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The First United Methodist Church's Mission Team hosted a Bake Sale, selling breads, cookies, muffins, pies, and other treats. Shown here were Judy Herald and Ed Prevo from the church, while in front were Amanda and Liz Miles.

Fowlerville enjoys Fun in the Ville at Centennial Park

Fowlerville residents, along with out-of-town visitors, enjoyed Fun in the Ville held at the Rotary Centennial Park last Saturday, June 12. The event—which featured inflatables for the youngsters, along with a miniature train ride, arts & crafts vendors, a petting zoo, kids crafts, a bike drawing, and music by Big Daddy's DJ Service—drew a large crowd during the warm morning and afternoon hours.

There were also food vendors as well as booths manned by the Fowlerville Police Department, the Fowlerville District Library, the Fowlerville United Methodist Church, the Fowlerville Family Fair, the MI National Guard, the Fowlerville Family Impact Center, the Salvation Army, and Torch 180. The Fowlerville Fire Department also had a display at its station next door and the fire engines parked outside for inspection.

Myra and Jenifer Ramer of Corunna enjoyed the Petting Zoo with its goats, rabbits, and donkeys.

See pages 12-13 for more photos.



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Free Summer Internship Prep Course offered to young adults

Young adults will be prepared for the world of work thanks to a free summer internship prep course, a new initiative with Michigan Works! Southeast and Jobs for Michigan's Graduates (JMG).

#MI-Internship Prep is a free course offered virtually throughout the year for young adults aged 16-24 years old. In four weeks, participants will learn how to create a professional portfolio, develop essential skills, and practice interview strategies with high-profile employers.

"Guiding youth within our region allows us to equip them with essential skills to launch their career. That is truly a fulfilling role as a teacher" says Vincent D'Ettorre, Acting Adult Education Supervisor at Michigan Works! Southeast. "The virtual platform allows students to build upon their strengths in a safe environment," said D'Ettorre.

"The Internship program from MWSE provides youth with an opportunity to focus in on their career of choice based on their interest and aptitude turning that interest into an actionable plan for their future employment success," says Pam Gosla, Research and Education Manager at Michigan Works! Southeast.

Sonya Blanz, Director of Operations at Youth Solutions, the organization who oversees the JMG program believes in the value of this program. "Preparing young people for the world of work, including internships, is essential to their long-term success. We applaud Michigan Works! Southeast as they help young adults discover their passions and begin their career path. Teaching youth the skills they need to be successful in life is not only benefiting them, but also a solution to the labor shortage felt across Michigan."

Young adults between the ages of 16 and 24 are encouraged to apply and can learn more at mwse.org/mi-internship-prep. The first cohort began Monday, May 24th, with cohorts recurring throughout the summer.



Livingston Centre Historical Village committee seeking volunteers

David Thompson of the Livingston Centre Historical Village committee shows off the sign that will be posted at the upcoming Fowlerville Family Fair, inviting interested residents to join the group. The committee works to preserve and enhance the buildings at the Historical Village with fundraising and work projects. Members put on the Fall Fest, are docents at the buildings during fair week, and stage Grandma's Attic Sale to raise money.

Meals on Wheels needs volunteer drivers in Fowlerville area

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Local Michigan Masons enjoyed themselves in the Kids Section of the Fowlerville District Library. From left, front row: Ken Heath, Tanner Thompson and Storm Kopitsch; back row: Don Yax, Butch Redinger, Irv LaLonde, Monte Smith, Jim Huff and Don Galway.

Local Masonic Lodge awards Fowlerville District Library with \$800

On June 8, Fowlerville Masonic Lodge #164 in conjunction with the Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation awarded the Fowlerville District Library \$800 to purchase sensory items and play & learn toys for the newly renovated Youth Room!

Many people think that for children to learn, they need to read books and do drills, but that’s not always the case. Having a safe and inclusive environment for children to play helps them learn, practice fine motor skills, develop critical thinking skills, exercise creativity, and socialize. These skills pair well with reading in that they encourage early literacy skills and can foster a life-long love of reading and learning.

The types of sensory and play & learn toys will include bubble pop fidget toys, large foam building blocks, sensory play



Brother Ken Heath (right) and Brother Tanner Thompson presented Fowlerville District Youth Librarian Storm Kopitsch with a check from the Fowlerville Masonic Lodge #164.

mats, weighted blankets to help anxiety, a play kitchen, and more.

This donation is another example of how Masons care for and contribute to the community and reflects their motto: “Good Men (having fun) Doing Good Deeds.”

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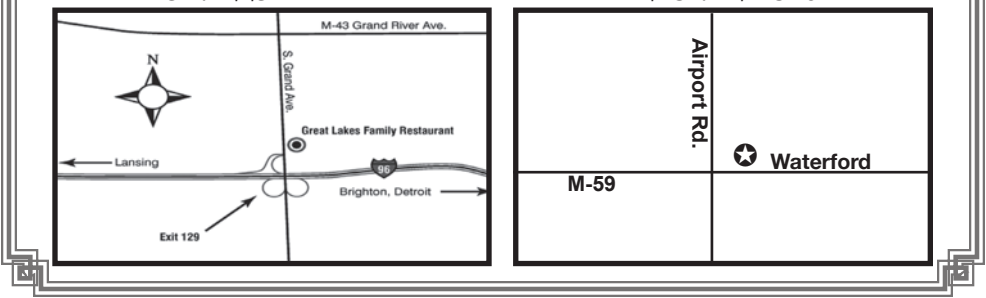
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June 10, 2021

The regular meeting of the Marion Township Board was held on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 7:30 pm. Members Present: Hanvey, Andersen, Lloyd, Lowe, Beal, Durbin, Donovan. Members Absent: None. The following action was taken: 1) Call to Order. 2) Call to the Public. 3) Motion carried to approve agenda as amended; motion carried to approve consent agenda. 4) Motion carried to approve SPR #02-20—Brockway with conditions. 5) Motion carried to postpone discussion on gravel vs. paved parking lots until engineer is present. 6) Motion carried to adopt resolution to approve updated COVID policy. 7) Correspondence & Updates. 8) Call to the Public. 9) Motion to adjourn at 8:21 pm.

Tammy L. Beal, MMC
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(6-20-21 FNV)

MARION TOWNSHIP
ZONING BOARD
OF APPEALS
PUBLIC NOTICE

Marion Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Marion Township Hall, 2877 W. Coon Lake Road, Howell, MI 48843, (517) 546-1588. The purpose of the meeting is for regular business and to hear a request for the following appeal, interpretation and/or variance.

ZBA Case #01-21 – Tax Code 4710-35-301-024

Applicant:	Blair Towe
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Request: The applicant is seeking a variance for Section 8.04.E.3.a.2 side yard minimum setback of 10 feet in ERS1.

Submittals can be viewed online at www.mariontownship.com under agendas/minutes, click on link to Zoning Board of Appeals. The meeting will also be online using GoToMeetings. The link to the meeting will be on the website.

Marion Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities. Anyone requiring auxiliary aids and services should contact the Marion Township Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 30, 2021.

Those unable to attend the public hearing are invited to submit written comments to the attention of the Zoning Board of Appeals Chair, Marion Township Hall, 2877 W. Coon Lake Road, Howell, MI 48843 by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 7, 2021.

DAN LOWE, SECRETARY
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
(6-20-21 FNV)

Carla and Mark Wilson

Community invited to attend farewell service for Pastor Mark & Carla Wilson at Fowlerville United Brethren Church

By Susan Kretchman

In a power-packed service with great emotions filling the auditorium of Fowlerville United Brethren in Christ Church (UB), on May 26th lead pastor Mark Wilson announced to the congregation that he was resigning effective June 27, 2021. Wilson has accepted a new position at Hope Missionary Church in Bluffton, Indiana, assuming a position as a senior pastor with preaching and leadership development duties.

To honor and celebrate Mark’s and wife Carla’s years at UB, the community is invited to the church on June 27 at 10 am to hear Mark’s final message and farewell to the Fowlerville community that he deeply loves. The service will be held outside and those who plan to attend should bring a chair or blanket for seating. Refreshments will be served outside after the service and there will be a time to say good byes to the Wilsons. A card box will be on hand for anyone who would like to give the Wilsons a personal message of appreciation and encouragement as they transition to their new home and church.

Wilson came to Fowlerville UB in May of 2010, having served at Kentwood Community Church as their Family Ministry pastor. As Mark assumed his role at UB, plans and vision for ministry in Fowlerville unfolded and in 2011 he oversaw intentional outreach into the community with an annual serving day tagged “Outflow” where funds were raised and families in the community were served with home repairs, landscape cleanup, new roofs installed, painting projects to name a few. Outflow was accomplished for 10 years with as many as 600 people volunteering, mostly from families attending UB but also drew from other churches in the area who partnered in these efforts.

Pastor Bob Storey, from Place of Refuge Ministries, was actively involved bringing some of his church members to serve on the Outflow serving day. Bob notes that the Bible reads in 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13: “And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and to esteem them very highly in love for their work’s sake. And be at peace among yourselves.”

“This verse describes Mark Wilson,” said Bob. He further explains, “notice the sixth word in the first verse, “know” the Greek interpretation means: to look at, pay attention, examine, and the list goes on. When it comes to Pastor Mark Wilson, one does not have to look too hard to notice that this man has been a tremendous blessing not only to the United Brethren Church but the whole community locally and even beyond. The church in action group (CIA) that he implemented within the community helped so many people both physically and spiritually. He has been a gift to the body of Christ and our community as well. I can’t say enough good things about this man. I will say this though; He will be missed greatly.”

Kevin Poole, who served as the Children’s Pastor with Mark from October 2011 through August 2016 had this to say about his time at UB with Mark, “During my time at Fowlerville UB, I had the opportunity to be a part of launching several ministries that continue today. We started the MOPs ministry that grew to include MOMSNext, Upward Sports, and more. Mark always encouraged staff to explore new ministry opportunities, and was always focused on reaching out to people and families who were not a part of the church.”

In addition to Mark’s leadership at the church, in 2013 he joined the Fowlerville Business Association (FBA), serving on a variety of boards and committees in the local community. He chaired the Strategic Planning Commission for the past five years. Paul Harmon, of Harmon Real Estate, and also a member of the FBA remarked “Mark has been an outstanding

Mark Wilson in Haiti

community leader. He has been very active throughout not just with his church congregation, but also with several other groups within the community. I can tell Mark has a strong passion for what he believes in and cares about everyone he comes into contact with. Fowlerville will be losing one of its strongest advocates when Mark and his family move on to their next chapter in their life.”

Also connected to the church and part of Mark’s ongoing vision for the community is the New Creations Preschool, a 20-year-plus program operated in the church building. In 2018 his wife, Carla, joined the staff of the preschool, became its director, and supervised six teachers. Carla is responsible for growing the program, offering before and after school child care and established a reputation as a teacher who prided herself on “teaching children how to learn through play.”

With her departure, the church has named Tammy DeRuyver as the new director. When an opening on the preschool staff was available, Tammy joined the other teachers and taught with Carla for three years. “I learned so much from her and the importance of “play” in preschool. We worked side by side for three years and I enjoyed every minute.”

Previous to coming to New Creations Preschool as a teacher, Carla was part of Heartstrings Learning Center which opened in 2010. She was hired as the lead teacher and held that position for almost five years. At that time, Carla had no interest in becoming the Director even though she performed all the Director’s duties. When the Director resigned in 2015, the Church offered the position to Carla, and she accepted. Under her direction, Heartstrings Learning Center continued to grow, and the children who attended were recognized as exceptional students by the elementary school after they graduated and entered public school.

Pastor Tom Tarpley had this to say regarding his experiences with Carla: “I have heard nothing but words of praise from the mothers whose children attended her preschool. All will surely miss Ms. Carla (as the students called her), and we wish her the best as she moves on to start a new phase of her life in Indiana.”

