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Welcoming customers to the new Biggby Coffee in Fowlerville are, from left, Lauren Laskosky, owner Dave Roe, Amy Coselman, and Amy Waters. Most of the shop's current 15 employees (known as barista's) are from the Fowlerville area.

## Biggby Coffee opens shop in Fowlerville; enjoys good start

By Steve Horton

The new Biggby Coffee in Fowlerville enjoyed a good start. The shop, located in the Country Corners Shopping Center off of South Fowlerville Road, just south of the I-96 interchange, officially opened on Jan. 17.

"Our first couple of weeks has been really good," said franchise owner Dave Roe. "We've been very busy. A lot of high school kids have come here to study in the afternoon, taking advantage of our WiFi. We have older customers who are becoming regulars. A couple of ladies bring their crocheting."

Number-wise, Roe said his shop has been selling an average of 300 cups a day, adding "that's a good number."

"A few times we were above 400, and other days 200 to 250 cups," he added.

The shop has a spacious sitting area as well as a drive-thru

window. "I'd say right now 30 to 40 percent of our trade is drive thru," said Roe. "Most of our customers are from the Fowlerville area. Once we get the freeway signs up and people know we're here, that part of the business should pick up."

The Biggby Coffee menu offers a variety of different drinks—hot chocolates, crème freeze smoothies, tea lattes, and coffee lattes. Within each of those choices are different flavor options. And, noted Roe, many of the beverages can be ordered "hot, iced, or frozen."

"There are 200 different drink recipes that are available," he said.

In addition, Biggby Coffee offers bagel sandwiches (mainly turkey and ham), muffins, donut holes, yogurt parfaits, and chocolate chip cookies.

Coffee, though, is the main draw. "Carmel Marvel, Mocha Mocha, and Teddy Bear are the most popular lattes," said Roe. "The company also features a different drink each month. Right now it's the Salted Caramel Latte while last month it was the

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Biggby Coffee continued

Peppermint Mocha.”  
Roe said that Biggby is testing out egg sandwiches at some of the locations, responding to numerous requests from customers. “We’ll probably be serving them in six months or so,” he noted.

The shop is open seven days a week. The hours are 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday thru Saturday and 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday. “Right now we have 15 employees, called barista’s, who work here,” Roe noted. “They’re all adults and nearly all of them are from the Fowlerville area.”

This is a new venture for Roe, who owns the business along with his wife, Kelly. “To prepare for the opening, I spent six weeks working at shops in Jackson and Alma to learn how to make the drinks and to see how the shops operated,” he said. “Once our staff was hired, I began training them with help from the corporate office. We also had a couple of soft openings on January 12 and 13 where, for part of the day, we served free drinks.

“Training has been the hardest part so far,” Roe pointed out. “Biggby Coffee has a standard which the corporate office expects us to meet, so we have needed to get our barista’s up to speed as fast as possible.”

The company, Roe pointed out, started as a coffee shop in East Lansing in 1995. Since then, by selling franchises and creating a standardized menu of drinks, around 350 additional stores have opened--first in Michigan and more recently in other states.

Roe, who was an Ingham County Sheriff Deputy for 25 years, starting in 1988, said he’s been familiar with Biggby Coffee since it first opened in East Lansing. “I would order the Caramel Marvel latte, which is still my favorite,” he said. “My wife and I had looked at this as a possible business opportunity about 10 to 12 years ago. But the timing wasn’t right.”

When he retired from the sheriff department in 2013 at age 47, he spent time golfing and bowling and then re-visited the idea.

“I started looking at this option in September of 2015,” he said. “In deciding on where to open a shop, I wanted to be close to the freeway. We checked out different places, but this location was our best choice.”

Part of the reason for that good fit was due, in part, to the space being designed initially as a coffee shop when the shopping center was built, complete with the spacious sitting area, a fireplace in the center, and the drive-thru window.

When the original coffee shop closed its doors, the space was used as a hair salon for several years. However, since that business left, the space has been vacant.

Roe said that his wife plans to help with some of the book work, but is busy with her own career.

“She is the elementary principal at Morrice Schools,” he said. “She’s had that position for six years. Prior to that she taught school and was a principal at Potterville.”

**ROE GREW UP IN HASLETT, GRADUATING IN 1984.** He still lives in the Haslett School District with his family, their home located in the area north of Williamston.

“I worked for a Kentucky Fried Chicken outlet while in high school,” he recalled. “I also played football as a tailback and nose guard and was a sprinter on the track team.”

