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Mason Munsell, a freshman, received an Academic Achievement Award during the Honors Program last Wednesday at Fowlerville High School.

Fowlerville High holds annual **Academic Honors Program**

"Academic achievement has to be the foundation for all activities at Fowlerville High School," it was stated. "If our Fowlerville High School held its annual Academic Honors students are to be successful in the 21st century, their educational Program last Wednesday at the Alverson Center for the base must be sound. It is our sincere hope the students receiving Performing Arts. recognition (at this event) will be the role models for others to Because of public-health restrictions in place due to the follow."

COVID-19 pandemic, only the students receiving awards attended.

Bradford Lusk, the high school principal, emceed the Presentation of Awards. He was assisted by Eric Diroff, the "The philosophy for the program is based on the belief that assistant principal and Jeff Finney, the dean of students. there are many students who consistently work hard on being the As part of the event, the officers of the National Honor Society best possible students," it was noted. "In order to highlight their inducted its new members. achievement in a more lasting way, today's program is intended See page 9 for the entire list of students who were recognized to honor the students and their families.' during the Academic Honors Program. Based on their grade-point-average, a student can receive an

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Abby Thomas, a junior, received her 3rd Year Pin and was inducted into the National Honor Society during the Honors Program.

academic letter or a second or third-year pin, or they can receive an Academic Achievement Award.

ALICE Report shows progress still needed in county to help working people

Michigan Association of United Ways (MAUW) released its latest study on the condition of Michigan's working families, also known as ALICE households—Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed. The county level data found 24% of households in Livingston County still struggled to make ends meet in 2019, prior to the onset of the coronavirus pandemic.

Livingston County ALICE numbers show a slight improvement over the 2017 numbers with a slight decrease from 26% to 24%. This trend is encouraging and would mean numbers were on the right path, except this data does not include 2020 and the impacts of Covid.

"In Livingston County, we've seen firsthand the devastating impact of COVID-19, but as the 2021 ALICE Report shows, the reality is that residents were struggling even before the pandemic hit," said Anne Rennie, Executive Director, Livingston County United Way. "Covid impacts in our county can be seen in the number of people who reached out for supports, like food, cash assistance and unemployment. This will inevitably impact the next year's reports as many industries were closed for 2020 and are slowly getting back to work for 2021"

According to the report, 70% of infrastructure jobs in Michigan paid less than \$20 an hour in 2019, and 63% of nurturers—those in health care, education and care giving—made less than \$20 an hour. The Senior Survival Budget, another new data point, more accurately represents household costs for people age 65 and over, including housing, technology, transportation, food, and health insurance premiums.

The average ALICE Household Survival Budget in Livingston was \$25,344 for a single adult, \$28,272 for a single senior, and \$73,332 for a family of four in 2019—significantly more than the Federal Poverty Level of \$12,490 for a single adult and \$25,750 for a family of four. These numbers further highlight the high cost of living in our community and how working families have even larger hurdles to sustain their households here.

The report includes enhanced methodology, including new sources for more household specific data, to adjust to the reality of changing needs. From 2007 to 2019, the



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cost of household essentials (housing, child care, food, transportation, health care, and technology) increased faster than the cost of other goods and services.

"Consumers Energy believes it's critical to ensure all Michigan residents have a chance to succeed," said Carolyn Bloodworth, secretary/treasurer of the Consumers Energy Foundation. "We are proud to continue to support the development of the ALICE Report – a critical tool for providing the data and information needed for policymakers and organizations in Michigan to make informed decisions impacting our most vulnerable populations. Together, we can create sustainable communities that are able to thrive well into the future."

The Report concludes with an analysis of the economic benefits if all households had income above the ALICE Threshold—an estimated \$98 billion added to the Michigan GDP.

Every two years, United For ALICE undertakes a full review of the ALICE Methodology to ensure the results are transparent, replicable, and current in order to accurately reflect how much income families need to live and work in the modern economy. The addition of new data sources included in this year's report resulted in a slight shift in the report methodology.

As a result, updates to previous years' data are included in this report to allow for an accurate year-over-year comparison. In 2019, more than 40 external experts drawn from the Research Advisory Committees across the United For ALICE partner states—participated in the review process. A full description of the Methodology and sources is available at <u>www.UnitedForALICE.org/Methodology</u>.

To learn more about the ALICE Report, or explore different ways to get involved with Livingston County United Way, contact Anne Rennie at <u>arennie@lcunitedway.org</u> or visit our website at <u>www.lcunitedway.org</u>.

Letter to the Editor

As a constituent of the Michigan 42nd legislative district I am often bemused by the words and actions of my representatives in the state legislature. But the most recent action of state Senator Lana Theis, introducing a bill into the state legislature prohibiting transgendered children from participating in youth sports has moved my gastronomy to sickened disgust.

Her office has been unresponsive to the following questions. Is this a problem that requires legislative intervention?

How many cases are pending in the courts, or in schools, or youth sports leagues, and are they so numerous, and complex that the administrative bodies are seeking direction from the legislature?

How many transgendered minors are there in the state of Michigan?

The answers to these questions are not complicated. According to the Detroit Free Press, there are 10 transgendered minors in the state of Michigan, and there are no cases involving any of them currently pending in any court, or administrative office. None. There is no problem.

Lana Theis is attempting to pass what amounts to a bill of attainder against 10 children I.E. a LAW targeting specific persons, which is expressly prohibited by the Constitution, (Article I, Section 9, Clause 3), AND IS GUARANTEED IN THE STATES BY THE 14TH AMENDMENT'S EQUAL PROTECTION CLAUSE.

Another perplexing question to which the senator is again unresponsive is, how would this bill affect youth participation on opposite gender sports teams, which has already been protected by Title 9 of the U.S. Code, and upheld by the Supreme Court?

There are many examples over the past 30 years of girls participating as football kickers, and baseball pitchers on boys' teams. Should the rights of a transgendered person not be equally protected simply because of the gender they used to be, which would be protected under Title 9 anyway; girls or boys may play on teams that are predominantly of the opposite gender if there is no alternative option.

So, regardless of which gender Lana Theis would like to assign to a transgendered person, they already have a right to play on whatever team befits their situation. It must be the "trans' part that upsets Ms. Theis.

We must ultimately answer the question, who has the right to determine one's gender identity? Who would suppose that the answer should be left up to government? Or, if it be God, or science that shall be the arbiter of the question, how would we be informed of this decision but for our own intuitions, and relationship with our maker. Suffer the little children come unto Him, but surely not to Lana Theis.

If there is a question of morality regarding transgenderism, how much greater is the question of the woman who wishes to pass a law against 10 children who are struggling with a gender identity crisis. How very "big" of her. That is what has earned her the title, The Bigot of Brighton.

> Paul W. Richardson, Brighton, MI

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Caleb **Jenkins** Column



Thinking About How to Think

With the ever-increasing rush of information, it is important to consider not just what we think but also how we think about the issues of today. Purposefully evaluating the way we process information is especially relevant in contemporary times due to the amount of information available and the way we access this data. Indeed, there is a significant depth of knowledge compared to even just a few decades ago.

Rapid scientific discoveries have turned what used to be doctoral-level understanding into introductory material. Similarly, new technologies allow us to discover and digest far more information in a condensed amount of time. The internet and powerful computing provide almost-instant access to unfathomable quantities of information, true or not.

It is impossible for us to sufficiently address the overwhelming tide of information, so our brains simplify cognitive processes to deal with greater inputs more efficiently. While such cognitive shortcuts are necessary to avoid a complete mental shutdown, they unfortunately lead to illogical conclusions and a readiness to accept misinformation if we do not guard our thinking. If we want to overcome these mental pitfalls, then we must pay closer attention to and be more purposeful in how we think.

There are many logical fallacies and cognitive biases that misdirect our critical thinking or cause us to view information the wrong way, and being aware of what they are and how we can mitigate their effects can go a long way in discerning truth and accuracy. It takes consistent effort and a lot of purposeful practice, but learning to think more critically improves our legitimacy and helps us make better decisions.

Logical fallacies and cognitive biases both contribute to flawed thinking, but they are independent functions. As the name suggests, a logical fallacy is an error in judgment when critically evaluating an argument. In other words, a logical fallacy ignores, skips, or twists certain considerations to give something the appearance of sound reason when the argument in fact misses a key logical element. For example, a common logical fallacy occurs when someone makes a broad claim based on an isolated example or personal experience without further evidence or logical reasoning.

On the other hand, a cognitive bias is a mental shortcut that causes us to process and interpret information falsely in some way. It is a subtle effect that tints what we believe and why we think that way. Perhaps the most well-known

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example is confirmation bias, which occurs when we place greater emphasis on evidence that supports something we want to believe and immediately discount information or arguments that could potentially disprove our arguments.

I hope to go into more detail on logical fallacies, cognitive biases, and critical thinking in the coming weeks. Not only is it important for us as individuals, but our country also

Fowlerville Fire Department Report

March 18th - 9:44 am. Medical emergency on Cemetery Road in Handy Township.

March 19th - 2:14 pm. Medical emergency on Alans Drive in Handy Township.

March 20th - 3:58 pm. Grass fire on Bradley Road in Iosco Township. Howell fire was on standby at our station.

6:41 pm. Grass fire on Bull Run Road in Iosco Township. March 21st - 1:05 pm. Grass fire on Bull Run Road in Iosco Township.

4:47 pm. Mutual aid to Howell Fire for a structure fire and grass fire on Pingree Road in Marion Township. We supplied a tanker truck, brush truck and our off-road gator ATV.

6:30 pm. Grass fire on Chase Lake Road in Conway Township.

7:55 pm. Medical emergency on Gehringer Drive in the Village.

March 22nd - 1:05 pm. Mutual aid to Howell Fire for a large brush fire on Milett Road in Howell Township. We supplied 2 brush trucks and our off-road gator ATV.

2:47 pm. Medical emergency on Owosso Road in Conway Township.

3:06 pm. Medical emergency on Alans Drive in Handy Township.

4:25 pm. Grass fire on Hogback Road in Handy Township. 6:41 pm. Medical emergency on Greenbrier Lane in the Village.

8:02 pm. Citizen Assist on Sargent Road in Handy Township.

March 23rd - 1:03 am. Medical emergency on Bradley Road in Iosco Township.

3:56 am. Medical emergency on Sober Road in Conway Township.

1:35 pm. Medical emergency on Wheeler Road in Handy Township.

1:56 pm. Mutual aid to Shiawassee County on Lovejoy Road for a large grass fire. We sent 2 brush trucks and our off-road gator ATV.

2:09 pm. Medical emergency on Hibbard Street in the Village.

6:13 pm. Carbon Monoxide Alarm activation on Odell Road in Iosco Township. March 24th 10:32 am. Outdoor fire on Nicholson

Road in Handy Township. 4:44 pm. Medical emergency on Sargent Road in Handy Township.





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Fowlerville High School News

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IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES TO NOTE:Mar 27 – Apr 5Spring Break



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Watch your emails from Mr. Lusk for school updates.

Fowlerville High School Spring Testing Schedule can be viewed in its entirety in the FHS news section of the Fowlerville High School page. <u>www.fowlervilleschools.org/high-school</u> ***

Seniors! Your fines must be paid off before graduation. Payments can be made in the Attendance Office. If you are unsure whether you have any fines, come down to the office and we can look it up for you.