Other highlights of Mark’s 11-year career with UB included approximately eight mission trips to Haiti and partnering with World Vision in 2020 to see 124 children sponsored by families within the church. He also retained connections between the church and Love, Inc., Family Impact Center, and more recently Torch 180. In 2019 he partnered with an Ohio church to co-lead a group of people to tour Israel.

A major component of Mark’s legacy and leadership abilities was teaching and showing people how to grow in faith after receiving salvation, how to serve others and community well. Pastor Eric Griffon, who serves as the church’s worship pastor had this to say as he musically closed out the May 16th service where Mark announced his resignation. Griffon prayerfully thanked God “for the tiny bit of time we all got to spend with Mark, for his wisdom and leadership that God has given him. This is not a leaving; this is a sending. We are sending him to a church that needs him.”

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Pastor Mark Wilson, the lead pastor at Fowlerville United Brethren Church, is ending his 11-year tenure next Sunday, June 27.

Community involvement has been the hallmark of Pastor Mark Wilson’s time in Fowlerville

By Steve Horton

Community involvement—both on the part of the church and as an individual—has been the hallmark of Mark Wilson’s time in Fowlerville.

Wilson, who has been the lead pastor at the Fowlerville United Brethren Church for the past 11 years, is giving his final message next Sunday, June 27, during an outdoors church service at 10a.m.

He’s accepted a position at Hope Missionary Church in Bluffton, Indiana.

The community is invited to attend and bid farewell to Pastor Mark and his wife, Carla, who has been a teacher and director for 10 years at, first, the Heartstrings Learning Center and then New Creations Preschool. The latter is a ministry of the Fowlerville UB Church.

“As a church we’ve tried to support our community during the time that I’ve been here,” said Wilson. “One of our major efforts has been Outflow where we send 500-to-600 volunteers out into the community to perform different work projects on behalf of residents who need the assistance. Prior to COVID-19 cancelling it last year, we’d done that for 10 years.

“We also became more involved in the 4th of July Celebration,” he noted. “When I first came here, a few people were using the church to park and view the fireworks. So, we started to invest in making this period between the parade and fireworks a family-fun time. Over the years we’ve had thousands of people stop by and enjoy the food and activities.”

Still another involvement has been taking part in the Fowlerville Christmas in the Ville in early December, both with a float in the parade and hosting a drive-thru Nativity after that event.

Over the years, the church has offered an assortment of activities aimed at both members and the larger community. These range from the traditional Vacation Bible School to soccer camps to hosting Opiate Awareness forums.

Another project spurred by Pastor Mark was developing the church-owned property east of the main building into the Community Fields which has been available for recreational use.

“The property was here before I came,” he pointed out. “But we’ve more fully developed it. I remember that, at first, a few of our members wondered why we were opening the area up to the community and using that term. But it’s one of the ways we wanted to partner with the rest of Fowlerville and make this resource available to our fellow residents.”

Along with leading the church and its members into these community involvements and partnerships, Wilson also did so on an individual basis.

“I’ve been a part of the Fowlerville Business Association for almost 11 years, joining shortly after coming to town,” he said. “I’ve been on its board of directors for the past eight years.”

He also was asked to serve as the chair of the Strategic Planning Committee which is part of the Fowlerville Downtown Development Authority.

“We looked at different ways to make our community a better place to live, work, have fun and raise a family,”

Wilson said. “One of the things we started was Fun in the Ville which is designed to offer families a way of doing fun things at the end of the school year and the start of summer. It’s been nice to see this event evolve with more and more people attending it.”

Wilson said he feels it’s important for a church to be an active part of the community, but also noted that he personally enjoys the interaction. He attributed this to a five-year span when he left the ministry to work at the Grand Rapids Children’s Museum as an associate director.

“This was during the early 2000’s and I got really involved in the Grand Rapids’ downtown and things they would do within the city,” he said. “I was part of different groups that worked to develop and enhance the downtown area. Also, I’ve just always had that love for the community. So, when we came to Fowlerville, one of the things I wanted to do was be involved and give back to the community; that I wasn’t just trying to get something from the community, but I wanted to be part of helping out. I wanted to have influence beyond just the walls of this church.”

While Pastor Mark chose to be active in the larger community, he’s still been the pastor of a large church with a main focus of spreading God’s message and seeing to the needs of the congregation.

“We have nearly 800 members and, prior to the pandemic, offered services on Saturday evening and twice on Sunday,” he said. “We had to cut that back during the past year, but we offered our services online and then, when allowed, resumed the Sunday services. We’re gradually getting back to normal.”

There is a staff of 21, including several other pastors who focus on specific ministries such as Youth and Pastoral Care—double of what it was when Wilson started. “This is due to our congregation becoming larger, but also to our widening our efforts,” he pointed out.

Wilson said that while there hasn’t been any building expansions since his arrival, “we’ve completely renovated the entire building at a cost of nearly a million dollars during the past 11 years.”

While being a pastor would assumably include inspiring listeners, Wilson—as an additional hat—is a motivational speaker and has addressed assorted groups.

“I’ve had the opportunity to speak with different groups, both within the church and to community organizations,” he said. “My faith is who I am as a person, but when I do these talks out in the community, I don’t try to push my faith at them. The message is more about developing leadership skills and helping people to realize a more fulfilling and rewarding life.”

As for what lies ahead, Wilson noted that he’ll be the senior pastor at his new church in Indiana.

“Hope Missionary Church has around 1,200 members and has two locations—one in Bluffton, located just south of Fort Wayne, the other 10 miles away in Ossian,” he said. “My duties will be similar to what they were here. I’ll be giving messages at three Sunday Services. I’ll be live at one church, and they’ll video the sermon to the other location.”

He added that they’ll be living in Ossian where they have purchased a home.

Pastor Mark said that Missionary Church is a sister denomination to the United Brethren Church. “In 2006, there was a vote by both congregations about becoming one denomination,” he noted. “While the decision was to remain separate, the two are very similar.”

He and Carla have three daughters and seven grandchildren. “An upside to the move is we’ll be closer to two daughters and their families who live in Indiana,” he noted. “However, we’ll be further away from our daughter and her family who reside in Grand Rapids.”

As for what prompted the move, Pastor Mark replied “I would say it is God’s call.”

“We were not looking to move,” he explained. “We love

Fowlerville and the area. My wife has been the preschool director here at the church for the last three years which has been her dream job. We were settled, loved being involved, and had no intention of moving.”

A “call out of the blue” from officials at Hope Missionary Church” changed those plans, Wilson noted.

“They asked if I would be interested in talking with them and, at first, I said ‘No, I love where I’m at, but I will pray about it. So I talked to Carla and started praying. I ended up having another conversation and decided it was worth continuing the conversation. While I didn’t think it would pan out, God began to move. It soon became evident that this was where we needed to go and what we needed to do with our lives.”

As for his soon-to-be former home, Pastor Mark repeated his “love for this place and its people.”

“This has been an amazing community to be part of,” he said. “I’ve watched this community rally together to help others in need. It’s been a family-friendly place and a great place to live, work, and worship. When I came here, it was the tail-end of the Great Recession and not a good time for the people who lived here. But since then I’ve watched as the pride in community grew. Carla and I have enjoyed our time here and to have been a part of Fowlerville.”



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Pastor Tom Tarpley

From Brokenness to Wholeness

Several years ago, my good friend and mentor gave me some sound advice that I have tried to follow. He said, “Always remember to keep the Main Thing! the Main Thing.” If only more people followed that advice, our world would be a much better place for us and our children to live.

As Christians, our focus must be to develop a more personal relationship with God and not so much on the other things that distract us and keep us distanced from God. Our relationships are our most valuable assets, and our relationship with God is the most beneficial.

There is no other relationship that is as important to us as our relationship with the One who created us. Therefore, God’s highest priority for our lives is for us to be in an intimate relationship with Him. Our primary goal in life must be to develop and refine our relationship with God. Therefore, our primary focus in life must always be on God, and pleasing Him must always be our top priority.

So, how do we do that? We begin by realizing that we are spiritually bankrupt and cannot live in obedience to God’s Will without the Holy Spirit’s power.

Once we admit and accept that, we must surrender our all to Him.

We must be willing to let God make the changes in us that He wants to make regardless of how much it may go against everything we believe in or desire to have.

All the brokenness we are experiencing today stems from our desire to seek after what we want rather than what God wants for us. We spend numerous hours pursuing temporary, earthly treasure or some other meaningless goal that we have set for ourselves. At the same time, we neglect the one thing we need the most. We ignore God and the intimacy of a personal relationship—driven by unconditional love for Him.

Our spiritual souls are suffering from malnutrition because we do not feed them as often as we should. We neglect our bible reading time and our prayer time until we find ourselves in a crisis.

“If we are ever to get our lives, homes, churches and nation right, we must address the spiritual causes beneath the brokenness we are experiencing” (Tony Evans).

The spiritual cause of our brokenness today is our broken and fractured relationship with God. So let me ask you a question. How would your relationship with your significant other (if you have one) be if you treated them the way you treat God? Think about that for a few minutes.

What if you only spent time with them on Sunday or when you needed something from them?

What if you never thought about them except when you got into trouble? What if you neglected them because you found it more enjoyable to spend your time with someone else?

Your relationship with God will suffer and eventually die if you do not address the spiritual fractures in your relationship with God and make the necessary repairs you need to make. Happiness will always be an illusion that produces nothing more than a temporary good feeling.

If you are like me, you try to avoid pain at all costs. In my early days, I turned to alcohol to drown my sorrows. Others deal with the pain by filling their lives with hyperactivity. They will do anything they can to avoid the pain and ignore the pain. The problem when you take this road is that you never really deal with the brokenness. The heartache is still there and will even intensify when the anesthesia wears off.

If you sincerely want to move from brokenness to wholeness in your life, you must take courage and deal with your pain. You must attack your brokenness with such intensity that you will not accept defeat. The key to wholeness is to find healing by a power greater than ourselves. This power exists, and His name is Jesus Christ.

Jesus understands brokenness. He knows what it is like to be betrayed and ridiculed. He had His words twisted. He was called demon-possessed. He was tortured physically and was nailed to a cross to die as a common criminal. He was sinless and yet died as one who was the worst of sinners. But Jesus overcame His brokenness by being obedient to God at all times. As a result, Jesus rose from the grave on the third day after his death and is alive today. He chose the road to wholeness by giving His life to God the Father and allowing God to bring healing.

You can do as Jesus did, or you can continue down the road you’re on that leads you farther and farther away from Jesus.

Please know that Jesus will not chase you down. He will not try to entice you into following Him. He will only tell you the truth as written in the Holy Scriptures and allow you the freedom of choosing brokenness or wholeness.

Spiritual brokenness is the most painful experience you will ever have in your earthly life. It occurs when you become separated from God. You may try to fill the emptiness inside you with activity, sex, wealth accumulation, friends, toys, luxury, or a myriad of other earthly interests. Still, you will find that none of them will ever satisfy you to the point that your heart yearns after. Only God can fill the void reserved for Him.

Jesus is asking you to give Him your brokenness. If you choose to do this, remember that He does not want just your pain, He wants all of you. He wants your heart, your mind, and your strength. Therefore, the only way you can receive healing from the pain and begin your journey to wholeness is to give Him the entirety of your being. (Source: Journey online).

An excellent place to start is attending Celebrate Recovery, where we learn how to overcome all habits, hurts, and hang-ups.

Fowlerville Junior High School News

SPORTS NEWS FOR REMAINDER OF THE SUMMER

ANY FJH student planning to participate in any FJH sports’ programs next school year is REQUIRED to register on FINAL FORMS. Please completely complete the forms on this site. You may check off all the sports you are interested in trying out for. Coaches will be referring to the FFs for contact information. A physical is REQUIRED to tryout for any team.