He attended Lansing Community College with the goal of becoming a paramedic. “That training is how I got hired with the sheriff department, working as an emergency medical

responder and as a deputy. Later on I was a canine handler and also spent some time in corrections and courts.”

The Roes have three children: son Blake, age 19, who is attending Northern Michigan University on a football scholarship; daughter Harley, age 16, who is a sophomore at Haslett; and son Dawson, age 11, who is a sixth grader at Haslett.

Roe also coaches football. “For the past four seasons I’ve been an assistant with the high school program. Before that I was involved in the Youth Football League, coaching teams my son played on.”

Roe, who said that he “loves to mingle and interact with people,” expressed his appreciation to the Fowlerville community—both prior to and since opening the shop.

“I’ve been coming here off and on since I started considering the idea and began looking for a suitable location,” he noted. “I’ve been welcomed with nothing but open arms in my dealing with people and local officials in town. Also, several of the business owners have gone out of their way to be helpful and to welcome us. I already feel part of the community and look forward to doing business here in the coming years.”

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**Class of 2016 Local Scholarship Recipients** Members of the Class of 2016 who were awarded a local scholarship in May of 2016 are being reminded that in order to receive the scholarship funds a few things need to be submitted to Mrs. Stuible in the FHS Counseling Office. A copy of the scholarship recipient’s first semester college transcript is required, proof of enrollment/2ndsemester schedule as well as a current address to which the scholarship funds may be sent to. Once this information has been submitted to the Counseling Office the process will begin to have the scholarship funds mailed directly to the recipient. If there are any questions, please contact Mrs. Stuible directly at stuiblem@fowlervilleschools.org or 517.223.6111.

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**FHS Students Leading Students** “Tech Talk” Seminar-Fowlerville High School Students Leading Students is offering a great opportunity for area teens to develop, enhance, and refine their technical skills in videography, photography, and graphic design. This project is being offered through a partnership with Best Buy and Michigan SLS. Students are invited to attend a Tech Talk Seminar at FHS on Thursday, February 9 between 5-8pm, in the FHS media center/computer lab. You must REGISTER for this event. (Dinner is provided!) After attending this exciting seminar, students are encouraged to submit a project, using their new skills, that conveys the SLS message on any of these three main teen health issues: physical health and safety, relationship skills, and mental health. Project ideas must be submitted within two weeks of training and completed projects are due by April 24, 2017. No offensive language or gestures, no blood, no violence or cruelty, and no demeaning of religion, race or national origin is allowed in submitted projects. Michigan SLS is offering a \$1000 prize at the Tech Expo in May 2017. Prized money is awarded in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places and an overall category. Space is limited. Registration is required. See Mrs. Pushies at FHS for a registration form. Interested area high school students (not enrolled at FHS) are also welcome to register between January 20-31. Registration closes January 31, 2017.

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**The Class of 2017** will be giving away “goodie bags” to every graduating senior. If you have something you would like to give each senior on June 4th please contact Mrs. Connor. This is a great way to reach 200 young adults. We will gladly accept

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### Fowlerville Boys JV Basketball Team loses to Eaton Rapids, 36-23

The Fowlerville Boys JV Basketball Team lost to Eaton Rapids on Thursday night, Jan. 26, by a 36-23 score. Josh DuFore led the way with 6 points. Hunter Cahoon and Caden Flanery each had 6 rebounds and 4 point, while Blake Howard had 4points and 4 rebounds.

### Fowlerville Boys JV Basketball Team drops hard-fought contest last Tuesday

The Fowlerville Boys JV Basketball team dropped a hard-fought contest last Tuesday night, Jan. 31, with Stockbridge, 50-43. The Glads are now 1-11 overall (0-6 CAAC White) and played at Portland this past Thursday night. Hunter Cahoon led the way with a season high 18 points. Josh DuFore had 7 points, while Caden Flanery had 6 points and 9 rebounds.



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# Caleb Jenkins Column



## Speaking of Mothers

My mother’s birthday is this week, so I thought that it would be an appropriate time to cover a topic that I have been wanting to talk about for quite some time. I would like to spend just a few moments considering the importance of moms. We live in an age where the concept of family seems to be experiencing a crisis of sorts. The priority of the family has been placed on the back burner by many people as our society drifts in self-oriented auto-pilot.

Instead of making the welfare of family a priority, we are slipping into a type of complacency that abandons the closeness and development of children, parents, and spouses. Considering the fact that family is one of the three primary pillars of a society and in my opinion the most important institution, this is a very dangerous and terrifying trend.

