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Greg Wilkinson, who is a senior, plays the tuba in the Fowlerville High School Marching Band, while Lindsay LeMieux, also a senior, performs with the clarinet. They took part in last week's band camp at the school campus.

## Fowlerville High School Marching Band holds camp this past week

Band camp is a normal ritual that signals the start of a new school year. But like so many 'normal' activities, the COVID-19 pandemic, with its public-health restrictions, has disrupted those routines.

So it was a welcome sight when the Fowlerville High School Marching Band held its first camp in two years this past week at the school campus.

"The 100+ students put in over 45 hours of work over six days," noted William Vlieg, the high school band director. "The work ethic, attitude, and determination shown by all band members was a testament to how much they have missed performing together."

Vlieg, who is in his 10th year at Fowlerville, said that he couldn't remember teaching a band camp "where the morale and work ethic was so consistently high every day" and urged people to "come on out and support the high school band at Friday night football games this year."

The show this year is entitled "Welcome to the Rock Hall" and features music by newly-inducted Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame artists. Selections include "Proud Mary" by Tina Turner, "Learn to Fly" by the Foo Fighters, and "We Got the Beat" by the Go-Gos.

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Courtney Steffee was crowned as the Fowlerville Family Fair Queen during the Family Kick-Off program that started fair week.

## Fowlerville Family Fair Queen enjoying an eventful year

By Steve Horton

For Courtney Steffee, the past year was already an eventful one. Her senior year at Fowlerville High School had included a second year as president of both the FFA Chapter and Interact Club, along with membership in the National Honor Society and the band. In addition, she’d served as the regional secretary for FFA.

All of those school activities culminated with graduation in June and an open house for family, friends, and fellow classmates.

But her world became even more exciting when she was named as the new fair queen during the Family Kick-Off program on Monday, July 26—an event that helped start the week-long Fowlerville Family Fair.

For those aware of the situation, it was no secret as to why Courtney had decided to enter the Queen Contest.

“Given that my mother (Tammy Steffee) had been the first fair queen, I thought it would be special to run, which it definitely was,” she said.

Making it even more special was that her mother had entered the Homemaker of the Year Contest, also held during the Family Kick-Off Program, and had finished first in the judging.

While being queen was a new experience, the 18-year-old Webberville resident is no stranger to the fair and its various activities.

“This was my 13<sup>th</sup> year of being in 4-H and attending the fair,” she explained. “I brought a recycled woodworking project that I auctioned off. I also brought a market goat, my dairy goat, market rabbits and breeding rabbits.

“In previous years, my sister and I have done turkeys and chickens, and I have usually had more crafts entered,” she said.

Courtney is part of the Country Kids 4-H Club, which includes her sister and cousins and is led by her mother and her aunt, Tina Kupniewski.

She, along with others in her family, have volunteered in other ways to assist the fair and 4-H.

“We did fundraising to help pay for the new bathroom,” Courtney noted. “We’ve also helped at the 4-H kitchen during fair week. We’ve set up the pens and stalls in the different livestock barns and have done clean-up afterwards.”

Added to her list this year was, of course, the duties of being the fair queen.

“I spoke to anyone and everyone I could,” she said. “Usually, I burn down the midway with my head down, but instead I was smiling, talking to the young kids, going to every Grandstand event, and attending some of the 4-H shows. One of the highlights was going to Kids Day and spending the morning talking with the kids who were there.”

She added that the two runner-up contestants—Taylor McConnaughey and Kortney Moulton—assisted her during the week.

This fall she plans to attend Lansing Community College and complete the basic courses before going to a larger university.

As for a career, Courtney said “It’s either education or veterinary medicine,” adding that, “I’m still torn between the

two.”

And 4-H and the fair are still going to be part of her immediate future—given that she has two years of eligibility left. She’s also able to run for a state FFA office in the coming year and is weighing that decision.

Courtney said that she’s active in her church—St. Joseph Catholic in Howell, enjoys taking care of her animals, and likes to hunt.

With the experience of fair week still fresh, her advice to any young lady thinking of taking her place next year or entering the contest sometime in the future is to “just do it.”

“Even though it may be uncomfortable to get up on the stage and have all eyes on you as you answer the questions, it’s definitely worth it,” she said. “And you’re busy afterwards. It seems like I was always doing something.”

## ‘Homemaker of the Year’ Tammy Steffee was first Fowlerville Fair Queen

By Steve Horton

It’s understandable that Tammy Steffee decided to enter the Fowlerville Family Fair’s ‘Homemaker of the Year’ Contest. It was over 30 years ago that she—then known as Tammy Morrison—had been named as the first Fowlerville Fair Queen.

“That was definitely a motivation,” Tammy said. “I had joked that it was me crossing over to the old part of life, but it was a special opportunity to try to be the ‘Homemaker of the Year’ after having been the first fair queen.”

What made it even more special was that her eldest daughter, Courtney Steffee, at age 18 and a recent Fowlerville High School graduate, decided to follow in her mother’s footsteps and enter the queen contest.

The fact that both of them won their respective events is a testament to their talents and provided a storybook ending to that first afternoon of fair week, given that both contests were part of the Family Kick-Off Program on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

As for what she feels it takes to be a modern homemaker—taking into consideration that many homemakers need to juggle the demands of family life, raising children, and pursuing a career or working outside the household—Tammy answered, “Being flexible, very flexible.”

In her own situation, she has two teenaged daughters, supports their different activities, is a longtime 4-H leader, volunteers at the fair, and is a special education teacher at Fowlerville High School along with co-teaching two Algebra classes.

She’s busy and ‘on the go.’

The most important part of being a homemaker, Tammy said “is to give that stability and well-being for the entire family.”

“In my own situation, with my two daughters, I feel it’s being that stable person so that no matter what the kids do, success or failure, that they know they can come to the homestead and that they’re going to be cared for. That home is always going to be there. This means taking care of all their needs, whether it’s mental, physical, social or spiritual.”

Courtney, along with being the new fair queen, is looking forward to attending Lansing Community College this fall. During her final year of high school, she was the president of both the FFA Chapter and the Interact Club and belonged to the National Honor Society and band.

The younger daughter, Kylie, is 16 and will start her junior year at Fowlerville High. She is also a member of the FFA and Interact Club and part of the high school marching band. That latter involvement includes being the captain of the color guard.

Both of them have been in 4-H since they were very young, in large part because Tammy and her sister, Tina Kupniewski, started the Country Kids 4-H Club so their children could be part of that youth organization.

Tammy explained that this occurred in 2007, right after she and her family had returned to Michigan from Pennsylvania.

“There weren’t any openings in the existing clubs at that time for younger kids, and we wanted our children to experience the hands-on learning and responsibility you can gain from 4-H and the fun of attending the fair,” she said.

It was an opportunity that Tammy had experienced while growing up in Howell.

“I started in 1976,” she noted. “We had two acres north of town, enough room for two horses and our rabbits.”

Tammy said that showing her horse and rabbits at the fair was her main involvement, along with bringing sewing projects and baked goods for the non-livestock judging.

“Back then they had specialized clubs,” she pointed out. “So, I belonged to a horse club, the Straw Stompers, and a sewing club, the Howell Hemmers. I also dabbled in baking and cake decorating, macrame, and other crafts. As a 4-H’er I went to Michigan State for Exploration Days. It was fantastic, and that’s what I wanted for my kids. Now we have one club and it serves as an umbrella for those different specialized areas—which is nice because a lot of people don’t have the time to belong to different clubs.”

After graduation from Howell High School in 1988, Tammy worked a year at Citizens Insurance and then headed to Pennsylvania to attend Slippery Rock University and pursue



Tammy Steffee was named as the Homemaker of the Year at the recent Fowlerville Family Fair.

degrees in elementary and special education.

She was familiar with the area, given that her father was from a small town in the northwest part of the state and the family had made regular visits there while she was growing up.

But, Tammy added, her choice was mainly based on the college having a lab school for special education students on the campus.

“I had done a lot of research and Slippery Rock and Utah State were the only two that offered this hands-on experience,” she said. “Students with special needs attended classes on campus and you worked with them on a volunteer basis for 200 hours. It was the best program around and was fantastic. It also weeded a lot of people out who found out that they were not suited for this work.”

That was not the case for Tammy who said that “this is my passion.”

“I’ve always wanted to help students with special needs since I was young,” she said. “In fact, my sister and I volunteered to assist the handicapped horse riding program when we were in 4-H.”

Tammy went on to obtain those two degrees and then earned a masters degree in science and biotechnology from Clarion University and a second masters degree from both Slippery Rock and Clarion in school administration.