Any school fine(s) associated with missing athletic department items must be resolved before a student may try out for an FJH team in the future.

The FJH athletic program is divided into quarters.

--1st quarter: 7th & 8th girls’ VB & 6-7-8 girls & boys Cross Country (XC)

--2nd quarter: 7th & 8th BBB & Competitive Cheer-7th & 8th Girls

--3rd quarter: 7th & 8th GBB & 6-7-8 boys & girls Wrestling

--4th quarter: 6-7-8 boys & girls Track & Field

FJH 8th graders entering FHS in the fall: the varsity coaches have set up various open gyms for the sport each coaches. Take advantage of the opportunity to work out at FHS this summer. If questions, contact the FHS Athletic Office or the varsity coach of your sport.

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Backpacks for Kids

The Livingston Educational Service Agency will be holding the annual Backpacks for Kids/ Connect for Kids event on **Thursday, August 12th** at LESA. The event will be a drive through event similar to last year’s event.

District time slots for this year:

- Fowlerville: 10 am - 12 pm
- Hartland: 12 pm - 2 pm
- Howell: 2 pm - 4 pm
- Pinckney: 4 pm- 6 pm
- Brighton: 6 pm - 8 pm

Families are encouraged to attend the event during their district time slot. Families will drive through and stop to select a backpack from one of our busses.

St. John’s Lutheran Church preparing for upcoming Vacation Bible School

Continuing the tradition of summer faith and fun, St. John’s Lutheran Church in Fowlerville is busy preparing for Vacation Bible School during three nights, July 13-15. The gatherings will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and offer kids an opportunity to grow in faith, lean on God’s strength, truth and salvation under the theme, “The Knights of North Castle.”

Each evening offers a time of Bible study, singing, crafts, games and friendship. This year, most of the activity will be taking place outdoors, under tents and shade trees at the church location on the corner of Church and Benjamin streets. Youth ages 4 through teen are invited and parents are welcome to stay. A take-home, interactive snack will be supplied at the end of each evening and a family picnic will be held on Thursday July 16 at 6 p.m.

This is a free event! Please register students by phone, 517.223.9108 or by email, stjohnsfowlerville@yahoo.com or on our website, www.stjohnsfowlerville.org.



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Conway Township is accepting applications for a vacancy on the Planning Commission. Applicants must be a resident of the Township. The Planning Commission meets monthly. Please send a letter of interest to: Conway Township, ATTN: Clerk, P.O. Box 1157, Fowlerville, Michigan 48836. Applications may also be left in the drop box at the Hall. Deadline for submission is 5:00 pm, July 12, 2021.

Elizabeth Whitt, Township Clerk
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**CONWAY TOWNSHIP
LIVINGSTON COUNTY,
MICHIGAN
RECREATION BOARD
REPRESENTATIVE**

Conway Township is accepting applications for a vacancy representing the Township on the Fowlerville Schools Recreation Board. Applicants must be a resident of the Township. The Recreation Board meets nine times per year (during school year). Please send a letter of interest to: Conway Township, ATTN: Clerk, P.O. Box 1157, Fowlerville, Michigan 48836, or applications may be left in the drop box at the Hall. Deadline for submission – 5:00 pm Eastern, July 12, 2021.

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Consumers Energy putting electric vehicle transformation into high gear

Consumers Energy is putting the electric vehicle transformation into high gear with a major new program to help businesses statewide transition to carbon-free EVs. Consumers Energy’s new PowerMIFleet program will focus on Michigan businesses, offering expertise and \$3 million in rebates for charging locations throughout the state. “Michigan was the birthplace of the American auto industry. Now, we are the center of the industry’s clean energy revolution,” said Lauren Youngdahl Snyder, Consumers Energy’s vice president for customer experience. “With PowerMIFleet, we at Consumers Energy are taking our success with EVs to the next level making it easier for other businesses to join us on this Clean Energy journey.” Through PowerMIFleet, Consumers Energy will provide expertise and consultation services to Michigan businesses, governments and school systems that are looking to electrify their vehicle fleets and charge overnight through cost-saving

use rates. Consumers Energy is launching PowerMIFleet to build on its existing electric vehicle program, PowerMIDrive, which makes EV cost savings simple by providing time of use rates for EV drivers, and over 800 rebates for home, business and public charging stations in the last two years. Businesses and eligible groups can learn more at: ConsumersEnergy.com/PowerMIFleet. “Consumers Energy will connect Michigan businesses, local governments and school bus fleets with the planning resources, expert guidance and financial incentives to easily and cost-effectively transition to electric vehicles,” Youngdahl Snyder said. Through all of Consumers Energy’s vehicle programs, Michigan’s largest energy provider plans to help power 200 fast charging locations – and over 2,000 chargers at homes and businesses – over the next three years in Michigan.



Those vehicles will be powered by an electric grid that is moving toward being carbon neutral. Consumers Energy’s Clean Energy Plan calls for eliminating coal, eliminating energy waste and adding more renewable energy sources. Learn more: MICLEanEnergy.com.



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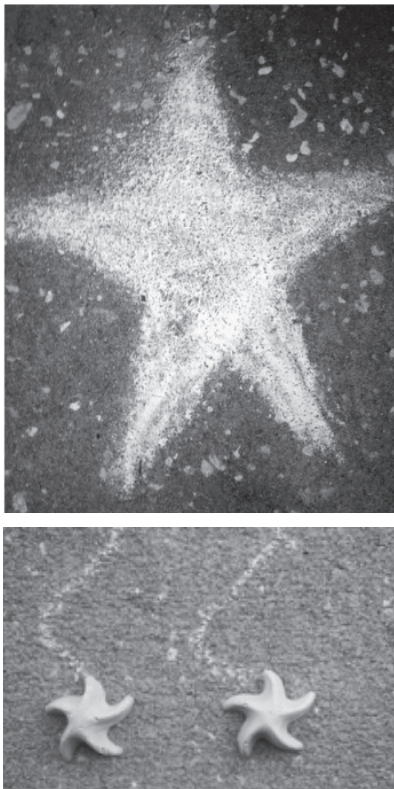


GLOW IN THE DARK SIDEWALK CHALK

Do you know how to make your own sidewalk chalk? It’s easier than you think! Here is a glow in the dark sidewalk chalk recipe. It may be the most fun yet!

- 1 cup of Plaster of Paris
- 1/2 cup of water
- 3 tablespoons bright green food coloring gel or a couple drops of liquid watercolors
- 4 tablespoons Glow-in-the-Dark Paint
- petroleum jelly
- ice cube tray
- bucket or jar you no longer need
- wooden spoon

Coat the ice cube tray lightly with the petroleum jelly and set aside. Mix the Plaster of Paris, the water, the food coloring, and the glow in the dark paint in a container that you were going to get rid of or recycle because you won’t be able to use it again. Spoon the chalk mixture into the ice cube tray and place in a cool dry place to dry over night. When the chalk is completely dry it is ready to use! When your sidewalk chalk is ready go outside and draw! Glow in the dark sidewalk chalk has a fun glow to it when it’s dark and is a lot of fun for kids.



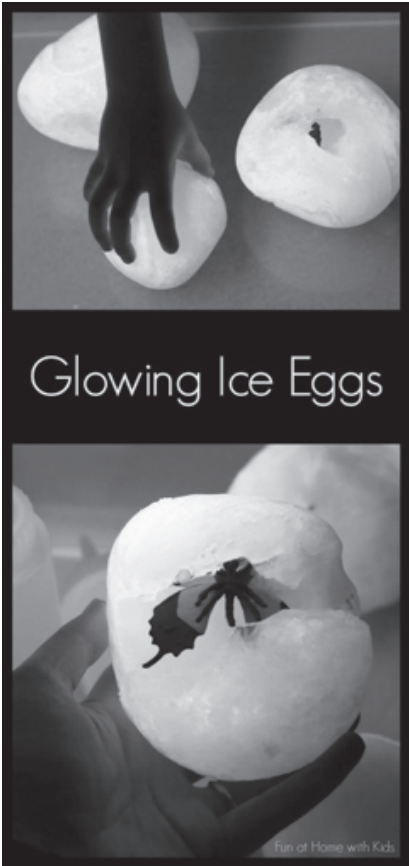
Glowing Ice Egg Excavation

To make your own, you'll need:

- Balloons
- Plastic toys or other loot
- Diet Tonic Water with Quinine (you can find this for around \$1 or less at a grocery store)
- Squeezy Condiment Bottles
- A blacklight
- A large container

First you will need to (patiently) put the items into empty balloons. Fill two squeeze bottles with diet tonic water. Regular tonic water will also glow under a blacklight (so long as it contains quinine). Once your loot is inside the empty balloon, blow it up quite a bit with air (more than you need to fill with liquid). Then insert the spout of the squeeze bottle into the balloon. Use your fingers to hold the balloon closed around the spout. You'll lose a little air, but you shouldn't lose too much. Squeeze the diet tonic water into the balloon. Between 1 and 2 squeeze bottles into each balloon. Once the balloon is full of water, carefully let out any extra air. Once you only have tonic water left in the balloon, tie off the balloon and place it in a freezer for several hours (6 or more).

The next day, use scissors to cut the bottoms off of the balloons and either cut or peel the balloon off. Take your ice eggs into a dark room and turn on a blacklight to see them glow!!! Use tap water to excavate your loot. The coolest thing about these glowing ice eggs is that you can't tell what is inside until you melt enough of the egg that a part is revealed. This added a whole other dimension of mystery to something that is already so much fun!



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Fowlerville girl collecting donations for Humane Society

Aly Parsons of Fowlerville, shown here with her dog ‘Ari’, is working on her Junior National Honor Society project from now until July 19th.

Her project is to collect dry dog and cat food, toys, and blankets for the Livingston County Humane Society. Items may be dropped off at Chase Bank in Downtown Fowlerville. Any monetary donations for her effort can be put in the collection jar at the Village of Fowlerville office.

She appreciates all donations.

Use Livingston County COVID Funds for Broadband, say Democrats

Submitted by Judy Daubenmier
Chair of Livingston County Democratic Party

Livingston County should use its \$37.2 million in COVID relief funds to tackle the problem of poor internet service in the county, Livingston County Democrats told the Livingston County Board of Commissioners last Monday night.

More than a dozen Democrats spoke during the call to the public about the need for better internet access to meet the needs of county families for working, studying, shopping, seeking medical care, attending government meetings, and more from home.

“One of the things the pandemic taught us is that reliable, fast internet is crucial for life in the 21st Century. But too many of our county residents struggled with slow internet or spotty service that held our children, businesses, and workers back,” said Judy Daubenmier, chair of Livingston County Democrats.

Dan Luria, party vice chair, called for the creation of a committee that would study various options for improving internet access and report back within 90 to 120 days. Several options exist, including fiber optics and low orbit satellite such as Elon Musk’s Star Link, he said. He said the county should take the lead in devising a system so that townships don’t go different directions, resulting in a hodge-podge system.

The panel could also explore various other sources of funding, including programs from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Federal Communications Commission, as well as subsidies for individuals, Luria said.

Speakers from Conway Township to Unadilla Township on the western side of the county, from the city of Brighton and Green Oak Township on the eastern side of the county told the commission of their struggles with internet.

The county should take the lead on the issue, said Mike Miller from Conway Township. He noted that Conway Township tried a few years ago to tackle the issue but was unable to get it done.

Nancy Durance of Brighton said she worked as a contact tracer during the pandemic but with three people working from home, their internet was often overloaded and she lost contacts.

Marie Joppich of Hamburg Township said she has been offered jobs from all over the country and even the world because the pandemic showed that people can work from home, but she has had to turn them down due to poor internet service where she lives. More people could move



Livingston County EMS team with the Carter Kits and an ambulance with the bags.