Despite all of this, do you know who usually does not disrespect the importance of family? The mother. In many circumstances, the mother is the person most concerned and the most active in trying to preserve the solidarity and well-being of her family.

To illustrate this, allow me to briefly tell you about my own mom. She is a prime example of what a mother should be. She grasped at a young age the vital role that a mother plays in a family, and she embraced it.

While some other women around her viewed their families as a burden, my mom saw it as a blessing and an opportunity to make a difference in the world. She was always very supportive of my sister and me in whatever we did. When we were kids, she made certain that we had every chance to succeed, and she was strict in ensuring that we were raised correctly.

As we grew older, she recognized that her role was changing, and despite not always being thrilled with our adventurous and perhaps sometimes dangerous actions, she knew that she had to let us make our own decisions while still

being a spring of wisdom and advice when we needed it.

I know that it was not always easy for her to raise the two of us, and I know that she still makes many sacrifices for the betterment of her family. However, I have never once heard her complain. She never had the time in the limelight that she deserved, but she didn’t let the lack of recognition limit her determination.

That leads me to my next point: make sure that you show the proper appreciation to the mothers in your life. They selflessly give and do so much to improve things for their families and thus their communities. What they do means so much to the continued greatness of our nation.

I’m guilty, too. I don’t appreciate my mother as much as I should, but we don’t have to wait until Mother’s Day to show some love and respect to our mothers. A little gratitude here and there goes a long way. Let them know that you care. Considering everything that they do for us, it’s the least that we can do. They deserve it.

## Upcoming Events at St. Agnes Catholic Church

Give that snow shovel a break and check out our February schedule of events! For more information, please contact our parish office: 517-223-8684. 855 East Grand River Avenue.

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**Open Bible Study:** Wednesdays 10:00am-12:00noon and Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm through April 5. The topic of study is ‘The Story of Salvation’. Contact parish office regarding class materials.

**K of C Valentine Breakfast:** February 12 from 9am-12noon in the LPC. You haven’t lived until you’ve tried Nelson’s Cinnamon French Toast!

**Trivia Night:** February 25 beginning at 7pm in our LPC. Sponsored by the parish Youth Group. Test your knowledge with the best in the community! \$10 per person. Bring a team of 8 or we will match you up. Bring snax but NO outside beverages. They will be available for purchase and support Youth Group activities. For more details, call Liz at our parish office. CASH PRIZES!

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## Upcoming Programs at the Fowlerville District Library

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Fred is a mature Golden Retriever certified therapy dog. Fred's 'mom', Shelly, has been volunteering her dogs' services at the library for many years. Reading to Fred improves literacy skills, builds fluency, and raises reading confidence regardless of ability. *\*Drop-in event.*

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### Oscar Night Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 5-8pm

**Teens 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades.** Come on out to the library for an Oscar Night celebration! We'll have a red-carpet photo shoot, vote for our favorite Oscar-nominated movies and actors, and watch an Oscar-nominated movie! Dinner and a beverage will be served. *\*Registration is required and includes a 2016-2017 signed program permission form. Registration begins January 27<sup>th</sup>.*

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### Back to the Future: Family Science and Reading Workshops

#### Workshop 2: The Secrets of Plants--Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30-6:30pm

**Presented at the library by the University of Michigan Museum of Natural History**

**Preschool-Adults.** This workshop focuses on how plants are shared across the world and used in research to answer questions about global warming, habitat destruction, new medicinal uses, and the spread of disease. Select and press some plants to take home, learn about techniques researchers use in collecting and labeling specimens for preservation, and see some of the specimens from the UM Herbarium collection. *\*Participation is limited. Register in person to attend. Registration begins February 1<sup>st</sup>.*

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### Writing A Mystery Novel: Idea to Bookshelf-- Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

#### Author Talk with Richard Baldwin

**Adults.** Join Michigan author Richard Baldwin for a presentation about writing mystery novels. He has written over 20 books, many featuring mysteries set in Michigan locations. He will sign books and have books available to purchase after his presentation. Light refreshments will be served. *\*Registration begins January 26<sup>th</sup> and includes a refundable \$5 cash deposit. Copies of Baldwin's book "A Cruise to Die For" will be given at registration while supplies last on a first-come first-served basis.*

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### Fowlerville Library Writers--Begins Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:30pm