After obtaining her undergraduate degree, she began her teaching career in special education and, at the time of her return to Michigan, was also an assistant principal at West Forest Junior and Senior High School.

She secured a position teaching special education at Fowlerville High School at the start of the 2007-2008 school year. However, a reshuffling of staff due to necessary budget cuts resulted in her becoming a kindergarten teacher at Smith Elementary for the following six years. Then in 2014, an opening allowed her to return to the high school where she became part of the special education department.

Tammy also co-teaches two Algebra classes, is a co-chair on the School Improvement Team, and is the school sponsor for the Interact Club. She was a sponsor for the Class of 2021 that Courtney is part of and is a sponsor for the Class of 2023 that Kylie is a member of.

At the fair, besides being a 4-H leader, she has helped with the Fair Queen Contest in previous years, serving as the emcee, and as a clerk of the Still Life Auction and the Small Animal Auction.

This past fair, though, she spent part of the time walking about the grounds, wearing the ‘Homemaker of the Year’ sash and crown...which, she noted, prompted a number of questions.

“I explained what the Homemaker of the Year Contest was about,” she said. “I walked through the arts and crafts exhibit and told people how they could get involved in the Adult Open Class judging. Going forward, I’ll try to be an ambassador for the fair, attend the local parades, talk with people, and do what I can to promote it.”

## Fowlerville District Library Upcoming Events

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

### 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.

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

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

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**Tuesdays with Mrs. D:** Tuesday, August 10, 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.

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**Summer at the Tabletop:** Tuesday, August 10, 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>

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**Rock & Read Storytime with Storm:** Wednesday, August 11, 2021 10 AM–NOW IN PERSON

**K-5<sup>th</sup> Grades** –Come to the library for some stories, music, and fun!

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**Cactus Rock Plant:** Thursday August 12, 2021 6:30PM –NOW IN PERSON

**Adults** - Make a plant that does not require any water. All supplies included. Supplies are limited. Sign up at the front desk today!

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**Summer Outdoor Movie Night:** Friday, August 13, 2021 9 PM Side yard

**Family** – Featuring, *Annie* ('82) -- Bring lawn chairs, blankets, snacks, and bug spray and come pick out your spots on the lawn. *Weather Permitting*

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**Summertime Cardmaking:** Thursday, August 19, 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. August's card theme is Beautiful Buzzing Bees. Supplies and spaces limited, sign-up today!

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**Frederick Stonehouse Presentation – Haunted Great Lakes:** Tuesday, August 24, 2021 6:30 PM-Zoom

**Adults** –The inland seas are filled with tales of “things that go splash in the night.” –Join FDL on Zoom to hear a maritime presentation about Haunted and Supernatural folklore featuring Michigan’s Great Lakes. This is our last installment of three maritime presentations given by maritime historian Frederick Stonehouse. Sign up at the front desk with your name, email, and phone number. Zoom links will be posted on the website as well as sent out the day before the program.

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**Beyond the Book and Movie-- Thursday, August 26, 2021 @ 6:30 PM – NOW IN PERSON**

**Adults** –August selection: *The Hundred Year Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson. “A book and movie group.” Read the book at home, watch the movie at the library, and then let the group discussion begin!

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Follow us on Facebook: @fowlervillelibrary or visit our website at [www.fowlervillelibrary.org](http://www.fowlervillelibrary.org). Email any questions to: [info@fowlervillelibrary.org](mailto:info@fowlervillelibrary.org).

## Kreeger Elementary School News

**Summer Office Hours:** Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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### ATTENTION NEW STUDENTS:

All enrollments are done online [www.fowlervilleschools.org](http://www.fowlervilleschools.org). After you complete those documents please print and sign areas marked. Bring your child's original raised seal birth certificate, 2 proofs of Fowlerville Schools residency and if your child attended a school in Michigan his/her immunizations will be on the MCIR website.

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### CALENDAR OF KREEGER EVENTS

8-25-21 K – 5<sup>th</sup> Open House 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

8-30-21 First Day of School

9-3-21 NO School Labor Day Recess

9-7-21 Back to Classes

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### RE-ENROLLMENT IN PARENT PORTAL

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# Caleb Jenkins Column



## Managing Information: A Historic Problem

We often hear that we live in the information age, and I cannot really argue with that assessment. Not only do we have a plethora of books, magazines, newspapers, and other print media at our disposal, but we also enjoy the convenience of digital access to information. Audiobooks, e-books, and online libraries provide a wealth of knowledge

in our pockets, and search engines enable us to find answers within seconds that in previous years would have required extensive time and money. Combine those resources with social media, blogs, and the many apps that deliver curated news to you with a single swipe, and it is clear that we have unprecedented access and exposure to information.

I am grateful for this extensive information available at our fingertips, but I think we all recognize the challenges that come with such a blessing. One potential problem we have all likely experienced at some point is information overload. With so much knowledge and data flowing around us, even without actively engaging in it, it is easy to get lost in the sauce. Our increasing breadth of knowledge means we could be in danger of losing depth of understanding. This diminished insight could lead to misinterpretation or casual acceptance of what these various sources tell us, and we might miss the deeper meaning, or truth, of the information.

In turn, overwhelming amounts of information can distract us from the big picture: the things that are truly important. Pursuing knowledge and understanding is valuable, and for that reason, we are blessed to live in the modern age with so many opportunities to learn. However, I have seen many people become absorbed in following and responding to every little thing that pops up in the news or on social media and subsequently lose sight of their own principles and who they are. This loss of perspective and vision results from too little introspection and self-reflection along the rat-race of the information highway.

Like most things in life, information can be used for great purposes or abused for terrible harm. We often think the challenge of addressing information use and abuse is a new problem, but that is not exactly accurate. The scale at which information affects our daily lives is certainly unprecedented, and thus, the magnitude of the associated challenges may seem unparalleled. However, the issues we identify with the age of information have challenged societies for generations, albeit on a smaller scale.

Misinformation, propaganda, and information overload have affected peoples around the world since the invention of the printing press (and, I would argue, even before that!). For example, American colonial records indicate a rapid flow of information throughout the colonies, and many writings, to include some from Founding Fathers, express severe frustration over the rampant spread of slander and misinformation. At the time, I imagine their struggle with the use of information felt almost as intense as it does today.

These issues have plagued generations, but with the rapid and dramatic increase in information volume and access over the past few years, we feel a growing pressure to find answers. As we look for better ways to navigate the age of information, we would do well to remember that what matters most is how we as individuals respond to the flood of information. When the history books are written about our current age, I believe that our individual responses will have had the greatest effect.

## County receives fourth GFOA Budget Award

Livingston County is proud to announce that they have received the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for their 2021 Operating Budget Document. This award reflects the County's commitment to meet the highest principals of government budgeting, and is the fourth GFOA Award the County has received since 2018. In order to receive this award, Livingston County satisfied nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. The County's 2021 Operating Budget Document received outstanding ratings in a majority of the rating categories.

The County's 2021 Budget Book not only reflects the budget process, it also serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations plan, and a communication device. There are over 1,700 participants in GFOA's Budget Award Program, and each has pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting while providing an excellent example for other governments throughout the nation.

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The Treasurer's office will be open Saturday, Sept.11th from 9am to 11am, Tuesday, Sept.14th from 9am to 5pm, in addition to Thursdays from 1pm to 5pm. The hall is located at 2050 Bradley Road. You may also mail your payment, drop it in the drop box at the hall, or pay online [www.ioscotwp.com](http://www.ioscotwp.com)

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# Some Special Recipes

**By Dawn Horton** Linda Tesch of Fowlerville contributed these two recipes. She is the former Handy Township treasurer, having served in that elected position for many years. She’s also a member of the Family in Focus group. Here are a couple of her favorite recipes. Both sound delicious!

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### wild rice & ham chowder

- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 2 garlic cloves
- 1/4 cup butter
- 2 Tbsp. sugar
- 6 Tbsp. flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 4 cup chicken broth
- 1 1/2 cup cubed potatoes
- 1/2 cup chopped carrots
- 1/2 tsp. dried thyme
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg
- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 3 cup cooked wild rice
- 2 cup half & half cream
- 2 1/2 cup cubed ham
- 1 can (15 1/4 oz.) corn, drained

Over medium heat, sauté onion and garlic in butter and sugar until tender. Stir in flour, salt and pepper until blended. Gradually add broth, stirring. Bring to a boil and cook for approximately 2 minutes until thick and bubbly. Add potatoes, carrots, bay leaf, thyme and nutmeg. Return to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for approximately 30 minutes until veggies are tender. From this point on, do not allow mixture to boil. Add cream cheese, stirring until melted and well blended. Stir in the rice, ham, cream and corn. Discard bay leaf.

