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## Area residents celebrating Christmas this week

Area residents will be joining millions of others across the country and around the world to celebrate Christmas during the next two days at gatherings of family and friends, with many of them attending worship services. With Christmas Eve falling on a Sunday this year, a number of churches have opted to hold Sunday morning or early afternoon services, but not an evening gathering. Others are doing both—meeting at their regular Sunday morning time as well as hosting a Candlelight Service in the evening. There are also churches who will offer a morning service on Christmas Day.



### Fowlerville Bowling Team competes against Grand Ledge, Olivet in matches

The Fowlerville Bowling Team traveled to Royal Scot in Lansing on Tuesday, Dec. 12, to take on Grand Ledge. Our Varsity Girls Team swept the meet and had a very strong showing.

The Boys Varsity Team was led by Ethan Hall with a 179 average on the day. Spencer Holden shot a nice high game of the day with a 190, in a tough loss for them.

The JV Team was led by Luke Anderson with a high game of 176 and taking 2 points for the team. Alex Figurski and Preston Browne

also took both points, rounding out the JV win.

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Fowlerville Bowling Team had a good meet against Olivet on Thursday, Dec. 14. The Girls Varsity Team took all 30 points, The Varsity Boys took 19 of 30 for a Fowlerville victory and the JV team had two bowlers make the highlight



The Fowlerville Girls Bowling Team members are, from left, Keira Mahon, Emma Wilber, Meadow Browne, Bristol Thomas and Madison Pikkarainen. Missing is McKayla Hatfield. Photo by Jill Thomas

post. They were Logan Hendrick with a high game of 166 and Preston Browne bowling a strong 196 game.

The Varsity Girls Team was led by Keira Mahon with a 348 Series and a 204 game. Emma Wilber (179) and Meadow Browne (155) had great games as well to help the girls to victory.

The Varsity Boys Team was led by Ethan Hall with a 386 Series and a high game of 201, followed by strong showings from Tyler Gordon (221), Christian Orr (178) and Ryder Lukasik (164). The team also bowled a 191 and 188 Baker game to end the meet.

Congratulations to Tyler Gordon, Ethan Hall and Keira Mahon on earning their 200 pin!!

### Fowlerville Varsity Boys Basketball Team lose to talented Mason, 66-19

The Fowlerville Varsity Basketball Team lost to a talented Mason squad last Friday, Dec. 15, in a league game. The final score was 66-19. Wyatt Soli led the Glads with 10 points. Fowlerville is now 1-4 overall and 0-2 in CAAC Red play.

### Howell American Legion offering free dinner on Christmas Day

Howell American Legion Post 141 is offering a free dinner on Christmas Day, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>. The turkey meal with all the fixings will be served from 12 noon to 3 p.m. at the post, located at the corner of West Grand River and M-59, between Fowlerville and Howell.

The Post will also deliver meals to shut-ins.

Those wishing to attend in person or have the meal delivered need to RSVP at 517-546-2534.

“This is available for anyone who wishes to enjoy a nice meal and fellowship on Christmas Day,” said Mark Epley, the post commander.

The Post is also providing meals to first responders who are working that day.

### Fowlerville JV Girls Basketball Team loses to Mason, 46-11, on Dec. 14

The Fowlerville Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Team could not find the groove offensively and lost to a very solid Mason Bulldog team, 46-11, on Thursday, Dec. 14. Jaymie Iseler led the offense with 4 points while Brynn Goulding, Danykah Muck, and Anja Ott all chipped in 2 points a piece. Hayley Juopperi dropped a free throw for another point in the contest.

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#### CORRECTION

In last week's issue, it was reported that the JV team lost a 40-30 game to Lansing Catholic on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. Fowlerville actually played Corruna on that date.

### Fowlerville Varsity Girls Basketball Team loses to Mason in Dec. 14 game

The Fowlerville Varsity Girls Basketball Team lost to Mason in a game played on Thursday, Dec. 14. The final score was 47-29.

Tommi Kleinschmidt finished with 10 points. Mariah Kirby added 6 points. Ella Olrich and McKenna Maybee each scored 4 points. In her final game before surgery, Angelle Haan scored 3 points and brought down 10 rebounds against a big and physical Mason team.

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## Public input being sought for improvements at Fowlerville park

By Steve Horton

Public input is being sought for planned improvements at the Fowlerville Community Park.

Village officials are asking residents in the greater Fowlerville area to submit their ideas through a survey by Dec. 31st. They can access the survey by using the QR code in the ad on page 2, going to the Village of Fowlerville website, or using a link on the Fowlerville Police Department Facebook page.

Local officials were informed in late September that the Village had been awarded a grant of \$2 million from the State of Michigan to fund a number of park improvements. This money is being coupled with \$500,000 that the council had budgeted for the project, with \$200,000 of the sum being the required local match.

Fowlerville, in its application, said the money would be used to build a recreation pavilion with restrooms and a concession area, pickle ball courts, a fenced dog run, a splash pad, an ice skating rink, a new playground along with the expansion of the existing one, three paved parking areas with room to add future lots, shaded canopies in activity areas, and accessible walks. There were some additional features put in the application as well.

Village manager Kathy Rajala-Gutzki said that most of those major improvements would still be done, but council wanted to get feedback from residents to determine which ones were preferred over others.

There are a number of different things being proposed here

and we don't want to spend money on something the public might not use that much," she said. "We've already gotten a lot of response, most of it positive, but there were some things that people questioned. So we want to see what the community says and do what we can to take that into account when the design phase takes place."

"It's more of a finetuning to what we proposed to the state in our application," Rajala-Gutzki added. "If we feel changes or adjustments are advisable, we can go to the state officials and show them the survey results or incorporate them into the design."

"We also want the community to be excited about what'll be happening at the park and take their input into consideration," she said.

The survey results will be given to the design team that consists of two council members, the DPW, the Village engineer, and 'at large' members of the community.

The goal is to finish the design this winter and then go out for bids in early spring. The work on the various facets of the project will take place during the warm-weather months.

## Kreeger Elementary School News

### CALENDAR OF KREEGER EVENTS

1/8/24	School Resumes
1/15/24	No School – MLK Day
1/19/24	½ Day- dismissal 12:02pm
2/5-7/24	4 <sup>th</sup> grade Hearing Screening
2/8,9,12,13,14/24	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> grade Vision Screening
2/19/24	No School – President's Day
3/1/24	End of Second Trimester
3/7/24	½ Day, 12:02 dismissal - Conferences 1-4pm; 5-7:30pm

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### Hearing and Vision Screening Information

Livingston County Health Department is providing Hearing Screening For 4<sup>th</sup> grade students from February 5<sup>th</sup> thru 7<sup>th</sup> and Vision Screening for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students February 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup>. Please call the school at (517)-223-6006 if you **do not** want your child screened. If you have a concern and would like your child tested technicians will accept parent/teacher requests on the first day of screening (Please call and we will add you to the list). Any other questions regarding Hearing or Vision Screening may be answered by calling the Health Department at (517)-546-9850.

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### ATTENTION NEW STUDENTS:

All pre-enrollments can be done online [www.fowlervilleschools.org](http://www.fowlervilleschools.org). After you complete those documents please print and sign areas marked. Bring your child's original raised seal birth certificate, 2 proofs of Fowlerville Schools residency and if your child attended a school in Michigan his/her immunizations will be on the M CIR website. Please call the office at 517-223-6340 when finished so that we may finalize the enrollment.

## Fowlerville Junior High School News

### 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL

Eighth grade Boy's basketball action on December 13 was at St. Johns. The "B" team improved to a 4-5 season with a close win clipping the Red Wings by 2 points. It was a great way for the "B" team to finish the season

"A" team wasn't so fortunate as the Birds swooped in and made the Glads their prey. The "A" team will look to get a win as they finish their season at Stockbridge on the 18th. Go Glads!

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### SPORTS FOR WEEK OF JAN. 8:

Mon., 1/8: GBB tryouts/practices begin: 8th - 2:30-4:00 in FJH gym. 7th - 2:30-4:00 in Munn gym.

GBB PRACTICE EVERY DAY! IF QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT COACH.

Mon., 1/18: 6-7-8 BOYS/GIRLS Wrestling practices begin: 5-7pm at FHS. Practices daily in designated room at FHS. If questions, please contact Coach Sean Harvey.

For both GBB & wrestling, CURRENT PHYSICALS MUST BE ON RECORD & REGISTRATION at the FINAL FORMS site must be completed.

CCH practices continue on assigned days in the FHS cafeteria.

### Fowlerville Varsity Basketball Team beats Charyl Stockwell, 71-48

The Fowlerville Varsity Basketball team beat Charyl Stockwell in a non-league game last Tuesday, Dec. 19, by a score of 71-48. Brendan Ray led the Glads with 18 points, Dillon Wieas added 15, while Wyatt Soli and Sam Shrader each had 12. The varsity is now 2-4 overall. They were scheduled to play at Haslett in a conference match-up this past Thursday prior to the holiday break. They were looking for their first league win.

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## Michigan House Report

By Bob Bezotte, 50<sup>th</sup> District

Despite not being able to join in person, I would like to extend my gratitude to the dedicated veterans and volunteers of Livingston County who came together on December 16th at the Wreaths Across America event at Greenwood Cemetery in Fowlerville.

Their efforts saw over 460 wreaths placed on the gravesites of our courageous servicemen and women. These wreaths stand as a powerful symbol of our appreciation and a reminder of the sacrifices made by these extraordinary heroes. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to this meaningful tribute.

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The holiday season is a time for spreading joy and sending love through packages and gifts. But during this time, it's crucial to watch out for fraudulent activities that target our generosity.

The Michigan Attorney General's Office recently issued a warning about deceptive text messages pretending to be from the United States Postal Service (USPS). These scams, known as "smishing," often trick individuals into clicking links and entering sensitive information like passwords, account numbers, or social security numbers. Oftentimes, the USPS smishing scam alerts victims to an alleged delayed package, and then calls upon them to make a purchase for updates.

To stay safe:

- Don't share your phone number unless you know the person or organization well.
- Don't assume a text is legitimate because it comes from a familiar phone number or area code. Spammers use caller ID spoofing to make it appear the text is from a trusted or local source.
- Don't provide personal or financial information in response to the unsolicited text or at a website linked to the message.
- Don't click on links in a

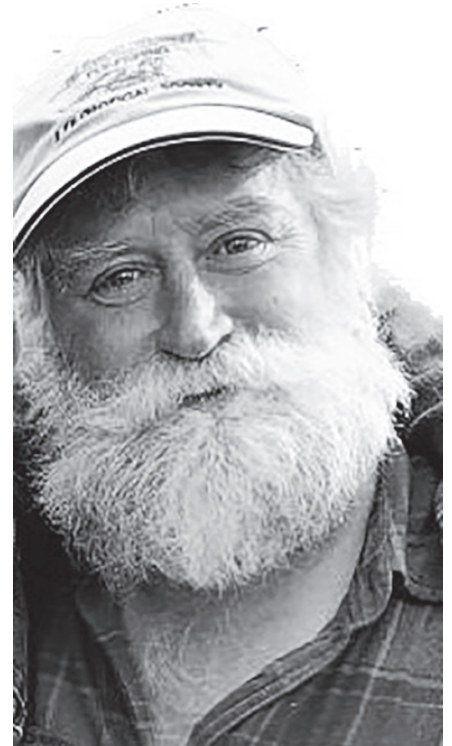
suspicious text; they could install malware on your device or take you to a site that does the same.