**Adults.** Do you want feedback on your writing projects? Are you interested in exploring different writing exercises? If so, then join our 8-part self-led Spring 2017 session. You

are invited to bring a 1-2 page sample for feedback from the group. *\*To attend the entire series, register in person or call 223-9089. Registration begins February 8<sup>th</sup>.*

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**Show Your Love on a Mug-- Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> Adults.** Join Cindy and Audrey as they lead you to decorate a mug using sharpies to create heart-shaped embellishments. *\*Register in person to attend. Registration begins February 9<sup>th</sup> and includes a refundable \$5 cash deposit.*

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**Due to unforeseen circumstances the library will not be able to offer computer classes this winter.** However, we continue to offer one-on-one technology consultations by appointment with our technology liasons, Audrey and Beth.

## Kreeger Elementary School News

### IMPORTANT DATES:

**February 8:** Student Count Day  
**February 20:** Presidents Day Recess-**NO SCHOOL**  
**February 22:** Spring Pictures. Flyers will be sent home 2-17-17.  
**March 10:** End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester for K-5<sup>th</sup>  
**March 13-17:** Spring Book Fair in Media  
**March 13:** *Girls on the Run* will meet in the cafeteria  
**March 15:** *Girls on the Run* will meet in the media center  
**March 16:** Thursday, **K-12 ½ day-Dismissal 12:00 noon**  
**Conferences:** 1:00-4:00 p.m. & 5:00-7:30 p.m.  
**March 23:** Family Fun Night 5 p.m.-7 p.m. *Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum* will be at Kreeger!  
**March 27-31:** SPRING RECESS  
**April 13:** Limo rides with lunch at Wendy's have been scheduled for those students who sold \$200.00 or more with the Great Lakes Fundraiser.

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**PARENT REMINDER:** Now that the temperatures are getting colder, please send your children to school with winter jackets, snow pants, boots, mittens and gloves.

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**LOST AND FOUND:** Kreeger's "Lost and Found" is **OVERFLOWING!** Please take a minute when you drop off your student or pick them up. Check out the "Lost and Found" which is located by the cafeteria. You might be surprised what you will find.

If your child is in need of a winter jacket and etc. please let Mr. Wedesky, our school counselor know. You can reach him @ Kreeger in the afternoons at 517.223.6360.

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**Child Study Team:** 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.

## IS YOUR CHILD READY FOR KINDERGARTEN OR 1ST GRADE?

Can they sit still, listen, follow directions and get along with others?

While teaching 100's of preschoolers and kindergarteners over the last 14 years we have discovered one critical key to success for not only school but for the rest of their lives

Here is the key: Your child's first day in school is HUGE! It will pretty much dictate how they do for the rest of their academic career! If your child is ahead of her peers she will stay ahead and love school. Kids that start off behind their peers almost never catch up and like school less.

Along with falling behind they can sometimes get inaccurately "labeled" as unable to focus, hyperactive or extremely shy. We have wonderful teachers in our elementary schools but partially because of the overwhelming academic curriculum they do not have the time or resources to teach the needed basic behavioral skills to your child. Young children really need to have these skills **BEFORE** they start kindergarten.

As a result we are seeing more kids struggle through kindergarten. We have talented hard working kindergarten teachers in our community but increasingly they are needing to just give their students the benefit of the doubt and pass them on to first grade hoping they succeed.

The missing skills we are talking about are centered around **"Self-Regulation"**.

Self-regulation is the ability to monitor and manage emotions, thoughts, and behaviors. It's what helps children focus their attention on learning when they might be distracted by others, upset by a problem, or excited about an upcoming event.

When humans are first born they have little control of their reaction to their emotions and feelings. When they are hungry or uncomfortable they cry. As they get older they need to be able to regulate their response and not just react to their emotions. For example, when they get mad they cannot just hit

others. Or, when they are playing with others they may need to share when they do not want to. They may have to focus and listen while being distracted.

These skills are not just required for success in young children. Later they help teens and adults resolve conflict, problem solve, think independently, participate and get along with others.

So how do you help your child? Just copy what we do. At our school we like to use the term "accelerating their lives". We want our students to experience things at five years old that most kids do not experience until they are in high school. A good example of this is public speaking. While our students practice speaking and performing in front of a group at an early age, many kid's first experience is that speech class in high school!