—Linda Tesch

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### PORK CHOPS WITH APPLE PIE FILLING

- 1 can apple pie filling
- Sliced onion
- Pork chops
- Salt & pepper

#### SAUCE:

- 6 tsp. brown sugar
- 3 tsp. vinegar
- 1 cup ketchup
- 1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce

Spread apple pie filling on both sides of pan. Cover with sliced onion. Pour 1/2 of sauce over top. Salt & pepper the pork chops and place in pan. Cover with rest of the sauce. Bake at 350° until tender.

—Linda Tesch

# Regular walk-in opportunities now available for COVID-19 Vaccine

The Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) continues to encourage residents to get vaccinated against COVID-19 to protect themselves and others who are not able to get vaccinated.

This is especially important as families turn their attention to the start of the next school year. It is key to send students back to the classroom with the safe, effective protection the COVID-19 vaccine provides.

To make accessing the vaccine easier, the LCHD is now offering walk-in clinic hours for the COVID-19 vaccine. Minors must have a parent or guardian present to receive a vaccination.

Clinic information:

Pfizer vaccine is offered every Monday-Thursday from 9:00am-1:00pm

--Pfizer is a two-dose series given three weeks apart and is available for individuals 12 and over.

Janssen vaccine is offered every Friday from 9:00am-1:00pm

--Janssen is a single dose shot and is available to individuals 18 and over. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome.

To schedule an appointment, visit <https://bit.ly/2VmeaBN>.

The LCHD clinic is located at 2300 East Grand River Ave., Suite 102 in Howell. If you need a ride to our clinic, LETS Transportation is providing Livingston County residents with free rides to and from COVID-19 vaccination appointments. Call LETS at 517-546-6600 to schedule your free ride.

COVID-19 vaccines are readily available throughout Livingston County. To find a clinic or other location that offers the COVID-19 vaccine near you, visit <https://vaccinefinder.org/>.

For more information on the COVID-19 vaccine, including safety and efficacy information, visit [www.CDC.gov/Coronavirus](http://www.CDC.gov/Coronavirus) or [www.Michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine](http://www.Michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine). For questions, email [COVID19@livgov.com](mailto:COVID19@livgov.com) or call 517-546-9850.

# Fowlerville High School News

### OFFICE HOURS

Administration Office 7:00 a.m.– 2:30 p.m.

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### IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES TO NOTE:

August 30-- Return to school

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# Schools urged to required masking for students when classes resume

Michigan K-12 schools are being urged to require universal masking for students when classes resume, with public health officials calling it a prevention measure to maximize in-person learning.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services updated recommendations for schools, saying the guidance for the 2021-22 academic year reflects the most current recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on masking and prevention strategies for COVID-19 to help operate schools more safely.

State health officials said the updated recommendations are designed to help prevent transmission of the virus within school buildings, reduce disruptions to in-person learning and help protect vulnerable individuals and people who are not fully vaccinated.

# St. Agnes Catholic Church to hold annual Family Funfest on August 15

St. Agnes Catholic Church is holding its annual Family Funfest on Sunday, August 15, from 11:30am – 4pm. This annual fundraising event includes free children’s games, 25-foot rock climbing wall, chicken dinner, kid’s meals, ice cream treats, cash bar, live & silent auctions, 50/50 drawings & raffle drawing and fun for all. The church is located at 855 E. Grand River, Fowlerville. Please plan to join in the fun – all are welcome!



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# THE CONVERSATION

## 5 simple tips for parents who will still be co-teachers when kids go back to school

By Lorrie Webb & Rebekah Piper

COVID-19 undoubtedly changed K-12 classrooms for the near future.

When school resumes in the fall, even if education returns to pre-pandemic “normal” – with students attending classes all day and in person – teachers are likely to use more online tools and virtual resources than they did pre-COVID. The push into remote learning due to the pandemic opened up resources and opportunities that many schools might not have used before the pandemic. This has led to rethinking the K-12 education system as a whole and how online learning can continue both when students are in school or studying at home.

That means parents need to be prepared to continue the role of facilitator of learning and technology specialist for their school-aged children.

**A Daunting Challenge Remains**

The pandemic exposed deep inequities in our society – not just in health issues but in everything from which families could afford child care to how easily schools could transition to remote learning. But any parent may feel daunted by the prospect of managing their child’s or children’s remote learning.

Learn more

One’s education degree does not always matter, nor their level of education. For example, a second-grade teacher might struggle in the role of instructional aide for their teenage child taking physics. Likewise, a high school teacher might be unable to break down the basics of teaching reading to their own kindergartner learning at home. Parents with high school diplomas or less may do just as well assisting their kids with schoolwork as those with a law or medical degree.

Furthermore, consider parents who had three children at home in three different grade levels – or even three different schools. Some juggled three different teachers working in different formats, learning platforms and time schedules.

As teacher educators who are reevaluating how to prepare teachers for future learning disruptions, we’d like to offer parents and caregivers some tips for the upcoming back-to-school season.

**1. Get to know the teacher**

Your child’s teacher may be unaware of your concerns, so don’t be afraid to ask questions. For example, if your child remains in virtual learning full- or part-time, you may want to ask the teacher about meeting times; whether video and audio should be on at all times; and how to use the learning platform to submit work or ask questions. Parents could meet with their child’s teacher – virtually or in person. Fostering a positive working relationship with your child’s teacher can improve academic performance.

Consider the day-to-day changes that your child will experience upon returning to the classroom. For example, children will begin to work in collaborative group settings

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## —Area Deaths—



Lillie Ann David

Lillie Ann David, age 86, passed peacefully at home in Fowlerville, Michigan surrounded by her children on July 19, 2021. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She was born on January 6th 1935 in Royal Oak Mi to George John Hilzinger and Anna Christine (Nielsen) Hilzinger. She graduated from Royal Oak High School in 1953 and married her high school sweetheart William Joseph David in 1953.

Lillie Ann “Lil” David had been a member of the Fowlerville community since 1968 when she moved to a farm with her husband, nurtured her five children and filled her home with love and the scent of baking bread. Steadfast, strong and resilient, she was devoted to her husband, children, and extended family. She was a caring and compassionate neighbor. Those close to her knew her by her great love of reading, sewing, knitting and gardening, interests which she shared with and passed to her children and grandchildren. Her care and love for the community was reflected by her career driving a school bus for twenty years for LESA, where she influenced and mentored many special needs students.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, William “Farmer Bill” David and brothers Phillip Hilzinger, Erwin Hilzinger, and William Hilzinger. She is survived by daughters: Bonnie (Paul) David-Such, Mary Ellen Loomis, Martha (William) Christine; and sons: William F. (Kelly) David and John David; nine grandchildren; five great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. A celebration of Lil’s life will be held at a later date. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Joseph Mercy Homecare & Hospice or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.



Marlene M. Eisele

Marlene M. Eisele, age 88, of Fowlerville, MI, passed away on July 31, 2021. She was born on October 19, 1932 to John and Marie (Raddatz) Simpson, Jr., of Fowlerville.

She is survived by her 3 children: Cindy (Larry) Davis, Terry (Laura) Eisele, both of Fowlerville, and Steven (Annette) Eisele of Hudson, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward J. Eisele, in November 1996. May they both rest in peace.

Marlene was an avid gambler, enjoying the thrill of the slot machines.


Services will be graveside at the Greenwood Cemetery, Fowlerville, MI, on August 13, 2021 at 10 a.m. for family and friends. Contributions can be made to the Great Lakes Caring Hospice Foundation, 900 Cooper St., Jackson, MI 49202. Arrangements entrusted to Herrmann Funeral Home. Online condolences may be expressed at [pjherrmannfuneralhome.com](http://pjherrmannfuneralhome.com).

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**July 29<sup>th</sup>**  
3:29 pm. Medical emergency on South Grand Avenue in the Village.  
6:53 pm. Medical emergency on Fowlerville Road in Handy Township.  
7:57 pm. Medical emergency on Spruce Street in the Village.

**July 30<sup>th</sup>**  
1:46 am. Medical emergency on Ann Street in the Village.  
2:13 am. Medical emergency on Autumn View Lane in Iosco Township.  
1:19 pm. Medical emergency on Hidden Knoll Court in Conway Township.  
2:15 pm. Medical emergency on Cass River Drive in Handy Township.  
5:19 pm. Personal injury accident on I-96 in Handy Township.

**July 31<sup>st</sup>**  
10:06 am. Medical emergency on South Grand Avenue in the Village.  
1:48 pm. Medical emergency on Cemetery Road in Handy Township.  
2:42 pm. Motor vehicle accident on Fowlerville Road in Conway Township.  
5:36 pm. Assist Livingston County Ambulance on Grand River in Handy Township.