- Don't reply, even if the message says you can "text STOP" to avoid more messages. A response tells the scammer or spammer your number is active and can be sold to other bad actors.
- Never follow a text's instructions to push a designated key to opt out of future messages.

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

## —Area Deaths—



### John Michael David

John Michael David passed away peacefully at his home on December 4, 2023.

He was born on May 14, 1962, in Highland Park, MI, the son of William and Lillie Ann (Hilzinger) David, both of whom preceded him in passing.

John was a 1980 Howell High School graduate and for the following 40 years worked alongside his father on the family farm in Fowlerville, MI. In addition to farming, he was also a self-taught sheet metal engineer.

John had a passion for the outdoors and was often referred to as a "Steward of the Forest." His talents included fishing, hunting, camping, gardening, woodworking, music, and cooking, especially over an open fire. He enjoyed hosting many fishing and hunting camps with family and friends, especially with his brother, nephew and grand-nephews. John had a kind heart and was always willing to help his family, friends, and neighbors. He loved animals and could often be found nursing ones that were hurt or caring for their abandoned young. John is going to be greatly missed by family and friends.

He is survived by his siblings: Bonnie (Paul) Such, Mary Ellen Loomis, Martha (William) Christine, William (Kelly) David; his nieces and nephews: John (Tina) Loomis, Jennifer (Scott) Schreier, Josh Such, Jnanna David, Anna Christine, Alexandra David, Nick (Chelsea) Such, Peter Christine, Max Thomas; and 3 grand-nieces and 2 grand-nephews.

A celebration of John's life will be held for family and friends at a later date.

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### Junior Varsity Girls Basketball

**Jaymie Iseler-** Jaymie is also a freshman captain for the team. She is not afraid to drive to the basket among taller players and is a very hard worker on defense, forcing her opponents to get frustrated. Jaymie also has a good eye for the game and helping her teammates if they aren't understanding a play or getting frustrated with themselves. We are excited to see Jaymies continued growth in the program.

**Danykah Muck-** Danykah is a player who gives all of her effort every minute she is on the floor. Her positivity and work ethic earned her a captain role on the team. Danykah is extremely fast and is the first player back on defense. She has also been given the task of defending the opponents best offensive players, often holding them to very few points and creating frustration with her aggressive defensive play. We are excited to see Danykahs offense and defense come full circle in the future and the impact it can have in the program's future.

**Anja Ott-** Anja is a freshman who was chosen as a captain this year for the team. She is very versatile on the court and can play down low or on the perimeter since she has a great eye for the floor finding the open teammate or looking to shoot with one of the best shots in the program. Her leadership on and off the court, along with her abilities excite the coaches for her future in the program.

### JUD'S FOOTBALL FORECAST

<b>THURSDAY, DEC. 28</b> NY Jets <u>21</u> at Cleveland <u>24</u>	Arizona <u>17</u> at Philadelphia <u>28</u> New Orleans <u>17</u> at Tampa Bay <u>24</u>
<b>SATURDAY, DEC. 30</b> Detroit <u>28</u> at Dallas <u>24</u>	San Francisco <u>28</u> at Washington <u>24</u> Carolina <u>17</u> at Jacksonville <u>28</u>
<b>SUNDAY, DEC. 31</b> New England <u>21</u> at Buffalo <u>31</u> Atlanta <u>24</u> at Chicago <u>28</u> Las Vegas <u>17</u> at Indianapolis <u>24</u> LA Rams <u>28</u> at NY Giants <u>21</u>	Miami <u>28</u> at Baltimore <u>31</u> Tennessee <u>24</u> at Houston <u>17</u> Pittsburgh <u>21</u> at Seattle <u>24</u> LA Chargers <u>17</u> at Denver <u>28</u> Cincinnati <u>24</u> at Kansas City <u>28</u> Green Bay <u>24</u> at Minnesota <u>17</u>

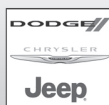
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# Caleb Jenkins Column



## Simple Pleasures of the Holiday Season

I recently saw a Christmas card that said “enjoy the simple pleasures of this holiday season.” That premise sounds really nice, but the holiday season rarely feels simple. This time of year is so filled with events, shopping, commercialism, and emotions that it can feel more chaotic and complex than any other time of year. Is it realistic to take in the simple pleasures of the season, or is that notion nothing more than a platitude for greeting cards?

Longtime readers know I am a firm believer in the power of perspective, and I think that principle holds true here. We can appreciate the simple pleasures of the season if we make the conscious choice to view events and activities through that lens. I know that sounds overly simplistic and naïve, so please allow me to explain.

Starting at least around Thanksgiving until after New Year’s, our schedules typically get supercharged. There are family events, get-togethers with friends, light displays, community festivals, volunteer opportunities, religious services, and the list could go on. All these activities are great, but we usually think of Christmas as a time to unwind and relax with loved ones. With so many commitments, how can we find the time?

We could shed some of the events filling up our calendars, but I do not think most of us want to do that. After all, we scheduled those things for a reason. They are worthwhile, and we do not want to pass them by. If we cannot create more time, then the answer is to make the most of the time we do have.

When we enter this season, we often view these events as a checklist. We must go to this or that event, then we have to go see so-and-so. We try to force the making of memories so that we check those boxes, which only adds more pressure to activities and interactions with others. It becomes less about the people or experiences themselves and more about extracting certain events or emotions that we think are required for a successful holiday season.

We set unreasonable expectations for ourselves and others rather than just appreciating the moment. I realize it can be difficult to not think about the next thing on the list and keep at bay the stress of deadlines and expectations. But as much as we are able, we should appreciate each moment for what it is. Try to avoid thinking about the negative aspects of an event or what you could be doing instead or how it is keeping you from something else. There will always be another event

on the horizon, so we need to teach ourselves to focus on the positive aspects of the present.

If you are dreading a family gathering, think about learning something new about a family member, even one who is disagreeable. If you are stressed about squeezing in volunteerism, think about how you can make it more festive and joyful. If you are frustrated with fellow shoppers, consider if you have the right balance between shopping and making memories with loved ones (and consider sympathy for your fellow shoppers who are in the same predicament!). If you feel pressured to give your kids certain holiday experiences, consider if you are trying too hard to force something they will resent later or if you are providing opportunities to make memories that will last a lifetime. If you are stressed and agitated, they will remember that, too.

The Christmas season can be chaotic, but what a shame if we enter the new year and realize we rushed through it with no real joy or memories. With the week of 2023 that we have left, I hope we focus on quality time with loved ones, investing where it matters, and enjoying the simple pleasures of the season.

## Fowlerville Senior Center Euchre Tournament being held monthly

The Fowlerville Senior Center is holding a Euchre Tournament on the second Saturday of each month, with the next one scheduled for Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>. The Center is located at 203 N. Collins Street.

Entry fee is \$10, with first, second and third-place prizes. Call 517-223-3929 to reserve a seat. Walk-ins welcome. You need not be a member of the Senior Center to play. A 50-50 raffle is also held and light refreshments available.

The proceeds are being used to purchase new tables and chair for the Center and to make improvements to its bathroom facilities.

## Livingston County Genealogical Society meeting via zoom on Jan. 11th

The Livingston County Genealogical Society will meet via zoom on Thursday, Jan. 11, at 7pm. Laressa Northrup will present “Religious Groups in Colonial Pennsylvania”. A link to this virtual meeting may be found on our Facebook page for the Livingston County Genealogical Society a few days before the Jan. 11th meeting. All are welcome.”



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(12-24 & 12-31-23 FNV)

## Fowlerville Fire Department Report

### December 14

6:18 a.m. Medical response on Jackson St in the Village.  
 2:22 p.m. Medical response on N Grand Ave in the Village.  
 7:21 p.m. Medical response on W Lovejoy Rd in Conway Township.

10:41 p.m. Medical response on Mason Rd in Iosco Township.

### December 15

11:41 a.m. Medical response on Grandshire Blvd in the Village.

2:07 p.m. Vehicle fire on Sherwood Rd in Conway Township.

3:29 p.m. Medical response on Nicholson Rd in Handy Township.

10:59 p.m. Medical response on Kleinschmidt Rd in Iosco Township.

### December 16

6:49 a.m. Medical response on Gehringer Dr in the Village.

10:57 p.m. Medical response on N Ann St in the Village.

### December 17

9:43 a.m. Medical response on E Frank St in the Village.

3:39 p.m. Medical response on N Ann St in the Village.

### December 18

4:33 a.m. Medical response on Talonna Trl in Iosco Township.

7:00 a.m. Medical response on James Dr in Handy Township.

7:12 p.m. Medical response on N Ann St in the Village.

9:27 p.m. Tree down on Hayner Rd in Conway Township.

### December 19

4:38 a.m. Medical response on Grandshire Blvd in the Village.

2:23 p.m. Medical response on N Grand Ave in the Village.

### December 20

12:11 a.m. Medical response on Huron Ct in Iosco Township.

11:00 a.m. Medical response on S Jackson St in the Village.

# LEGAL NOTICES

### Case No. 2023-0000031927-CH CIRCUIT COURT SALE

In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of the Circuit Court for the County of Livingston, State of Michigan, made and entered on the 19th day of October, A.D., 2023 in a certain cause therein pending, wherein Nicola's Contracting, Inc. was the Plaintiff and CL48 Properties, LLC, Equity Trust Company, custodian FBO William Mark Bilek IRA and Big Sky Developments, Inc. were the Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at public vendue, at the Livingston County Courthouse located at 204 S. Highlander Way, Howell, MI 48843 (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said County), on the 10th day of January, A.D., 2024 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, the following described property, viz: All certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Hamburg Township, County of Livingston and State of Michigan, described as follows: Tax ID: 4715-35-300-044