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This year's Junior/Senior Prom will be held on Saturday, May 22nd from 7:00-11:00PM. The Junior Class will host Prom as an outdoor event at Fowlerville High School. Tickets will go on sale for Seniors the week of April 19th for the cost of \$50 each. Juniors can purchase tickets the week of April 26th. Prom will include an assortment of desserts, drinks, dancing, outdoor games, complimentary professional photos, and memories to last a lifetime. Only 250 tickets will be sold to the event. No outside guests will be able to attend this year. Fowlerville High School Online Junior/Senior Students will be able to attend. Students will have to come to the school to purchase tickets. Please direct any questions to: Amanda Tomassi at tomassia@fowlervilleschools.org

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

> This year a new Career Pathways website has been created to provide information on educational development plans, careers, career initiatives, skilled trades program information, as well as current job openings for high school students. Be sure to check out the "Career of the Week," where each week a different career is highlighted with a link to further information on that career. Fowlerville High School page - Career Pathway (quick link)

Fowlerville High School Bowling team just finished up its season. It was a season that brought many changes and challenges but the bowlers stuck with it and gave it there all. The regular varsity team consisted of Trevor Cockerill, Paige Frazier, Brent Wood, Ian Hartke, and Emma Wilber. Also participating this year was Will Bennett and Eric Miller. Want to know more about bowling at FHS? Talk to one of the bowlers

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Juniors and Seniors interested in the Co-op Program: Are you currently working? Are you interested in finding out if you could earn high school credit while you work? You may be eligible for the high school co-op program. To learn more about the co-op program and requirements, please contact Mr. Hardenbrook: hardenbrookj@fowlervilleschools. org

If you picked up forms last school year or have printed them out from the front page of the High School website under Coop Information, filled out forms can also be turned into the main office.

Ordering Transcripts (Michigan eTranscripts) please visit the Fowlerville High School website for more information.

Parents having trouble using MISTAR to view grades, e-mail questions to connect@fowlervilleschools.org

Fowlerville High School Spring Testing Schedule can be viewed in its entirety in the FHS news section of the Fowlerville High School page. <u>www.fowlervilleschools.org/high-school</u> or below.

Testing for Juniors will begin on Tuesday, April 13, 2021! Summative assessments measure what students are expected to know and be able to do at specific grade levels and in specific content areas.

The Michigan Merit Exam (MME) has three components and is the required assessment for 11th grade students. The MME includes the SAT, ACT WorkKeys, and MSTEP Science and Social Studies assessments.

Testing schedule for Fowlerville High School students on Tuesday, April 13, 2021: Grades 9, 10, and 12 *do NOT attend* school in person on Tuesday, April 13, 2021. It will be a virtual school day for grades 9, 10, and 12.

Juniors will participate in the SAT and should report to the FHS Competition Gym for testing by 7:30 am. Testing will conclude by approximately 1:30PM. Juniors will be dismissed at this time. A light snack will be provided during the midmorning testing break. No lunch will be provided on this day.

Testing schedule for Fowlerville High School students on Wednesday, April 14, 2021: Grades 9, 10, and 12 *do NOT attend* school in person on Wednesday, April 14, 2021. It will be a virtual school day for grades 9, 10, and 12.

Juniors will participate in the ACT Workkeys and MSTEP Science & Social Studies. Juniors should report to the FHS Competition Gym for testing by 7:30 am. Testing will conclude by the end of the regular school day at 2:12pm and lunch will be available for Juniors. Juniors are dismissed for the day once they complete their own individual MSTEP Science and Social Studies tests.

Testing schedule for Fowlerville High School students on Thursday, April 15, 2021: Freshmen will participate in the PSAT 8/9. Freshman should report to FHS for testing by 7:30 am. Assigned testing classrooms are posted in the main hallways. Testing will conclude by 11:05 am. Freshman will then attend C Lunch and return to their 4th hour block, followed by their regular 6th hour block class. Dismissal will be at the regular time of 2:12 pm.

Sophomores will participate in the PSAT 10. Sophomores should report to FHS Competition Gym for testing by 7:30 am. Testing will conclude by 11:35 am. Sophomores will then attend D Lunch, followed by their regular 6th hour block class. Dismissal will be at the regular time of 2:12 pm.

Juniors and Seniors will follow their regular school block schedule.

*Any Juniors who did not complete the MSTEP Science and Social Studies on April 14th should report to the FHS Media Center for testing by 7:30 am on Thursday, April 15, 2021. Once testing for MSTEP concludes, Juniors will follow their regular lunch and block schedule. Juniors will be dismissed at the regular time of 2:12 pm.

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From left, Houston Hough, Brendon Bickley, Deagun Gonzalez, and Noah Salois.

Wrestling

These 5 seniors finished the season with over 85 individual match wins. They can be proud to say that in their senior season they had a record setting year of 20 team duals wins against only 7 losses. This is a group that will be hard to replicate.



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Every week through the season two Fowlerville H.S. athletes will be saluted for their efforts. Athletes will be selected by the coaching staff and Athletic Dept. For that "Winning Deal" on a new or used car or truck, see Dick Scott Motor Mall.



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Michigan farmers working to prevent climate change By Sophia Lada

Capital News Service

When Shelly Allen and her husband purchased their farm in 2005, there were a lot of environmental red flags.

It was an old dairy farm. A nearby creek flowed into the woods. Cow manure ran off into the creek, which ran into a river, which eventually ran to the Great Lakes.

She said they had to completely change the farm set up into what is now Allen Family Farms of Owosso.

"There were a lot of things here that they did, the previous owners, that was either really unsafe or we saw we could change to make better," she said.

When the Allens bought their farm, they knew they would have children one day and wanted a farm that could be "prosperous and sustainable for them," she said.

Agriculture accounts for 10.5% of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States and is affected by climate change.

Joe Kelpinski, the program manager of the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program, said that within the last 20 years, there have been increasingly intense spring rains, specifically in the western Lake Erie basin.

Farmers can't get into their fields when record rainfall occurs, and the rains can erode the soil.

Marci Baranski worked for the state Department of Agriculture and Rural Development until 2010 and later as a climate change specialist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture from 2015 to 2019. Now, she's a research and development associate at Tradewater, a Chicago-based organization that works to reduce the world's carbon footprint.

As the air gets warmer because of climate change, it can hold more water, leading to heavier rains at unusual times, she said.

Baranski said there can often be a "false spring" in Michigan that can destroy crops because fruit trees can produce buds and then freeze over when the temperature drops.

Baranski said a common agricultural practice that causes greenhouse gas emissions is when farmers apply fertilizer in the winter.

The fertilizer can often wash off and cause water pollution. It can also vaporize and turn into nitrous oxide, a powerful greenhouse gas.

One solution to the problem is to inject fertilizer into the soil only where and when plants need it, she said.

Michigan Agri-business Association president Chuck Lippstreu said, "To remain viable for the long term, farmers have to be stewards of the air and land and water."

One way to do that, he said, is through precision agriculture, or using in-field imagery, GPS and other technology to ensure that crop inputs (seeds and fertilizers) are targeted and purposeful.

Allen Family Farms uses a GPS fertilizer and sprayer system.

The Allens got involved with the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program, a program of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development that recognizes farmers who take care of their land. The program has verified 5,482 farms since it started in 1998.

Allen said they started attending educational events, and a county conservation technician came out and showed them



A sign on Allen Family Farms in Owosso shows the farm has met environmentally friendly standards under a state program.

Allen said they try to be resourceful with products they have by taking their uglier pumpkins in the fall and making dog treats or by donating leftover flowers to a nursing home. Once farmers find out they can get assistance, she said, they have a more positive attitude about it.

Kelpinski, the program manager, said becoming environmentally verified is different for everyone.

"It's not-a-one-size fits all," he said.

There are grants available for farmers looking to make changes. Technicians sometimes have money that helps farmers, soil tests can be done with grants, and nonprofit organizations and the Environmental Protection Agency can give larger grants, Kelpinski said.

Gary McDowell, the director of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, said the department is putting systems in place to identify which farms are causing the most environmental problems.

Like with most things, a small number of farms cause a large portion of the problems, McDowell said.

Allen said that although it's a lot of extra work to make a farm sustainable, it's worth it.

"The soil, the crops are going to continue to thrive," she said. "Our livestock are going to continue to thrive here because we have a sustainable setup."

Are we part of a Community of Compassion? By Jace Arledge

I was reading an article about a community who gathered together to declare a townwide effort to become a "City of Compassion". Wow, I wondered what that looks like. The article went on to explain that many usually get compassion "mixed up with sympathy and pity." The writer uses a metaphor to explain the difference:

Imagine someone in a deep hole; pity walks by and is sorry they are down there but does nothing about it, sympathy climbs down in the hole to keep them company, but compassion lets down a ladder so they can climb out. Polly Castor (author)

This really brings to light the "Golden Rule": DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE DONE UNTO YOU. Compassion, you could say, is something that we all are given equally as children of God. You see, we all at one point or another in our Sunday school lessons have been taught that we were ALL made to be "very good," loved, and full and needed. God-like. This also means that if we are DIVINElike, it shouldn't be too hard to love unconditionally and be willing to give of ourselves to others. Right? Instead, many feel like everything in life is a competition, and we become hard-skinned, defending our turf in this ever changing world. I know that I have fallen into that trap many times, but it is essential that we strive to model a better way. Remember, our youth see what we do and how we act. We need to take our perfect image and wipe off the stains that cloud our vision to bring clarity, which will help us to see who we really are in this huge universe. So I challenge you, my friends: Instead of looking at others as being unfit, second-rate or always having plain bad luck, try cleaning your glass with a mixture of divine Love... Polish your glass and then look through it. By doing this, I am sure you will see things much brighter and clearer. Sometimes, if we clean our own looking glass to see everyone as the image of God and remember that good is in us all, I am sure we will see more compassion and more of "Love thy neighbor as thyself" being practiced. Stay kind my friends and love deeply!! Till next time...



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what they needed to change.

That was phase one and two of MAEAP verification, program manager Joe Kelpinski said.

Allen said she and her husband installed filter strips, which are strips of grass between the manure and the creek, to keep manure from getting into the creek.

They also built a manure facility barn made of entirely concrete. There's one for the cows in the winter and one for the manure.

Having a concrete manure facility prevents manure from spilling and helped Allen Family Farms become livestockverified through the state program.

Livestock verification focuses on animal production practices.

Allen said they also rotate crops every year to keep the right nutrients and microbes in the soil. To check soil health, they submit samples to a lab and receive information about exactly what their soil needs.

Some of the biggest challenges to becoming an environmentally verified farm are change and money, Allen said.

It can be hard when farmers follow a method of operation for generations and then have to change, and it can sometimes be expensive.

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There were many times during Jesus's lifetime where He had the opportunity to choose a different course for His life than the one God laid out for Him. He could have continued His work as a carpenter, which was a respectable occupation, and it would have allowed Him to live a comfortable life. While Jesus was in the wilderness, it would have been easy for Him to accept one of the offers of Satan, who tempted Him with food, invulnerability, and finally with the power to rule the whole world. But He did not. Jesus remained faithful and resisted Satan's every temptation and the temptations of this broken and sinful world. He refused to worship anyone or anything but God, and by doing so, Jesus set the perfect example for us to follow as we travel through life.