Livingston County EMS equips their ambulance fleet with Carter Kits Sensory Bags

Livingston County EMS professionals now have an additional tool in their ambulances to help those with special needs when they experience chaotic situations. With the help of the 2021 Michigan Trauma System Development grant, EMS purchased 130 Carter Kits sensory bags that will be placed in each of the 19 Livingston County ambulances, and will be distributed county-wide. EMS’ purchase is the largest single purchase of Carter Kits to date.

First responders often find themselves in situations where loud noises and chaos trigger fear for the very people they’re trying to help. These traumatic encounters can be especially difficult when there is a child or adult on scene with special needs, like autism. Carter Kits contain items such as a weighted blanket, noise-canceling headphones, sunglasses, fidget toys, and a non-verbal cue card, which can help those with special needs feel more at ease.

“Livingston County EMS is thrilled that we were able to bring Carter Kits to the community,” said Ryan Dennett, Education Supervisor. “It’s exciting to find a tool that focuses on these patients, provides awareness, educates the public, and assists our providers in having a better patient interaction. We want first responders prepared to treat all patients, and that includes patients with autism or Sensory Processing Disorders, because we believe, we can do it better.”

Local public safety and community service organizations that are interested in using Carter Kits in their operations are encouraged to contact Ryan Dennett. Many of the sensory bags are available for distribution. In addition, EMS is planning to hold a training focused on how to use the bags and understanding special needs conditions with the founders of Carter Kits and Dr. Ellen Preen, a clinical neuropsychologist from Connecticut, who will provide medical and clinical insight.

Carter Kits were born after Saginaw Township Police Department detective Justin Severs saw a need to help children,



Some of the items included in a Carter Kit.

like his own, be better cared for during this sensory overload. To date, more than 600 Carter Kits have been deployed to departments in 24 states. To learn more about Carter Kits and to take a look at what items are in the bag, please visit <https://carterkits.com/>.

Carter Kits have been proudly featured in the Emergency Medical Services for Children’s (EMSC) training webinars to increase pediatric readiness. The EMSC program aims to reduce child and youth disability and death due to severe illness and injury through increased awareness among health professionals and the general public of the unique physiological and psychological needs of children receiving emergency medical care.

to Livingston County if they knew dependable internet was available that let them work from home, she said. The service is so spotty that a difference of a block or two in the same subdivision can mean a great difference in the quality of service, Joppich said.

Iosco Township resident Cherie Mollison said she pays nearly \$300 a month for two cell phones and satellite internet.

“The internet has a capped data limit, is usually slow and completely out of service if it rains or snows hard. There are additional penalties to this sorry set-up. Conservative estimates I have seen indicate you lose 7 percent of your home value if you don’t have broadband internet service. On a sale of a \$260,000 home, that is a hit of over \$18,000,” she said.

More than 60 Iosco Township residents attended a meeting on broadband in 2019, before the pandemic, so it’s clear there is interest, she said.

During the pandemic, many people were reluctant to go to their doctor’s office due to covid, but appointments over the internet helped fill that gap, said Donnie Bettes, a doctor from Genoa Township. “I think internet should be the same as water or power. It should be something all municipalities provide to their people,” she said.

Unadilla Township Trustee Lori Cowan said that township board has agreed to put all its \$340,000 in American Rescue

Plan funds toward improving broadband. “My hope is that our county commission will agree to put the \$37.2 million it will receive toward the same problem,” she said.

A retired teacher, Cindy Kalogeropoulos, said it was frustrating to hear of stories of children who were trying to learn at home, but whose internet consistently froze up.

Besides the \$37.2 million headed to the county’s coffers, townships will receive another \$19 million, making more than \$56 million that could go toward tackling this problem. The funds cannot be used for road improvements, but broadband is specifically allowed.

A year ago, Democratic candidates for county commission called on the commission to set up a panel to examine the problem of internet access and seek solutions, but the commission did not act, despite evidence during the pandemic that county families and businesses needed better internet.

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Fowlerville Police Report

*for the Village of Fowlerville Council Meeting
for Monday, June 21, 2021*

The Fowlerville Police Department responded to **537** calls for service over the past four weeks.

Total citations issued this period: **19** moving and parking citations.

Warrant Authorized/Declined

Incident #21-00284 – Receiving & Concealing Stolen Property, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Violation of Controlled Substance Act, Organized Retail Fraud – Under Review

- 39 y/o male, Howell, March 18, 2021 at 1514 hours

Incident #21-00566 – Aggravated Felonious Assault – Warrant Authorized - FELONY

- 30 y/o male, Fowlerville, June 6, 2021 at 0037 hours

Incident #21-00575 – Operating While Intoxicated, Under 21 – Warrant Authorized

- 18 y/o male, Okemos, June 9, 2021 at 0009 hours

Incident #21-00573 – Child Abuse, Domestic Violence – Strangulation – Warrant Authorized - FELONY

- 45 y/o male, Fowlerville, June 7, 2021 at 1946 hours

Incident #21-00541 – Operating While Intoxicated – Warrant Authorized

- 31 y/o female, Howell, May 30, 2021 at 2030 hours

Incident #21-00542 – Concealed Weapons Offense and Operating Under the Influence of Drugs, Under 21 – Warrant Authorized

- 18 y/o male, Novi, May 30, 2021 at 2319 hours
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Incident #21-00532 – Retail Fraud – Warrant Authorized

- 58 y/o female, Fowlerville, May 29, 2021 at 2010 hours

Incident #21-00524 – Operating While Intoxicated – Warrant Authorized

- 40 y/o male, Howell, May 28, 2021 at 2350 hours

Incident #21-00601 – Operating While Intoxicated – Under Review

- 44 y/o female, Fowlerville, June 13, 2021 at 0216 hours

Incident #21-00599 – Operating While Intoxicated 2nd – Under Review

- 30 y/o male, Fowlerville, June 12, 2021 at 2316 hours

Incident #21-00603 – Operating While Intoxicated, Under 21 – Warrant Furthered for lab results

- 18 y/o male, Howell, June 13, 2021 at 0431 hours

Incident #21-00592 – Operating While Intoxicated – High B.A.C. and Open Intoxicants – Under Review

- 36 y/o female, Howell, June 11, 2021 at 2217 hours

Incident #21-00475 – Domestic Violence – Warrant Denied

- 37 y/o male, Fowlerville, May 14, 2021 at 1144 hours

Incident #21-00559 – Violation of Controlled Substance Act – Under Review

- 37 y/o female, Fowlerville, June 4, 2021 at 0538 hours

Incident #21-00528 – Violation of Controlled Substance Act – Under Review

- 48 y/o female, Trenton, May 29, 2021 at 0744 hours

Incident #21-00577 – Violation of Restricted License – Under Review

- 38 y/o female, Fowlerville, June 9, 2021 at 0340 hours

Incident #21-00558 – No Valid Driver’s License – Under Review

- 25 y/o male, Saint Johns, June 4, 2021 at 0232 hours

Incident #21-00557 – Operate Motor Vehicle with No Insurance – Under Review

- 29 y/o male, Ypsilanti, June 4, 2021 at 0127 hours

Incident #21-00556 – Operate Motor Vehicle with No Insurance – Under Review

- 35 y/o female, Fowlerville, June 3, 2021 at 2321 hours

Incident #21-00551 – Retail Fraud – Under Review

- 43 y/o female, Gregory, June 3, 2021 at 1619 hours

Incident #21-00549 – Driving While License Suspended, No Motor Vehicle Insurance and Unregistered Motor Vehicle – Under Review

- 24 y/o male, Fenton, June 3, 2021 at 0139 hours

Incident #21-00307 – Concealed Weapons Offense, No Insurance and Unregistered Motor Vehicle – Under Review

- 32 y/o male, Fowlerville, March 25, 2021 at 2346 hours

Incident #21-00537 – No Driver’s License – Under Review

- 64 y/o male, Pottersville, May 30, 2021 0129 hours

Incident #21-00526 – No Valid Driver’s License – Under Review

- 25 y/o male, Saint Johns, May 29, 2021 at 0622 hours

Incident #21-00529 – Concealed Weapons Offense and Unregistered Motor Vehicle – Under Review

- 21 y/o male, Durand, May 29, 2021 at 0841 hours

Incident #21-00535 – Expired Driver’s License and No Insurance – Under Review

- 21 y/o female, Quincy, May 29, 2021 at 2334 hours

Incident #21-00536 – Driving While License Suspended – Under Review

- 30 y/o male, Detroit, May 30, 2021 at 0059 hours

Incident #21-00289 – Criminal Sexual Conduct 1st Degree, Kidnapping and Assault – Under Review

- 24 y/o male, Westland, March 21, 2021 at 0213 hours

Officers Investigated the Following Types of Complaints:

- 4-Assist to EMS/FAFD
- 68-Area check



VFW Post Commander Butch Ogden, left, receives a flag from post member George Wygant.

Local VFW Post held Flag Retirement Ceremony last Monday

On Monday, June 14, 2021 the Curtis, Sessions, Swartz, White Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6464 hosted a US Flag Retirement Ceremony at the post home, 215 Veterans Drive, Fowlerville. The Post Commander, Butch Ogden and post members were assisted by 16 Boy Scouts from Troop 141 Bravo of Mason. Also in attendance were several scout leaders, parents and VFW Auxiliary Members. Refreshments were served following the ceremony.

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| • 4-Animal complaint | • 2-Alarm |
| • 5-Assist other agency | • 4-911 hang ups |
| • 53-Building/property check | • 1-Burglary report |
| • 1-Chase/pursuit | • 6-Civic event |
| • 15- Citizen/Motorist Assist | • 3-Civil complaint |
| • 8-Community policing | • 1-DHS referrals |
| • 2-Court prosecutor complaint | • 1-Disturbance |
| • 2-DWLS | • 13-Foot patrol |
| • 24-Follow up | • 2-Fraud |
| • 25- General Non Criminal | • 2-Info-general |
| • 1-Hit and run accident | • 2-Intimidation threats |
| • 3-Juvenile complaint | • 1-K9 training |
| • 1-Larc. in progress | • 18-Liquor investigation |
| • 1-Lost/found property | • 1-MDOP |
| • 2-Meetings | • 5-Message delivery |
| • 1-Noise complaints | • 5-OWI |
| • 13-Ordinance investigations | • 6-PBT request |
| • 3-Patrol/traffic complaint | • 2-PDA |
| • 1-Personal injury accident | • 2-Retail fraud |
| • 7-School events | • 33-Subdivision patrol |
| • 6- Suspicious Situations/Vehicle/Person | |
| • 10-Subpoena service | • 38-Traffic details |
| • 120-Traffic stops | • 1-Traffic violation arrest |
| • 1-VCSA | • 8-Welfare check |

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.

Assist Other Agency:

Officer Feister was requested to assist the LCSO with an accident that was blocking traffic. Officer Feister provided traffic assistance while the Deputy conducted his investigation.

Officer Richmond was requested to assist the MSP-Brighton Post with an accident where multiple cars were involved. Officer Richmond assisted with traffic while the Trooper conducted the accident investigation.

Officer Feister was requested by Livingston County Central Dispatch to check the status of a LCSO Deputy not answering a status check. While enroute the Deputy advised he was secure.

Additional Information:

I attended the Livingston County Area Investigators meeting. We discussed crime trends in the county, open criminal investigations, upcoming training opportunities and case sharing notes.

I attended the Fun in the Ville event held at the Centennial Park. We had a great turnout and in my opinion was the biggest and best yet. It was so nice to see people out and about, enjoying each others company again. The FPD did fingerprints for children, and passed out PD swag.

The Fowlerville Police and the Fowlerville Fire Department will be hosting a joint Youth Academy on July 12-15, from 0800-1400 hours. We will educate youth, 11-15 years old, on what it’s like being a Police or Fire professional. We have a few more openings and if anyone is interested please stop in at the Fowlerville Police Department and pick up an application asap.