Commonly known as: Vacant Merrill Rd., Hamburg Twp, MI 48189

Land is located In the Township of Hamburg, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and described as follows: COMBINED PARCEL 8 and B-2: A parcel of land in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 35, Town 1 North, Range 5 East, Hamburg Township, Livingston County, State of Michigan, more particularly described as beginning at a point, said point being the Southwest corner of Section 35; proceeding thence from said POINT OF BEGINNING, North 02 degrees 11' 29" East 1748.34 feet, along the West line of Section 35; thence South 88 degrees 29' 00", East 404.21 feet; thence South 02 degrees 11' 29" East, 436.24 feet; thence South 87 degrees 05' 59" East 859.81 feet, along the South 1/8 line of Section 35, as monumented; thence South 02 degrees 54' 01" West 72.61 feet; thence 132.24 feet, along the arc of a 555.00 foot radius curve to the right, having a central angle of 13 degrees 39' 05", whose chord measures 131.92 feet and bears South 50 degrees 38' 15" East to a point of tangency for said arc; thence South 43 degrees 48' 42" East 433.55 feet, to a point of curve; thence 370.27 feet, along the arc of a 425.00 foot radius curve to the left, having a central angle of 49 degrees 55' 05", whose chord measures 358.67 feet and bears South 68 degrees 46' 15" East, to a point of tangency for said arc; thence North 86 degrees 16' 13" East 31.49 feet; thence South 03 degrees 43' 47" East 241.93 feet, along the center line of Merrill Road, to a point of curve; thence 22.15 feet along the arc of a 3633.99 foot radius curve; thence left, having a central angle of 00 degrees 20' 57", whose chord measures 22.15 feet and bears South 03 degrees 54' 16" East; thence South 85 degrees 38' 14" West 430.66 feet; thence North 01 degrees 54' 16" East 88.82 feet; thence North 29 degrees 04' 55" East 245.37 feet; thence 141.82 feet along the arc of a 475.00 foot radius curve to the right, having a central angle of 17 degrees 06' 23", whose chord measures 141.29 feet and bears North 52 degrees 21' 54" West to a point of tangency for said arc; thence North 43 degrees 48' 42" West 291.82 feet, to a point of curve; thence 52.35 feet along the arc of a 50.00 foot radius curve to the left, having a central angle of 59 degrees 59' 34", whose chord measures 49.99 feet and bears North 73 degrees 48' 30" West to a point of reverse curve; thence 130.88 feet along the arc of a 50.00 foot radius curve to the right, having a central angle of 149 degrees 58' 50", whose chord measures 96.59 feet and bears North 28 degrees 48' 52" West; thence North 43 degrees 48' 42" West 5.13 feet to a point of curve; thence 76.75 feet along the arc of a 505.00 foot radius curve to the left, having a central angle of 08 degrees 42' 28", whose chord measures 76.67 feet and bears North 48 degrees 10' 55" West; thence South 46 degrees 05' 20" West 357.24 feet; thence South 42 degrees 02' 34" East 524.74 feet; thence South 44 degrees 21' 09" East 131.05 feet; thence South 75 degrees 52' 46" East 165.68 feet thence South 01 degrees West 54' 16" West 207.35 feet; thence South 37 degrees 01' 43" East 248.71 feet thence North 88 degrees 05' 44" West 1808.28 feet, along the South line of Section 35 to the POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO the rights of the public over that part used for Merrill Road. SUBJECT TO a perpetual right of way

as described and recorded in Liber 192 of Deeds, page 171, Washtenaw County Records. SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH the use of, in conjunction with others, a private non-exclusive 50.00 feet wide, ingress, egress, public/private utility and storm water drainage/detention easement, as described below.

PRIVATE, NON-EXCLUSIVE 50.00 FEET WIDE, INGRESS, EGRESS, PUBLIC/PRIVATE UTILITY AND STORM WATER DRAINAGE EASEMENT: A private, non-exclusive, 50.00 feet wide, ingress, egress and public/private utility easement in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 35, Town 1 North, Range 5 East, Hamburg Township, Livingston County, State of Michigan, the center line of said easement being more particularly described as beginning at a point on the center line of Merrill Road, said point being distant the following four courses, from the Southwest corner of Section 35; North 02 degrees 11' 29" East 1321.86 feet, along the West line of Section 35; thence South 87 degrees 05' 59" East 1335.11 feet, along the South 1/8 line of Section 35, as monumented; thence South 87 degrees 13' 02" East 657.40 feet, along said South 1/8 line; thence South 03 degrees 43' 47" East 587.54 feet, along the center line of Merrill Road, to a POINT OF BEGINNING; proceeding thence, from said POINT OF BEGINNING, South 86 degrees 16' 13" West 31.49 feet, to a point of curve; thence 392.05 feet, along the arc of a 450.00 foot radius curve to the right, having a central angle of 49 degrees 55' 05", whose chord measures 379.77 feet and bears North 68 degrees 46' 15" West, to a point of tangency for said arc; thence North 43 degrees 48' 42" West 379.19 feet; thence South 44 degrees 25' 46" West 25.00 feet, to a point of ending for the center line of said 50 foot wide easement. Said point of ending being the radius point for a 50 foot radius cul-de-sac with a 50 foot reverse radius return. SUBJECT TO a 12 foot wide private easement for private and public utilities being over, under and across the Westerly 12 feet of the Easterly 45 feet of Parcel 1, Parcel 2, Parcel 3, Parcel 4, Parcel 5 and Parcel 8 and said 12 foot wide easement being also adjacent to and lying outside of the above described 50 foot wide ingress, egress cul-de-sac easement.

PRIVATE, NON-EXCLUSIVE, STORM WATER DRAINAGE DETENTION EASEMENT: An area of land over part of Parcel 8 for storm water detention and drainage being in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 35, Town 1 North, Range 5 East, Hamburg Township, Livingston County, State of Michigan, more particularly described as beginning at a point on the center line of Merrill Road, said point being distant the following four courses, from the Southwest corner of Section 35; North 02 degrees 11' 29" East 1321.86 feet, along the West line of Section 35; thence South 87 degrees 05' 59" East 1335.11 feet, along the South 1/8 line of Section 35, as monumented; thence South 87 degrees 13' 02" East 657.40 feet, along said South 1/8 line; thence South 03 degrees 43' 47" East 612.54 feet along the center line of Merrill Road, to a POINT OF BEGINNING proceeding thence from said POINT OF BEGINNING, South 03 degrees 43' 47" East 241.93 feet, along the center line of Merrill Road, to a point of curve; thence 22.15 feet, along the center line of Merrill Road and the arc of a 3633.99 foot radius curve to the left, having a central angle of 00 degrees 20' 57", whose chord measures 22.15 feet and bears South 03 degrees 54' 16" East; thence South 85 degrees 38' 14" West 430.66 feet; thence North 01 degrees 54' 16" East 88.82 feet; thence North 85 degrees 38' 14" 150.00 feet; thence North 29 degrees 04' 55" East 167.13 feet; thence 145.36 feet along the arc of a 475.00 and foot radius curve to the left; having a central angle of 17 degrees 32' 02", whose chord measures 144.79 feet and bears South 84 degrees 57' 46" East, to a point of tangency for said arc; thence North 86 degrees 16' 13" East 31.49 feet, to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

This property may be redeemed during the two (2) month redemption period following the sale.

Dated: November 6, 2023

Anna Cleypool Deputy Sheriff

Gary D. Klein (P49223)

Attorney for Plaintiff

(11-12)(12-24)

(11-12, 11-19, 11-26, 12-3, 12-10, 12-17 & 12-24-23 FNV)

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT.

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

MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Gary W. Rutterbush, Jr. and Kristina Rutterbush, husband and wife, whose address is 10975 Four Lakes Drive, South Lyon, Michigan 48178, as original Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation, being a mortgage dated August 26, 2016, and recorded on September 2, 2016 with Document Number 2016R-026586, Livingston County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated November 27, 2023 and recorded on November 28, 2023 and given Document Number 2023R-021763 in Livingston County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWO HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHT AND 34/100 DOLLARS (\$215,978.34).

Said premises are situated in the Township of Green Oak, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and are described as: Lot 38, Four Lakes Community Subdivision No. 2, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 10 of Plats, Page(s) 15, Livingston County Records. Street Address: 10975 Four Lakes Drive, South Lyon, Michigan 48178

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

ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: December 3, 2023

For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Kenneth J. Johnson, Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 18, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Telephone: (312) 541-9710. File No.: MI 23 5440

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# LEGAL NOTICES

## FORECLOSURE NOTICE NOTICE OF SALE

TO ALL PURCHASERS - A lien has been recorded on behalf of Marion Creek Condominium Association. The lien was executed on August 8, 2023 and recorded on August 9, 2023, as Instrument 2023R-014861, Livingston County Register of Deeds. The lien secures assessments and other sums as of the date hereof in the amount of Three Thousand Five Hundred and Forty Six Dollars and Eighty-Six Cents (\$3,546.86).

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Under the power of sale contained in the recorded Condominium Documents and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212 that the lien will be foreclosed by a sale of the property described below, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, at the main entrance of the Judicial Center located in Howell, Michigan (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said County), on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 10:00 am, Eastern Standard Time.

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

The name of the record property owner is Paul Geoffrey Black and Saleena Ellen Black, and is situated in the Township of Marion, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and is legally described as follows: Unit 89, of Marion Creek, a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Instrument No. 2017R-031835, et seq., Livingston County Records, as amended, and designated as Livingston County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 418. Sidwell No. 4710-02-103-089

Commonly known as: 1145 Weatherstone Lane, Howell, Michigan 48843

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

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

Dated: November 16, 2023

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

(11-26)(12-24)

(11-26, 12-3, 12-10, 12-17 & 12-24-23 FNV)

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MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jackie D. Morrow, single man, whose address is 6030 Academy Drive, Brighton, Michigan 48116, as original Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as a nominee for Union Home Mortgage Corp., being a mortgage dated March 19, 2021, and recorded on April 2, 2021 with Document Number 2021R-014260, Livingston County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned through mesne assignments to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated May 26, 2023 and recorded on May 26, 2023 and given Document Number 2023R-009736 in Livingston County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY AND 10/100 DOLLARS (\$251,730.10).

Said premises are situated in the Township of Green Oak, County of Livingston, State of Michigan, and are described as: Lot 24, Victoria Park Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 5 of Plats, Page 11, Livingston County Records. Street Address: 6030 Academy Drive, Brighton, Michigan 48116

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: December 10, 2023

For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Kenneth J. Johnson, Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 18, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Telephone: (312) 541-9710. File No.: MI 23 5413

(12-10)(12-31)

(12-10, 12-17, 12-24 & 12-31-23 FNV)

## Consumers Energy continues natural gas investment to reduce long-term costs

Consumers Energy is continuing its \$1 billion annual investment in the company's natural gas delivery system as part of its Natural Gas Delivery Plan, resulting in miles of aging and outdated pipeline replaced every year and reducing long-term costs for customers by providing cleaner, more reliable natural gas for decades to come.

"While exploration of other affordable, clean energy alternatives continues, natural gas remains the most cost-effective means of heating homes and businesses in places like Michigan," said Chris Fultz, vice president of gas operations for Consumers Energy. "We take seriously our responsibility to provide that gas to millions of customers that need it from us, and that is why we're making our system stronger, safer and more affordable than ever before."

The work to increase reliability of the company's natural gas storage and delivery systems has resulted in:

- Upgrades to transmission infrastructure, including the Mid-Michigan Pipeline.
- The removal of pipe made from vintage materials, in some cases more than 60 years old.
- The replacement of outdated mains and services with streamlined processes.
- The support of hundreds of construction jobs each year.

To continue facilitating these improvements — including the replacement of 30 miles of pipeline crossing three counties in 2023 alone — the company has filed a natural gas rate case with the Michigan Public Service Commission. While some customers could potentially see a small increase on their bill, the average customer would still be paying less than \$3 a day to feed their family and heat their home.

"Our ultimate goal is to keep costs as low as possible for our customers in the years to come, but we have to make these investments in the short term to achieve that goal," said Holly Bowers, vice president of gas engineering and supply for Consumers Energy. "We understand the significant burden even a small increase can be for our most vulnerable customers, and that is why we've also continued to invest in and develop programs and opportunities that can reduce that burden and provide assistance in other meaningful ways."