Jesus chose to follow God unconditionally, regardless of the many obstacles and difficult situations that He knew were in store for Him. He understood that the temporary success and happiness He could enjoy while in His human form were no comparison to the eternal joy and delight He would experience for eternity when He returned to His Father in Heaven.

Jesus was a man who knew why He was born into the







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world, and He also knew that the road He was to travel would eventually lead Him to an agonizing and humiliating death. But He stayed the course. Jesus remained faithful and lived His life in humble obedience to the Will of God.

Like Jesus, every person born on the earth is born with a divine purpose: to love God and one another. God commands us in the Holy Scriptures to love Him with all our hearts, soul, and strength. Complete unconditional love is the only kind of love God will accept as pleasing to Him.

Jesus tells us in John 14:21, "Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. My Father will love the one who loves me, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

If we are to live our lives with the confidence of knowing no matter what adverse conditions we encounter in life, they will not be enough to separate us from the love that God offers to all who love Him, then we must invite the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with a passion for God that supersedes all other aspirations. When we focus our thoughts on God and open our hearts up to receiving the Holy Spirit, something happens inside us for which there is no worldly explanation.

First of all, we begin to see the world from a different viewpoint. We gain a new perspective. Instead of complaining about everything that is wrong with the world, we start to see that there are also many good things happening around us. When we begin highlighting and focusing on the positives, we inadvertently lose sight of the negatives.

Recall with me the story of Peter walking on water.

You can read about it in Matthew 14:29. Jesus calls Peter to come to Him. Peter steps out of the boat and begins to walk toward Jesus. All is fine until Peter takes his eyes off Jesus and starts to focus on the wind and the waves thrashing about him. At this point, he begins to sink.

The lesson here is plain and simple. As long as we keep our eyes on Jesus, we can weather any storm we encounter. When Peter lost his focus and took his eyes off Jesus, fear set in, and down he went.

All of us have been in a terrible storm for the past year, some of us even longer. We've had to make several changes to our lifestyle. We've had to give up doing many of the things we enjoy, and the stress and pressure have caused many to lose hope and throw up their hands in defeat.

If you're having a tough time making it through the day, I say to you, pause for a few minutes and ask yourself a few questions.

1. Where is my focus? Is it on Jesus and the love He has for me, or am I thinking more about the world and the temporary inconvenience of not being able to do the things I enjoy doing?

2. What would life be like if I spend more time accentuating the positive things around me and less time thinking about "poor me?"

3. What can I do to help someone else who may be struggling with anxiety and depression because of the unprecedented adversity we're going through because of the Covid-19 virus?

Spending our time focusing on God and how we can help others takes a great deal of the stress out of life. Because we only get stressed out when we spend too much time thinking about ourselves.

When I spend my time doing what I can to make life better for someone else, my life is more rewarding and I experience a greater sense of peace. You cannot be sad and worry about

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what's going on in your life if your focus is on helping others improve their lives.

Jesus walked the earth over two-thousand years ago and faced more trials and tribulations than any of us will ever have to face, even if we live to be one-hundred years old. But He never tried to alter His course away from the final destination that awaited Him on Calvary. He was able to do this because His heart was pure and undefiled by the things of this world.

We can learn from Jesus if we will take the time to open up our Bibles and spend some quality time with God in the scriptures.

If you are not familiar with the Bible and don't know where to start, let me suggest you read the Beatitudes found in Matthew 5:3-11. There is much wisdom in those nine short verses. And don't just read them, do some research, and discover what God is saying to you.

The Celebrate Recovery (CR) program uses these verses as the foundation for everything we teach and do in CR. The principles found in the Beatitudes combined with the 12 steps of Recovery have helped millions of people work through all kinds of hurts, hang-ups, and habits, causing them severe pain and anguish for many years.

Facing adversity is more comfortable when we walk with the Lord and allow the Holy Spirit to show us the way through.

Check out Celebrate Recovery at Fowlerville UB Church. We meet on Tuesdays at 6:00pm for a time of Food and Fellowship. At 7:00pm we come together for Praise and Worship. At 8:00pm we gather in small groups for open confidential sharing. Join us, all you have to lose is your miserv.

League of Women Voters & Carnegie Library co-hosting diversity forum

In honor of Diversity Month in April, the League of Women Voters-AAA, Brighton/Howell Unit and the Howell Carnegie Library will be co-hosting Nicole Matthews-Creech, President of the Livingston Diversity Council, at the April 6 public forum titled 'Learning From Our Past to Create a Better Future with the Livingston Diversity Council.'

The on-line event takes place from 7 to 8 p.m.

Livingston County's past and identity have been inextricably linked with the KKK, white supremacy rallies and cross burnings. While some may say that we are no longer "that" community, issues of racism, heterosexism, ableism and other types of oppression still exist here, as in many communities. This event will include a live Q & A session after the conversation about the goals, programs and initiatives of the LDC and how the community can support these efforts.

Registration is required through the Howell Carnegie Library at: www.howelllibrary.libcal.com/event/7573650.

Livingston County Genealogical Society will hold ZOOM meeting on April 1

The Livingston County Genealogical Society will meet via ZOOM on Thursday, April 1 at 7pm. The Learners Group will begin at 6pm. Sandra Trap will present, "Italian Genealogy 101." All are welcome. Meetings include a short business meeting and the speaker program.

Please send an email to "ContactLCGSMI@gmail.com" and request an invitation to this zoom meeting and someone will respond to you. Prior to the general meeting, from 6-7 p.m., all are welcome to join the Learner' Group to discuss their research successes and brick walls.

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<u>Residents</u> **Fire Hydrant Flushing**

The Fowlerville Department of Public Works will begin fire hydrant flushing throughout the Village of Fowlerville starting Monday, April 5th, 2021.

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

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

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

> Kathryn M. Rajala, CMMC, MiPMC Village Clerk/Manager (3-21 & 3-28-21 FNV)



Michigan House Report

By Bob Bezotte, 47nd District

With it being tax filing season, according to the Michigan Department of Treasury, working families and individuals with low to moderate income may be able to receive Michigan's Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). To qualify, individuals must meet certain requirements and file a federal income tax return, even if no tax is owed or there is no requirement to file a return. The EITC reduces the amount of tax owed and may provide a refund. To learn more about the EITC, go to www. irs.gov/eitc or www.michigan.gov/treasury.

Last week, I had the opportunity to meet with the Connect Five Veterans Foundation in Livingston County. I was able to listen to their concerns and discuss what could help our veterans. As a veteran myself, one of my biggest priorities as

a legislator is fighting for our veterans. In the Military, Veterans and Homeland Security committee this week, we heard testimony on HB 4122, which modifies the distribution and expenditure of the grants program of the County Veteran Service Fund. The bill would allow money in the fund to be used to cover necessary administrative and implementation costs incurred by the MVAA, as appropriated. It would also allow counties to use grants for allowable expenditures related to county veteran service operations. This would mean that Livingston County can get a base amount of \$50,000 for our County Veteran Service Fund.

This week, the House introduced a health care package of bills. These bills accomplish three main goals. They lower the cost of prescription medicine. They increase access to new medications and provide easier delivery. And they make the health-care industry at every level step up their game and provide a higher standard of care. If we can do those three things, we can make health care work for Michigan families, save them money and save lives.

Life-saving drugs like insulin are worthless if people can't access them. What's happening across the country with this life-saving medication is unacceptable. Diabetes is a huge health care challenge in Michigan, and lots of people in our community are struggling with the disease. I'm making it a priority to help everyone get access to the drugs they desperately need.

Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) have become unregulated middlemen who are padding their pockets with the money that should be passed onto consumers. I am fighting for common-sense reforms to keep these organizations in check while reducing the cost of prescription drugs.

- If PBMs are transparent, rebates from drug manufacturers will be passed along to health plans, rather than hiding the savings and pocketing the money themselves.
- Drug price manipulation allowed PBMs to overcharge Michigan Medicaid by at least \$64 million, according to a 2019 report by the Michigan Pharmacists Association. It is well past time to level the playing field for working people with prescriptions.

Cancer patients must have easier access to oral chemo medication, but the system is working against them. Intravenous chemotherapy drugs are typically covered under a health plan's medical benefit, but oral drugs are usually covered under a health plan's pharmacy benefit, resulting in higher upfront costs for patients at the counter. There is a lot more to how these cancer drugs are priced than some may know. Each treatment/pill may be many thousand dollars.

Access to quality, affordable health care is not something Michigan families should have to worry about. That's why

I'm fighting for a bipartisan plan to reduce prescription drug costs, improve health care accessibility and increase the quality of care.

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



Family Impact Center 735 N. Grand Avenue * Fowlerville

Did you know? Our Client-Choice Food Pantry has never stopped being available to individuals and families in need of food assistance. Due to the Covid pandemic that hit us last March, we immediately switched to a "curb-side" pickup while still maintaining the client-choice aspect which we feel is very important! And we will continue to do so as it has proven to be a very organized and efficient method for everyone. To inquire about or to make an appointment to receive emergency food assistance, please call 517-223-4428.

Did you know? On March 5, 2021, Family Impact Centers started its 19th year of both offering hope and helping to bring restoration to those in Fowlerville and throughout the surrounding communities. As of this time, over 2,877 unduplicated families have been enrolled in our food program. This means that each family is counted only once, regardless of whether they have come to us once or many times. (We feel this is a clearer way of reporting numbers.)

Family Impact Wellness Center 9430 West Grand River (just west of Fowlerville) **UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MARCH & APRIL** Grief Share: Wednesdays (March 3 - May 26) from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. This faith-based seminar/support group is for anyone grieving the death of someone close. You will find it to be a warm, caring environment that includes encouraging, information-packed videos featuring leading grief recovery experts. A workbook is provided both for notetaking and for

entitled Forgiving What You Can't Forget. If you are interested, please call Barb at 517-223-4428. A decision will be made in the future as to the day and time for holding this study.

Save the Date: Our 9th Annual Run for the Impact will be held this year, both in person and virtually!! Saturday, June 5 is the date for our in-person event, and May 29 - June 12 will be the range of time available for the virtual event. More information to come soon!!





improved healing time, pain reduction, increased circulation, decreased swelling, and faster bone repair.

use between sessions. There is no fee. Please call 517-223-4428 to register. You may begin anytime.

Teen Bible Study for grades 7-12: Sundays (April 11 -June 6) from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. This group study for students is adapted from the best-selling adult book by Henry Blackaby entitled Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God. It centers around "The Xperience", a 9-week video drama which the teens will watch and discuss. A workbook for use both during class and each week is free of charge. For more information or to sign up your student, please call 517-223-4428.

Coming this Spring: Community-Wide Women's Bible Study featuring Lysa Terkeurst's 6-week video sessions

Livingston County Mental Health hosting 'All Minds Matter' Run/Walk

Livingston County Community Mental Health will host the All Minds Matter 5K Run/Walk from April 28 thru May 2. CMH is offering both a fully virtual option as well as a course in Fowlerville Community Park for participants. Register on line at: www.runsignup.com/Race/MI/Fowlerville/ AllMindsMatter 5kWalkRun



This Therapy also helps relax tight muscles that create chronic pain, joint problems and decreased mobility.