Children learn by "doing" and repetition. So here is what you can do. Intentionally look for experiences that practice self-regulating skills. Things like having to listen to instructors and coaches. Handling distractions. Placed in emotional situations like getting frustrated or making a mistake. Expose them to stress, failure and hardship regularly. Working with partners and on a team. Get them involved with making decisions and making choices. Place them in situations where they have to help others and eventually in leadership positions.

Anyways I hope this helps. Like I always tell our parents *"You only get one chance to start kindergarten!"*

Yours for Rock Solid (and school ready) Kids,



**Sensei**

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By Cheryl Poch

The library has added ‘a ton’ of new books. (Old expression) Fiction, non-fiction, Teens, Children’s books and so much more! We have also added numerous NEW DVD’s to our collection. Did you know that our DVD aisle in the library is one of the most ‘visited’ areas in the library? It’s true. With over **3905** DVD’s you have a great selection for comedy, drama, suspense, animated, etc. etc. Here are a few new DVD’s and a few older ones you should check out.

**A.C.O.R.N.S: Operation Crack Down.** This is a “wholesome, animated action film for the entire family.” Frankie, a smooth-talking squirrel finds out that the acorns are being stolen by the A.C.O.R.N.S. Corporation. Now he must assemble a rag-tag team of forest animals with only three days to pull off their biggest heist. Rated PG.

**The Accountant** - Rated R starring Ben Affleck, Anna Kendrick, and J.K. Simmons. Math savant Christian Wolff (Affleck) is more comfortable with numbers than people, working as a freelance accountant for the world’s most dangerous criminal organizations. With the Treasury Department’s Crime Enforcement Division closing in, he takes on a legitimate client, a robotics company where a clerk has discovered a discrepancy involving millions of dollars. But as Christian uncooks the books and gets closer to the truth, it’s the body count that starts to rise.

**Diary of a Wimpy Kid - Dog Days** is a laugh out loud 2012 Kids Choice Award Winner. Based on the super popular book series this is a funny movie for the whole family!

One of my favorites is Shaun the Sheep. There are several titles out and they are all a ‘stitch’ for me! **Shaun the Sheep-The Farmers Llamas** is a delightful movie and comes with two bonus episodes. If you have never watched a Shaun the Sheep movie you really have to give it a try. Geared for children, the clay animation characters are adorable. And no talking in the entire movie – only animal sounds and other interesting sounds that make this movie a real delight to watch.

**The Dressmaker** starring Kate Winslet is a story with twists and turns, funny and sad, this movie is one to talk about with your friends. It is a dark and quirky movie about a glamorous, worldly dressmaker who returns to her small Australian hometown to see the truth behind her notorious reputation. Schemes galore, secrets upon secrets.

Take time to browse our DVD collection – honestly, there is something for everyone!

Till next week: “There is a time for many words, and there is also a time for sleep.”

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- By mail — P.O. Box 189, Fowlerville, MI 48836
- In Person at the Fowlerville Branch of First National Bank or First Merit Bank

Winter tax bills were mailed to all property owners on Dec. 1, 2016. We also have a free website [www.handytownship.org](http://www.handytownship.org) to verify amounts and payments. Taxes are payable with cash or check.

Receipts are mailed only if requested.

Connie Shear  
Handy Township Treasurer

Annette Keeler  
Handy Township Deputy Treasurer  
(2-5 & 2-12-17 FNV)

**Renewal & Continuing Competency  
Course offered for builders and  
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Builders and contractors who were initially licensed prior to January 1, 2012 are required to have 3 hours of continuing competency in order to renew existing licensing before May 31, 2017. Baker Corporate Training is offering a 3 hour continuing competency course to help existing builders meet those state requirements. The course is approved by the State of Michigan and covers all required elements including 1 hour of building codes and laws, 1 hour of safety and 1 hour of changes in construction and business management rules and laws. The course will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2016 from 6:10 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Baker College, Welcome Center.

Baker College of Owosso will certify that participants have met individual parameters as established by the State of Michigan and will issue a certificate verifying completion. Preregistration and minimum class size is required. Contact Megan Garvin at Baker Corporate Training at (989) 729-3615 or [megan.garvin@baker.edu](mailto:megan.garvin@baker.edu)

**Michigan Open Carry to hold lunch at  
Howell restaurant this Saturday, Feb. 11**

Michigan Open Carry, Inc. is holding a lunch in Howell this Saturday, Feb. 11, at 2 pm. The meeting will be at Mourad’s Grill, 2222 E. Grand River Ave., and you, your family, and friends are invited to join us. We’ll be there enjoying great food, exceptional conversation and answering any questions you may have about our organization. The open carry of your holstered hand gun is encouraged, but not required. Like us on Facebook.