Consumers Energy provided more than \$25 million last winter to help homes and businesses with rising energy costs, and recently announced a more than \$1 million investment in a series of initiatives to improve quality of life and reduce bills for customers in historically disadvantaged communities.

Those in need of help should contact 2-1-1, a free service that connects Michiganders with nonprofits to find help with basic needs, from energy bills to food and shelter. Consumers Energy customers also should call 800-477-5050 if they are facing challenges with their bill.

Many people can manage their winter bills by starting with tips at home or work. Learn more at [ConsumersEnergy.com/coldweather](http://ConsumersEnergy.com/coldweather).

- Have your heating system tuned and inspected by a service professional. Heat losses from a poorly maintained system can range between 1-2 percent a year.
- Clean or replace your furnace filter often during the heating season. If your furnace can "breathe" more easily, it will use less energy.
- Dial your thermostat down at night and add an extra blanket for warmth.
- Make sure your attic, basement, garage and exterior doors are closed to prevent cold drafts from getting in and heat from getting out.
- Turn on your ceiling fan. Ceiling fans set at a slow speed push warm air away from the ceiling and move it around the room without creating a chilling breeze.

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Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9am-6pm,  
Sat. 9am-2pm, Sun. Closed

Fowlerville High School would like to inform parents/guardians of a new resource for information. Our "Virtual Counseling Office" has links for future planning, mental health and community resources, scheduling options and setting a meeting with a counselor and much more. This information can be found on Fowlerville High School Webpage under the Counseling Department.

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Fowlerville Community Schools, in a joint effort with all Livingston County Schools, would like to invite all families to our first monthly mental health series for parents. Each month, every school in Livingston County will host the same parent meeting designed by the Cook Center at 6:30 pm.

The series will cover several topics that parents and children are battling. Topics include:

- Jan 11 @ 6:30 pm - Effects of screen time
- Feb 8 @ 6:30 pm - Building your child's confidence.
- March 14 @ 6:30 pm - Bullying
- April 11 @ 6:30 pm - Substance abuse and vaping

In each meeting, parents will learn simple strategies to help you respond to your child when they are facing these challenges or learn more about each one if it is ever needed. The cost is completely free to all families and is a valuable resource.

There are two options for attending the parent meetings. You can attend in person at our High School Media Center or virtually via the links provided in the attachments. We know your lives are busy, but we hope that you may be able to find the time to attend this informational series. Attending in person

will allow you to connect with other families as we all navigate raising confident and healthy children. Please contact Amanda Robertson, our mental health specialist, with any questions you may have [atrobertsona@fowlervilleschools.org](mailto:atrobertsona@fowlervilleschools.org). We hope to see you all there!

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**CLASS OF 2024 PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND STUDENTS:** Class of 2024 FAFSA Update. The Federal Government has announced that the updated FAFSA will be open for applicants by 12/31. Before you stop reading, please remember that Michigan is a state that uses the FAFSA application for all State Scholarships and Grants as well as some college scholarship opportunities. This is free money that does not need to be paid back and can be used at trade schools, certificate bearing programs, community colleges, as well as 2-4-year universities and colleges.

At the start of the year, we were informed that all a student would need to complete their portion of the FAFSA was their contributor's (Parent/Guardian) name and email. With this information, we walked the students through Step 1: Getting their Student Aid ID. We also booked a financial aid specialist to host a workshop during the school day to walk students through completing their application. Unfortunately, the Federal Government is now requiring students to have their contributor's social security number among other items. Knowing parents/guardians would not want their students to have this information we need to pivot our plans.

In lieu of the in-school workshop, we have booked an online event with a financial aid specialist to be held on 1/17 at 8pm. This way the specialist will be able to walk you and your student through the process from the comfort of your home without the concern of your social security information being in the hands of a high school student. This event is only for Fowlerville seniors and their families (please see email from 12/4 for FAFSA and workshop links). All questions can be answered, especially ones like who should be the contributor, divorced families, guardianship as well as tips and tricks to get the most aid.

It is our goal that all graduating seniors have the tools available to take their next steps after high school. One of the most difficult conversations we have with students and their families is about missing deadlines for things like financial aid, or when a student changes their mind from entering the workforce and wants to attend a trade school or community college and have not taken the necessary steps to help pay for it.

We hope you take advantage of this opportunity. We appreciate your time and are excited for the class of 2024. If you have any questions, please email: [hardbrookj@fowlervilleschools.org](mailto:hardbrookj@fowlervilleschools.org).

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### SENIOR LOCK-IN

The Class of 2024 is looking forward to making their Senior year one full of memories that will last a lifetime! The seniors have created an Amazon wishlist that is full of practical items that will be raffled off during the Senior Lock-In. Any donations from the Amazon Wishlist below will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support of our Seniors! See News & Views on the Fowlerville HS page for qr code.  
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## MARION TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED MINUTES DECEMBER 14, 2023

The regular meeting of the Marion Township Board was held on Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 7:30 pm. Members Present: Hanvey, Andersen, Durbin, Donovan, Lowe, and Beal. Members Absent: Lloyd. 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 accept FY 2022-23 audit and allow auditor to file with state; motion carried to pay accounting firm invoice for \$22,535. 5) Motion carried to adopt a resolution to accept LESA summer tax agreement. 6) Motion carried to adopt a resolution to accept Howell Public Schools Summer Tax agreement. 7) Motion carried to have Spicer Group bid walking path project. 8) Motion carried to table Sierra Drive light issue until January 11, 2024 meeting. 9) Correspondence & Updates. 10) Call to the Public. 11) Motion to adjourn at 9:14 pm.

Tammy L. Beal, MMC  
Township Clerk

Robert W. Hanvey  
Township Supervisor  
(12-24-23 FNV)





## Merry Christmas! 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Advent

By Susan Kretchman

We have arrived at the end of our advent destination! With the lighting of the fourth candle on advent wreaths, we celebrate the concept of “love”. Some churches will add in a fifth candle as well, but our focus is on the depth of God’s love for mankind, a measure of love that remains inconceivable to the human mind, yet understood by embracing humility and surrender to His sovereignty.

The flame burning on the fourth purple candle also draws us in to ponder and embrace that through the sacrifice of Christ’s life all who put their trust and faith in Him will enjoy eternity with God forever.

Four unique forms of love are found in Scripture. They are communicated through four Greek words (Eros, Storge, Philia, and Agape) and are characterized by romantic love, family love, brotherly love, and God’s divine love. In our English language, we often use the word “love” describing our feelings for a variety of reasons... I love my family. I love being outside. I love a good meal. I love a good cup of hot coffee. Not so with God. His definition of loving us far exceeds reducing it to comparisons we make in our own minds.

This depth of love that God has for us is personified in His Son Jesus. Prophecy foretold of the birth for hundreds of years until the time came for a virgin to conceive and bring forth God’s one and only son. He was born in Bethlehem (Bet

Lehem in Hebrew) which means “House of Bread”. Is it any coincidence that in ministry 30 some years later Jesus would refer to Himself as “*the bread of life*”?

Jesus’ birth was also one of great humility and commonplace circumstances. Joseph and Mary had traveled to Bethlehem to be counted in a census, thus returning to their hometown to register as direct descendents of David. Normally, they would have stayed with relatives but because homes were filling up with other families, they found lodging in a stable housing animals. Time came for the birth of the Christ-child and His mother laid Him in a manger which was literally an open box for fodder for stable animals. Mary also wrapped Him in swaddling cloths which was customary for new mothers to do with their newborns. These clothes consisted of *strips of cloth* tied together to be wrapped around an individual much like binding a wound in a gauze bandage. Indeed, the Hebrew word, of which “swaddling” is the English translation, denotes *clothes used in the binding of broken limbs* (Ezekiel 30:21).

Also, the significance of swaddling clothes was that EVERY Passover lamb was wrapped in swaddling cloths when born. Jesus was the ultimate Passover lamb. (1Cor. 5:7) Passover lambs as well as any lamb sacrificed at the temple had certain criteria to be met... they had to be certified.

This baby that Christians celebrate all over the world at Christmas was no ordinary child. From the beginning of time beyond human comprehension, God had in mind a need for man’s redemption from sin and darkness. This tiny baby Jesus—wrapped in swaddling cloths—would one day be bound with chains when arrested by the chief priests and turned over to Pilate. Chains were ultimately replaced with burial cloths, *strips of linen*. (Matthew 27: 1-2; 11-26) From swaddling clothes to chains, to burial cloths, lying on cold hard stone, the body of Jesus was kept safe and secure for His ultimate purpose in leaving heaven and coming to earth—to love us and prepare us for eternal life.

This Christmas, when you sing “*Away in a Manger*”, my prayer is that you can see the baby lying in a cold, stone trough..... I pray that as you imagine his tiny body being

wrapped in swaddling cloths, that you connect with a mother’s tender love for a baby entrusted to her by her own heavenly father, that you realize a small innocent baby’s body will grow in maturity to that of a thirty-year-old man who will be bruised and broken for mankind. He will leave an empty manger behind. He will also leave an empty tomb behind because *He IS the bread of life*, He is the *Light of the Word*, and *He is the literal personification of love!*

Merry Christmas!

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWNSHIP OF CONWAY, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Planning Commission of Conway Township will hold a public hearing for January 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Conway Township Hall, 8015 N. Fowlerville Road, Fowlerville, MI 48836 to consider an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance to regulate wind energy systems.

The tentative text of the ordinance may be examined at the Conway Township Hall, 8015 N. Fowlerville Road, Fowlerville, MI 48836 during regular business hours.

The Township will receive written comments concerning the proposed ordinance at the Conway Township Hall, 8015 N. Fowlerville Road, Fowlerville, MI 48836. Comments must be received by the Township prior to the start of the public hearing on January 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services who are planning to attend the hearing should notify the Township Clerk, Elizabeth Whitt, within a reasonable time in advance of the date of the hearing.

Elizabeth Whitt, Clerk  
Conway Township  
8015 N. Fowlerville Road  
Fowlerville, MI 48836  
517-223-0358  
(12-24-23 FNV)

### From unapproved Minutes of the December 19, 2023 Conway Township Regular Board Meeting 7:00 pm

Regular meeting Synopsis

Supervisor W Grubb called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.

Present: Supervisor William Grubb, Clerk Elizabeth Whitt, Treasurer Debra Grubb, Trustee George Pushies, Trustee Amy Crampton-Atherton, Attorney Abby Cooper.

The following Motions were made:

- Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed.
- Call to the public: 4 attendees spoke regarding Secluded acres and shipping containers.
- Motion to approve agenda as amended. Motion passed.
- Resolution No 231219-03 regarding international fire code. Roll call vote: unanimous yes.
- Motion to raise Election workers pay to \$15/hr for poll workers and \$18/hr for chairs. No raise since 2016. Made by Whitt, supported by D Grubb. Motion passed.
- Resolution No 231219-01 regarding Cemetery Ordinance offered by Whitt, supported by D Grubb. Roll call vote: unanimous yes.
- Motion to amend the poverty exemption policy. Motion passed.
- Motion to accept the bids for the New Ballot Box Camera (PTZ) and 32 CH NVR Upgrade. Roll call vote: Whitt, W Grubb, D Grubb, and Crampton-Atherton – Yes; Pushies – No.
- Motion to accept the Premium Roofing bid. Roll call vote: unanimous yes.
- Motion to make amendments to the planning commission training policy. Motion passed.
- Motion to refer storage container ordinance to Planning Commission for further review. Motion passed.
- 9:35pm motion to go into closed session. Motion passed.
- Motion to return to open session effective 10:49pm. Motion passed.
- Call to the public: one attendee spoke about Secluded Acres.
- Motion to adjourn at 10:54pm. Motion passed.