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- Nerve Pain
- Shingles

- Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy
- Non-healing wounds
- Lymphedema
- Whiplash
- Bell's palsy
- Fractures
- Headache & migraines
- Herniated Disc
- Sciatica
- Skin problems
- Bursitis
- Jaw pain / TMJ

Secretary of State calls on state lawmakers to work on her proposal

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson has called on legislative leaders "to begin work in earnest to make it easier to vote and harder to cheat by moving bills that align with the 'Advance The Vote' proposal she unveiled in February."

"Michigan voters elected me because I promised to make it easier to vote and harder to cheat in Michigan elections," said Benson. "And that's exactly what I did in the 2020 elections, which saw millions of voters utilize new expanded voting rights, and was audited more than any election in state history."

Benson noted the 2020 general election saw more than 3.3 million Michigan citizens cast absentee ballots, including nearly 30,000 who registered on Election Day. More than 250

post-election audits were then conducted by the state Bureau of Elections and more than 1,300 Republican, Democratic and non-partisan clerks around the state.

"I'm grateful to the two dozen state lawmakers who have sponsored bills that further the will of Michigan voters, and it's time for legislative leaders to move them forward," said Benson. "All voters deserve convenient and equal access to their right to vote absentee. Clerks deserve time and support to process absentee ballots in the days leading up to Election Day so that we have results shortly after polls close. And a post-election audit should be conducted before results are certified."

Numerous bills have been introduced in the state House and Senate that align with Secretary Benson's legislative agenda, including House Bills 4361 and 4362 and Senate Bills 0008 and 0009. These bills propose the following:

--Require clerks to maintain a permanent absentee voter application list.

--Require counting of absentee ballots postmarked on or before Election Day and received by clerk within 48 hours.

--Require absentee ballot applications be sent by clerks to all electors.

--Ensure voters have the ability to fix signature errors on absentee ballot applications and ballots.

--Allow absentee ballot processing up to 22 days before Election Day.

--Ensure the votes of military servicemembers overseas are counted by allowing them to return their ballots electronically. Benson noted that all of the bills have been referred to

committee, but none have received a hearing or vote.

VILLAGE OF FOWLERVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: 2021 AMENDMENT TO THE FOWLERVILLE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TAX INCREMENT FINANCE PLAN AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN MONDAY, April 12, 2021 AT 7:30 P.M.

A public hearing has been scheduled by the Village of Fowlerville Village Council for Monday, April 12, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. p.m. in the Council Chambers, Village of Fowlerville Municipal Offices, 213 South Grand Avenue, Fowlerville, Michigan 48836-0677, and available remotely via Zoom, to solicit public comments regarding the 2021 Amendment to the Village of Fowlerville Tax Increment Finance Plan and Downtown Development Authority Development Plan.

The 2021 Amendment has several purposes:

- 1. Parking Lot Paving, located at 155 Church Street, the DDA already owns.
- 2. Top coating to the North West Quadrant Parking Lot.
- 3. Authorizing 18 overnight parking spaces in the Northwest Quadrant Parking Lot and/or the Power Street Parking Lot for residential tenants of the 18,000 square foot pad in the Northwest Quadrant.
- 4. Authorizing the purchase and installation of new playground equipment and an ice rink in the Park.
- 5. Spending \$52,500 on upgrading 87 downtown light poles to LED, plus \$200 for every globe that needs replacing.
- Spend up to \$20,000 on finishing the plant pots along West Grand River Avenue, Fowlerville, Michigan. In front of the East and West pads of the Northwest Quadrant.
- 7. Obtaining an easement and the installation of a water fountain/ChristmasTree site on the South west corner of South Grand Avenue and Grand River Avenue
- 8. Adding additional cameras to the downtown district for security purposes.
- Obtaining a lease or easement on the Southwest corner of South Grand Avenue and Grand River Avenue with the intent of improving the existing Welcome to Fowlerville sign with digital billboards to notice public information.
- 10. Adding approximately 120 linear feet of curb and gutter to South Ann Street from West Grand River Avenue South approximately one block.
- A District Boundary Map is attached and is not

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The Village of Fowlerville will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting for the sight impaired, to individuals with disabilities at the hearing upon 5 days advance notice to the Village Clerk.



proposed to be modified by this Amendment. The maps, plats and a description of the original Tax Increment Finance Plan and Development Plan and all prior Amendments thereto, plus the proposed 2021 Amendment, including a method of relocating families and individuals who may be displaced from the Development Area, are available for public inspection at the Village of Fowlerville Offices by appointment located at 213 South Grand Avenue, Fowlerville, Michigan 48836.

All aspects of the development plan will be open for discussion at the public hearing; and other information that the governing body considers appropriate.

Written comments are welcomed and should be addressed to the Village Clerk, 213 South Grand Avenue, Fowlerville, MI 48836. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

To access the meeting remotely: Kathy Rajala is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Public Hearing DDA Plan Amendment Time: Apr 12, 2021 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Kathryn M. Rajala CMMC, MiPMC Village Clerk/Manager (3-21 & 3-28-21 FNV)

Fowlerville High School Academic Honors Program Recipients NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Current Members *New Inductees NHS

JUNIORS: Hannah Arledge Teran*, Caleb Banko*, Rebecca Bassett*, Aidan Brake*, Emma Browne*, Madison Cooley*, Gabrielle Damerow*, Madelyn Donal*, Reagan Esch*, Amanda Fogo*, Jenna Gill*, Alli Larson*, Katarina Lutz* Falynne Murphy*, Matilyn Near*, Amber Smyczynski*, Abigail Thomas*, Madalynn Woods* Elizabeth Bilyk, Sydney Bush, Rebekah Dolezal*, Abby Dye, Cierra Henley, Andrea Kozakiewicz, Makenna Maher*, Lauren Murray, Courtney Steffee, and Madison Thomas.

SENIORS: Kylie Arbenowske, Jenna Bailey*, Brynn Bertl, and Tyler Bigos.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Criteria: 9th 3.45-3.799 1st Semester Cumulative 10th 3.35-3.699 3rd Semester Cumulative 11th 3.35-3.599 5th Semester Cumulative 12th 3.30-3.499 7th Semester Cumulative

FRESHMAN: Christian Brach, Isabella Damerow, George Daniel, Bryce Engle, Jacob Esch, Oliver Farmer, Jan Hartke, Mason House, Mia Jaeger, Blake Juopperi, Grant Kargel, Karson Lovejoy, Hunter Mathes, Mason Munsell, Lindsey Palm, Sophia Pluff, Caydence Rager, Brendan Ray, Everet Redman, Nolan Targosz, Sarah-Kate Wall, Dillon Wieas, and Emma Wilber.

SOPHOMORES: Lucas Anderson, Evan Atkinson, Loren Bishop, Erica Branham DiLucia, Owen Browne, Daniel Burr, HannaLee Campbell, Isabella Clapp, Madison Copeland, Adam Dimkoff, Griffon Dolin, Ava Durand, Emmarie Eillis, Isacc Farmer, Paige Frazier, Haley Gardner, Brieana Hose, Adrianna Misiak, Magdalen Motz, Zaylin Rinehart, Emma Stewart, Faith Temple, Gavin Tschirret, Jenna Turner, Benjamin Wykes, and Jason York.

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SENIORS: Gavin Camps, Brendan Clements, Parker Douglass, Owen Farmer, Zoey Foss, Jacob Gardner, Garrett Hearl, and Ryan Kargel.

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ACADEMIC LETTERS AND PINS

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10th 3.7-4.0	3rd Semester Cumulative	
11th 3.6-4.0	5th Semester Cumulative	
12th 3.5-4.0	7th Semester Cumulative	
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ACADEMIC LETTERS

FRESHMAN LETTER: Isaiah Beach, Victoria Brigg, Avery Challiss, Morgan Challiss, Richard Davis, Kalia Dorgelo, Kyla Durbin, Madison Groff, Lily Hall, Halee Haydu, Ashley Johnson, Halli Jorgensen, Mackenzie Kelly, Molly Kilpela, John Lukasik, Alexandra McKee, Gavin Mitchell, Morgan Near, Ava Neirynck, Tara Peterson, Lauren Rajala, Travis Saint Marin, Kendall Wright, and Alexis Young.

SOPHOMORE LETTER: Jacob Addington, Brielle Culbertson, Allison Davis, Wesley Horne, Shawn Hotelling, Camille Lako, Travis Lockwood, Haileigh-Rae Mallinger, Mary Kate Milewski, Adam Sabotka, Danielle Skinner, and



Fowlerville High School National Honor Society officers are, from left, Cierra Henley, Kylie Arbenowske, Brynn Bertl, Courtney Steffee, and Sydney Bush. They inducted the new members during the Academic Honors Program. Michelle Hardenbrook is the advisor.



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SENIOR LETTER: James Anderson, Emma Arnot, Morgan Byerle, Rebekah Dolezal, Aubrae Miller, Aliya Sabotka, Ronald Thomas, and Ava Yon.

2ND YEAR PINS

SOPHOMORES: Nora Alverson, Annie Beach, Katie Bigos, Alaina Borowy, Avery Copeland, Arianna Crossman, Heidi Curd, Morgan DeCare, Randalyn Dowker, Maretta Finley, David Hargraves, Julia Johnson, Brooke Krueger, Natalie Loomis, Hunter Losey, Nathan Murray, Amber Odom, Hayley Olrich, Thomas Parker, Landon Roberts, Evan Rose, Josiah Schaefer, Alden Scheib, Kylie Steffee, Katie Tait, and Morgan Thomas.

JUNIORS: Caleb Banko, Seth Christie, Madelyn Donal, and Caitlyn Koch.

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Smith Elementary highlights 'Classroom of the Week'

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

Sitting, from left, are: Spencer Cox, Mira Rowe, Shelby Nickolopolous, Meredith Hollister, Anabelle Franks, Kinsley Busard; kneeling: Zac Hargrove, Isabella Philips, Nathan Hollister, Evelyn Stallcup, Colton Tisher, Jameson Latva; standing: Kendall Gutierrez, Addison Barnes, Holland Conley, Chase Pisella, Easton Archibald, Ethan McColl, Carver Lindsay, and Mrs. Myers. Not Pictured: Kennedy Krueger and Sawyer Wonfor.

Howell Nature Center holding Easter EGGstravaganza on April 3

Hop through the festively decorated Howell Nature Center's Wild Wonders Wildlife Park during an EGGciting Easter adventure on Saturday, April 3. Join them for bunny station surprises, Easter egg hunts, and presentations by wildlife EGGsperts! After your stroll through the park, head over to Alexandria's NatureScape for a special socially distanced photo with the Easter bunny, who will be safely greeting children from the Tree House.

General Admission: Adults \$8 per person; Children \$15 per person Member Admission: Adults \$5 per person; Children \$12 per person As always, infants 2 and under are free.