Respectfully Submitted, Chief John J. Tyler



These Boy Scouts assisted in the Retirement Ceremony.

Fowlerville District Library Events

Special Announcements

Masks are encouraged inside the library for the safety of staff and other customers. Maintaining the social distancing of 6 feet *is also advised.*

Monday-Thursday - 9:30am – 7pm

Friday - 9:30am – 5pm

Saturday - 10am – 2pm

Community Programs

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

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

Upcoming Programs for June

Animal Scavenger Hunts– K-5th Graders -June 1-30

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

ASL Storytime Live!– Every Thursdays 10 AM FDL’s Facebook Page

Meet our new Youth Librarian, learn signs, sing songs, and play in this interactive story time!

Tuesdays with Mrs. D–Starting Tuesday, June 15, 2021 10:30 AM - Zoom

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

Summer at the Tabletop –Starting Tuesday, June 15, 2021 1-5PM- Discord

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

Rock & Read Storytime with Storm–Wednesday, June 23, 2021 10 AM-Zoom

K-5th Grades - Jump in this Zoom Story time for some stories, music, and fun! *Must provide email to receive the Zoom link.

Beyond the Book and Movie – Thursday, June 24, 2021 @ 6:30 PM – Adults – Zoom

Adults –June’s selection: *Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein*. 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 at front desk or through curbside service at the Library. Books will be available to check out.

Summer Outdoor Movie Night Featuring: The Lion King (94’) – Friday, June 25, 2021 9 PM

Family –Bring lawn chairs, blankets, snacks and bug spray and come pick out your spots on the lawn. Facemasks and social distancing advised.

Petting Zoo – Saturday, June 26, 2021 12 – 2PM –side yard Family – Goats, bunnies, sheep, a mini horse, an alpaca, and more! Come check out a variety of animals in a socially-distanced climate, courtesy of Carousel Acres!

Take and Make Craft Kits: Monday, June 28 – Friday,

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Jane Mills of Fowlerville offered handmade vases and other décor at her Calm & Crazy Creations booth. Shown here, from left, were Kalia Dorgelo, Jane Mills, and Jamie Gendron.



At the Giving Barn display were, from left, Heather Hodge, Amanda Harl and Tonya Defever.

Fowlerville enjoys Fun in the Ville at Centennial Park

Fowlerville residents, along with out-of-town visitors, enjoyed Fun in the Ville held at the Rotary Centennial Park last Saturday, June 12.



Nicholas DeMarais won the Boys Bike, donated by Katie Pikkarainen State Farm Insurance.



Chase Lyke, owner of 1423 Precision of Fowlerville, displayed and sold these concrete figurines.



Former resident Heidi (Hill) Walsh had her Matilda Jane clothing line on display. She's shown here with her daughter, Olivia Walsh.



Michala Stucky of Haslett won the Girls Bike, donated by Katie Pikkarainen State Farm Insurance.



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Lilly Walter of Fowlerville enjoyed petting the donkey. She is the daughter of Jill and Adam Walter.



Working at the Fowlerville District Library booth were, from left, Storm Kopitsch, the Youth Service Co-ordinator, and Ellen Peters, the Library Director.



The Fowlerville United Brethren Church was on hand with many crafts for the kids to work on. Shown here at the booth were, from left, Ryan Rodel and Chris Augustat, the Family Ministry Pastor.



Ken Bielous of Big Daddy's DJ Service kept the music playing, along with making announcements.



Brandi Szura of A&B Creations in Fowlerville sold her wreaths and other home décor.



Taking in the activities was this area family—Richie, Heather, Claire, Pacey, and Maggie Patton.



The miniature train ride proved to be a great success. These two young men—Gavin Parker, left, and Tyler Delyon—gave rides around the perimeter of the park.



The Michigan National Guard provided several inflatables for the kids to play on. They also offered hand sanitizers for the booths.

NIESA Fire Report (Northeast Ingham Emergency Service Authority)

On Wednesday June 9, 2021 NIESA responded to four emergency medical calls. One response was in Williamstown Township, then two were in the City of Williamston, and the final response was in Locke Township.

Thursday June 10, 2021 NIESA responded to one emergency medical call in Williamstown Township.

On Friday June 11, 2021 NIESA responded to eight calls. One response was an emergency medical call within the City of Williamston. The remaining seven calls were fire responses related to the storm that went through the district. All of the responses were utility pole and tree related, with three occurring in Williamstown Township, two in Locke Township, one in Wheatfield Township, and one in Leroy Township.

Saturday June 12, 2021 NIESA responded to ten calls. Five of the responses were emergency medical calls, with four occurring in the City of Williamston and one in Williamstown Township. There was one vehicle accident in Wheatfield Township, and the remaining four were fire related. Three of the responses were for utility pole issues, with one each in Williamstown Township, Locke Township, and Leroy Township. The fourth response was for a gas generator that was smoking at a residence in Williamstown Township.

On Sunday June 13, 2021 NIESA responded to four calls. Three responses were emergency medical calls, with two occurring in the City of Williamston, and one in Williamstown Township. The fourth call was for a carbon monoxide alarm activation in Williamstown Township.

Monday June 14, 2021 NIESA had three responses. One was a fire response for a wire down in the City of Williamston. Another was a vehicle accident in Williamstown Township at Shoesmith and Shoeman, and the third response was an emergency medical call in Williamstown Township.

On Tuesday June 15, 2021 NIESA responded to three calls. Two were emergency medical calls, with one occurring in the City of Williamston, and the second was an assist to Lansing Mason Ambulance in Ingham Township. The third call was for a vehicle accident on I-96 in Leroy Township.

Fowlerville Family Fair Open Class Exhibits for Adults reinstated by fair board; full schedule of events planned

The Fowlerville Family Fair is coming July 26 – 31st! Each night will have grandstand events including Harness Racing, Demolition Derby, Figure 8's, Tractor Pulls, Rodeo and Monster Trucks. There will be livestock exhibits, storybook characters roaming the fairgrounds and so much more!

The fair will have carnival rides that will start on Tuesday and run through Saturday beginning each day at 1 pm. Wednesday will still be Kids Day where kids are free to enter until 5 pm and ride bands for the day are \$25.

Ride bands are available for pre-sale online at Fowlervillefamilyfair.com or in the fair office each day from 9am – 5pm.

The fair board has voted to reinstate Open Class Exhibits for Adults. If you are interested in entering one or more exhibits, registration will remain open to July 1st.

Entry for Open Class is \$10. This includes a week-long entry pass to the Fair and the opportunity to have your project judged, win premiums and be part of the historical Fowlerville Family Fair!

Entries will be accepted in the fair office from 9am – 5pm or email the office at fair@fowlervillefamilyfair.com.

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Winners for the Mixed Division were, from left, Brenda Tipton, Wayne, Mike and Carrie Newstead.



The winning team for the Men's Division were, from left, Ryan Hughes, Floyd Hughes, Jim Wells and Doug Hughes.



From left were members of Team Grampy (i.e. Grampy's Auto Parts) Steve Hanna, Josh Hanna, Jason Jacobs, and Scott Schauer.



Playing on the Katie Pikkarainen State Farm Insurance Team were, from left, Amy Sova, Katie Pikkarainen, A.J. Pikkarainen, and Doug Becksford.

The Fowlerville Rotary Club thanks the following Sponsors who donated to the golf outing held Friday, June 11th at Oak Lane Golf Course.

You all helped to make it a great success!

Winners of the Men's Team Division were:

Ryan Hughes, Floyd Hughes, Jim Wells and Doug Hughes

Winners of the Mixed Division were:
Carrie Newstead, Mike Newstead, Wayne Newstead and Brenda Tipton

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Fowlerville Rotary Club holds annual golf outing

The Fowlerville Rotary Club held its annual golf outing on Friday, June 11, at the Oak Lane Course in Webberville. The outing, which is a major fundraiser for the club, had 26 teams participate in the event, with each team consisting of four golfers.



Shown here were the Rotary Club Golf Outing chairs, Steve MacDermid, left, and Paul Harmon.



Cindy Champagne of Harmon Real Estate and James Cole of Green Stone Farm Credit enjoyed visiting while waiting to start play.

Fowlerville Rotary Club annual golf outing, continued



From left were Douglas Hughes and Ryan Hughes who played on the Hughes Painting Team that won the Men’s Division.



Rick Hill, a Rotarian, kept busy selling 50/50 tickets prior to and during the tournament. He’s shown here with Floyd Hughes.



Working at the registration table were Debbie Hill and Tom Couling, members of Rotary. They also worked at the ‘special holes’ throughout the day.

Smith Elementary School News

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

SMITH OFFICE SUMMER SCHEDULE: The Smith Office will be closed until August 9, 2021

Important Dates:

August 9 – Smith Office Re-Opens

August 25 – Open House K-5th Grade from 5:00-6:30 pm

August 30 – First Day for Students

September 3 through 6 – NO SCHOOL Labor Day Recess

October 15 – NO SCHOOL Teacher Professional Development

Kindergarten Registration Continues- 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 website. Go to fowlervilleschools.org and click on the Kindergarten Enrollment link to enter your child’s pre-enrollment information. **Please call 517-223-6430 to make an appointment to come in to the H.T. Smith office to complete the registration process, beginning August 9, 2021.**

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 look forward to meeting the Class of 2034!

Registration for New 1st and 2nd Grade Students – Parents can still pre-register new 1st and 2nd grade students during the summer. Just go to fowlervilleschools.org and click on the “Register A New Student” link and it will walk you through the online registration. Beginning August 9th you may stop by the Smith Office to complete the registration process for your child. Items to bring with you include, the child’s birth certificate, current immunization record and proof of residency (this includes your driver’s license and a piece of mail, voter registration card, purchase/rental agreement, etc).

from any local Rotarian or at

- Harmon Real Estate, 100 W. Grand River
- Massage Rehab, 140 E. Grand River
- Fowlerville News & Views, 206 E. Grand River

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

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

Fowlerville Rotary Club selling raffle tickets with three prizes to winners

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

The prizes are:

- First Place--\$1,000 Cash
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Music at the Park

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The Fowlerville Downtown Development Authority is presenting the Summer Concert Series, Music at the Park.

Other performances are scheduled for July 13th & August 12th.

Sponsored by the Downtown Development Authority

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Paul Siivola Farm Estate

June 26th, 2021 at 10:00am

Preview at 8:30am

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A collection of farm equipment and support items from the Paul Siivola Estate. **Farm:** John Deere 3010 Tractor, John Deere 950 Tractor (bad engine), Ford NAA Tractor, Rhino 800 Folding Field Cultivator w/ Harrow, New Holland 68 Baler, New Holland 461 Haybine Hay & Grain Elevator, 8x20 Hay Wagon, 5 Ton Running Gear, Vintage Manure Spreader, New Holland Manure Spreader, Hay & Grain Feeders, 3pt Dump Scoop, Water Troughs, Several Gates, 2- 3pt Blades, Gravity Box, Butler Bin (standing), Corn Crib w/ grain dryer & auger, 3pt Single Tooth 2- Snow Blades, 3pt 3 Bottom Plow, IH Wheel Weights, 3pt Single Plow, 3pt Landscape Rake, Corn Sheller, 3pt Brush Mower, Quick Attach Bucket, NAA Grill Guard, 3pt John Deere Flail Mower, Butler Bin (Disassembled), 3 Tank Heaters, 3pt Boom Lift. **Vehicles:** ‘93 Ford Ranger Pickup, Several Ford Ranger Truck Beds, ‘70s Ford Pickup Hood, 1970 Dodge c700 Stake Truck (v8 gas, 17’ bed), ‘79 Ford F350 1 Ton Stake Truck / JD Trailer Plow, ‘90 Tri-Axle 16’ Deck-Over Trailer w/Ramps. **Yard & Garden** Cub Cadet 26” elec start 3 stage self propelled Snow Blower, Gibson Lawn Tractor, Mini-Bike Frame ...**And More!**

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Abandoned food caches offer evidence of Native American survival strategies

By Eric Freedman
Capital News Service

You have to look hard to spot the Spoonville Peninsula on a map of Southwest Michigan, but it was an important location for native peoples for centuries before European contact.