Elizabeth Whitt  
Conway Township Clerk  
(12-24-23 FNV)



## Savvy Senior Column

By Jim Miller

### Smart Home Devices to Help Seniors Age in Place

Dear Savvy Senior,

*I've been talking to my mobility challenged mother, who lives alone, about automating her house with some smart home products to make it more convenient. She's very interested but we'd like to get your opinion as to which types of smart devices are most helpful for seniors aging in place.*

Searching Daughter

Dear Searching,

If your mother is game, smart home products – such as smart lights, video doorbells and voice-activated speakers – can be very useful for aging in place. These devices can add safety and convenience to a home by providing voice and app-controlled operation, which is extremely helpful for seniors who have mobility issues or reduced vision.

Smart home technology can also provide family members peace-of-mind by giving them the ability to electronically keep tabs on their elder loved one when they can't be there.

If you're interested in adding some smart home products to your mom's house, she'll need home Wi-Fi installed, and she'll need either a smartphone, tablet or smart speaker to operate them. To help you get started, here are

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Laying the wreaths were, from left, Tom Phibbs, David Lindsay, Jason Gutierrez, Roger Deaton, Tom Couling, Steve Whitney, Captain Nicolas Rivera, Dave Mester, Tony Coln, Bob Feig, and Sherri Beyrle.

## ‘Wreaths Across America’ observed at Greenwood Cemetery on Dec. 16th

By Steve Horton

This past Saturday, Dec. 16, a ‘Wreaths Across America’ ceremony was held at Fowlerville’s Greenwood Cemetery. The event was part of a nationwide observance that took place at hundreds of sites throughout the United States.

‘Wreaths Across America’ is held to remember and honor those who have served or are serving in the military along with first responders and to also teach the younger generation of the service and sacrifices made to protect the nation and its liberties.

While the observance has been taking place for several years, this was only the fifth time that it’s been held at Greenwood Cemetery.

The Fowlerville 4th of July Committee and the Village of Fowlerville were co-sponsors of the event.

Prior to the event, individuals, businesses, and organizations were invited to sponsor wreaths—which are purchased through the national ‘Wreaths Across America’ organization—so that they could be placed at the gravesites of the veterans in the cemetery. Over 460 were purchased this year.

The program started off with a prayer by Michael Gibson of the Howell American Legion Post 141.

The Livingston County Sheriff Department Color Guard and members of the local Civil Air Patrol then posted the colors, followed by the singing of the National Anthem by Michelle Johnson and opening remarks by Brandon Denby, the Livingston County Register of Deeds and chair of the 4th of July Committee who served as the emcee of the program.

The speakers for the ceremony included Fowlerville Village President Carol Hill, former State Rep. Hank Vaupel, and State Senator Lana Theis.

Their remarks were followed by the ceremonial placing of wreaths to honor all those who have served and are serving in the different branches of the military or as first responders and also a special wreath to honor Vietnam War-era veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange while in the service. Denby introduced each of them.

Tom Phibbs, the Jr. Vice Commander for VFW Post 6464 located in Fowlerville, who served as a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force, laid a Veteran’s wreath in honor of the over 81,000 United States Servicemen and women from all branches of the service whose last known status was either Prisoners of War or Missing in Action. These individuals have never returned to their families and homes. We shall not forget you.

David Lindsay, who served with the United States Army laid a veteran’s wreath in memory of those who served and are serving in the United States Army.

Jason Gutierrez, who served in the United States Marine Corps, laid a veteran’s wreath in memory of those who served and are serving in the United States Marine Corps.

Roger Deaton, who served in the United States Navy, laid a veteran’s wreath in memory of those who served and are serving in the United States Navy.



The Honor Guard from the David Murningham Detachment 161 of the Livingston County Marine Corps League performed the rifle salute.



The unfolding and presentation of the American flag was part of the military honors.



Michelle Johnson, a member of the Fowlerville July 4th Committee sang the National Anthem. At left was Brandon Denby, chair of the committee, who emceed the ceremony. In back were guest speakers Carol Hill, Fowlerville Village President, former State Rep. Hank Vaupel and State Senator Lana Theis.



From left were guest speaker Lana Theis, David Mester who laid the ‘Agent Orange Awareness’ Wreath, and guest speaker Hank Vaupel, a former State Rep. and U.S. Army veteran.



Among the members of the Fowlerville July 4th Committee who put on the event were, from left, Jim Mayhew, Melissa Salgado, Mike Brunger, Brandon Denby, Michelle Johnson, Mary Helfmann, Diane Kernozek, and Jim Kernozek.

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The Livingston County Sheriff Department Color Guard and members of the local Civil Air Patrol posted the colors at the start the program.



Members of the Howell Junior ROTC assisted with the wreath laying.

## ‘Wreaths Across America’, continued

Tom Couling, who served in the United States Air Force, laid a veteran’s wreath in memory of those who served and are serving in the United States Air Force.

Steve Whitney, the Senior Vice Commander with VFW Post 6464, laid a wreath on behalf of all of those who served and are serving the United States Coast Guard and Merchant Marines.

Captain Nichola Rivera, who is actively serving in the Michigan Army National Guard, laid a veteran’s wreath in memory of those who served and are serving in the Michigan Army National Guard or the Michigan Air Guard.

Dave Mester, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps, had the honor of laying the ‘Agent Orange Awareness’ Wreath which is tied to the special certificate being given to Vietnam War-era veterans—living and deceased.

“Beginning this year, Michigan is recognizing its veterans who served in the Vietnam War era with a special certificate program developed by the state Legislature and signed into law by the Governor,” Denby informed the audience.

“More than 400,000 Michigan servicemen and women served during the Vietnam War era,” Denby continued, adding that “A total of 2,651 Michigan service members lost their lives in the war.”

The certificate is available to those who served during the Vietnam War era (Feb. 28, 1961—May 7, 1975); were honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances; and are citizens of Michigan or were citizens of the state while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces (Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps or Navy, including the Michigan National Guard and Reserve components). The certificate also includes an option of a special designation recognizing individuals who were exposed to Agent Orange during their service. To receive this designation, the service member must have been exposed to dioxin or phenoxy herbicides, as evidenced by a medical diagnosis. “According to VA projections, there were 191,632 Vietnam War-era veterans living in Michigan in 2020, making it the largest veteran population of any era,” Denby noted. “One of those Vietnam veterans is David Mester, who played a key role in getting the legislation for the Michigan Vietnam Veteran Recognition Certificate passed. Mester, a Marine Corps veteran from Livingston County, received the first certificate on August 1st in recognition of his service in the Vietnam War and his exposure to Agent Orange. The certificate is signed by the Gov. and Major Gen. Paul D. Rogers, Michigan’s adjutant general. “The Vietnam veterans’ Agent Orange Certificate recognizes veterans affected by Agent Orange and provides closure to widows and families who lost loved ones from this deadly defoliant,” he explained.

Officer Tony Coln of the Fowlerville Police Department and Chief Bob Feig of the Fowlerville Fire Department laid a wreath in memory of all who have served and are serving our community as first responders.

Sherri Beyrle, a Blue Star wife, laid a Gold and Blue Star veteran’s wreath in honor of her husband Specialist Joe Beyrle who is serving in the Middle East with the Michigan Army National Guard for all of those families who, Denby noted “have stood strong and supported our men and women as they left home to serve our great country and furthermore respect to those who have never made it home and have given



the ultimate sacrifice for our country.”

“Beginning with the Beyrle family and extending to all Gold Star and Blue Star families, we can’t thank your families enough for your sacrifices,” he added.

Next in the program was the performing of military honors which included the unfolding of the American flag, a rifle salute by the Honor Guard from the David Murningham Detachment 161 of the Livingston County Marine Corps League, and the playing of TAPS by Dylan Riley, a member of the Fowlerville High School Marching Band.

“We encourage everyone here today whether placing a wreath or not, to stop by a veteran’s gravesite, and say the veterans name aloud,” Denby said. “Take a moment to thank them for their service to our country. It’s a small act that goes a long way toward keeping the memory of our veterans alive.

“And remember we’re not here today to “Decorate Graves.” We’re here to remember, not their deaths, but their lives. Each wreath is a gift of appreciation from a grateful America.”

“These live balsam fir wreaths symbolize our honor to those who have served and are serving in the armed forces of our great nation and to their families who endure sacrifices everyday on our behalf. To our children, we want you to understand the freedoms you enjoy today have not been free but have come with a cost that someday, you may have to pay yourself.”

“As a nation standing together, we can defeat terrorism, hatred and injustice. Thanks to our veterans, we have the freedom to do just that.”



Dylan Riley, a member of the Fowlerville High School Marching Band, played the TAPS.

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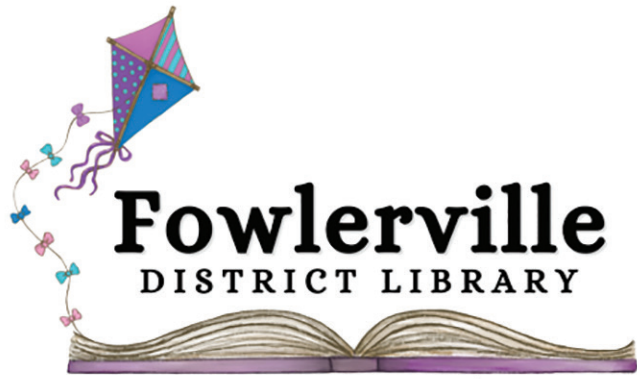
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 Friday: 9:30 am to 6:00 pm  
 Saturday: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm  
 Sunday: Closed

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

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### STORYTIME

#### Family Storytime (Ages 1-5)

Have fun singing songs, reading stories, dancing, and playing!  
 Tuesdays & Wednesdays, Jan 9 & 10 • 10am

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#### PJ Storytime (Ages 1-5)

Wear your pjs for an evening storytime. We will have snacks & crafts. Bring a blanket and stuffie to be extra cozy.  
 Jan 8 • 6pm

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### KIDS & FAMILY

#### Perler Bead Party (Ages 7-12)

Join Storm to make your own Perler Bead creation.  
 Friday, Jan 12 • 4 – 5pm

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#### Chess Club

Join the Chess Club! The Mid-Michigan Jr. Chess Club will meet. All levels are welcome from beginner to advanced!  
 Saturdays, Jan 6-27 • 1-3:30pm

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#### Kids Kraftevenings (Ages 7-12)

Drop in and get crafty with a new and exciting craft each

month! Supplies provided. Monday, Jan 8 • 4-5pm

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#### Lego Club (Ages 7-12)

Build your own Lego creations and complete challenges  
 Thurs, Jan 11 • 4pm

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#### My First Escape Room-Sponge Bob (Youth)

Where's Gary? Can you find him? No prior knowledge of Sponge Bob is required. Sign up for a time slot. Fri & Sat Jan 19 3:30, 4, 4:30, 5 & Jan 20 10:30, 11, 11:30 12pm

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#### Crochet Kits

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

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#### Cozy Crafting by the Fireplace

Join Mary to work on your craft or learn to knit and start a beginner project. Help is also offered for the aforementioned crochet kits. Monday, Feb 5 • 3-5pm

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#### Homeschool Social

Meet for learning, fun and snacks. Mondays, Jan 8-29 • 12-1:30 pm

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#### New Graphic Novel Club (Ages 7-12)

Join Storm for a discussion on Bad Guys #1.  
 Jan. 22 • 4-5pm

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#### Book Boxes (All ages)

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

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### TEENS

#### Teen Crafting (Teens)

Join Mary and drop in to make crafts such as flower pounding, resin jewelry, fairy making, diamond painting, and much more! Wednesdays, Jan 3-31 • 2:30-4:00 pm

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#### Twitch Streaming (All Ages)

Join Connor and Tally and get sneak peeks of new games!  
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 Mondays, Jan 8 – 29 • 3:30-4:30pm

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#### Board Games with Connor (Age 10+)

Join Connor and friends for some after school fun.  
 Tuesdays, Jan 3-31 • 3-5pm

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#### Dungeons & Dragons (Ages 12-18)

Come play D&D 5th Edition! No prior experience needed.  
 Wednesdays, Jan 3-31 • 2:30-5pm

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#### Switch Free Play (Ages 10-18)

Open gaming time with the

library's Switch.

