lie; all the while insisting that she won her own seat in the House, fair and square. She wants to put more nails in the roof. More leaks; more problems; more damage.

We do not prescribe medicine for people who are not sick, to prevent them from becoming ill, because all medications have risks, and side effects, which can actually cause illnesses. Rather, a sensible diet, and regular exercise is all that is needed for optimal health in most cases.

Who then would recommend 39 different medications for such a healthy person?

Would not any doctor who would prescribe as much be guilty of malpractice, and fraud? Those are the kinds of quack election doctors the Republican legislators have become, and Michigan has elections to get rid of such incompetence. That's what they're trying to stop; you getting rid of their incompetence, which they find they have a right to perpetrate upon you.

We obviously cannot trust this Republican legislature to leave well enough alone.

Therefore, it is time to elect a legislature that understands the aphorism, *"If it ain't broke, don't fix it."*

Paul W. Richardson Brighton

MARION TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED MINUTES June 24, 2021

The regular meeting of the Marion Township Board was held on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 7:30 pm. Members Present: Hanvey, Andersen, Beal, Donovan, Lloyd, Durbin. Members Absent: Lowe. The following action was taken: 1) Call to the Public. 2) Motion carried to approve agenda; motion carried to approve consent agenda. 3) Resolution passed to approve 2021 millage rate of .7602. 4) Resolution passed to approve FY 7/1/20-6/30/21 General Fund budget amendments; resolution passed to approve FY 7/1/21-6/30/22 General Fund proposed budget; resolution passed to approve Marion Township General Appropriations Act for FY 7/1/21-6/30/22; resolution passed to approve Sewer Fund amendments for FY 7/1/20-6/30/21; resolution passed to approve Sewer Fund budget for FY 7/1/21-6/30/22; resolution passed to approve Water New User Fund amendments for FY 7/1/20-6/30/21; resolution passed to approve Water New User Fund proposed budget for 7/1/21-6/30/22; resolution passed to approve Assessment Revolving Project Fund budget amendments for FY 7/1/20-6/30/21; resolution passed to approve Assessment Revolving Project Fund budget for FY 7/1/21-6/30/22; resolution passed to approve Parks Fund budget for FY 7/1/21-6/30/22; resolution passed to approve Cemetery budget for FY 7/1/21-6/30/22; resolution passed to approve Escrow Fund budget amendments for FY 7/1/20-6/30/21; resolution passed to approve Escrow Fund budget for FY 7/1/21-6/30/22. 5) Resolutions passed to increase clerk, supervisor and treasurer salaries to \$48,915; resolution passed to increase trustees' salary to \$8,033 (Lloydno); resolution to increase staff salaries by 3%; resolution passed to approve pay schedule for sexton and committee members. 6) Motion carried to postpone parking lot discussion. 7) Motion carried to approve sanitary sewer inspection policy. 8) Motion carried to postpone Crystal Wood tree discussion. 9) Resolution passed to authorize sale of wagon to HAPRA for \$1. 10) Correspondence & Updates. 11) Call to the Public. 12) Motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm.

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