The historic archaeological site on the shore of the Grand River in Ottawa County’s Crockery Township may contain the largest collection of Upper Great Lakes cache pits ever excavated.

Underground caches were used to store food as a strategy to increase a community’s chances of “survival, success and regeneration in the difficult environment of the region,” according to a recent study in the “Journal of Field Archeology.”

Archeologists excavated 29 of about 350 surface depressions on the peninsula as part of a federally funded highway project along the M-231 corridor, said study co-author Michael Hambacher of Archaeological Research and Consulting Services in Williamston.

Federal laws and regulations require such highway projects to consider archaeological resources and other environmental conditions, including wetlands and endangered species, he said in an interview.

Cache pits were a way to exploit seasonally abundant resources and extend their availability after storage through the winter, the study by Hambacher and Michigan State University geographer Randall Schaetzl said.

Caches helped mobile hunter-gatherers, who relied on seasonally abundant food sources, to deal with fluctuations in the availability and abundance of critical resources, their study said.

Proper construction and placement of the pits were essential to preserve and conceal food, the study said. That involved specialized knowledge to select suitable locations, decide what to store there and how to construct the caches, including pit linings, wall supports and insulation.

The Spoonville Peninsula is bordered on the east by Crockery Creek and on the west by Black Creek and Bruce Bayou and Black Creek.

“As you go up the Grand River, it’s one of the first substantial pieces of high ground you encounter,” Hambacher said. “You’ve got these great riverine and swamp marsh habitats for resources in close proximity to one another. It’s been a good place to live for at least 10,000 years.”

Many caches were constructed along trails and hunting routes in the region.

Archaeologists have found evidence of cache pits in the Great Lakes region dating as far back as about the year 1000, with use intensifying after about 1200.

“The Little Ice Age, with the changing climate, would have created a certain amount of unpredictability in how the resources were distributed across the landscape and productivity from one year to the next,” Hambacher said.

The largest of the 29 excavated cache pits on the Spoonville Peninsula were about 7-by-5 feet and 6 ½-by-6 feet in area. The deepest was about 3 feet deep. The smallest was about 3 feet long, 2½ feet wide and 1¾ feet deep.

“We think they were basically constructed by individual family groups” and were sized to hold sufficient foodstuffs, materials and other goods, Hambacher said. “Each family probably had multiple storage facilities.”

The study described the Spoonville Peninsula as “an environmentally strategic location for obtaining, processing and storing” locally sourced foods.

Caches likely held such plant products as black walnuts, acorns, hazelnuts and butternut, blackberries, raspberries, cherries, grapes, plums, elderberries, mint, St. John’s wort and seeds such as western sunflower, pokeweed, flowering dogwood and tamarack – plants used for food, medicine and rituals.

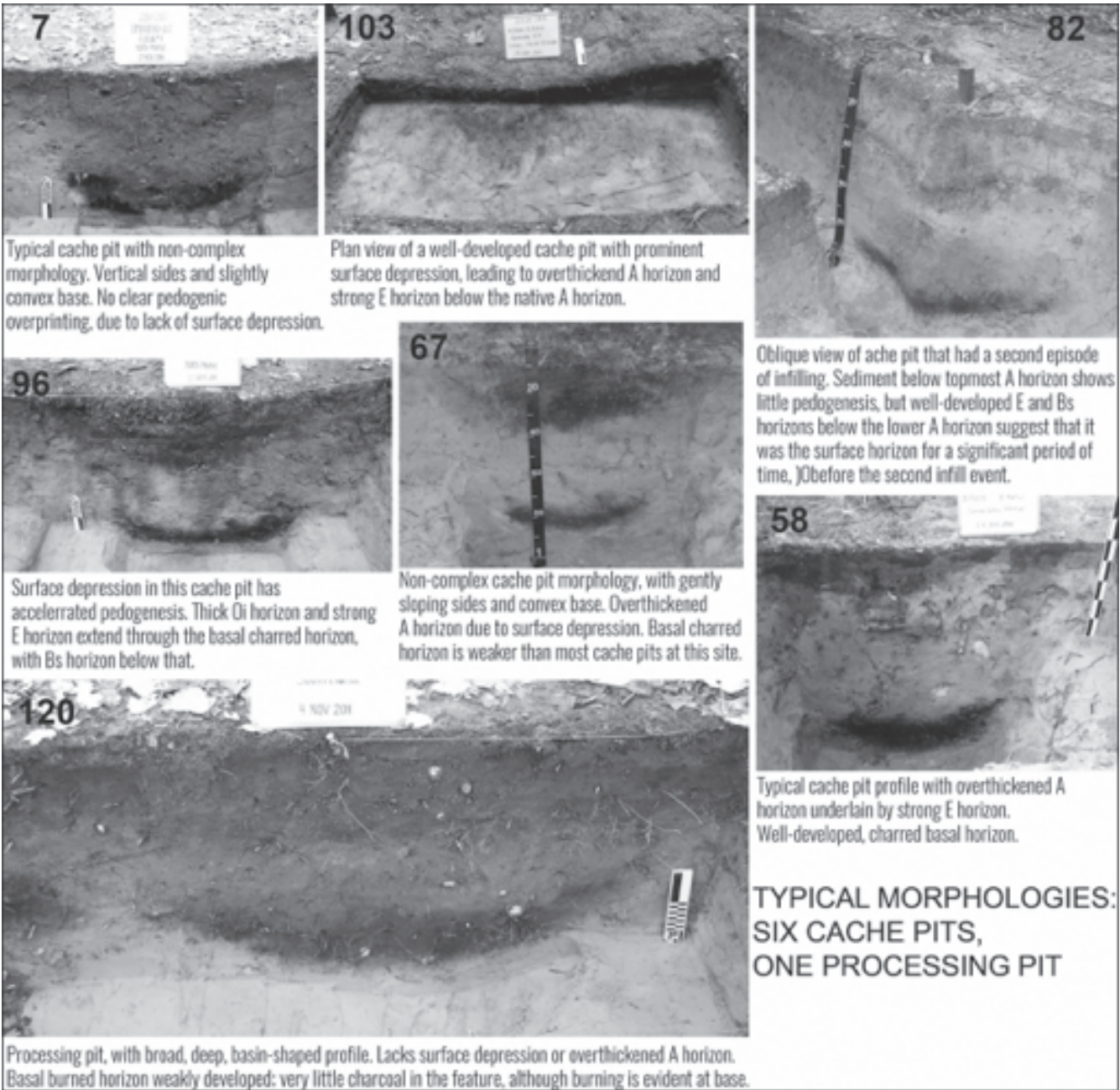
The excavations provided the first documented occurrence of wild rice in Southwest Michigan although the use of wild rice was previously documented in the Saginaw Valley, the Northwestern Lower Peninsula and the Upper Peninsula, the study said.

There was little evidence that meat and fish were cached, possibly because they were harder to preserve and would be more likely to attract predators that would dig up the caches. Evidence such as projectile points shows that the site was used sporadically between 6000 and 3000 BC, then increasingly between 150 BC and 1200 AD, as shown by ceramics, tools and other artifacts. The most frequent use occurred during the mid- to late 15th century and ended in the 1600s.

Archaeologists began exploring the site in the mid-1800s when they excavated a burial mound containing artifacts and human remains.

It’s now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Mysteries remain.

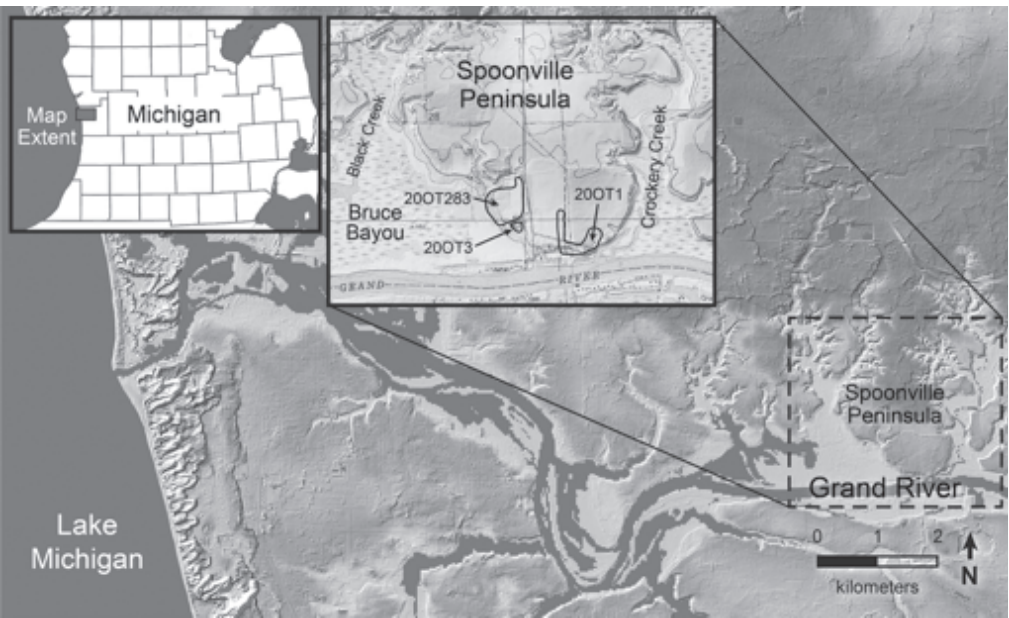
For example, the study describes how empty caches were deliberately burned and backfilled, but Hambacher says the rationale for doing so – possibly to destroy unwanted, spoiled foodstuffs – is uncertain.



Above: Six cache pits used for food storage and a food processing pit excavated on the Spoonville Peninsula in Southwest Michigan.

“We’re really not sure.”
Eric Freedman is professor of journalism and former associate dean of International Studies and Programs.

Right: The Spoonville Peninsula and archaeological site along the Grand River in Ottawa County.



U.S. Congress Report

By Elissa Slotkin,
8th District, U.S. House of Representatives

Leads Major, Bipartisan Package to Overhaul National Stockpile, Make More Critical Supplies in U.S.

U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin (MI-08) has re-introduced her Strengthening America’s Strategic National Stockpile Act, a major bipartisan package of legislation that would reduce America’s dependence on foreign sources of critical medical supplies, including personal protective equipment (PPE), boost domestic manufacturing to make those supplies in the United States, and make much-needed improvements and updates to our Strategic National Stockpile (SNS).

The package passed on a unanimous, bipartisan vote in the House last year. Sens. Maggie Hassan (D-NH) and Bill Cassidy (R-LA) introduced the bill in the Senate earlier this week.

Reps. Richard Hudson (NC-08), Kim Schrier (WA-08), David McKinley (WV-01), Diana DeGette (CO-01), Buddy Carter (GA-01), G.K. Butterfield (NC-01), Jackie Walorski (IN-02), Joe Neguse (CO-02), Fred Upton (MI-06), Tom Malinowski (NJ-07), Michael C. Burgess (TX-26), Debbie

Dingell (MI-12), Jeff Van Drew (NJ-02), Darren Soto (FL-09) and Brian Fitzpatrick (PA-01) are original co-sponsors of the House bill.

“Last spring as cases of COVID-19 surged across the country, our frontline medical workers were sent into combat against a deadly virus without the armor they needed to protect themselves,” Slotkin said. “When Michigan and other states called on the Strategic National Stockpile for urgently needed masks, gloves and other protective gear, what we got was nowhere close to what we needed. We can never again let our country be dependent on foreign suppliers for the equipment we need when crises like this pandemic strike. This bipartisan package of bills addresses the lessons of the past year: it will boost domestic production of critical medical supplies; reduce our dependence on foreign manufacturers; give our frontline workers the protection they need for future crises; and improve maintenance and oversight of our stockpile.”