Fridays, Dec. 22 • 2:30-5 pm

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#### Jr. High Yoga with Mrs. Duke (Ages 11-15)

Come after school and give yoga a try.  
 Wednesday, Jan 16 - Feb 6 & 20 • 3pm

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### ADULTS

#### Whimsical Gnomes

Join Cindy and Jackie to make decorative gnomes to brighten your tabletop after other decorations are put away. Registration is required. Thursday Jan 4 • 6:30 pm

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#### Yoga with Vanessa (Adults)

Join Vanessa Duke for a new yoga class, no cost, just bring your mat or use one of ours. We will take a holiday break.  
 Wednesdays, Jan 10-31 • 5pm

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#### Jam Session

Join Mr. Damerow for some musical collaboration. Bring your horn, keyboard, harmonica, or whatever you have and join the fun. Tues. Jan 16 • 5:00 – 7:30pm

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#### Cardmaking (Adults)

Join Mary to make 4 greeting cards with a theme of "Winter". Registration is required.  
 Thurs Jan 18 • 6:30 pm, Fri Jan 19 • 11am

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#### Scrapbooking (Adults)

Join Mary to scrapbook your favorite photos. Stay the whole time or for just a few hours. Snacks will be provided. Everyone gets their own table. Registration is required.  
 Sat Jan 20 • 10:30 – 3:30

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#### Awesome Monday Book Group (Adults)

This is a traditional book discussion group. You can get a copy of the book at the front desk. Next meeting, we will discuss Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley.  
 Jan 22 • 2 pm

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#### Beyond the Book Discussion Group (Adults)

Book discussion plus movie or documentary. Books are available at the front desk. Next meeting, we will discuss OLIVER TWIST by Charles Dickens. Dec 28 • 6:30 pm

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#### Sewing with Patty (Adults)

By special request evening hours have been added. Bring your sewing machine and get ready for some fun. Registration Required.  
 Wednesday Jan 17 • 6 pm  
 Friday Jan 12 • 11am

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# What Does It Mean?

By Jace Arledge

I think we have lost what this time of year is supposed to mean. A time when we should be making America GREAT by helping, loving and reaching out to our fellow man, we do the exact opposite. We judge others, find faults and create chaos.

I'm not talking about the religious connotation; that doesn't mean that I don't believe, no, it means that I understand a little different than others. It means that after years of Seminary school, religious education and working for TWO different denominations I have finally been enlightened, beyond the belief that one MUST abide by a book to be a good/loving/caring and empathetic person.

With all the Christmas music that has been written and recorded over the millennium, those that aren't about the birth of Jesus or angels singing to shepherds can oftentimes offer a most profound message to those who are willing to listen.

I have a few songs that I want to share:

**1. "Do They Know It's Christmas" – Band Aid (1984, 1994 and 2014)**

This song was written and performed by various artists in those years and the proceeds of the first two went to relieve the famine that occurred in Ethiopia, and the third to the Ebola crisis that occurred in Africa.

The song touches on the idea that while many people in the United States who are free of poverty, disease and famine are celebrating Christmas, there are others whose concern is survival rather than celebration. This song encourages charity, love, and conscientiousness; truly aligning with the spirit of Christmas.

**2. "Someday At Christmas" - Stevie Wonder 1967**

Written by Ron Miller and Bryan Wells

Released during the Vietnam War, this song takes a stand for peace and equality and compassion. Many artists have covered this song because of the message. To let those who listen realize that even though almost 60 years have passed we as the "greatest country" are still fighting for peace, equality and compassion. It's a friendly reminder to all that spreading love and kindness is what's important.

*Someday at Christmas there'll be no wars  
When we have learned what Christmas is for  
When we have found what life's really worth  
There'll be peace on earth*

*Someday all our dreams will come to be  
Someday in a world where men are free  
Maybe not in time for you and me  
But someday at Christmastime*

**3. "So This is Christmas" – John Lennon/Yoko Ono (with the Harlem Community Choir) 1971**

This song, written in its time frame, promoted personal accountability and empowerment to stop the then Vietnam War, yet these words can work today. "War is over if you want it" and "So this is Christmas and what have you done?"

This particular song has had such an impact that many artists from The Fray, Neil Diamond and Celine Dion have covered it to continue to share the message.

**4. "Where Are You Christmas" – Faith Hill 2000**

This song from 'The Grinch Who Stole Christmas' brings "the feels" every time I hear it. I think it's because it reminds each one of us that Christmas isn't about presents, and food, and it isn't just one day a year—it's ALL YEAR.

Next time you watch the 'Grinch Who Stole Christmas', pay attention to a few lines:

"That's what it's all about, isn't it?"

That's what it's always been about, GIFTS, GIFTS, GIFTS,

## GIFTS!!

You wanna know what happens to your gifts? They all come to me in your garbage!"

"It came without ribbons; it came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags. Maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas... perhaps... means a little bit more."

Then at the end of that movie when Cindy Lou's dad says "I don't need anything more for Christmas than this right here: my family."

**5. "My Grown Up Christmas List" – Natalie Cole 1990**

For my last song, I chose this song that has been recorded by Amy Grant, Kelly Clarkson, Bryan Duncan, Chuck Negron, B.J. Thomas, Donny Osmond, Barbara Streisand, Michael Buble, Lea Salonga, Clay Aiken, Manhattan Transfer, Little River Band,

Aretha Franklin, Lauren Alaina, Pentatonix, and Katharine McPhee. WOW!!! Usually a song that is recorded that many times, there were many more but these were the most notable performers. The song has some weight and meaning. Let's look at it.

*Do you remember me  
I sat upon your knee  
I wrote to you with childhood fantasies*

*Well I'm all grown up now  
And still need help somehow  
I'm not a child but my heart still can dream*

*So here's my lifelong wish  
My grown up Christmas list  
Not for myself but for a world in need*

When you read those above words, you can already see that the focus is not on "YOU" or "MY" wants, it's filled with concern, compassion and love for the fellow humans in this world. Then reading the chorus, you can see how much love is being sent out. There is no jealousy, anger, hatred. It's about helping your friends.

*No more lives torn apart  
That wars would never start  
And time would heal all hearts  
And everyone would have a friend*

*And right would always win  
And love would never end, no  
This is my grown up Christmas list*

May this season bring a change in your heart, a deeper understanding of things you don't understand and genuine concern, compassion, love and wellbeing to all you come in contact with.

Merry Christmas, Happy

Holidays and a Happy New Year.

Stay kind and LOVE unconditionally!

Til Next Time. . .

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# Webberville Report

**Webberville  
Elementary  
students perform  
annual holiday  
concert**

Written in collaboration with Katelyn Kubiak  
On Dec. 14, the kindergarten through fourth grade students at Webberville Elementary performed their annual holiday concert. Kindergarten sang 'S-A-N-T-A', which is a song to the tune of Bingo. First graders did 'Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer', second graders offered 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town', third graders sang 'Jingle Bells', and fourth graders did 'Frosty the Snowman'.

Elementary music teacher Ms. Tredway said, "I feel like my first elementary performance at Webberville went quite well! I am super proud of the students, and all the hard work they put into it. I think that each grade did an amazing job, and I hope that those who were in the audience enjoyed the performance!"

We believe everyone including the students, audience, and Ms. Tredway herself was happy with the concert!

**VFW Post 6464 &  
Auxiliary to host  
community blood  
drive on Dec. 27th**

VFW Post 6464 and its Auxiliary will host a community blood drive with the American Red Cross on Wednesday, December 27, from 10:00am to 3:00pm at 215 Veterans Dr, Fowlerville.

For more information or to make an appointment to donate, call 517-712-2902 or sign up online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

"VFW 6464 is committed to strengthening our community and helping meet hospital and patient needs through blood donations," said Heather Shepherd, VFW Auxiliary 6464 member. "This blood drive is our way of giving staff, colleagues and neighbors an opportunity to help save lives."

Blood is a perishable product that can only come from volunteer blood donors. With someone in the U.S. needing blood every two seconds, blood products must be constantly replenished, according to the Red Cross.

"We urge community members to donate blood and help ensure that patients in local hospitals have a supply of blood ready and waiting before an emergency occurs" said Shepherd. "There is no better feeling than knowing that your blood donation may give someone a second chance at life."

According to the Red Cross, donors with all blood types are needed, especially those with types O negative, A negative and B negative.



Kindergarten singing S-A-N-T-A.



1st grade singing Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.



2nd grade singing Jingle Bells.



3rd grade singing Santa Claus is Coming to Town.



4th grade preparing to sing Frosty the Snowman.



## Lady Spartans Varsity Basketball Team splits first four games

Written in collaboration with Makayla Culver

The Webberville Lady Spartans Varsity Basketball Team has had a very busy season since games began on Dec. 4th. Their home opener was a tight game against their rivals the Morrice Orioles. They sadly couldn't come out with a win, ending up on the short end of a 34-30 score for the night. They played their hardest and left lots of hope for the rest of the season. Stat leaders for the Spartans were Ryleigh Nelson with 16 points, 14 rebounds and 5 blocks, while Jolie Bryan had 7 points and 5 assists.

Following a loss to Lakeville, they pulled off two wins. The first was against Pottsville 40-26. Ryleigh Nelson had 24 points and 8 rebounds. Jolie Bryan chipped in 4 points, 10 rebounds and 5 assists and Mackenzie Langham had 6 points and 6 rebounds. They then went on to defeat Bendle, 44-27. Ryleigh Nelson had 21 points, Makayla Culver offered 6 points, and Jolie Bryan had 5 points and 5 rebounds.

The Lady Spartans continue working hard and are looking forward to the next contest.