**August 1<sup>st</sup>**  
6:52 am. Medical emergency on North Grand Avenue in the Village.

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
No calls received.

**August 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Medical emergency on Grand River Avenue in Handy Township.

**August 4<sup>th</sup>**  
No calls received.

Tips for parents, continued

and may be required to resolve conflicts with peers. The small changes may affect your child’s transition, so it is beneficial to check in with the teacher regularly.

**2. Embrace technology**  
Even children new to a specific learning platform are likely to be digital natives who can figure out how to use the newly introduced technology on their own.  
Allow your child the opportunity to explore different learning websites and apps, either ones recommended by the teacher or ones that adhere to expectations determined by you. These might include active read-aloud activities, educational games and virtual field trips.  
Even if your child is not in a virtual learning environment, online learning tools can help reinforce topics taught in class and provide additional help for a child struggling with a specific lesson or topic.

**3. Keep expectations high**  
Encourage your child to complete homework, assigned activities and reading. This requires affirming their knowledge and ability to do the work on their own. Routines are critical during this transition period coming out of the pandemic, but foster your child’s independence through flexibility in those routines. Remember that some good came

out of the pandemic, as families were reminded to slow down and readjust as needed.

**4. Focus on your own strengths**  
Learning occurs in all aspects of our day-to-day lives. As a parent-turned-teacher, consider everyday tasks such as cooking, household chores and managing finances to be true learning experiences for your child. Discuss with your children your own transition from pre-pandemic to post-pandemic in terms of technology use, work habits and stress, among other things.

**5. Encourage reading**  
Provide at least 30 minutes a day for your child to read books of their choice. All children, no matter their age, should be encouraged to read daily to increase their literacy. If your child continues to attend class virtually, library books may not be as readily available. In that case, try e-books – with and without read-aloud components. Also consider assisting your children in using the internet to research types of books they may want to read.

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**\*\* PLEASE NOTE\*\* This is age as of August 1, 2022**

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## Letter to the Editor

So now we have a Congressional commission investigating the incident which occurred at the Federal Capital on January 6, 2021. It was indeed an unlawful event, and the individuals involved in it should be prosecuted. Only one person was killed in that incident, and she was ex-military and unarmed and killed by a Capitol policeman whose identity we still do not know.

After the George Floyd killing, the identity of the officers involved were known and on the news the same day, I believe. The officer involved in his murder was tried and convicted within one year.

Interesting, the Parkland School shooter in Florida has not been on trial yet and that shooting took place on February 15, 2019 and 17 people died.

We have a commission chosen by the Speaker of the House who accepted ‘only’ Republicans who dislike (a mild adjective) former President Trump and will rubber stamp

any conclusions arrived at by the Democrat members. I hate to think how many of our tax dollars this tomfoolery will consume. The Democrats want to “prove” President Trump did not accept the 2020 election, and they are again intent on prosecuting any of his supporters. They are so desperate because they fear he will run again in 2024.

Does anyone remember what happened last summer? An area of Seattle was taken over by demonstrators in support of Black Lives Matter, including members of Antifa and socialist, Marxist, and anarchist groups. At least two people, that I remember, died there. Others died and were injured during riots in Portland, Oregon; Chicago, Illinois; Minneapolis, Minnesota; and other cities—all controlled for years by the Democratic Party. Billions of dollars worth of property was burned and destroyed.

I guess Congressional representatives and senators are more valuable than ordinary citizens. This commission should have convened to investigate last summer's "insurrection" and those responsible. And those who participated should have their day in court and receive long jail sentences.

Personally, I am sick to death of this Democratic Party Trump vendetta.

Sincerely,

Nancy A. Manson  
Howell

## Letter to the Editor

## Covid Army Defeats the Herd

The fact that as a nation we have vaccinated almost 200 million people against the novel corona virus, and yet have failed to achieve “herd immunity” due to an additional 100 million holding out against the vaccine, is solid evidence that America is eminently defeatable by political propaganda. No military force will ever be needed to oppress a nation that is willing to shackle itself with lies. The prince of darkness; the father of lies cannot kill you, but he can convince you to kill yourself.

The term “herd immunity” refers to the public health theory that once more than 70% of a population is vaccinated against a virulent pathogen, the disease can effectively be eradicated. It is not true that herd immunity against a virulent disease can be achieved by this same percentage of the Populous becoming infected with the disease, as was the official policy of the Trump administration; that approach would result in deaths by the hundreds of thousands, which we have already seen. There are no examples in nature of a community of animals becoming resistant to a virulent disease via a large percentage of the population being infected. Mutations of the pathogen occur too quickly for the “herd” to become resistant, and the result is large numbers of deaths. We are beginning to see this with the delta variant of the covid, and even later mutations such as the lambda variant.

But whatever happened to Trump trying to take credit for the vaccine development with, “operation warp speed,” which he thought would certainly win the election for him. Now that America has chosen a different leader, it seems that many of his supporters would rather see the virus explode out of control with the emergence of these variants, which threaten to outpace vaccine effectiveness. We have been unable to reach the Goal of herd immunity because of propaganda intended to dissuade many Americans not to take the vaccine, and thus prevent us from being successful against the corona virus disease. Yet, ironically, it is those Americans

who have refused to take the vaccine, many of them Trump supporters, who are suffering the most with covid infections, hospitalizations, and deaths, in predominantly Republican states.

They are sacrificing themselves to the insane meme that when they die, and America loses, somehow their side wins.

Only a sufficient degree of doubt is required to convince this fraction of the population not to unite with the nation, and to sacrifice themselves to destruction; to carry the flag for a cause not their own, to die on a hill that they cannot win, and lead us all to destruction.

Again, it is ironic that Trump himself could be the big hero, as he always claims to be, because it is probably true that he alone could convince his followers to take the vaccine, wear masks, and America would once again be on the road to victory. Even Satan could bring world peace, and take all the credit, if he

would just stop telling lies, and let the light of God's truth shine. But, as the thesis of this commentary observes; he cannot kill you, but he can convince you to kill yourself.

Any nation in which a significant fraction of the population can be propagandized to this degree can be defeated by almost any smaller, less powerful enemy force. When they see that a significant segment of our population is susceptible to misinformation, and divisiveness, they shall surely exploit the fissure between us with continuous propaganda, which is what the world has seen in totalitarian regimes throughout history.

The covid pandemic is the first American crisis in which we have not joined together as a nation to overcome the challenges of this virulent disease, as we have with other diseases, and enemies of the nation. Given that this kind of political propaganda seems to be the new default national posture, it is doubtful that we shall ever again rally 'round the flag, all rally once again, shouting the battle cry of freedom.

Paul W. Richardson  
Brighton

## Letter to the Editor

This is in response to Judy Daubenmier's remarks in which she mischaracterized my public comments. (Letter to the Editor in August 1, 2021 issue).

“The natural questions about the 2020 election will continue no matter what the Democrats or Republicans say. Michigan’s election laws, when followed, leave no room for fraud. The election results from any place where the election laws of Michigan were followed are correct without question. By this standard, Livingston County’s election process is completely reliable.

Fraud can happen only at certain places and under certain circumstances where the law is not followed. All of those who broke the law should be held fully responsible.

There is no question that some of Michigan's voting machines were connected to the internet. There is no question that there was some "mass adjudication" of ballots that should have been handled one by one. There is no question that a Dominion voting machine in Antrim County gave wrong results. There is no question that there are lawsuits going forward in the State that have the possibility of putting a different light on election results. There is no question that there were unexplained spikes in the number of votes officially reported in certain short time-frames. There is no question that certain people have collected a full record of all of the internet activity regarding the election. This set of verifiable data shows the track (every computer that received/processed the information) and the specific contents of each message containing vote count information. It shows where the information originated and all of the places that it was sent and whether it was changed and/or forwarded on its way to the final destination to be counted officially.

There has to be a way to end the full-court silencing of uncomfortable facts. Were there a good faith non-partisan effort to audit the election paperwork before the certification, there would be less basis for “election doubt.”

Joe Biden has made it very clear what a Washington Democrat is. As a group, they are for the Green New Deal, against American pipelines, for the Russian pipeline, against using American energy from federal lands, for dependence on foreign oil, for an open Southern Border, and for defunding law enforcement to name a few. For this reason even many Democrats in Livingston County have “buyer’s remorse” in their choice of president.

I cannot help it if Democrats are blind to the programming problems in the Dominion voting machines. It does not surprise me that they excuse the egregious abuse of correct processes at the TCF absentee voting center. One Democrat commented if it (the voting process) is not broken, it doesn't need to be fixed. It isn't broken? What is the compassionate way to treat a politically blind person?