The bipartisan Strengthening America’s Strategic National Stockpile Act would:

- Improve maintenance of the stockpile to ensure stockpile items are in good working order and ready to use if and when a crisis hits;
- Increase manufacturing of critical supplies in America to diversify sources of personal protective equipment and partner with industry to replenish existing stocks;
- Provide more federal resources to states to expand or maintain their own strategic stockpiles; and
- Bring transparency to stockpile allocations by requiring a report to Congress on all requests for stockpile supplies during the pandemic and the response to each request.



Elder Abuse Awareness Day proclamation signing.



Elder Abuse Awareness Day Coalition members.

Livingston County declares June 15th as Elder Abuse Awareness Day

On this day communities in the USA and all over the world sponsored events to highlight solutions to this systemic social challenge. The Livingston County Elder Justice Coalition proudly hosted a POP (Put on Purple) for Elder Abuse Awareness education and proclamation signing; proclaiming every June 15 to be Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Livingston County.

The event was held on the lawn of the Howell Courthouse on June 15th from 1:30p-2:30p and included special speakers along with the proclamation signing.

Lee, a Livingston County Senior shared her story about being taken advantage of and being exploited by someone she thought was her friend. In addition to monetary abuse, this person played on her emotions, her weakness, and vulnerability and used that to get their hooks into Lee. She reached out to Livingston County Catholic Charities because she was not sure if she was being abused and her neighbor told her to call us and talk to someone in senior services.

Scott Ehlfeldt, of the Prosecuting Attorney’s Association of Michigan, shared his heartfelt gratitude for the work being done to protect seniors from abuse and exploitation in Livingston County. He talked about how we all have people in our lives to look out for and that “if you see something, say something.” Abusers are often family members or friends who will use a person’s isolation to prey upon their emotions. Even if they can see the abuse, the seniors are often too embarrassed to say anything. “We are here today because we can intervene and put a stop to it.”

The Proclamation was read by Beth Newman, Senior Community Liaison with Livingston County Catholic Charities. It was then signed by Mona Shand, Livingston County Representative for Representative Elissa Slotkin.

In our senior services programs at LCCC we have been seeing the tremendous growth in seniors being abused, neglected or exploited. This resulted in the creation of our Prevention of Elder Abuse Neglect and Exploitation (P.E.A.N.E.) program in 2017. The Elder Abuse Coalition includes staff from LCCC, Livingston County Prosecutor’s Office, Livingston

County Sheriff’s Dept., Adult Protective Services/DHHS, Ombudsmen/AAA1-B, PAAM, Fowlerville Police, Foguth Financial and the Crime Victims Legal Assistance Project.

As Americans, we believe in justice for all. Yet we fail to live up to this promise when we allow older members of our society to be abused or neglected. Older people are vital, contributing members of American society and their maltreatment diminishes all of us. Just as we have confronted and addressed the social issues of child abuse and domestic violence, so too can we find solutions to address issues like elder abuse, which also threatens the well-being of our community. We can and must create healthier and safer living environments for older adults, including their homes, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities.

To learn more about elder abuse, neglect and exploitation, how you can recognize it, what you can do to protect yourself or loved one, how to report suspected abuse and local community services and supports, call Beth Newman at Livingston County Catholic Charities at (517) 545-5944 or visit the National Center on Elder Abuse <https://ncea.acl.gov>.

Livingston County Convention & Visitors Bureau presents awards

The Livingston County Convention & Visitors Bureau (LCCVB) hosted a Heart of Hospitality Luncheon in Howell on June 8 to present the 2021 Hospitality with Heart Awards, Hospitality Star Scholarships, and a Community Influencer Award.

In the past year, several Livingston County businesses stepped up and donated funds, equipment and food to aid the community during the COVID-19 crisis. There were four businesses in the hospitality and tourism industry whose outstanding contributions stood out. The LCCVB awarded Hospitality with Heart Awards to Jonna’s Market, Crystal Gardens, Tanger Outlets in Howell and Homewood Suites by Hilton Brighton.

Jonna’s Market delivered over 500 hot meals to St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Medical Staff.

“When we heard that the staff did not have time to run down to the cafeteria and eat on their breaks, we knew we could help by supplying hot, ready to eat meals. This community has always supported Jonna’s Market and I am determined to always return the favor whenever I can,” said Michael Jonna, owner of Jonnas’s Market.

Both Tanger Outlets in Howell and Homewood Suites by Hilton Brighton offered their spaces to the American Red Cross to host much needed blood drives during the critical time.

Crystal Gardens initiated the “Feed Our Frontline Heroes” program. They delivered over 2,000 boxed lunches to local hospitals, law enforcement, EMS, fire departments and urgent care facilities.

“It was truly the most rewarding thing me and the Crystal Gardens staff have ever had the pleasure of doing,” said a staff member from Crystal Gardens.

“Although we were unable to meet with all our local partners in person at our Annual Partner Meeting this year, our Board of Directors wanted to shine light on stars in

our community by hosting a recognition luncheon. Even though numerous Livingston County businesses had been struggling financially as a result of the pandemic, many made a commitment to donate money, equipment, food, and other offerings to those who needed it most in light of the health crisis. The LCCVB wanted to recognize the outstanding efforts of four local hospitality and tourism businesses that made significant contributions to the community during the height of the pandemic. Additionally, we recognized three deserving local students with \$1,500 scholarships and presented a new Community Influencer Award,” said Mary Robinson, LCCVB Executive Director.

The LCCVB awarded three scholarships of \$1,500 each to students entering the hospitality and tourism industry. Two scholarships went to Hartland High School graduates, Karlee Sanders who will attend Northwood University and Lilliana Litner who will attend Lawrence Technological University. The third scholarship went to Shelby Rochowiak who is attending Central Michigan University.

The new Community Influencer Award was presented to Pam McConeghy, CEO of Greater Brighton Chamber of Commerce. “This award was developed to honor persons who are leaders and influencers making significant contributions to their community through their time, actions, talents, and dedication. Pam serves as a role model for service, volunteering for numerous local boards, non-profits, and events. You will find her greeting children as Mrs. Claus during Christmas, covering midnight shifts during the holidays at local shelters, putting in extra hours on committees, spending personal time helping businesses find resources, and more. Pam influences and sparks connections in Livingston County every day and we wanted to recognize her for it,” said Jen Loebig, LCCVB Board Chair.

The LCCVB thanks all hospitality and tourism stars in the Livingston County Community for their contributions and endless support. As we begin to open again, we look forward to welcoming visitors back and showing them the many reasons why we #LoveLivCo.

United Way needs more projects for the Day of Caring on August 11th

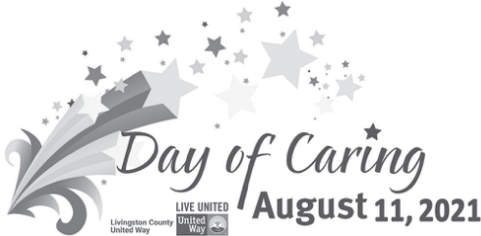
Livingston County United Way is excited to announce that volunteer sign up and work site registrations are open for Day of Caring, which will be held on Wednesday, August 11! Griffith Realty has signed up to be the Major Sponsor for the 2021 Day of Caring, which is the largest one-day community service event in Livingston County. One day. One Community. Amazing Results.

Livingston County United Way collects worksite proposals from local residents, seniors, schools, disabled residents and non-profit agencies. The work is often minor household repair projects, cleaning and yardwork that the homeowner is not able to do on their own. Anyone can recommend a worksite and are encouraged to apply for a neighbor or friend who needs extra help. **Deadline for worksite projects is June 28.** All proposed worksites are reviewed for approval by the Livingston County United Way Day of Caring Committee.

Please know that we have an ability to cover many more projects in the community this summer. We prepared for an increase in requests given the shut downs over the last year, but have not seen an increased need. If you know of a senior, person with a disability or even an agency needing some light indoor or outdoor upgrades, please have them complete the Project Application at the website below.

If you are unable to participate in this wonderful community service event but still want to help, consider a company sponsorship or personal donation. All sponsorships and donations will be used to buy supplies needed for Day of Caring worksite projects!

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The front of Barrett's Store

New Exhibits opening on June 27 at Williamston Depot Historical Museum

Despite being closed for a year due to the pandemic, the museum has continued with the development of two new exhibits which will officially open on Sunday, June 27th from 2-4 pm. All are welcome. The museum is located at 369 W. Grand River, Williamston.

“From Dry Goods to Men’s Wear” is the title of an exhibit about Barrett’s clothing store which was located at 111 W. Grand River in Williamston until it closed a couple of years ago. It was a family-owned clothing store known for many years as “Barrett’s Store for Men and Boys.” Exhibit creator Linda Siciliano said she was inspired to do the exhibit because Barrett’s was the “longest operating business in Williamston.” The exhibit features many items carried by the store over the years, including a 1920’s credit safe which will be available for visitors to peruse and possibly find an ancestor’s name that shopped in town.

“Williamston Depot’s Telegraph Station” is the title of the new permanent exhibit that recreates the railroad/Western Union telegraph station that originally was in the depot, located “by the railroad tracks.” The Depot was moved in 1979 via volunteers to its current site at 369 W. Grand River



This replica of the telegraph station is now at the Musuem

Avenue. The “bay window” area, like all depots, was once the telegraph station.

Board member Earl Wolf, who spearheaded the creation of the exhibit, states: “the board had talked about recreating a telegraph station in that spot for a long time, but we lacked many artifacts and the expertise.” Consulting with other museums last fall, Earl stumbled upon the name of Robert Hibbard. Mr. Hibbard who is 92 plus learned telegraphy after WWII and worked as a telegrapher at nearly every train depot across lower Michigan.

During a visit to his home near Battle Creek, Mr. Hibbard volunteered to donate priceless telegraph artifacts as well as his knowledge to complete our exhibit. He is the “last of an era.” Best of all, he is articulate and will be at the museum for the opening to view the new exhibit and talk about “his life as a railroad telegrapher.”

Expenses incurred in creating the telegraph exhibit were covered by a grant from the Wilbur and Ruth Wright Charitable Trust, the Ruth Jones Memorial Fund, and donations by Depot board members.

All are welcome to view these two new exhibits and to hear Mr. Hibbard who will speak at 3pm.

Farmers Market celebrates Dad this Sunday, June 20, in Williamston

Bring Dad to the Farmers Market this Sunday, June 20, between 10am and 2pm and, if you arrive early, there may still be strawberries available, because last week the strawberries sold out in record time. Join your friends and neighbors in downtown Williamston at McCormick Park. As you arrive at the Market, enter Dad in the Father’s Day hourly drawing for a package of specially decorated Father’s Day cookies baked and donated by C & S Farms. The winning Dads will be announced at 11am, noon and 1pm during the Market. Dad does not need to be present to win.

Visitors are encouraged to wear masks.

There will be over 25 farmers and artisans selling strawberries, garlic scapes, radishes, lettuce, chard, snow peas, rhubarb, asparagus, cheese, eggs, pastries, cookies, coffee, hand-crafted jewelry, doll clothes, homemade cookies, honey and beeswax products, maple syrup, bread, kettle corn, cut flowers, beef, pork, soap, fudge, grape leaves, spinach pie and baklava, crafts and handmade art for the home and yard, and MUCH more. Each week, the variety of locally grown fruits and vegetables will continue to increase.

The Farmers Market is again accepting payments from

the various food assistance programs: SNAP, Double-up Food Bucks and Senior Fresh.