## Woman's Advance Club enjoys Christmas luncheon on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>

By Gretchen Hill

The Woman's Advance Club enjoyed a Christmas luncheon on Monday, Dec, 18, at the Webberville United Methodist Church.

Nancy Webb, President, called the meeting to order. We opened our luncheon with a prayer led by Janice Wheeler. A plentiful and wonderful meal was enjoyed by all with special treats provided by the Executive Committee.

Following our recitation of the pledge, each member answered roll call with the name of her favorite hymn/song. The minutes and treasurer's reports were given and approved. Thank you notes from the 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Webberville Elementary for the books we donated were read. As was a thank you for the donation we made to deliver the Operation Christmas Cheer cards completed by the Journalism class of Webberville High School.

Our member, Judy Christie, provided a program about the many symbols of Christmas. She illustrated her presentation with examples provided by the members. It was interesting to hear about the role of ice sickles, crosses, candles, Lilly of the Valley flowers, wreaths, pine cones, donkeys, humming birds, and pretzels play in the holiday.

Our Christmas gathering ended with Nancy reminding us that the 'Night Before Christmas' was published in 1823, and a game identifying many of the historical features of our old and present-day celebrations.

## IOSCO TOWNSHIP WINTER PROPERTY TAX BILLS

Winter 2023 property tax bills may be paid at Bank of Ann Arbor, Fowlerville branch only. The address is 760 South Grand Avenue, Fowlerville. Payments will be accepted from Dec. 1st, 2023 to Feb. 14th, 2024. Please include the lower portion of your bill with payment.

The Treasurer's office is open Thursdays from 1pm to 5pm. February 14th and February 29th, the office hours will be 9am to 5pm. The hall is located at 2050 Bradley Road. You may also mail your payment, drop it in the drop box at the hall, or pay online. [www.ioscotwp.com](http://www.ioscotwp.com).

Amanda Bonnville  
Iosco Township Treasurer  
(12-24-24 and 1-14-24 FNV)

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

On Wednesday December 13, 2023 NIESA responded to three calls. One call in Leroy Township was a medical response. One call in Locke Township was a vehicle accident. One call in the City of Williamston was a medical response.

On Thursday December 14, 2023 NIESA responded to two medical response calls. One call was in Williamstown Township and the other in the City of Williamston.

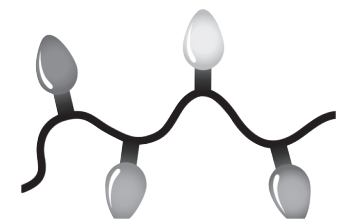
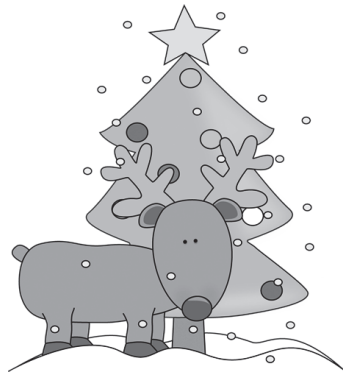
On Friday December 15, 2023 NIESA responded to five calls. One call in Leroy Township was a medical response. One call in Williamstown Township was a fire response. One call in the City of Williamston was a fire alarm. Two calls in the Village of Webberville were for medical responses.

On Saturday December 16, 2023 NIESA responded to three calls. Two calls in the Village of Webberville were both medical responses. One call in Leroy Township was a vehicle accident.

On Sunday December 17, 2023 NIESA responded to one call in the City of Williamston for a medical response.

On Monday December 18, 2023 NIESA responded to six calls. One call was from the Village of Webberville for a medical response. Two calls in Williamstown Township were both medical responses. Three calls in Wheatfield Township all involved vehicle accidents on I-96.

On Tuesday December 19, 2023 NIESA responded to four calls. Two calls were in the City of Williamston for citizen assists. One call in Locke Township was a medical response. One call in Wheatfield Township was also a medical response.



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We would especially like to thank Borek Jennings Funeral Home and its employees for their professional and caring arrangements. Also, Rev. Doug McMunn of First United Methodist Church Howell who did a wonderful job honoring Jared's life.

To everyone who reached out to us during our time of mourning, we are grateful for your continued support and love during our time of need. We truly, from the bottom of our hearts, appreciate all you have done for us. Our son, Jared, will be forever missed and always loved by us and all who knew him.

Sincerely,  
Kevin and Pam McCarron & Family

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### January 2024 Events

**Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>** - We will be **CLOSED** for the Holidays, and we will open back up on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Euchre 9am-11:45am, Chair Exercise at 11am, WASC member and Author Roger Nelson book discussion at 12:30 pm, Needle Work Group 1-3pm.

**Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>** - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, BIRTHDAY BASH, NATIONAL CARD PLAYING DAY - learn a new card game at 12:30 pm.

**Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>** - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Blood Pressure Screening at 10:30am, Katherine from DPT presents on knee safety and injury screening at 12:30pm.

**Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>** - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, NATIONAL CROSSWORD PUZZLE DAY, field trip and lunch at American House in Haslett at 11am.

**Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>** - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Chair Exercise at 11am, Quarter Bingo at 12:30pm, Needle Work Group 1-3pm.

**Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>** - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, INTERNATIONAL THANK YOU DAY, Drum Circle with Ian at 12:30pm.

**Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>** - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Willows and Oasis Advisors sponsored lunch and presentation on senior living resources at 12:30pm.

**Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>** - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, NATIONAL HAT DAY - wear your favorite hat, Lunch with a board member, Mind Benders with Jackie from CADL Williamston.

**Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>** - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Chair Exercise at 11am, Mindful music and coloring at 12:30pm, Needle Work Group 1-3pm.

**Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>** - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Tech with Drew at noon, Chair Volleyball at 12:30 pm.

**Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Chair Massage at 10:30am, Winter Decor Craft with Pat at 12:30 pm.

**Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Wii Bowling at 12:30pm.

**Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>** - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, BELLY LAUGH DAY, Chair Exercise at 11am, Popcorn and Comedy Movie "Grumpy Old Men" at 12:30 pm.

**Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>** - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Dave Trojan presents "Aviation Archeology in Michigan" at 12:30 pm.

**Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>** - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, NATIONAL PUZZLE DAY, Play Charades at 12:30 pm.

**Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>** - Euchre 9am - 11:45am, Quarter Bingo with Chief of Police Jeff Weiss at 12:30 pm.

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Date of Mortgage Recording: April 15, 2004

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$81,382.16

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Handy, Livingston County, Michigan, and described as: Parcel B: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 3 East, Michigan Meridan, Township Handy, Livingston County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section; thence North assumed bearing 1584.84 feet along the West line of said Section to the point of beginning; thence North 267.99 feet along the West line; thence South 89 degrees 05 minutes 45 seconds East 406.40 feet; thence South 267.99 feet; thence North 89 degrees 05 minutes 45 seconds East 406.40 feet to the point of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 2316 N Cedar Rd, Fowlerville, MI 48836-9100

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

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

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

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: December 17, 2023

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(12-17, 12-24, 12-31-23 & 1-7-24 FNV)

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MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): NICOLE MARIE MC-CLOUD, SINGLE WOMAN. Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns Date of mortgage: September 23, 2020 Recorded on September 24, 2020, in Document No. 2020R-033461, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousand Forty-Five and 76/100 Dollars (\$167,045.76) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Livingston County, and described as: Lot(s) 21, Palmerton's Addition to the Village of Fowlerville, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 54 of Deed(s), Page 334, Livingston County Records. Commonly known as 319 E Frank St, Fowlerville, MI 48836

The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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(12-03)(12-24)

(12-3, 12-10, 12-17 & 12-24-23 FNV)

### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT LIVINGSTON COUNTY NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

CASE NO. and JUDGE  
2023-22247-DE Miriam A. Cavanaugh  
Court address and Court telephone no.  
204 S. Highlander Way, Ste. 2, Howell, MI 48843  
(517) 546-3750

Estate of Bruce W. Porter  
Date of birth:\* June 13, 1940

#### TO ALL CREDITORS:\*\*

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent, Bruce W. Porter died July 11, 2023.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Melissa Porter Badynee, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 204 S. Highlander Way, Ste. 2, Howell, MI 48843 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

December 13, 2023.

#### Attorney:

Couzens, Lansky, Fealk, Ellis, Roeder & Lazar, P.C.  
Chiara Mattieson P64390  
39395 W. 12 Mile Rd., Ste. 200  
Farmington Hills, MI 48331  
(248) 489-8600

#### Personal Representative:

Melissa Porter Badynee  
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—Area Deaths—



Dale Pollok with granddaughter Rachel Newsom and friend.

**Marvin “Dale” Pollok**

Marvin “Dale” Pollok, known affectionately as Dale to anyone that ever met him, passed away at home on December 11, 2023, in Williamston, Michigan, at the age of 91. Born on July 2, 1932, to the late Alton and Carol (Juderjohn) Pollok, he was destined to be a firecracker full of energy and always ready for the next adventure.

Dale was always smiling and was one of the happiest people you could ever meet. He was at his best in the barn, on the farm or working with animals. Dale shared this love with his daughter Jody and granddaughter Rachel Newsom. Dale was very athletic. He was very proud to be on the 1949 Championship undefeated Perry football team. He was also good at school and in 1951 graduated salutatorian of his class at Perry High School. During school, he was also involved in the FFA (Future Farmers of America).

After graduation, he kept playing baseball and tried his hand at boxing. He also competed with the horses in pulling competitions. His shelves are adorned with his many trophies and awards.

He was drafted into the United States Army, where he served his country. Upon returning home, he worked on the family farm, but also pursued a career at the artificial breeders and then Michigan State University veterinary clinic. He again worked with the animals.

In 1964, Dale married Sharon Jane Powers and shortly thereafter, they bought their own farm. They raised their daughter Jody and were very involved in 4-H, FFA, and the county fair. They raised Registered Polled Hereford beef cattle and later in life also acquired a barn full of Belgian draft horses. Jody and her husband, Brett, provided them the most amazing granddaughter. Rachel Elizabeth-dale Newsom, who Dale adored with every fiber of his being. She was his partner at the barn, with his projects and his best friend. He took great pleasure in watching Rachel grow, teaching her “the ways” of the farm and ultimately helping her with her 4-H projects that now fill the barn.

Both he and Sharon were active members of the Draft Horse Club, where they forged many enduring friendships. Dale and Sharon took their draft horses to the Shiawassee County Fair as surrey drivers for more than 20 years. They also took their horses to Clearview Orchard each fall and Aren’s Tree Farm each holiday season. Dale could also be seen at Northfork Farms helping out with wagon rides.

Dale will be remembered for his amazing smile and his outstanding work ethic. He spent Thanksgiving doing chores and taking care of the animals, which was right where he wanted to be. Dale’s presence will forever be felt in the fields he tended, the hearts he warmed, and the family he cherished.

Memorials are suggested in Dale’s name to the Webberville FFA, C/O Webberville High School, 309 E. Grand River Ave., Webberville, MI 48892.