In the county board meeting, I have the choice to speak as Commissioner Helzerman in the “report” section of the meeting. In the “call to the public” I have the same right as anyone else to speak as citizen Helzerman. Again, it does not surprise me that Washington/Livingston Democrats do not have the ability to distinguish such obvious differences.”

The Democrat's hypocritical misuse of worn-out terms such as "big lie," "undermine our democracy," and "benefit his own political party" should be judged in the light of the Democrat/media/special counsel's nonstop efforts to delegitimize President Trumps 2016 victory. Can only Democrats have questions about elections?

Doug Helzerman- Citizen  
Fowlerville



Fowlerville Business Association learns about Torch 180 at monthly meeting

Members of the Fowlerville Business Association, along with the Fowlerville Downtown Development Authority, were guests of Torch 180, with the FBA holding its monthly meeting this past Wednesday at the local non-profit's facility on Mill Street.

Students and staff of Torch 180 prepared and served a breakfast. Afterwards, Rhonda Callahan—one of the founders of Torch 180 and also the Torch food truck—gave a presentation, explaining the organization's purpose.

"We have students who come to us with varying degrees of disabilities and we give them lessons in food preparation and sales," said Callahan.

To accomplish that goal and as a way of raising funds, Torch 180 operates a restaurant for both sit-down and take-out customers on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, with the students working in the kitchen, waiting on tables, and operating the front counter.

Specialty coffee and cookies are also available.

Students are taught basic skills in a classroom and then receive on-the-job training in the kitchen. Several of them also work for Torch 180 as part-time employees. The goal, Callahan said, is for each of them to secure a paying job at a restaurant or food-service business.

She noted that Torch 180 also serves as a social outlet for the students, giving them a place to go outside their home.

Torch 180 opened in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic after having finished remodeling the former public library. Like



Paul Harmon, president of the Fowlerville Business Association, and Rhonda Callahan, a co-founder of Torch 180. The FBA held its monthly meeting at the local non-profit's facility on Mill Street, with Callahan giving a presentation, explaining the organization's purpose.

Attorney General Nessel, other AGs call on Congress to pass legislation to 'safeguard democracy'

Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel, along with 21 other attorneys general, have sent a letter to Congress urging immediate action to "safeguard democracy." In the letter, the attorneys general are asking Congress to pass legislation protecting against both voter suppression and election subversion.

The coalition — led by Nessel, Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul, Nevada Attorney General Aaron Ford, and North Carolina Attorney General Josh Stein — shares their concerns about what may come in future elections if action is not taken quickly.

"We have seen attempts across the country to create barriers to voting and even make it easier to overturn election results," Nessel said. "For the benefit of our democracy and to protect the will of the voters, I am urging Congress to act now."

In the letter, the attorneys general describe how their offices worked to ensure that the 2020 general election was conducted "freely, fairly, and with integrity." The letter notes that several factors contributed to the failure of former President Trump and his allies to overturn a democratic outcome: "The legal arguments made by those seeking to overturn election results were generally so extraordinarily weak that they did not have even the veneer of legitimacy. Certain election officials—both Republican and Democratic—refused to buckle under pressure at critical points, placing election integrity and our democracy ahead of partisanship. And the attack on the outcome of the 2020 presidential election, while dangerous, was inept."

Without new federal legislation strengthening protections for voting rights and preventing election subversion, these attorneys general are concerned that the nation cannot confidently rely on the incompetence of subverters to protect the will of the voters in future elections.

They noted that several states have passed laws that create new barriers to voting or make it easier to overturn election

many other food outlets, it was restricted in its operations and only recently has been able to operate the facility as planned.

While the main focus will continue to be teaching culinary skills to students and assisting them in securing employment and operating the restaurant, Callahan said plans are underway to offer the community use of Torch 180 for different functions. Those would include club meetings, bridal showers, and social gatherings.

results. In a statement issued on June 1 of this year, more than 100 democracy scholars explain, "[W]e have watched with deep concern as Republican-led state legislatures across the country have in recent months proposed or implemented what we consider radical changes to core electoral procedures in response to unproven and intentionally destructive allegations of a stolen election."

Nessel pointed out that these scholars have observed that "Statutory changes in large key electoral battleground states are dangerously politicizing the process of electoral administration" and "seeking to restrict access to the ballot." And they added that "These laws politicizing the administration and certification of elections could enable some state legislators or partisan election officials to do what they failed to do in 2020: reverse the outcome of a free and fair election."

The attorneys general stated that "The truths upon which this nation was founded are self-evident. They are not self-executing, however. The profound challenges confronting our democracy demand that Congress act to prevent voter suppression and election subversion. Irrespective of one's views on the value of the filibuster in general, it must not be allowed to stop Congress from addressing these issues so fundamental to our Constitution and democracy."

Joining Attorney General Nessel in sending this letter were the attorneys general of California, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Delaware, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

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# Fowlerville High School Marching Band camp, continued



Josh Roltsch, on left, the Fowlerville Junior High School Band Director, and William Vliek, on right, the Fowlerville High School Band Director, oversaw the band camp where over 100 students worked on the show. Roltsch is starting his seventh year at Fowlerville, while this is Vliek's 10<sup>th</sup> year.

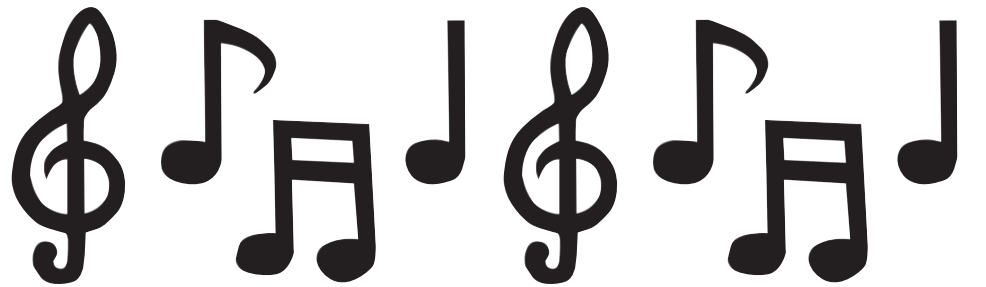


From left to right: Soda Cuc, Alden Scheib, Drew Showerman (blue shirt), and Mckenzie Liminoff.



From left to right: Travis Lockwood, Brenden Bedwell, and Sophia Pluff.

From left to right:  
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# Fowlerville High School Marching Band camp, continued



From left to right: Drew Showerman, Mckenzie Liminoff, and Bri Kvatek (black shorts).



From left to right: Tyler Dailey (holding cymbals), Jenna Gill, Chloe Ozar, Randalyn Dowker (black shorts), and Evan Rose.



Students participating in the Fowlerville High School Marching Band Camp on campus.



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By Vonda Van Til,  
Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

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—Area Deaths—



Clinton Skym

Clinton Skym of Conway Township passed away August 4, 2021 at his home with his wife of 76 years by his side.

Clinton was born in Conway Township to D.P. and Grace Skym on August 17, 1923. He graduated from Fowlerville High School. He met Margaret Ann Reyhl who became his dancing partner and wife October 26, 1945.

Clinton was preceded in death by his mother and father, brothers Leo and RC, and sister Cleo Epley. Clinton is survived by his wife Margaret, son Dennis, and daughters Mary (Doug) Burnie, Lou Ann (Gerald) Roberts, and Darlene Huck. Grandchildren, Kris (Frank) Benedetti, Jim (Tamarra) Burnie, Tracie (Frank) Fisher, Trisha (Matt) Bennett, Amanda (Matt) Lantz, Melissa (Eric) Cole and 9 great grandchildren, and 3 great great grandchildren.

Clinton was a lifelong farmer who also worked for Kleins Fertilizer and Zeeb Fertilizer. He enjoyed playing with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He loved getting together with friends and family. He found pleasure in gardening and sharing the extras with others. Clinton made sure that the Lord was number 1 in his life and raised his family with the same faithfulness. The legacy he leaves behind is filled with faith, family and love.

Visitation took place on Friday from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Herrmann Funeral Home. The Funeral Service was being held Saturday, August 7, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Johns Lutheran Church. Burial was to follow at Antrim Cemetery. Online condolences may be expressed at [pjherrmannfuneralhome.com](http://pjherrmannfuneralhome.com).

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# U.S. Congress Report

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

## House passes Appropriation Bills with Funding for 9 Community Projects—Fowlerville Water Plant on List

The House of Representatives this past week approved several appropriations bills for Fiscal Year 2022 which include at least partial funding for nine of the 10 community projects U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin has advocated for in recent months. The bills now head to the Senate for consideration.