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Fowlerville Junior High News

IMPORTANT DATES: No School-Spring Break-- March 29-April 2

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

SPORTS FOR WEEK OF APRIL 5:

Mon., 4/5: NO SCHOOL

Wed., 4/7: GBB vs St. Johns-4:30; 7A,8H* - *1 game only TRACK for girls/boys, Grades 6-7-8 begins.

Thurs., 4/8: GBB vs Charlotte-4:30; 7A (@ CHS) GBB PICTURES: 7th @ 2:35 followed by 8th

REMINDER: boys & girls going out for TRACK-registration is REQUIRED on the FINAL FORMS SITE. Carefully complete this registration.

REMINDER: due to a shortage of school bus drivers, parents are being ask to assist w/ transportation to/from meets. Please speak to the coach about this issue.

REMINDER: FJH IS CLOSED the week of March 29 for Easter/spring break.

8TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL

The 8th grade girls had a hard fought game against Eaton Rapids yesterday and lost by 2. Lillie Redinger and Tommi Kleinschmidt led the way with a combined 17 points for us. Our next game is Wednesday against Ionia.

7TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL

The 7th Grade Fowlerville Girls Basketball team traveled to Eaton Rapids Monday, March 22nd. In the B team game, the girls raised their intensity to match a very physical Eaton Rapids team, but came up bit short in a 21-35 loss. Tessa Smith led her team with 12 points and Bella Pierfedderici also had 4 points. The girls showed great promise of amazing things to come.

In the A game, Fowlerville managed to pull off the victory

Smith Elementary School News

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 am – 4:30 pm School Hours: 8:50 am – 3:32 pm * * *

IMPORTANT DATES:

March 29 – April 2 – NO SCHOOL – SPRING RECESS April 5 – NO SCHOOL – EASTER MONDAY RECESS April 6 – School Resumes

April 14 – Spring School Picture Day - In-Person Students from 9:15 – 2:30

April 14 – Spring School Picture Day – Online Students from 2:30 – 4:00

May 31 – No School Memorial Day

June 9 – K-5^hGd Full Day of School and 6^h-11^hGd ¹/₂ Day of School

June 10 – K-11th Gd, ¹/₂ Day of School (Elementary Dismissal Time 12:02 pm)

June 11 – K-11^h Gd, $\frac{1}{2}$ Day of School (Elementary Dismissal Time 12:02 pm)

Kindergarten Round Up - If your child turns 5 by September 1, 2021, it is time to start thinking about registering him/ her for school! We are requesting that parents complete the Pre-Registration process found on the FCS webpage before March 31, 2021. Go to fowlervilleschools.org and click on the Kindergarten Enrollment link and enter your child's pre-enrollment information. Beginning on April 6, parents/guardians may call 517-223-6430 to make an appointment to come in to the H.T. Smith office and complete the registration process. The required items that you need to bring to your appointment are: your child's original birth certificate, current immunization record, vision screening (after 3 years of age) and proof of residency (this includes your driver's license and at least one other item, i.e., a piece of mail, purchase or rental agreement, voter's registration card, etc). We are holding a Virtual Round Up this year and that information has been posted to Fowlerville School's main webpage and also on H.T. Smith's link for you to access and learn more about our wonderful programs! We look forward to meeting the Class of 2034! * * *

with a 43-21 win. Ky Dillingham led the team with 18 points. Izzy Cox had 11 points. Ella Olrich managed a 10 second defensive half court violation on her own, and Mariah Kirby lead the team with the most box out rebounds. Fowlerville takes on Ionia next, as the girls come together and further develop their team fundamentals, they will be a force to be reckoned with.

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YEARBOOK INFORMATION

Yearbooks are on sale now for the 2020-2021 school year. Order in person or online - the school has a link online to order there. They are \$32 dollars. Checks made out to Fowlerville Community Schools

Also we have 11 yearbooks left from 2019-2020 if you did not get one. They can be purchased for \$32 from Mrs. Spisz in room D-19

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

Academic Honors Program Recipients, continued

3RD YEAR PINS

JUNIORS: Carlie Atcheson, Rebecca Bassett, Landen Blixt, Aidan Brake, Emma Browne, Zachary Curd, Gabrielle Damerow, Calvin Dowker, Jaydon Dyer, Reagan Esch, Dylan Fear, Jenna Gill, Iann Jahn, Joshua Kilpela, Alyssa Kolenda, Alli Larson, Lindsay LeMieux, Charlotte Moorehouse, Falynne Murphy, Matilyn Near, Cayden Ronning, Claire Schwarz, Annika Scot, Jack Shrader, Amber Smyczynski, Abigail Thomas, Isaac Way, and Madalynn Woods.

SENIORS: Nicholas Atkinson, Taylor Challiss, Emily Garrett, Charlotte Horne, Ramsey Lukasik, Morgyn Muck, Betsy Reighard, Hannah Skinner, and Charla Theibert.

4TH YEAR PINS

SENIORS: Kyle Arbenowske, Nathan Ash, John Bacha, Jenna Bailey, Brynn Bertl, Brendon Bickley, Tyler Bigos, Elizabeth Bilyk, Tyler Bulszewicz, Sydney Bush, Abby Dyc, Ariana Eggleston, Logan Flanery, Cierra Henley, Andrea Kozakiewicz, Lydia Luark, Makenna Maher, Jordan Miller, Lauren Murray, Riley Pullum, Luke Render, Ashlyn Ronning, Courtney Steffee, and Madison Thomas.



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

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

Michigan Works! Southeast hosting virtual career event on April 22

Michigan Works! Southeast will be hosting the region's largest virtual career exploration event, called MiCareerQuest South, on April 22. Registered attendees can log in any time between 8:00am to 5:00pm to interract with employers as their schedule allows.

Forty employers will showcase their careers to over 3,000+ students and job seekers through interactive, virtual booths. Attendees will have the opportunity to speak directly with employers and learn about our region's in-demand industries such as healthcare, construction, advanced manufacturing, and more.

"Our industry is excited to help students understand and experience energy careers," said Sharon Miller, Director, Strategic Talent Pipelines, at Consumers Energy. "MiCareerQuest South introduces them to hometown opportunities that can provide prosperous futures. Our team can connect directly with young talent to inspire and engage them," said Miller. The event is designed for middle and high school students. Adult Job seekers currently enrolled in Michigan Works! Southeast's services are invited to attend as well.

"The MiCareerQuest South virtual event is a great way for students to get information firsthand from working professionals in their career areas of interest," said Kevin Oxley, Superintendent of the Jackson County Intermediate School District. "MWSE has made it possible to connect young people with current employers to help them navigate the exploration of future career opportunities. It is an easy, yet exciting chance for students to get a glimpse into their possible futures," said Oxley.

Attendees and exhibitors can register at <u>mwse.org/</u> <u>micareerquest</u>. A confirmation email and calendar invite, along with additional details about the event, will be provided after registration.

"This isn't your typical career fair," said Shamar Herron, Executive Director of Michigan Works! Southeast. "It's an opportunity for individuals to learn about the growing industries right here in Southeast Michigan," said Herron. Michigan Works! Southeast connects employers and job seekers to a better future in Hillsdale, Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, and Washtenaw Counties as part of a statewide Michigan Works! system.

Fowlerville Basketball Team wins District opener with last-second shot

The Fowlerville Varsity Basketball Team won the District opener in dramatic fashion last Tuesday against Garbriel Richard. Brendan Young caught a touchdown pass from Adam Simon and then scored at the buzzer, giving the Glads a 54-52 win.

Young led the way with 29 points, Carter Young added 10 and Billy Hutchins had 7.

The team moved onto to play Williamston in the semifinals this past Thursday (past the newspaper deadline). This will be the third time the teams have met this season. The Gladiators lost both those earlier games to the state-ranked Hornets by close scores.

The Districts is being held at Chelsea.





Tom **Breningstall** Column

Camping Perils

In the seventies and eighties, my wife Evette, our daughter Victoria and I camped up north quite a bit. We owned some land by Baldwin, Michigan, but we camped all over Michigan.

Our first camper was an old VW bus that we converted into a RV. The VW bus was used as a delivery van for a newspaper

Some Special Recipes By Dawn Horton

The following recipes were submitted by Cindy Krebs of

Fowlerville. These are two family favorites. Enjoy! * * *

DILLY BEANS

- 2 lbs. green beans, trimmed (about 8 cups)
- 1 tsp. cayenne pepper
- 4 cloves garlic
- 4 dill heads
- 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups water
- 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups white vinegar
- ¹/₂ cup pickling salt
- Pack the beans, lengthwise, into clean hot pint jars.

Add to each pint: ¹/₄ tsp cayenne pepper, 1 garlic clove and 1 dill head.

Combine the remaining ingredients and bring to a boil. Pour boiling hot over the beans leaving 1/4 inch head space. Seal. Process pints 10 minutes in a boiling water bath. For best flavor let the canned beans stand for at least 2 weeks before serving as this will allow the flavor to develop. Don't worry if the beans look shriveled right after processing, they'll plump up in a few weeks. Yields 4 pints. -Cindy Krebs

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BAR-B-Q MEATBALLS

- $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs ground chuck
- 2/3 cup evaporated milk
- 1 envelope dry onion soup mix
- 1 tsp. worcestershire sauce

Mix milk, soup mix, Worcestershire sauce. Let stand 5 minutes. Add meat, mix and shape into meatballs. Broil 10 minutes or bake at 400 degrees.

SAUCE

- 1 cup ketchup
- ¹/₂ cup brown sugar
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce

Mix these 3 ingredients in a sauce pan to melt brown sugar. Add sauce to meatballs and heat thoroughly.

-Cindy Krebs



and had well over a hundred thousand miles on it. The motor was good and it ran well. The transmission, on the other hand, had some problems with the down-shifting as the synchronizers were worn past their use by date.

If the old VW was climbing a steep hill and didn't get enough power in high gear, normally a quick down-shift to a lower gear would increase the power and it would go on up the hill. The old transmission would not down-shift, so I'd have to pull over to the side of the road, stop, shift into first gear and continue up the hill. The up-shifting through the gears to fourth gear worked as it should, but not the downshifting.

We built a fold up bed for us and a bed over the rear motor for our daughter to sleep. We equipped the VW with an ice chest and a camp stove. The fold up bed was also a table when it wasn't used for sleeping, and we had a camping potty with disposable liners. Evette made curtains for the windows and as a divider between the beds. We went all over Michigan in that old bus-from Tahquamenon Falls to South Haven and many places in between.

When staying near East Tawas one time, well, I should start at the beginning of this trip that we had planned up north for the weekend.

We packed the VW camper with food and supplies as our daughter was across the road playing with a neighbor friend. We called her home and got underway. The old bus was running fine, and we looked forward to a fun trip up to East Tawas and the sandy beaches and waters of Lake Huron.

We arrived at a remote spot on Lake Huron that we had found on a previous camping trip. We unpacked the charcoal grill, fired it up and put on the hot dogs. There was also potato salad, baked beans and chips that were set out on a small folding table. We sat in folding chairs. We all dressed in beach wear, bathing suits and bare feet, wiggling our toes in the sand.

As the meal was getting ready, Evette and I talked as we watched Vicki playing in the sand. The hot dogs took on a nice brown glow as they sizzled on the charcoal grill.