**Smith Elementary School News**

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

December 25 thru January 5 – Winter Break  
 January 8 – School Resumes  
 January 15 – NO SCHOOL MLK Jr. Day  
 January 19 – Half Day for K-5 (Dismissal Time 12:02)  
 February 19 – NO SCHOOL President’s Day  
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**Recess, Temperatures & Proper Clothing**

– With winter temperatures upon us lately, please make sure your child brings warm outer wear to school, such as mittens, scarf, hat, snow pants, boots and winter coat. Per our student handbook, students are expected to go outside for recess when the temperature is 10 degrees or higher. Please Note \* A very helpful plan is to also keep an extra set of clothing in your child’s backpack at all times, just in case they get their clothes wet while outside, spill something on themselves at lunch or have an accident at school.  
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**Clothing Donation** – The Smith office is very low on stretch waistband sweatpants or athletic type pants. Unisex sweatpants are the best option. Sizes used most often are 6 to 8 & occasionally 5T & 10. We are very low on small and medium size boys & girls underwear. We really appreciate any and all clothing donations. Our community is the best!!!!  
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**Medication** – If your child requires any prescription or non-prescription medication during the school year, a parent or guardian must bring the

medication in to the Smith Office to drop it off and complete the necessary paperwork. This includes ALL prescription and over the counter medications. **School Board Policy states that children are not allowed to transport medication.**  
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**FYI-** Each school building in the Fowlerville Community School District has a Child Study Team / Response to Intervention process in place, which is a vehicle for staff members to review student performance, concerns, and collaboratively develop interventions. If you have concerns about your child’s development and are interested in more information on special services, contact his/her building Principal.

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## Livingston County Comments

**By: Doug Helzerman, District 1 Commissioner**

On December 11<sup>th</sup> we adopted the 2024 Livingston County Operating Budget. This budget is balanced as required by law. We approved expenditures so that they are equal to or less than revenues. In addition to this, we have set fund balance reserves so that recurring revenues sufficiently support recurring expenditures. We have not had to rely on “gimmicks” to arrive at a workable budget. The 2024 General Fund Budget is approved for the total of \$60,927,907 besides other Special Revenue, Enterprise Funds, and Internal Service Funds

The goal of our budgeting process is to preserve services essential to the health, safety and welfare of our residents as mandated by the State Constitution and Statutes. We aim to provide services in a manner consistent with and sustainable within the current and projected economic realities.

There are 5 steps or levels in this budget process. Level 1 establishes a baseline projection of each department’s individual income and expenses and their current level of personnel costs. In Level 2, each department prepares their requests as close as possible to the “targets” established in the first step. These are forwarded to the Administrator and Chief Financial Officer that reviews each department’s request and works with them to adjust each line of the budget to meet the target or to revise the target. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> steps are decided by the board. The finance committee makes any recommended changes and then the full board, after a public hearing, makes the final decision. This year, as usual, the board made only minor changes to the numbers negotiated by the administration.

Our budget process has won awards for its organization and attention to detail. One of the secrets of our methodology is that no one is penalized for not fully spending their allocated amount. Each year is treated as a new year with new eyes and each department is funded on the basis of the projections and needs of the coming year.

Each year the board chooses a chairman, often a different one. The organizational meeting is usually the first business day of the year. This coming year our first meeting will not occur until January 8<sup>th</sup>.

\* \* \*

At this time of year, when Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection have given hope and meaning to so many, I would like to echo the angelic message of “peace on earth, good will toward men” as heard so many years ago by the shepherds of Bethlehem.

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## Savvy Senior, continued

some different types of devices to consider that are very helpful to older adults.

**Smart speakers:** A smart speaker – like the Amazon Echo, Google Nest or Apple HomePod – can serve as the brains of a smart home, controlling the devices with voice commands or automating them.

These devices can also play your mom’s favorite music, read audiobooks, make calls, set timers and alarms, provide reminders for medications, appointments and other things, check traffic and weather, answer questions, call for help in emergency situations and much more – all done by voice commands.

**Smart light bulbs:** To help prevent home falls – which are often caused by fumbling around a dark room looking for a light switch – smart light bulbs will let your mom turn on and off the lights by voice command, smartphone or tablet. These bulbs can also change brightness and color and be programmed to come on and off whenever she wants.

**Smart plugs:** These small units plug into a standard outlet and connect to the internet. That means your mom can control whatever she plugs into them – from a space heater to a coffee maker – using her voice or phone.

**Video doorbell:** Safety is also a concern for older adults, especially those who live alone. A video doorbell would let your mom see and speak to visitors at the door without having to walk over and open it.

**Smart locks:** For convenience and safety, smart locks would give your mom keyless entry to her home, provide customized access to family, friends and caregivers, and let you monitor who comes and goes from your mom’s house.

**Smart thermostat:** This lets your mom preprogram or manually control the temperature in her home with voice command or via phone, and let you monitor it too.

**Smart smoke alarms:** These will alert your mom when smoke or carbon monoxide is detected and will also send alerts to your phone if a problem is detected.

**Stovetop shut-off:** To prevent home cooking fires, smart stovetop shut-off devices, like the IGuardStove, will turn off electric and gas stovetops when left unattended, and will alert you via text.

**Medical alert system:** These devices provide wearable wrist and/or necklace emergency buttons that would allow your mom to call for help if she were to fall or need assistance. Many systems today also provide voice activated and fall detection features, and caregiver tracking apps that will let you keep tabs on her.

**Cameras and smart sensors:** If your mom needs more in-depth monitoring, there are indoor cameras you can install so you can see, hear and talk to her from your phone. Or, if that’s too intrusive, you can install smart contact sensors on her doors so you can know when she comes and goes, or on her refrigerator door so you can know if she’s eating.

### HANDY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS Monday, December 18, 2023

The regular meeting of the Handy Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Alverson at 7:00 P.M. Present: Clerk Eisele, Trustee Roddy, Treasurer Shear and Trustee Munsell. Absent: None. Also present: Zoning Adm. Flanery, Jeffrey Staley-Maner, Costerisan and resident: Chuck Wright.

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

- To approve the agenda as amended
- To approve the regular and special meeting minutes of 11-20, 12-4 and 12-13-23 as presented
- To approve the bills in the amount of \$114,584.01
- To accept the Handy Twp. 2022-2023 audit as presented
- To adopt Zoning Amendment Z-36-23, Keeping of Animals
- To approve reappointments to the Handy Township Planning Commission, ZBA and BOR as recommended by the Supervisor.
- To accept the amended 2023-2024 Road Budget
- To accept the Gregory Rd. meter pit
- To extend the listing for Handy Township Property with Harmon Real Estate
- To change the regular meeting date for the Handy Twp. Board of Trustees to Jan. 22, 2024
- To approve purchase of equipment from Sparling Instruments, LLC for the Water Plant
- To adjourn meeting at 8:07 P.M.

Laura A. Eisele  
 Handy Township Clerk  
 (12-24-23 FNV)

**Downtown Fowlerville businesses decorate windows with holiday displays**

These are some of the businesses in Downtown Fowlerville who have decorated their windows with holiday displays. They, along with others in the community, help to “make the spirits bright” with their efforts.



Aleta's Flower & Gift Shop on South Grand Avenue.



Chiropractic Health Center on West Grand River.



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Sweet Sensations on East Grand River.



Gormley Law Office in East Grand River.



Maria's School of Dance on East Grand River.



**Fowlerville business owner donates to Toys for Tots**

Kevin Plunkett of Elm Street Wholesale wanted to give back to the community and to those in need so he placed a collection box at his business on behalf of Toys for Tots and then added some extra toys on his own to fill up two boxes. Elm Street Wholesale is located in the big barn at 7374 Hayner Road in Fowlerville. The local Toys for Tots holiday collection is sponsored by the Livingston County Marine Corps League. Families who need assistance contact the League, with the parents or guardian filling out a form and then scheduling an appointment to select age-appropriate gifts for their children.

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**Rotary Officers**

From left are Brent Pietila, president; Bryan Blattert, president elect; Jennifer Cruz, secretary; and Paul Harmon, treasurer.



**Fowlerville Dawn Patrol**

Working on the serving line were, from left, Mary Helfmann, Christian Thick, Terri Romanekwiz, Quinn Jones, and Tom Couling.

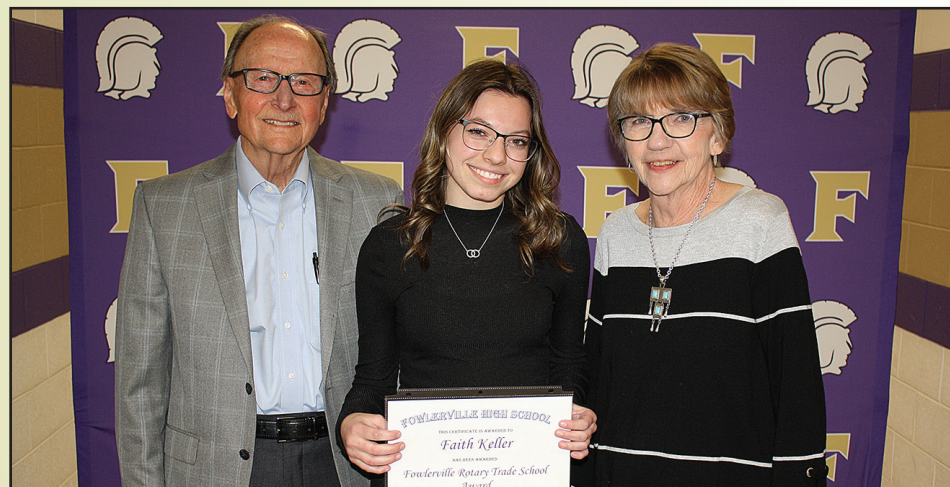
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**Fowlerville Rotary Trade School Award**

From left, Hank Vaupel (presenter), Faith Keller, and Dawn Horton (presenter).



**Rotary Golf Outing**

Golf outing Co-Chairs were Steve MacDermaid and Paul Harmon who were giving last minute instructions.

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Fowlerville High School Athletic Award Scholarships • Fowlerville High School Rotary Academic Scholarships  
 • Community Park Projects • Family Impact Centers • Cub Scout Troop • Interact Club •  
 Fire Department Donations for Kids Program.

## A Merry Christmas & a Happy Healthy New Year to All!

The Club meets on Wednesdays at the 1st United Methodist Church at 12 pm. Guests who would like to learn more about Rotary please join one of our weekly meetings. [www.fowlervillerotary.com](http://www.fowlervillerotary.com)

### Fowlerville Rotary hosts Farmers Day, Veterans Day and Seniors Day Annual Programs



Among the area veterans attending the Fowlerville Rotary lunch were, from left, front row, John Drake, Tom Oliver, Ron Hartley, Bill Klender, Dean Snider, Tom Phipps, Ted Cain; back row, Steve Whitney, Ed Haller, Chuck Hill, Harold Browning, Duane Hoisington, Ken Marr, Jerry Wilson, Butch Ogden, and J.T. Maybee.



Among the area veterans attending the Fowlerville Rotary lunch were, from left, front row, Wayne Bowers, Glenn Parrish, Bob Kunde, Steve Sheldon, Bob Nash, Alan Hatfield. Marvin Abbe; back row, Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Mike Brunger, Staff Sgt. Dylan Sammons, Sam Larioza, Fred Davis, David Davis, and Jack Epley.