“Over the last few months I’ve worked with my col-

leagues to highlight the positive impact these nine projects would have for the 8th District, whether by supporting our first responders or improving our water infrastructure, and I’m thrilled that all of them are at least partially funded in the House appropriations bills,” Slotkin said. “I’m especially grateful to the local organizations that submitted such strong and deserving proposals. This isn’t a done deal yet, so over the next few weeks I’m going to do everything I can to push the Senate to include these projects in their appropriations bills so we can get this done.”

In April, Slotkin released criteria for local organizations to submit their project for consideration. The 10 projects her office settled on range from increased police funding to local water infrastructure improvements to support for local first responders. In the House appropriations bills, Slotkin secured \$15 million in total federal funding for the nine projects. The projects are:

- Village of Fowlerville - Water Treatment/Radium Removal Plant
- Addison Township Public Library - New Library

- Building
- Brighton Area Fire Authority - New Fire Authority Headquarters
- City of Mason - Mason Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion
- City of Rochester - Memorial Grove All Abilities Playground
- City of Williamston - Water/sewer infrastructure improvements
- Lansing Community College - Mobile Healthcare Learning Initiative Project
- North Oakland County Fire Authority - Replace ambulances and invest in renovations and education equipment
- Village of Pinckney - Multi-Modal Pathway and Connectors project





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# Meteorites

### Introduction:

Humanity has been observing meteors for thousands of years. Many civilizations looked to the sky to see the “shooting stars” and believed that they were messages of doom from their gods. These objects exist in all different sizes and shapes, from the tiniest grains of dust to the size of small asteroids. Those that exist in orbit are called meteoroids.

Scientists like to think of them as a kind of “space rock” and when they get too close to our Earth they are caught with gravity and most burn up in Earth’s atmosphere. Once they enter the atmosphere, the objects are called meteors. However, anything that survives the hot burning trip and actually lands on Earth’s (or another planet’s) surface is called a meteorite.

The meteorites that have been found are usually from asteroids that have been shattered in collisions. While this is the majority, there are some small pieces that scientists believe arrived from Venus or Mercury, but they haven’t been confirmed.

### Meteorite Statistics:

When meteors enter Earth’s atmosphere they can burn so brightly that they are brighter than the planet Venus. Scientists have estimated that around 48.5 tons/44,000 kg of meteoritic debris fall on our Earth every day.

Meteors travel at tens of thousands of miles per hour and those that are smaller than a football field will be broken apart and burn up in the atmosphere of Earth. Those that survive the atmosphere leave less than 5% of the original size as it hits the surface. They are often the size of a pebble to the size of a fist and is the reason why they are so difficult to find.

The origins of meteorites can be estimated by scientists based on a few guidelines. The first is estimating where a meteorite has fallen so that they can calculate its orbit and reverse calculate its path back to the asteroid belt. Scientists also compare what the meteorite is made up of to see what classification it falls into and possibly its age.

### Formation:

Meteorites are thought to be a key to how the planets and our solar system was formed many billions of years ago. The materials that they are made up of give scientists information about processes and conditions involved in the history of our solar system. The materials that the meteorites are made from are part of the inside and surfaces of asteroids and are the building blocks of the planets.



### Structure and Types:

Meteorite hunters are probably the best experts at finding these illusive items, and yet even the best of them often have difficulties distinguishing a meteorite from a regular Earth rock. There are some locations such as the deserts and the frozen ice and snow areas of the Earth that make it easier to find meteorites.

Although meteorites may look like rocks from Earth, their exterior is usually burned so badly that they have a kind of shiny appearance. This exterior is called a “fusion crust” and is formed as the outside of the meteorite melts due to the intense heat of entering Earth’s atmosphere.

### There are three types of meteorites:

#### Iron Meteorites:

The iron meteorites are the leftovers of the core of a destroyed planet or asteroid. They are thought to originate between Jupiter and Mars in the Asteroid Belt. This type of meteorite is the densest and you would be able to detect an iron meteorite because it’s so incredibly heavy.

The iron meteorites are also very magnetic, and most of the specimens have iron as 90-95% of their content with the rest being made up of nickel and trace elements.

#### Stone Meteorites:

The largest number of meteorites found fall into the stone meteorite category. These were once a part of the exterior crust of an asteroid or planet.

If they are newly fallen to the Earth the meteorite will have a black crust, but those that have been on the planet for a longer period of time look a lot like Earth rocks. Most stone meteorites contain enough iron so that they are magnetic.

#### Stony-Iron Meteorites:

Less than 2% of all meteorites found are stony-iron meteorites. These are made up of about equal percentages of stone and nickel-iron and are believed to have formed at the mantle or core of their parent body. Stony-iron meteorites fall into two groups:

Pallasites are the most attractive of all of the meteorites because they contain nickel-iron that is surrounded by olivine crystals. The more pure the crystal, the more it is closer to an emerald-green color. This type of olivine is also a gemstone on Earth known as peridot. When these meteorites are cut and polished the crystals become translucent.

Mesosiderites are smaller than Pallasites and have both silicates and nickel-iron, however, they also contain black and silver tones that give them an incredible beauty when they are cut and polished.

### Exploration:

Our exploration missions to Mars has given us an incredible volume of information about the rocks and surface of Mars. Thanks to the scientific experiments that the Mars Rovers accomplished, we learned about the gasses trapped in Martian rocks.

Other space missions that had led to knowledge about planets have included the visits to the moon where astronauts brought back moon rocks.

As we find various meteorites we can compare them to the information that we already have and continue to collect to try to figure out where they came from.

NASA has established the NASA All Sky Fireball Network which consists of 17 cameras that observe, monitor, and track the various fireballs in the sky that are brighter than Venus. The network calculates both speed and trajectory of the objects.

The Canadian Meteor Orbit Radar (CMOR) is set up to detect meteoroids that are 0.04 in/1 mm across or bigger. The radar system detects speed, direction, and location.

Another location for monitoring these sky objects is Canada’s Southern Ontario Meteor Network. This is a similar setup as NASA, with 17 cameras. This automatic network updates each morning with the information taken the night before.

The International Space Station has an experiment that is called Meteor Composition Determination. The Meteor research studies what all of the meteors are made of that enter the atmosphere of Earth.

It involves high-resolution video and images and has a software program that searches for the meteor bright spots. Another part of the experiment is that it involves studying the chemistry of meteoroid dust.

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—Area Deaths—



William “Lee” Scaggs

William “Lee” Scaggs, age 71 of Webberville, MI, passed away on Monday, August 2, 2021. He was born September 20, 1949 in Howell, MI to Marion W. and Betty M. (Keogh) Scaggs. Lee was a United States Army Veteran in the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne, serving our country in Vietnam and earning 2 Bronze Stars along with a Silver Star and 2 Purple Hearts. Lee spent many years in Kentucky and worked in the coal mines there. On July 6, 2017 Lee married Joan Ross in Howell. He enjoyed hunting and was known for his kind and caring nature, always there to lend a hand to anyone in need. Lee took great pride in his flower gardens. He was also a connoisseur of a cold ale and loved to tell stories.

Lee is survived by his dear wife, Joan; loving children, Mark (Kim) Scaggs, Angel (Eric) Wiggins, and Amy (Nathan) Dysinger; caring step-children, Jackie (Mark) Ruiz and John (Aiza) Jajo; cherished sister, Judy (Randy) Cool as well as many adoring grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Marion and Betty; brothers, Lonnie Scaggs, Gary Scaggs and grandson Buck Dwight Scaggs.

A celebration of life was being held on Saturday, August 7, 2021 at the American Legion Devereaux Post 141, 3265 W Grand River, Howell, MI from 12:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. with military honors at 1:00 P.M. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Veterans Affairs.

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August 2021 Events

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August Activities:

- Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 11:00 am Coffee with the President of the Williamston Area Senior Center.
- Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 1:00 pm Williamston Area Senior Center Board Meeting.
- Thursday, August 12, 2021 Birthday Bash.
- Wednesday, August 18, 2021 Chair Exercise by Kristen McIntyre.
- Thursday, August 19, 2021 Bingo
- Tuesday, August 24, 2021 Mind Games sponsored by the Williamston Area Library.
- Tuesday, August 31, 2021 Senior Movie.

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**Our new hours** starting in August will be from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. 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.

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Other August Activities at the Senior Center –

- Tuesday Knitters Group** meets from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
- Wednesday Needle Craft Group** meets from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.
- Thursday Euchre** is from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.



Senior Spotlight—Henry Molter

By Lydia Howard

Henry Molter is the son of Andrew and Mary Molter, the brother of Joe Molter and is this week’s Senior Spotlight.