I called us all together and the food was dished out and eaten. All was good. Vicki went back to play in the sand as we cleaned up and put things away. I buried the hot charcoal ambers in the sand out of the way behind a tree and went to get a pail of water from the lake to douse the embers to cool them off.

On the way back from the lake, Vicki called out and said she needed the portable potty. I put the water bucket down, ran to get the portable potty and placed it behind some bushes to give Vicki some privacy. As I turned around to retrieve the water bucket, I stepped right in the middle of those hot charcoal embers with my bare right foot. One of the embers stuck to the bottom of my foot and burned in.

I was jumping around, trying to dislodge the ember and I iammed my smoldering foot into the bucket of water. Vicki started crying, thinking it was her fault as she watched her dad iumping around like a crazy man and swearing more than she had ever heard. Evette always packed a first aid kit when we went camping, and she helped me bandage my right foot.

The bus being a stick shift, I needed my right foot for the gas and brake pedals. With some (a lot) of pain I was able to drive. We decided not to camp that night and headed home.

Victoria was very quiet on the way home, thinking it was her fault that I got burnt. I kept telling her I was to blame for not being careful and that is why I got burnt.

On the way home Vicki revealed that she had eaten some green apples that morning at her friend's house. That was why she needed the potty in a hurry and why she thought it was her fault. We still laugh about our mis-adventure all these vears later, and if she wants to take the blame, I'm good with that.



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Webberville Elementary hosting Kindergarten & Preschool Round-up

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

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

Preschool registration will be held at the same date/time. Online registration is required, with applications available at inghampreschool.org.





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Webberville Report



Maddie Derian, center, is shown here with her parents, Heather and Alex Derian. Maddie advanced to the State FFA Finals in the Greenhand Public Speaking Contest.

Webberville FFA student advances to State Finals in public speaking contest

Maddie Derian of the Webberville FFA Chapter recently competed in the Greenhand Public Speaking Contest and advanced to the State Finals, with her food safety speech entitled Menacing Meals: Breaking News for Everyone's Consumption. Final results will be announced at the FFA State Convention April 21. She is the daughter of Heather and Alex Derian. The chapter's demonstration team of Katarina Haynes and Dana Gorski were alternates to state contests after earning gold at the regional level.

Photo at right: Katarina Haynes and Dana Gorski were alternates to the State Finals after earning gold at the regional level.





Wyatt has been involved in National Honor Society, band, FFA, and robotics. Throughout these activities, Wyatt has been active in many events and has made many lifelong memories. Wyatt has also grown as a leader and as a person while participating in these activities.

"Austin has unknowingly reminded me that a smile, a simple hello or a kind gesture can be the difference for turning someone's bad day into a good day," said Grossbauer. Her advice for Wyatt, "Never give up. Things don't always go as planned but don't see that as defeat or a reason to stop. Someday you will understand why something went the way it did – even if you didn't like it at the time."

Wyatt has participated in football and track. Throughout Wyatt's career he grew as an athlete and a leader. His teammates and coaches admired his dedication and teamwork

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Senior Spotlight—Austin Wyatt By Dana Gorski

Austin Wyatt, while living in Webberville his entire life, has impacted many people's lives, made lifelong friendships, and grown to love the community of Webberville. Wyatt is the son of Heather and Joe Wyatt and the sibling of Tyler Wyatt, class of 2019, and Rachel Wyatt class of 2025, along with being the close friend of Skylar Byrne who graduated with the class of 2019.

"I would like to thank my parents and siblings for always having my best interest at heart and making me who I am today," said Wyatt. "I honestly don't know where I would be without them being here every step of the way."

skills.

Wyatt has been very successful within academics in high school. Since elementary school, he has always been on the honor roll and always strives to do his best and produce quality work.

"I admire Austin's talent and wit most. I get to know a lot of my percussion students well, because they sit so close to where I stand during football games. Austin has made some hilarious comments during those games over the years," said band teach Mr. Franks.

Wyatt plans to attend Lansing Community College and eventually transfer to a university. His career goals are to become an engineer.

"I want to be an engineer because I have always been interested in technology and math. I think that engineering would suit me best for the future," said Wyatt.

His advice for underclassmen is to not procrastinate because it does not benefit you in the future. One of his friends has advice for him as well.

"My advice for Austin would be to keep your head held high." said Gage Rhodes, a friend of Wyatt's since middle school, adding that, "My favorite thing about Austin is his ability to see the bright side of any situation."



Ingham County Comments

By: Randy Schafer, District 13 Commissioner

*Potter Park and Michigan State University:

Spanning 50 years, the partnership between MSU College of Veterinary Medicine and Potter Park Zoo is special and this relationship was honored recently with the Distinguished Partnership Award for Community-Engaged Research. Dr. Dalen Agnew, a pathologist with expertise in zoo animals and chair of MSU Department of Pathobiology and Diagnostic Investigation, is a continued proponent.

Only a handful of veterinary schools have had such a long and productive relationship with a nearby zoo. Dr. Jim Sikarskie was instrumental in creating this relationship. He was hired in 1975 by the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine to be the school's first zoo and wildlife veterinarian. He taught zoo and wildlife courses for 44 years.

The impact of this relationship helped nurture and careers of many successful zoo and wildlife veterinarians. Over the years, countless veterinary medicine and nursing students, interns, and residents have worked with the zoo's veterinary department and College faculty to learn about zoo medicine and conservation issues affecting endangered species.

When students have the opportunity to work with a rhino or tiger, it's a memorable and transformative experience and helps students understand conservation issues affecting endangered species.

The relationships open an opportunity to discuss larger issues, such as the role of biodiversity in protecting human health and the inter-dependence of humans, animal, and ecosystem health. The research and professional publications assist in the medicine and care and improves the sustainability of these populations.

*Advance Peace:

The Ingham County Board has been working with DeVone Boggan who developed a program call "Advance Peace Peacemaker Fellowship" program. Mr. Boggan is a former Lansing resident with strong local roots.

The increase in violence during the past two years prompted the Board, Ingham County Health Department and the Ingham County Prosecutor to work with dozens of community stakeholders to explore approaches to reducing gun violence. Advance Peace interrupts cyclical and retaliatory gun violence in urban neighborhoods by providing transformational opportunites to those at the center of firearm hostilities by providing them with a high-touch, personalized 18-month Peacemaker Fellowship grounded in evidence-based practices. The program has significantly reduced violence in communities where it has been implemented. And, the cost savings in human life, law enforcement and legal costs have a proven track record. As such, the County will contribute \$160,000 and is matched by the City of Lansing for the Advanced Peace Project.

NIESA Fire Report (Northeast Ingham Emergency Service Authority)

NIESA has currently banned open burning for its district, as conditions are very dry and the wind is high.

On Wednesday March 17, 2021 NIESA responded to eight calls. Three were emergency medical calls, with one each in Wheatfield Township, the City of Williamston, and the Village of Webberville. We also responded to two vehicle accidents, one in Williamstown Township, and one in Wheatfield Township. The remaining three responses were for brush/grass fires. Two of the fire responses were in Locke Township, and one was a mutual aid to Ingham Township Fire & Stockbridge Fire in White Oak Township.

Thursday March 18, 2021, NIESA had six calls. Four were emergency medical responses, with two occuring in Locke Township, one in the Village of Webberville, and one in Leroy Township. We also responded to one vehicle accident in Wheatfield Township on I-96, and a fire alarm activation in Village of Webberville which was due to faulty equipment.

On Friday March 19, 2021, NIESA had six responses. Four were emergency medical calls, with one each in the following locations; Village of Webberville; Locke Township; Williamstown Township; and the City of Williamston. We also responded to two vehicle accidents, one in the City of Williamston, and one in Leroy Township.

Saturday March 20, 2021, NIESA responded to 4 calls. One response was an emergency medical call in Williamstown Township. Another response was a vehicle accident in Leroy Township. The remaining responses were for brush fires, one in Locke Township, and the second was a mutual aid response to Meridian Fire Department.

On Sunday March 21, 2021, NIESA had ten calls. Six of them were emergency medical calls, with one in occurring in the Village of Webberville, three in Williamstown Township, and two in the City of Williamston. NIESA also had four fire responses. One was for fire alarm activation in Williamstown Township, which was a faulty detector. Two of the fire responses were for brush fires in Locke Township, and one was in Wheatfield Township for an illegal burn since there is a burn ban in place.

Monday March 22, 2021, NIESA had eight responses. Three were emergency medical calls, with one occuring in the City of Williamston, one in the Village of Webberville, and



the third was an assist to Meridan Township Fire Department. Another response was a vehicle accident in Wheatfield Township on I-96, and the remaining four responses were fire related. Three responses were for brush fires. One of the brush fires was in Williamstown Township, the other two were mutual aid responses to Meridan Township Fire Department, Laingsburg Fire Department. The final fire response was a smoke investigation in the Village of Webberville.

On Tuesday March 23, 2021, NIESA had eight responses. Six were emergency medical calls. Three of the responses occurred in the City of Williamston, one in Leroy Township, one in Williamstown Township, and one in the Village of Webberville. NIESA also responsed to two brush fires, one occurred in Wheatfield Townshp, and the other in Leroy Township.



VILLAGE OF WEBBERVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CORRECTION

Residents of the Village of Webberville please take notice that a public hearing will be held before the Webberville Village Council Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Village Hall (or possibly via Zoom – which would be posted on the door) located at 115 S. Main St., Webberville. The purpose of this hearing is to consider comments regarding a Special Use Permit.

The Special Use request is for Peck Street, LLC. for a marihuana cultivation and processing facility, located at 1200 Mason Court.

Residents of the Village of Webberville please take notice that three public hearings will be held before the Webberville Village Council Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Village Hall (or possibly via Zoom – which would be posted on the door) located at 115 S. Main St., Webberville. The purpose of these hearings is to consider comments regarding a Zoning ordinance amendment, a Marihuana ordinance amendment.

The Zoning Ordinance Amendment would be for an amendment to the zoning HC – Highway Commercial to allow marihuana businesses in HC in the Business park, and an Industrial Facility Tax Exemption.

The Marihuana ordinance would be for an mendment to the zoning ordinance to allow Provisioning Centers in the HC (Highway Commercial) zoned areas of the Business Park. Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. or soon thereafter, the Village Council will hold a public hearing for comments regarding the 2021 – 2022 Budgets. A copy of any of these requests and either of the Village of Webberville Ordinances are available for review at the Webberville Village Office during normal business hours, via pickup or by email. Interested parties may make comments at the meeting or submit them in writing to Jaymee Hord. Village Clerk/Treasurer, P.O. Box 389, Webberville, MI 48892 or by email at ihord@villageofwebberville.com, prior to the meeting. The official minutes of all meetings are stored and available for inspection at the Village Office located at 115 S. Main Street, Webberville.



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VILLAGE OF FOWLERVILLE NOTICE TO VILLAGE RESIDENTS GRASS AND WEED CONTROL

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Savvy Senior Column

By Jim Miller

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Dear Viagra,

It's true. If you're age 62 or older and are still raising young children, there's a Social Security benefit strategy that can put some extra money in your family coffers.

Here's how it works. When you file for Social Security retirement benefits, your minor children can get money on your work record equaling half of what you would receive at full retirement age, now gradually rising from 66 to 67. Even if you were to take a smaller benefit by claiming earlier, your kids will still get half of your full-retirement age amount.