At the Sunday, June 13th Eastern Ingham Farmers Market in Williamston, over nine hundred visitors shopped with a record-shattering 35 vendors, and the strawberries sold out in warp speed time! Get Dad out of bed early and head to the Market to celebrate Fathers Day together.



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Chicks	8	\$.50 each
Ducks	59	\$.50-\$22.00
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Rabbits	11	\$1.00-\$7.00
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Fowlerville High Alumni Association holds annual gathering at fairgrounds

With last year’s annual Fowlerville Alumni Association Banquet & Program having been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic and public-health restrictions still in place for indoor gatherings, the alumni officers decided to hold last week’s reunion at the fairgrounds.

The Finlan Gazebo was the setting for the business meeting and the Roll Call of Classes.

About 100 alums and family members gathered on what was a very warm afternoon to be recognized and reminisce of bygone days at Fowlerville High School.

Frank Davis, Class of 1956, toasted his classmates who were present on the occasion of their 65th reunion. Among them were out-of-staters Helen (Judd) Gonzales from California and Bob Burnie from Florida.

Coralene (Jackson) Boss mentioned the many events that took place in 1961 as she toasted her schoolmates from the Class of 1961 on the occasion of their 60th reunion. Among them was Randy Black who traveled from Florida to attend the event.

Two of the 2021 Alumni Scholarship recipients—Nick Atkinson and Ramsey Lukasik—were present to introduce themselves and tell of their future plans.

Ed Helzerman, the Alumni treasurer, gave his final reports as he has stepped down from the position. He is being replaced by Meghan Swain-Kuch from the Class of 1987. Re-elected were Judy Recker as president; Coralene Boss as vice president, and Sue Charron as secretary.

During the meeting, the Constitution was amended to recognize the name of the association as the Fowlerville High School Alumni Association, aka Fowlerville Alumni Association.

“Over the past several years, the new name was frequently used,” said Recker. “To prevent confusion on legal documents, we wanted the name(s) to be legal.”

At the conclusion of the business meeting, “Gold & Purple” was sung. The school song, written by Mary and Jo Finlan, is 90 years old this year. They and their sisters, Lucy and Franny, performed it numerous times over the ensuing years.

Recker cited the heat as a factor with the number in attendance. A normal turnout for the evening banquet, held at the high school, is over 200.

“As warm as it was, it probably wouldn’t have been any more comfortable inside the school,” she said. “I’m glad we were able to have a gathering. Hopefully, more will return next year. The date is still to be announced.”

Recker also noted that donations to the Alumni Memorial Scholarship Fund are accepted year around. Please send to Box 446, Fowlerville MI 48836.



The Fowlerville High School Class of 1946 graduated 75 years ago. In attendance from that class were Norma (Bessert) Cole, left, and Vondell (Kingsley) Huck.

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Elizabeth Whitt, Township Clerk
(6-20, 6-27 & 7-11-21 FNV)



CLASS OF 1956: The Fowlerville High School Class of 1956 held its 65th reunion. From left, bottom row, Bob Burnie, Helen (Judd) Gonzales, Ann (Hillman) Utter; second row, Elaine (Perroud) Dalessandro, Donna (Forrester) Rust, Rodney Stage; top row, Frank Davis and Harold Maleitzke.



These alumni graduated from classes in the 1950s. From left, front row, Wayne Copeland ('52), Bill Judd ('52), Lois (Hicks) Wineger ('52); top row, Robin Rose ('59), Eva (Epley) Bliss ('55), Bob Kunde ('55), and Janell (House) Stage ('55).



CLASS OF 1961: The Fowlerville High School Class of 1961 held its 60th reunion. From left, bottom row, Rudy Osan, Carol (Miller) Kirkland, Gloria (Wilkinson) Estes, Larry Langdon; top row, Jim Gruden, Coralene (Jackson) Bloss, Randy Black, and Nancy Armstrong.



CLASS OF 1957: These three classmates from 1957 were at the Alumni Association gathering. From left, Dennis Judd, Gertrude (Epley) Genei, and Ken Monroe.



CLASS OF 1981: The Fowlerville High School Class of 1981 held its 40th reunion. From left: Rod Coselman, Kelly Allmendinger, Barb (Eisele) Parker, Lisa (Grimm) Bay, and Rex Peckens.



These alumni graduated from classes in the 1960s. From left, front row, Judy (Epley) Recker, Sandy (Lound) Klender, Nancy (Gruden) Peters, Judy (Ruttman) Call, Bill Call, Glenda (Redinger) Ward; second row, Duane Herbert, Sue (Dean) Herbert, Doug Helzerman, Dave Rossetter, Ed Helzerman; top row, Fred Krebs, Cindy (Ruttman) Krebs, Francis Palmerton, Mary Lou (Palmerton) Prestonise, and Claude Palmerton. Not pictured: Steve Horton.



These alumni graduated from classes in the 1970s. From left, front row, Peg (Epley) Smith, Vicki (Copeland) Kessler, Cindy (Phibbs) Englehart, Sue (Spagnuolo) Charron; top row, Bob Smith, Nancy (Fair) Myers, Roger Reason, and Patricia (Reason) Palmerton. Not pictured: John Kane.

Fowlerville High Class of 1976 to celebrate 45th reunion on June 26

The Fowlerville High School Class of 1976 will be celebrating 45 years since graduation at a Reunion on Saturday, June 26, at noon. This will be held at the Fowlerville

Community Park.

A lunch will be provided with a \$5 suggested donation. Be sure to reach out to classmates and invite them. RSVPs can be made to Debbie (Phillips) Wakeman 517-294-1005 or Roy Witt 989-429-2772.



Two of the winners of this year's Fowlerville Alumni Association Scholarship attended the meeting and spoke about their future plans. Nick Atkinson, left, is attending Western Michigan University, and Ramsey Lukasiuk, is enrolled at Hope College. They are members of FHS's Class of 2021 that recently graduated.



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Michigan House Report

By Bob Bezotte,
47th District

This week, a few of my bills were voted out of committees and referred to the House floor.

HB 4912 was voted out of the House Agriculture committee. This bill would revise various regulations in the Public Health Code governing veterinary practices.

HB 4660 was voted out of the Regulatory Reform committee. This bill would allow for hazard/blinking lights to be utilized along with the traditional funeral flags during a funeral procession.

HB 4719 would amend the Michigan Penal Code to require that a person convicted of first degree murder be committed to the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections for incarceration in a state correctional facility pending sentencing and immediately following the conviction.

I look forward to voting on these three bills on the House floor.

Donations are now being collected by the Livingston Educational Service Agency (LESA) for the 20th annual Backpacks for Kids Project. This project helps to provide students with backpacks and basic school supplies at no additional cost. Backpacks and supplies can be dropped off through August 5th at LESA, located at 1425 W Grand River in Howell.

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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.

Participants invited to join upcoming Fowlerville 4th of July Parade

With the Fowlerville 4th of July Celebration fast approaching, participants are invited to join the evening parade. As in the past, the parade will line up at Veterans Drive on the west end of town and then proceed along Grand River Avenue through the Downtown to the St. Agnes Catholic Church parking lot.

Brandon Denby, the chair of the organizing committee, urged churches, organizations, businesses, and interested individuals to take part. While reservations are not required, if you'd like to reserve a spot or have questions email Michelle Soli at michellesoli@yahoo.com.

Line-up begins at 5:45 p.m. and the parade steps off at 7 p.m. Joe Hune, the former Fowlerville state legislator, will once again serve as the emcee.

"With the celebration having been cancelled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we want to make the overall event as big and entertaining as possible," said Denby. "Having a nice parade with lots of entries is a great way to do that."

He noted that floats, marching units, classic cars, tractors, horses, and decorated bikes are among the types of entries that are welcome to take part. Denby added that elected officials and political candidates are also welcome.

The parade, followed by

the fireworks display at 10 p.m. (dusk), are the highlights of the celebration. The First Baptist Church of Fowlerville is planning to hold their "God & Freedom" activities during the afternoon prior to the parade, while the Fowlerville United Brethren Church will host various activities after the parade.

"We'll have inflatable bounce houses for the kids, along with musical entertainment," Denby noted, adding that food vendors will be located at the Park and fairgrounds prior to the fireworks—two main areas where people can view the display.

Denby said that a map will be published in next week's issue of *the News & Views*, detailing the location of the various activities, where food trucks will be available, and areas where the fireworks can be viewed.

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Fowlerville Fire Department Report

June 10th
9:38 am. Medical emergency on Cedar River Drive in the Village.
4:05 pm. Medical emergency on Fowlerville Road in Conway Township.
6:00 pm. Motor vehicle accident on I-96 near Wallace Road in Handy Township.
6:48 pm. Medical emergency on Grand River in Handy Township.

June 11th
4:09 am. Medical emergency on Meadowlawn Avenue in Handy Township.
6:34 am. Medical emergency on Terry Avenue in Handy Township.
8:21 am. Motor vehicle accident at the S. Grand and Van Riper intersection.
4:02 pm. Medical emergency on Jamerlea Lane in Handy Township.
6:21 pm. Tree Down on Roberts Road in Iosco Township.
8:04 pm. Tree down on Kane Road in Iosco Township

8:13 pm. Electrical hazard on Robb Road in Conway Township.

June 12th
8:24 am. Medical emergency on North Grand Avenue in the Village.
2:02 pm. Medical emergency on Alans Drive in Handy Township.
2:35 pm. Fire alarm activation on Sharpe Road in Handy Township.
3:38 pm. Medical emergency on Summerbrook Circle in Handy Township.
11:59 pm. Reported vehicle fire on Eastbound I-96 in Handy Township.

June 13th
12:00 am. Medical emergency on Weller Road in Iosco Township.
11:51 am. Motor vehicle accident on West Grand River in Handy Township.
4:00 pm. Tractor fire on Kane Road in Handy Township.

June 14th
2:09 am. Medical emergency on River Bend Drive in Iosco Township.

June 15th
3:50 pm. Medical emergency on Stow Road in Handy Township.
7:17 pm. Motor vehicle accident on I-96. We were canceled while in route.

June 16th No calls received.

HANDY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD
MEETING SYNOPSIS

The regular meeting of the Handy Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Alverson at 7:00 P.M. in the Handy Township Board Room. Trustees present: Eisele, Shear, Munsell and Roddy. Absent: None. Also present: Twp. Atty.-Saarela, FTTA-Mike Benjamin and Jason Musson and SPARK-Marcia Gebarowski.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. At the regular Handy Township Board meeting the following motions were made:

- To approve the agenda as presented
- To open the Public Hearing for IFT application from Aisin Holdings of America, Inc
- To close the Public Hearing for IFT application from Aisin Holdings of America, Inc.
- To approve the IFT application from Aisin Holdings of America, Inc.
- To open the Public Hearing for the 2021-2022 Budget
- To close the Public Hearing for the 2021-2022 Budget
- To renew the Assessing Contract with Wolverine State Assessing
- To renew the Employment Contract with Assessor Amy Pashby.
- To adopt the Handy Township 2021-2022 General Fund Budget
- To adopt resolution setting the salaries for elected officials as presented
- To adopt resolution setting rates of pay appointed officials as presented.
- To approve minutes of 5-17-21 and 5-20-21 as presented and 6-9-21 as amended.
- To pay the bills in the amount of \$68,833.07 and approve the budget transfers as presented.
- To accept the 2020-2021 Final Amended Budget as presented
- To renew contract with Infrastructure Alternatives
- To establish the Handy Township 2021 Millage rate as presented
- To respond to Letter of Intent from Westview Capital LLC
- To adopt the rules of procedure for electronic meetings
- To enter into agreement with the Fowlerville Senior Center
- To adopt the Silver Springs Association Phase #2 Budget for 2021-2022 as presented for En-bridge.
- To accept the Hold Harmless Agreement for Emergency Exercises
- To adjourn meeting at 8:59 P.M.

Laura A. Eisele
Handy Township Clerk
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