Henry said that he has gained much from attending Webberville.

“I’ve really enjoyed school here,” said Molter. “I’ve made many long-lasting friendships.”

His friends, family and co-workers have pushed him to become who he is today.

“I’ve known Henry since around the 6th grade and we’ve been friends for about that long,” said fellow graduate Tommy Fairfield. “Henry has a really outgoing personality and is always a nice person to everyone.”

Molter has been a part of many extracurricular activities including band, and robotics during his four years at Webberville High. Some of his favorite memories were at band camp, and he also really loved the programming involved in robotics.

“I did robotics and I enjoyed assembling robots,” said Molter. “Seeing how the programs we wrote translated to the real world was very rewarding.”

Molter did well in school and found most of the classwork to be fairly easy. He stated that he enjoyed efficiency and would either get his work done right away or right before the due date. Molter was also a part of the Wilson Talent Center since junior year in their Cybersecurity program. He intends to pursue a career in this field in the future.

For his future, Molter plans to get a temporary job to help pay for his further education. He also plans to take online college courses.

“I’m really excited to take on this new chapter of my life,” he said. “I can’t wait to see what the future holds.”

NIESA Fire Report (Northeast Ingham Emergency Service Authority)

On Wednesday July 28, 2021 NIESA had four responses. All four were emergency medical calls, with three occurring in Williamstown Township, and one in the City of Williamston.

Thursday July 29, 2021 NIESA had four calls. All were emergency medical calls, with two occurring in Wheatfield Township, and two in the City of Williamston.

On Friday July 30, 2021 NIESA responded to three emergency medical calls. Two responses were in Williamstown Township, and one was in the City of Williamston.

Saturday July 31, 2021 NIESA responded to six calls. Four responses were emergency medical calls, with two occurring in the City of Williamston, one in the Village of Webberville, and one in Williamstown Township. NIESA also had two fire responses. One was for a vehicle accident in Locke Township at the corner of Harris and Moyer roads, and the second was unintentional fire alarm activation in Williamstown Township.

On Sunday August 1, 2021 NIESA had four calls. Three were emergency medical responses with one occurring in Williamstown Township, one in Locke Township, and another in the City of Williamston. NIESA also responded to a vehicle accident in the City of Williamston at Putnam and Grand River Ave.

Monday August 2, 2021 NIESA responded to two emergency medical calls, and one vehicle accident. The emergency medical calls both occurred in the City of Williamston. The vehicle accident also occurred in the City of Williamston on Bismark Street.

On Tuesday August 3, 2021 NIESA responded to three calls. Two were emergency medical calls, with one occurring in the City of Williamston, and another was an assist to Stockbridge. The third response was for a possible vehicle accident on I-96 in Leroy Township, however no accident was found. NIESA also participated in National Night Out in the City of Williamston.



Rotarian James Conroy, Market Manager Tom Cary, and Sowing Growth President Sharon LaPointe at the christening of the new Eastern Ingham Farmers Market office/storage trailer, funded in part by a grant from Williamston Sunrise Rotary. *Photo by Jackie Ellis*

### Williamston's Farmers Market to celebrate August produce this Sunday

The Eastern Ingham Farmers Market welcomes you and your family to downtown Williamston at McCormick Park this Sunday, August 8, from 10am to 2pm. The Market will cap off the final day of Williamston's 50th Red Cedar Jubilee Week. It follows on the heels of Saturday's Jubilee Parade and the ever-popular Rotary Duck Race. Following a long-standing tradition, Duck Race winners will be able to claim their prizes at the Rotary Booth in the Market beginning Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.

As a result of the Market spiffing up for National Farmers Market Week and the Eastern Ingham Farmers Market Week running from August 1-7, visitors to the Market will notice a new mobile office, and new signage and inviting table coverings in the Eastern Ingham Farmers Market booths on the east side of the Market.

Recently dubbed "Market Street" in a special ribbon-cutting ceremony on August 1<sup>st</sup>, the imaginary "Market Street" location houses all of the Market's services: the Market office, Gift Shop, Information Booth, the Market Bank, designated parking spaces and resources for persons



Market guest, Klinker the Clown, portrayed by Linda Triemer of Williamston. *Photo by Jackie Ellis*

with special needs (wheelchair and tote-wagons), plus the Market's "bottleground" where Michigan-returnable bottles and cans are collected from visitors each week, a very successful fundraiser.

With the ever-increasing variety of fruits and vegetables now ripening, August is an exciting month at the Market. Complete your weekly shopping with the nearly 30 vendors expected who will be selling tomatoes, peaches, sweet corn, cherries, blueberries, and much more produce, along with hand-made arts and crafts for the home or yard.

The Market promotes a physical layout with one-way pedestrian traffic to minimize congestion and provides two foot-activated hand washing stations at the entrance and exit. 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.

Market visitors are reminded to load up your car with

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Masks for the children will be at the parents' discretion. Children will move through their activities in small groups distanced from each other, and plenty of hand sanitizer will be available.

The church is located at the corner of Haslett and Zimmer roads north of Williamston and east of Haslett.

For details, please find the church on Facebook and contact the church at 517/655-1466, [office.umccrossroads@gmail.com](mailto:office.umccrossroads@gmail.com), and [www.umccrossroads.com](http://www.umccrossroads.com).

### Card of Thanks

The Wheeler family would like to thank the 'Fowlerville News & Views.' What a wonderful article about Mr. Bill Wheeler who made an impact on the community for 55 years.

Thank you to Herrmann Funeral Home and the Webberville Community Schools for their wonderful service and luncheon.

Thank you for the condolences and donations to Webberville FFA, the FFA Foundation, and Webberville United Methodist Church.

Continue to keep family and friends in thoughts and prayers as we begin our journey without Mr. William Wheeler.

The Family of Bill Wheeler

Janice  
Alan, Jennifer, Alexis &  
Blain  
David

Michigan-returnable bottles and cans and bring them any Sunday between 10am and 2pm to "bottleground" at the Market's entrance and support this popular fundraiser that's a win-win for everyone.

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

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# Savvy Senior Column

By Jim Miller

**The Hidden Dangers of Sleep Apnea**  
*Dear Savvy Senior,*  
*How can you know when someone has sleep apnea? My husband has become such a terrible snorer that he wakes himself up at night, and he keeps me up too.*

Tired Teri

Dear Teri,

If your husband is a loud snorer who wakes himself up during sleep, he probably needs to be tested for sleep apnea, a dangerous disorder that affects more than 22 million Americans, but often goes undiagnosed.

Sleep apnea is a disorder that causes a person to stop breathing during sleep, hundreds of times during the night, for 10 seconds or more at a time. Left untreated, it can cause extreme daytime sleepiness, as well as a host of serious health conditions like high blood pressure, heart attack, stroke, diabetes and dementia. In fact, it’s estimated that every year, around 38,000 Americans die in their sleep from a heart attack or stroke because of sleep apnea.

But the good news is that sleep apnea is very treatable and most insurance companies, including Medicare, cover it.

## Who Has It?

There are three types of sleep apnea: obstructive, central and mixed. Of the three, obstructive sleep apnea (or OSA) is by far the most common and occurs when the throat muscles relax during sleep, blocking the airway.

While anyone can have it, sleep apnea is most common in people who are overweight, male, middle-aged and older. For women, the risk increases after menopause.

The symptoms include loud snoring (however not everyone who snores has apnea), long pauses of breathing, gasping or choking during sleep and daytime drowsiness. But because most of these symptoms happen during sleep, most people don’t recognize them. It’s usually the person they’re sleeping with who notices it.

## Diagnosing Sleep Apnea

To help you get a handle on your husband’s problem, the American Sleep Apnea Association has several diagnostic tests he can take at [SleepApnea.org/treat](http://SleepApnea.org/treat) – click on “Test Yourself.”

If the screening indicates that he may have sleep apnea, make an appointment with his doctor or a sleep specialist who will probably recommend an overnight diagnostic sleep test called polysomnography, which can take place at a sleep center lab (see [SleepEducation.com](http://SleepEducation.com)), or at home using a portable device.

## Treatment Options

Your husband is at greater risk for sleep apnea if he’s overweight, smokes, and/or consumes excessive amounts of alcohol. Excess weight, especially around the neck, puts pressure on the airway, which can cause it to collapse. Smoking can increase the amount of inflammation and fluid retention in the upper airway. And alcohol and sleeping pills can relax the muscles in the back of his throat, interfering with breathing. Addressing these issues, if necessary, is usually the first line of treatment.

If that doesn’t do the trick, mild cases of sleep apnea may respond to oral devices that fit into the mouth like a removable mouth guard or retainer. These devices work by positioning the lower jaw slightly forward to keep the airway open during sleep.