To qualify, your daughter – whether she's biological, adopted or a stepdaughter – must be unmarried and under age 18. Kids that are over 18 but still in high school, can collect too until they graduate or turn 19, whichever comes first. (Other rules apply to kids that are disabled.)

But that's not all.

Sec. 86-29. Growth of certain weeds and brush prohibited.

Poisonous or injurious weeds.

Other weeds or grasses of any species or variety **exceeding six inches** in height.

Wild growing brush or underbrush exceeding six inches in height.

Failure to comply with section 86-29 will result in the village causing the abatement, cutting, destruction or removal of the weeds or brush in violation of section 86-29, and the cost thereof charged against the person responsible for the property. The village may abate, cut, destroy or remove the weeds or brush in violation of section 86-29 as many times as are necessary during the months of May thru October of the notice year and charge the cost to the person responsible for the property.

> Kathryn Rajala, CMMC, MiPMC Village Clerk/Manager (3-28 & 4-4-21 FNV)

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Because one of your children is only 14, your wife (if you're married) can collect Social Security benefits on your work record too, and it doesn't matter if she's just 40 years old. The minimum age requirements to collect retirement benefits (62) or survivor benefits (60) does not apply when it comes to collecting benefits as the caregiver of a young child. The spouse's benefit, which is also worth up to half of your benefit, will stop when your daughter turns 16.

But note that there are limits to the amount of money that can be paid to a family. The Social Security "family maximum payment" is determined by a complex formula and can range from 150 to 180 percent of your full retirement benefit amount. If the total exceeds that, each person's benefit, except yours, is cut proportionately until it equals the maximum.

Here's an example of how that's figured. Let's say, for example, that your full retirement age benefit is \$2,400 per month. That would make your family maximum benefit (according to the Social Security formula at *SSA.gov/oact/cola/familymax.html*) roughly \$4,200 per month.

Subtract your \$2,400 benefit from the \$4,200 family maximum benefit, which leaves \$1,800. That's the monthly amount that can be split between your two children – \$900 each. If your wife wants in on it too, the individual checks are *continued on next page*

Fowlerville District Library News

Special Announcements

The library is opening to 30% capacity. Appointments will no longer be required and we will continue to offer curbside service.

Face masks are still required for all library patrons and staff, as well as maintaining the social distancing of 6 feet.

Monday-Thursday 9:30am - 7pm

<u>Friday</u> 9:30am – 5pm

<u>Saturday</u> 10am – 2pm

How to Use Curbside Service

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

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

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

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

Upcoming Programs

All programs are intended for Fowlerville School District residents.

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.

Savvy Senior, continued

smaller, at \$600 a piece, but the family amount is the same.

You should also know that minor children can collect up to half of a disabled parent's Social Security disability benefit. And if the parent dies, they will get a survivor's benefit, which is up to 75 percent of the deceased parent's basic Social Security benefit.

To learn more, see the SSA publication (No. 05-10085) "Benefits for Children" at SSA.gov/pubs/EN-05-10085.pdf.

One Caveat

Social Security benefits for your kids may not be available before full retirement age if you are still working. In 2021, you will lose \$1 in benefits for every \$2 earned over \$18,960, except in the year you reach full retirement age. In that case, the earnings limit is \$50,520, with \$1 in benefits withheld for every \$3 earned over the limit.

If you lose your benefits, your dependents also lose theirs. You can recoup those payments later, but your kids can't.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. * * *

Phone a Story and First Chapter Fridays: Available 24/7 **Preschool - 12th Graders - Call 517-858-2700** anytime to hear a full children's story, or a sample of a J Fiction/Chapter book or YA/Teen novel. Recordings are changed every two weeks.

Virtual Author Visit with Kim Michele Richardson

Fowlerville District Library is partnering with Livingston Libraries to bring a virtual author visit with Kim Michele Richardson author of this year's Livingston Read's pick *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*. Register for this event at livingstonreads.org beginning on March 25.

Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 7 PM Via Zoom.

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Beginner Gardener Series

Learn to garden with Master Gardener Nan-Marie Fox. Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 6:30 PM via Zoom: Transplanting

Beyond the Book and Movie Group

Adults – May's selection: A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman. Please read the book and watch the movie at home, then meet up with friends on Zoom to discuss them both. Everyone who signs up will get an opportunity to check out the movie and watch it on their own. Registration is required. Sign up with a valid email address to receive a book and a Zoom link. Registration is done in person inside or through curbside service at the Library. Books are limited and only available to one per household.

Thursday, May 20th, 2021 @ 6:30 PM

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

Follow us on Facebook: @fowlervillelibrary or visit our website at <u>www.fowlervillelibrary.org</u>. Email any questions to: <u>info@fowlervillelibrary.org</u>

Michigan DNR Fishing Tips— Piers & breakwalls offer great opportunities

Michigan's numerous piers and breakwalls offer great fishing opportunities throughout the year. Anglers often participate in this activity to target a variety of species, with trout and salmon being two of the most popular.

If you decide to partake in this type of fishing you'll need a high-quality rod and reel. Technique-wise you'll want to vary the depth and speed of your retrieves and consider fan-casting as opposed to casting perpendicular to the pier/breakwall.

There are lots of bait options to consider, including spawn bags with steelhead, trout or salmon eggs; live alewives; or night crawlers. You'll also want a long-handled net to aid in landing your catch!

As always, take plenty of safety precautions when fishing piers and breakwalls.



Fowlerville High School CTE Student of the Week



Photo by Tammy Steffee

Hunter Kupniewski

Congratulations to this week's Career Technical Education Student of the Week at Fowlerville High School, Hunter Kupniewski! Hunter is being recognized for his involvement in the Future Farmers of America (FFA) program and the agriscience program here at Fowlerville High School. Hunter has been an FFA member since his freshman year of high school. He has held various officer positions including Greenhand Vice President, Vice President, and Treasurer. He has been to a state and national convention, and has participated in different events/contests including the Agriscience Fair, Leadership contest, Skills contest, and Demonstration contest. In the near future Hunter will be participating in the Environmental Skills contest. This contest entails testing students on their ability to identify different trees, plants, and wildlife species, as well as conducting an analysis on soil, among other items.

Hunter has learned an incredible amount of information and skills over the past four years through FFA and the agriscience program. He feels strongly that he has gained valuable conversation skills, public speaking skills, leadership skills, and hands-on skills that he can take with him. He stated, "The things I've learned and the people I've met along the way will always be a part of my life. I have been involved in this class for all four years of high school and I think that it is something that really has changed my life in great ways."

As Hunter steps into his future career someday, he is positive he will be utilizing the skills he has learned. Specifically, the hands-on skills these programs have provided will be especially valuable for his future career goal of starting his own fabrication business.

Restoration projects have been one part of the FFA and agriscience programs that have provided Hunter the opportunity to gain hands-on skills. At one point he restored an entire tractor, putting it together and painting it. He stated that this particular project is his "legacy project," and he envisions it being used to teach future students.

To those considering the FFA and agriscience program at Fowlerville, Hunter stated, "Whatever your goal is in life, don't miss the chance to be involved in FFA. It's not just another class, it is the opportunity to have amazing skills and memories that last a lifetime." Hunter is further involved in career technical education through the Precision Machining Technology program at the Wilson Talent Center. He is in his second year of this program where students learn how to operate manual and computerized drills, lathes, mills and grinders, as well as how to read blueprints. The use of Computer-Aided Manufacturing (CAM) software programs is also part of the program. Congratulations once again to Hunter Kupniewski!

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Michigan Senate Report

By Lana Theis, 22nd District

Reforms introduced to improve state's elections

Sen. Lana Theis on Wednesday introduced two bills included in a package of sweeping reforms to improve voting access in Michigan, ensure election integrity and restore

<u>Greenwood Cemetery</u> <u>Spring Clean Up Notice:</u>

The Annual Spring Clean-Up begins March 29, 2021 weather permitting.

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

Items left, including grave blankets, wreaths, or lawn ornaments will be removed beginning 7:00 a.m., on Monday, March 29, 2021. Items removed may be retrieved after the clean-up. Please contact the Village Offices to schedule retrieval appointments by **April 12, 2021**.

Items, including decorations/lawn ornaments, may be placed on the graves starting Tuesday, March 30, 2021.

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

Kathryn M. Rajala, CMMC, MiPMC Village Clerk/Manager (3-21 & 3-28-21 FNV) trust in the outcome of an essential part of our representative republic.

"Everyone should have faith in the integrity of our state's elections," said Theis, R-Brighton. "But as a member of the Senate Oversight Committee, through hours of testimony over many months, I have heard firsthand accounts that people's faith has eroded. The reforms introduced seek to make Michigan's elections more secure, more accurate and trustworthy, while at the same time streamlining participation in the elections process."

The 39-bill election reform package would make improvements in five areas — making it easier to vote, protecting the vote, election day operations, increased transparency, and absentee voting.

Theis' bills would make acquiring an absentee ballot more secure and make ballots easier to understand.

Senate Bill 285 would require voters to present their stateissued photo identification when applying for an absentee ballot. Voters who are unable to do so at the time would be issued a provisional ballot.

 $\underline{\text{SB 307}}$ would require the full text of any ballot initiative or proposed constitutional amendment to be provided with both in-person and absentee ballots.

"Under current law, Michigan voters only get a 100-word summary for ballot proposals that are oftentimes thousands and thousands of words long. Not only do we need to make our elections more secure, we should also do what we can to help people be better informed about what they are voting on," Theis said. "My bills will help accomplish that."

The legislation was referred to the Senate Committee on Elections for consideration.

Livingston Centre Historic Village

committee resumes meetings April 1

Monthly meetings of the the Livingston Centre Historic Village planning committee will resume meeting on Thursday, April 1 at 7:00pm in the Fowlerville Fair Office. These meetings will continue the first Thursday of each month.

Work continues on many of the historic buildings inside the fairgrounds; reports and requests will be presented to the committee members. The meeting is open to the public; anyone interested in the continuing preservation and restoration of the Historic Village is welcome to attend.

> Attendees must wear masks. Social distancing will be practiced.

> The agenda also includes the planning of the annual

Secretary of State, nonpartisan groups denounce bills to roll back voting rights

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson and the nonpartisan Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, Michigan League of Women Voters and the Promote the Vote Coalition issued the following statements in response to the announcement of bills introduced by Republicans in the Michigan Senate that they say will "roll back the voting rights of Michigan citizens: **Statement of Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson:**

"Many of the bills in this package will make it harder for citizens to vote. Rather than introducing bills based on disproven lies and copied from other states, lawmakers should be codifying what worked in 2020. Michigan voters demonstrated they want our elections to be accessible in 2018 when they enshrined new voting rights in our state constitution, and again in 2020 when millions exercised those new rights. Everything we do should be based on protecting the right to vote, and too many of these bills would do the opposite."

Statement of Chris Swope, President of the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks:

"This package of bills contains some of the most egregious voter suppression ideas Michigan has seen. With nearly 30 percent of Michiganders not participating, we need to focus on expanding ballot access, not attempts to disenfranchise certain voters."