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# Smith Elementary School News

## IMPORTANT DATES:

February 6 – PTC Fundraiser begins- information should have arrived home on 2/3

February 8 – Student Count Day

February 8 – PTC Meeting – 6:00 pm

Feb 9- PTC sponsored Science Assemblies- Animals Around the World

February 16- Family Fun Science Night- Sciencepalooza! 5:00-7:30

February 17- PTC Fundraiser ends

February 20 – Presidents Day Recess – No School K-12

March 4- Preschool Round Up 10:00-2:00

March 16 – K-12<sup>th</sup> ½ Day of School – Conferences 1:00 – 4:00

# Area Church Listings



## Fowlerville First United Methodist Church

201 S. Second St.,  
Fowlerville  
517-223-8824  
www.fowlervillfumc.org

Pastor Scott Herald

**Sunday Worship Service**  
Nusery available  
10:30am

**Sunday School**  
September - May  
9:30am

## Trinity United Methodist Church

8201 Iosco Rd, Fowlerville  
(Corner of Bull Run & Iosco Rd)  
517-223-3803

Pastor David Freeland

**Sunday Worship Service**  
9:30am

**Sunday School 9:30am**  
Youth Group (6-12 grade)

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**Saturday Service Time**  
6pm

**Sundays**  
9:15am  
10:45am

Infant, Toddler, and K-8th  
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all 3 services

## St. Agnes Catholic Church

855 E. Grand River, Fowlerville  
517-223-8684

Fr. Nathaniel Sokol

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00pm  
Saturday 3:00 - 3:45pm

**Mass Times**  
Wednesday: 6:30pm  
Thursday & Friday: 8am  
Saturday: 4:30pm  
Sunday: 8:30am & 11:00am

## Webberville United Methodist Church

4215 E. Holt Rd.,  
Webberville

*Pastor Jackie Raineri*

**All Ages Sunday School**  
9:30am

**Worship Service 11:00am**  
Church: 521-3631  
www.webbervilleumc.church

## Memorial Lutheran Church & School

1022 W. Grand River  
Williamston  
655-2294

**Sundays Worship:**  
9:00

2070 E. Sherwood Rd.  
Williamston

March 27 to 31 – NO SCHOOL Spring Recess

April 3 – School Resumes

April 10 – Kindergarten Round Up for 2017/2018

April 11 – Kindergarten Round Up for 2017/2018

April 14 – NO SCHOOL Good Friday

May 29 – NO SCHOOL Memorial Day Recess

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**Preschool Round-Up:** Did you know that there is increasing evidence that children gain a lot from attending preschool? According to Kathleen McCartney, PhD, dean of Harvard Graduate School of Education, “At preschool, they become exposed to numbers, letters, and shapes. And, more important, **they learn how to socialize**—get along with other children, share, and contribute to circle time.” On Saturday, March 4, 2017 from 10:00-2:00, we will hold our first Preschool Round-up. Local preschools will be available to share their programs with parents. Take this opportunity to learn about the available local options and ask the

## Fowlerville Church of the Nazarene

8040 Country Corner Drive,  
Fowlerville, MI 48836

**9:45 Sunday School**  
**11:00 Worship Service**

Rev. Gary Griffin  
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www.fowlervillenazarene.org

## Calvary Bible Church


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**Sunday Evening Service 6:00PM**  
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**Pastor Diane Greble**  
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**Sunday School at 10:30 am**  
**Coffee Time at 10:30 am**  
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## Place of Refuge Ministries

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(across from Greenwood Cemetery)  
Pastor Bob Storey

**Sunday Worship 10:30am**  
**Wed. Evening Bible Study 7:00pm**  
  
(517)223-3660

Psalm 46:1  
*“God is our refuge and strength.”*  
www.psalms461.com

## Wayside Baptist Church

2567 Elm Rd.  
Webberville

**Sunday School**  
10:00am

**Sunday Morning Service**  
11am

**Sunday Evening Service**  
6pm

**Wednesday Bible Study 7pm**

## Antrim Baptist Church

4509 E. Lovejoy Rd., Byron  
Pastor John Ashley  
Youth Pastor Josh Middaugh  
517-223-3126  
www.antrimbc.org

**Sunday School 10:00am**  
**Sunday Morning Service 11am**  
**Sunday Evening Service 6pm**  
**Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7pm**

All services interpreted for the deaf

## Hidden Springs Church

5860 N. Latson Rd. Howell, MI 48855  
(517)546-3577

**Pastor Matt Parks**

**Sundays**  
Service 10am  
Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm

**Wednesdays**  
Adult Service 7pm  
H2O! Kids 7pm  
hiddenspringschurch.com

## Place Your Listing Here To Advertise

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questions you may have. You can even register for the 2017-18 school year. The event will be held in the school cafeteria.