Another noninvasive treatment option to consider is the new FDA approved eXciteOSA device ([eXciteOSA.com](http://eXciteOSA.com)). This treats sleep apnea and snoring by improving tongue muscle function by delivering electrical stimulation to the tongue through a mouthpiece that’s worn for just 20 minutes during the day.

If none of these options work, the most effective and commonly prescribed treatment for OBA is a continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) device. This involves sleeping with a snorkel-like mask that’s hooked up to a machine that gently blows air up the nose to keep the passages open.

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# Fowlerville Family Fair enjoys ‘a great week!’

The 135<sup>th</sup> annual Fowlerville Family Fair enjoyed “a great week!”

That’s the report from fair manager Brooke Tate who said that there was above average attendance for the six-day event.

“We saw a significant increase in those entering the grounds and attending the evening Grandstand shows from that of recent years” she noted. “The midway reported good numbers and our vendors said that they did well.”

While the number of animals at the fair was down, the Large and Small Animal Auctions, for the most part, saw good prices. The Still Life Auction, which was switched from Wednesday night to Saturday morning, also had a good turnout of buyers.

Tate said the weather co-operated with the lack of rain storms and more moderate temperatures and felt that there was “a pent up demand” given that the fair had seen most of its activities cancelled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Christian Allen, age 15, had both the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Rabbit fryers. His Grand Champion rabbit weighed 4.25 lbs and sold for \$40 a pound. He will be starting 10<sup>th</sup> grade at Stockbridge High School and has been showing at the fair for the past six years



Carson Smith, age 15 of Fowlerville, had the Grand Champion Rabbit Roaster. It weighed 9 lbs and brought \$125 per pound at auction. He is a member of the Fuzzy Critters 4-H Club and this was his sixth year of showing at the fair. He also brought a pair of pigs. He will be starting 10<sup>th</sup> grade at Fowlerville High School this fall.



Payton Ruttman, age 12, had the Grand Champion Market Dairy Feeder Calf, an Angus-Holstein cross. It weighed 347 lbs and she received \$3.10 per pound at the Large Animal Auction on Friday. She belongs to the Junior Ag Society, is from East Lansing, and will be starting seventh grade at McDonald Middle School. This was her third year showing at the fair.



Clarissa Hill, age 15, had the Grand Champion Dairy Cow, a two-year-old Holstein. She is a member of the Kounty Clover Kids 4-H Club and this marked her sixth year of showing at the fair. She will be starting 10<sup>th</sup> grade at Stockbridge High School and plays soccer.



Jaycie Brown had the Reserve Champion Market Lamb at the fair. She’s been a member of the Kounty Clover Kids 4-H Club for nine years, but said that she has been showing sheep in Michigan and around the nation since she was five years old.



Courtney Steffee, age 18 of Webberville, had the Reserve Champion Rabbit Roaster. It weighed 8.75 lbs. She is a member of the Country Kids 4-H Club and has been taking part in the fair since age five. Along with her market rabbits, she brought breeding rabbits and goats. Courtney was this year’s Fair Queen. She graduated from Fowlerville High School this past June and will be taking classes at Lansing Community College in the fall term.



Kylie Steffee, age 16 of Webberville, had the Grand Champion Pen of Rabbits. Her trio of rabbits weighed 15 lbs and sold for \$30 a pound. She is a member of Country Kids 4-H Club and has been taking part in the fair since age five. Along with the rabbits and a duck (which also won the Grand Champion trophy), she brought goats to the fair. She also had woodworking and repurposed Still Life projects. She will be starting her junior year at Fowlerville High School later this month.



Kylie Steffee also had the Grand Champion Waterfowl. Her duck weighed 9 lbs and sold for \$13.50 a pound.

*Photos continue on next pages.*

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## Fowlerville Family Fair photos, continued



Rebekah Hatt, right, age 13, had the Grand Champion Production Hens that sold for \$375, while Caleb Hatt, age 10, had the Reserve Champion Hens and that trio of birds sold for \$350. They are from Fowlerville and both belong to the Junior Ag Society. Rebekah has been showing at the fair for four years and brought rabbits, meat chickens, and show birds to the fair. She'll be an eighth grader at Charyl Stockwell Academy in Brighton this fall. Caleb brought meat chickens, cookies and a clock to the fair. He'll be starting fifth grade at Charyl Stockwell Academy in Brighton.



These Webberville kids had Best of Show projects that they sold at the Still Life Auction on Saturday. Wyatt Storey, age 12, created this pig solar sign, while Michela Storey, age 9, made this combination 'welcome' sign and flower container. Both of them also brought chickens and pigs to the fair. Wyatt is starting seventh grade at Webberville Middle School, while Michela will be a fourth grader at the elementary school.



Hadyn Budd, age 12 of Fowlerville, had the Grand Champion Chicken Roasters. The three birds weighed 28.5 lbs. and sold for \$55 a pound. She is a member of the Junior Ag Society and has been showing at the fair for the past four years. She also brought a turkey and pigs. She is starting seventh grade and is home schooled.



Elli Fyle, age 18 of Howell, had the Grand Champion Turkey. It weighed 18 lbs and sold for \$40 a pound at auction. She is a member of the Barnyard Bunch 4-H Club and this was her 13<sup>th</sup> and final year of showing at the fair. She also had two pigs, a dairy steer, and a second turkey that she brought. Elli graduated from Howell High School this past June. She had already been taking classes at Mott Community College and will continue doing so in the fall, with a goal of becoming a dental hygienist. She currently works as a dental assistant for a dental clinic in Howell.



Michela Storey of Webberville had the Grand Champion Pen of Chicken Broilers. The birds weighed 14 lbs and sold for \$50 a pound at the Small Animal Auction.

### Handy Township Regular Board Meeting Synopsis Monday, July 19, 2021

The Handy Township Regular Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Alverson at 7 p.m. in the Handy Township board room. All Trustees were present. Also Present: Attorney Hamameh and resident Reed Wilmot. Meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance. At the regular board meeting the following motions were passed:

- To accept the agenda as presented.
- To accept the regular meeting minutes of 6-14-2021 as amended.
- To accept the special meeting minutes of 6-17-2021 as presented.
- To accept the special meeting minutes of 7-19-2021 as presented.
- To pay the bills from the appropriate accounts in the amount of \$127,892.38.
- To adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Laura A. Eisele  
Handy Township Clerk  
(8-8-21 FNV)



Handling the start of the Still Life Auction on Saturday morning was Chuck Chestnut. The Williamston resident has been working as an auctioneer since 1957. He noted that when he came to the area, he began working for two of the greatest cattlemen around—the late C.B. Smith and the late Glen Casey.



Phyllis Langston had her 'Flowers by Phyllis' booth in the Commercial Building during fair week.



Free miniature golf was popular at the fair. Playing here were the Kottong family of Howell. Dad Roland had a score of 23, son Jack a score of 41, and daughter Emerson a score of 26.



The Fowlerville United Methodist Church sold popcorn and pop in front of the Grandstand. Shown here on the south end was Mitch Glover.



Getting ready to sell their products on the north end of the Grandstand on Thursday evening were Joe Smyth and his mother, Jan Smyth.



This was the last fair for Mr. B's concession stand, owned by Doug Burnie. The Fowlerville resident and former owner of the local hardware store has operated the stand for the past 15 years, selling Polish and Italian sausages, brats, and hot dogs—all served on a homemade bun, corn dogs on a stick, and homemade chips. Prior to going on his own, Doug worked five years for Charlie Boots—who had a similar food stand that traveled the fair circuit in Michigan. To celebrate the occasion, members of the Burnie family helped at the stand. Doug is shown here, at left, with granddaughter Aleia Benedetti, granddaughter Carra Burnie, and wife Mary. Another granddaughter, Lani Burnie, worked at the stand on Friday and cousins Vicki and Arnie Luttrell worked all week. Also helping out was Carol Stowe.



Jim Burnie, Doug's son, pitched in on Saturday night to mark the final day of Mr. B's.



Working at the Fowlerville United Methodist Church's popcorn and pop booth on Thursday evening were, from left, Peter Glover, Floyd Stage, Ann Reid, and Carol Stage.



Working at the East Gate were, from left, Donna Phipps and Linda Todd Brown. The ladies said that they worked at the admission booth every day of the fair—both the day and evening shifts.



Kate Marotta of Fowlerville brought her grandkids, Vinnie and Lily Marotta, to the auction of items created by Ben Risney, the chainsaw artist.



Chainsaw wood carver Ben Risney, left, saw his creations sold at an auction on Saturday evening. Selling one of the pieces was auctioneer Tim Narhi.