Statement of Christina Schlitt, President of the League of Women Voters of Michigan:

"The right to vote is fundamental to our democracy and something that state lawmakers should be working to protect instead of attack. The bills that have been announced are antithetical to fair elections and violate the clear will of Michigan voters who participated in record numbers in 2020."

Statement of Sharon Dolente, Promote the Vote Coalition:

"Record turnout isn't a reason to make it harder for some or impossible for others to vote. Michigan needs to look forward and continue creating a voting system that works for all of us."

Grandma's Attic Fundraiser scheduled for May 13 - 15, 9am - 4pm. Information on donations and drop-offs will follow in the coming weeks; continue to watch your Fowlerville News and Views for details. Please remember the Historic Society as you continue Spring Cleaning and household organizing.

Finally, discussion will begin for Fair Week activities and for the Fall Fest. The 2021 Fowlerville Fair is currently slated to begin July 26, and the Fall Fest is set for Sept. 11. Details will be published as they are finalized.

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The Prevention of Elder Abuse Neglect & Exploitation Coalition (P.E.A.N.E.)

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April 13, 2021

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- What is Elder Abuse
- Steps for reporting suspected abuse/neglect to law enforcement and Adult Protective Services

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Cedar Road from Van Orden to Wallace Road -

mattresses, tires and trash especially near the river





Please call 911 or the Livingston County Sheriff at 517-546-2440 to report the crime.

Ed Alverson, Supervisor Handy Township (3-21, 3-28 and 4-4-21 FNV)

- What happens after a person calls to report suspected abuse
- Resources and other valuable information
- Question and answer period with presenters

Presenters:

- Deputy Christine Hur, Community Outreach Unit, Livingston County Sheriff's Office
- Tom Schmid, Adult Protective Services, Livingston County DHHS





CATHOLIC CHARITIES Email Beth Newman at <u>beth@livingstoncatholiccharities.org</u> to receive your Zoom invitation and link to participate.

Funding provided by the Harry A. & Margaret D. Towsley Foundation

Fowlerville Police Report

for the Village of Fowlerville Council Meeting Monday, March 29, 2021

The Fowlerville Police Department responded to 451 calls for service over the past four weeks.

Total citations issued this period: 14 moving and parking citations.

Warrant Authorized/Declined

Incident #20-01106 - Violation of Controlled Substance Act and Fraudulent Insurance - Warrant Furthered

• 40 y/o male, Fowlerville, October 30, 2020 at 1920 hours

• 37 y/o female, Fowlerville, October 30, 2020 at 1920 hours

Incident #21-00233 - Operating While Intoxicated - Warrant Authorized

- 35 y/o male, Redford, March 7, 2021 at 0123 hours
- Incident #21-00230 Embezzlement Warrant Authorized • 18 y/o male, Dansville, March 6, 2021 at 1414 hours

Incident #21-00223 - Retail Fraud - Warrant Authorized • 57 y/o male, Gregory, March 4, 2021 at 1420 hours

Incident #21-00275 - Uttering & Publishing and Driving While License Suspended - Warrant Authorized - FELONY

• 21 y/o male, Lansing, March 16, 2021 at 0338 hours Incident #21-00263 - Retail Fraud and Resisting & Obstructing - Warrant Authorized

• 71 y/o male, Fowlerville, March 13, 2021 at 1240 hours Incident #21-00266 - Operating While Intoxicated - Under Review

• 22 y/o female, Howell, March 14, 2021 at 0302 hours Incident #21-00260 - Retail Fraud - Under Review

• 47 y/o female, Fowlerville, March 12, 2021 at 1808 hours Incident #21-00209 - Retail Fraud - Warrant Furthered

• 28 y/o male, Holly, February 28, 2021 at 1216 hours Incident #21-00250 - No Valid Ops, Unregistered Vehicle and No Motor Vehicle Insurance - Warrant Authorized

• 41 y/o male, Howell, March 11, 2021 at 0000 hours

• 46 y/o female, Howell, March 11, 2021 at 0000 hours Incident #21-00249 - No Driver's License and No Motor Vehicle Insurance - Warrant Authorized

• 51 y/o male, Fowlerville, March 10, 2021 at 2315 hours Incident #21-00231 - No Valid Driver's License - Warrant Authorized

• 38 y/o male, Detroit, March 6, 2021 at 2347 hours Incident #21-00288 - Retail Fraud - Under Review

• 47 y/o female, Fowlerville, March 20, 2021 at 1402 hours Incident #21-00287 - Operating While Intoxicated and No Motor Vehicle Insurance - Under Review

• 27 y/o male, Lansing, March 20, 2021 at 0242 hours Incident #21-00237 - Driving While License Suspended and No Motor Vehicle Insurance - Under Review

• 22 y/o female, Lansing, March 8, 2021 at 1259 hours Incident #21-00236 - Domestic Violence - Under Review

• 33 y/o female, Fowlerville, March 3, 3031 at 1239 hours Incident #21-00031 - Retail Fraud - Under Review

• 29 y/o male, Dexter, January 7, 2021 at 1525 hours **Officers Investigated the Following Types**

of Complaints:

- 10-Assists to EMS/FAFD
- 1-Abandoned Vehicle
- 1-Alarm
- 2-Animal Complaints
- 1-Assist to Other Agencies
- 72-Area Checks



- 85-Building and Property checks
- 1-Burglary in Progress
- 6-Citizen Assists
- 3-Community Policing
- 2-Court Prosecutor Activities
- 1-DHS Referrals
- 3-Domestic Verbal
- 2-DWLS
- 1-Electrical Hazard
- 15-Follow-ups
- 10-Foot Patrols (Subdivisions and Downtown area)
- 2-Fraud
 - 26-General Non-Criminal
 - 1-Hazard
 - 2-Hit & Run Accidents
 - 2-Juvenile Complaints
 - 1-K9 Locker Search
- 1-Kidnapping
- 1-Larceny
- 11-Liquor Inspections
- 1-Medical Alarm
- 5-Motorist Assists
- · 2-Operating While Impaired
- 3-Ordinance
- 4-Parking/Traffic

- 3-School Events
- 1-Structure Fire
- 46-Subdivision Patrols
- 10-Suspicious
- Situations • 44-Traffic Details
- 53-Traffic Stops
- 1-Traffic Arrest
- 1-VCSA
- 2-Welfare Checks

The above statistical information is retrieved using the computer aided dispatching module, provided by Livingston County Central Dispatch. All supporting statistical documentation can be provided upon request. Assists to Other Agencies:

Officer Edmonds was requested to assist the

Livingston County Sheriff Office with a vehicle theft. Officer Edmonds checked the area where the suspect was supposed to be and located the suspect vehicle and the suspect. A Livingston County Deputy arrived on location and took custody of the suspect.

Additional Information:

Sgt. Soli and I participated in the March Reading Event at the H. T. Smith Elementary School. We recorded book readings and they were played for the students. I would like to give Special Thanks to the Fowlerville District Library for selecting the books for us to read and to Librarian Alyssa Day at H. T. Smith Elementary for coordinating the event. We are glad to participate as it is always nice having such a close working relationship with our great schools and community.

As the weather becomes nicer and warmer, please be extra safe on the roads and look twice for motorcycles. We are seeing a lot of motorcyclists out enjoying the warm weather after being cooped up during the Winter and the COVID-19 restrictions.

> Respectfully Submitted, John J. Tyler, Chief of Police

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Complaints

• 2-Patrol Information

• 4-PBT Requests

• 2-PDA

• 1-Public Service

• 3-Retail Fraud



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Kreeger Elementary School News

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. School Hours: 8:50 a.m. - 3:32 p.m.

NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT:

All pre-enrollments are done online www.



<u>fowlervilleschools.org</u>. After you complete those documents please print and sign areas marked. Bring your childs 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.

CALENDAR OF KREEGER EVENTS Enjoy your Spring Break!

4-5-21 MONDAY NO SCHOOL EASTER RECESS
4-6-21 First Day back from Spring Break
4-6-21 Spring Picture Day
4-12-21 5th Grade M-Step Testing Begins
4-19-21 Spring Flower Fundraiser starts
4-26-21 3rd & 4th Grade M-Step Begins
5-3-21 Spring Flower Sale ends
5-14-21 Spring Flower Sale Pick up
5-31-21 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day Recess
6-10-21 1/2 Day School
6-11-21 1/2 Day School – Last Day of Classes
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LOST AND FOUND: We are beginning to have overflow in the lost and found areas for each grade level. Please be sure to





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SPRING PICTURE DAY

Flyers went home with students before break. Every student will be photographed and poses with masks are available. Students will be photographed on a green screen, for best results please DO NOT have your child wear green that day. Soon after picture day, your student will receive proof images and ordering information. If you would like to be notified when your images are ready to view and receive special offers text 11714 to 815-323-6095 or use your email address at <u>shop.hrimaging.com</u>.

GLADIATOR WEAR

Gladiator Spirit Wear will be sold all year long please check out the following site for orders – <u>www.brideausapparel.com/</u> <u>fundraisers</u>.

ONLINE STUDENTS

If you are having technical issues you can email the Tech Department at <u>fcstechassist@fowlervilleschools.org</u> and they will get back with you.

UPDATED COVID INFORMATION

We have added a video from Livingston County Health Department on the Kreeger Webpage, it can also be found on the Fowlerville Community Schools main webpage. Please take a moment to check out this video for more information regarding quarantines.

BUS DRIVERS WANTED

Fowlerville Schools has immediate openings for Substitute Drivers. Please call the transportation department at 517-223-6122 or 517-223-6130.

From Unapproved Minutes CONWAY TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING March 16, 2021

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance at 7:06 pm.

- The following Motions were made:
- 1. To approve the Consent Agenda

2. To amend Meeting Agenda with addition of item # 14 Flags

- 3. To open Public Hearing Budget
- 4. To close Public Hearing Budget
- 5. To open Public Hearing Road Budget
- 6. To close Public Hearing Road Budget
- 7. To approve building inspection bid
- 8. To accept credit cards
- 9. To adopt revised fee schedule
- 10. To adopt RESOLUTION 210316-4 Headlee Operating Tax Millage Rate 2021-2022
- 11. To adopt RESOLUTION 210316-5 Headlee Road Tax Millage Rate 2021-2022
- 12. To adopt RESOLUTION 210316-6 General Appropriations Act
- 13. To adopt RESOLUTION 210316-1 Zoning Officer/Zoning Enforcement Officer Wages
- 14. To adopt RESOLUTION 210316-2 Assessor's Assistant Wages

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15. To adopt RESOLUTION 213106-3 Deputy Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Wages

16. To adopt RESOLUTION 210316-7 Board Meeting Schedule

17. To amend the Meeting Agenda with addition of item #15 Rec Budget Review

18. To accept Chloride Solutions quotation

19. To adopt updated Land Division forms as presented

20. To accept Policy 19 Remote Participation Amendment

21. To approve financial institutions as presented

22. To approve Recreation Budget after review 23. To accept Livingston County Road Commission option 1 for Chase Lake Road improvement

Motion to adjourn at 9: 20 p.m. Complete minutes are available at the Conway Township office at 8015 N. Fowlerville Road, Fowlerville, Michigan 48836.

> Elizabeth Whitt Conway Township Clerk (3-28-21 FNV)