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**PTC:** Families, Thank you in advance for participating in the catalog fundraiser this month! Monies raised support special activities for students in school and for families in the evenings. We have also purchased additional technology for student use including classroom audio sound systems, document cameras, headphones, computer mice, and much, much more! Consider participating in our Parent Teacher Club – PTC. The next meeting is Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 6:00pm.

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**2017/2018 Kindergarten Round Up** – H.T. Smith Elementary will be holding Kindergarten Round Up for the 2017/2018 school year. There will be a 2-day event at Smith Elementary on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. The hours are 8:00 – 10:30, 1:00 – 3:00 & 5:00 – 7:00 on both days. You can come either day, during any of the 6 sessions available. Please bring your soon to be Kindergartener with you. Also please bring required enrollment items with you which include state issued birth certificate, current immunization record, vision screening (after age 3), and proof of residency (Driver License and 1 piece of mail, a utility/phone bill, voter registration card, lease/purchase agreement, etc.) that shows your name and address together.

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**Winter Outer Wear Reminder** – Just a reminder to families that Smith students cannot leave the blacktop (paved) areas of the playground if they are not wearing the appropriate winter outerwear. As the falling temperatures and snowfall remind us that winter is officially here, it is important that your children arrive at school prepared, with mittens, hats, scarves, coats, snow pants and boots. Our students go outside for recess if the real feel temp reaches 10 degrees or higher.

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**Smith Elementary Collects VG’s Receipts Again!** VG’s receipt collection is back and we are so excited! **Any receipts dated August 1, 2016 and after are eligible.** If you shop at a SpartanNash retail store (VG’s, DW Fresh Market, Family Fare, Forest Hills Foods and Valuland) please keep the entire original receipt and turn it in to the Smith Elementary Office, or send to school with your child and they can give them to their teacher or deliver them to the office. Please encourage family and friends to save their receipts also, to help us out. When we collect \$150,000 in eligible sales, we will receive a check for \$1000 from SpartanNash. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP AND PARTICIPATION!**

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**Morgan Rehling was Fowlerville High ‘Artist of the Month’ for October**

Please congratulate Morgan Rehling for being Artist of the Month for October. She is a senior at Fowlerville High School. She remembers liking art when she was little, but truly realized that she had talent as a freshman in high school. She is an active member of the Art Club and likes to read and sketch in her spare time. She would like to attend Northern Michigan University and do something with her art. She will also check into the Navy as a career option, too.



**Gabrielle Donin was Fowlerville High ‘Artist of the Month’ in December**

Gabrielle Dolin was chosen to be the ‘Artist of the Month’ in December for her creation of the railroad in Howell. Her AP Art investigation was to create a watercolor with lines. It also had to be monochromatic which means it has shades and tints of one color. Gabrielle is a senior at Fowlerville High School. She has taken art classes throughout her junior high and high school years. She liked to draw when she was younger, which inspired her to keep creating. She is currently enrolled in AP Art and it is challenge. She has entered many art competitions throughout her school years; MSUFCU, Coldwell Banker Show, the MAEA State Competition and Got Art. She also works at McDonalds. She plans on attending Eastern Michigan University and majoring in Psychology and would like to be a Therapist in a large city.

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## Fowlerville Rotary Club inducts new members

Laura Eisele, president of the Fowlerville Rotary Club, inducted three new members in the service club at the organization's January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Pictured here from left, are Rotary President Laura Eisele; Mary Angeline Crofoot, owner and groomer of Sud-Z-Pet; Jane Mills, co-Owner of J. Mills Plumbing and Do Terra Essential Oils; and Ken Kodet, manager of Kodet's Hardware.

# Trinity Health & Saint Joseph Mercy Health System change facility names

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System (SJMHS), in collaboration with Trinity Health Senior Communities and Trinity Health At Home, have aligned to better reflect what's offered at its facilities in southeast Michigan.

Trinity Health Senior Communities, which offers independent and assisted living, memory care, nursing care and rehabilitation services, will rebrand its facilities in southeast Michigan as **St. Joseph Mercy Senior Communities**. Trinity Health At Home, which provides in-home and hospice care, began serving this region as **St. Joseph Mercy Home Care and Hospice** in 2015.

“Consolidating our presence under the Saint Joseph Mercy Health System brand enables us to showcase the breadth and scope of our care continuum and strength of our organization across southeast Michigan,” said Rob Casalou, regional president and CEO, Saint Joseph Mercy Health System. “By utilizing the St. Joe’s name and brand, we want to strengthen the connection between these continuing care services so consumers better understand that the health system services are unified and integrated.”

With the growing population of those over 65 years of age, both senior living and home health needs will be rising over the next ten years, and St. Joe's is positioned to meet those needs for area residents.

In southeast Michigan, Trinity Health Senior Communities operates and manages 15 senior living communities located in Ann Arbor, Brighton, Clinton Township, Farmington Hills, Fraser, Imlay City, Livonia, Monroe, Rochester Hills,

Southgate, Warren and White Lake. Thirteen of these Trinity-owned senior living communities in southeast Michigan will be re-branded as **St. Joseph Mercy Senior Communities**. Future senior living communities will come under the SJMHS brand over time. Marycrest, located in Livonia, was the first to adopt this shared branding which coincided with a major renovation featuring 72 private guest suites, and state-of-the-art rehabilitation and therapy.

**St. Joseph Mercy Home Care and Hospice** rebranding began two years ago in Oakland County with Trinity Health At Home's Troy program, and continued with programs in Washtenaw, Livingston and surrounding counties to the west. Most recently, Chelsea Homecare was rebranded St. Joseph Home Care – Chelsea following its March 2016 ownership transfer to Trinity Health At Home. Every day, St. Joseph Mercy Home Care and Hospice impacts thousands of lives while caring for patients and providing bereavement services for grieving community members in southeast Michigan.

## The Fowlerville 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee is looking for Chili Cook-Off Contestants

The Livingston County/Fowlerville Fireworks Committee is looking for contestants for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off being held on Saturday, March 11, from 4 to 7pm at VFW Post 6464, located at 215 Veterans Drive in Fowlerville.

Chili entries will be judged for the following categories: Judge's Choice, People's Choice, Spicy Hot, Best Presentation, Best Business/Organization Entry and Most Unique Chili.

If you would like to enter a chili you can request an entry form by emailing [bndbus@aol.com](mailto:bndbus@aol.com), please title your e-mail: **Entry Form Request**. Entry forms are also available at the Fowlerville Village Office located at 213 S. Grand Ave. in Fowlerville. Rules for entering are on the entry form and pre-registration is required.

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### Fowlerville-Byron Gymnastics Team loses match to Grand Ledge on Jan. 25

The Fowlerville-Byron Gymnastics Team competed on Wednesday, January 25 against Grand Ledge. The girls lost 133-140 despite having beat them twice in previous non-CAAC events.

The girls turned their luck around though on Saturday, January 28 when they competed again at the Jeanne Cariss Invitational at Lakeland in White Lake along with 17 other teams. The Gladiators placed 9th.

Madison Moran had a season high on floor (9) and qualified for Regionals on the balance beam. Bekah Leonard placed 9th on the floor exercise amongst 200 gymnasts. Dani Wolanin, from Byron, placed 10th in the All-Around competition. Great job girls!

The next home meet is Monday, February 6, where they will host Mason High School at the Livingston County Gymnasts facility in Howell. They have an away meet on Wednesday, February 8 at St. Johns High School.

### Fowlerville Garden Club to host Gretchen Voyle at Feb. 8 meeting

The Fowlerville Garden Club is pleased to host Gretchen Voyle, retired MSU Extension Horticultural Educator, Master Garden Program Instructor and area newspaper columnist, to speak at their February meeting. Gretchen will be presenting “Taking Your Vegetables from the Garden to the Table”. The presentation will cover what to do with your harvest from picking to preparing. Gretchen will also be sharing recipes.

This meeting is open to the public and there is no charge to attend. Whether you are an experienced gardener, novice gardener or don’t have any gardening experience at all, you will thoroughly enjoy this presentation! Light refreshments will be provided.

This presentation will take place on Wednesday, February 8 at 7 pm. at VFW Post 6464 located at 215 Veterans Drive in Fowlerville. Doors will open at 6:30 pm. For additional information please call Terri Ridenour at 517-376-2190 or Denise Brown at 734-891-7606. No RSVP required.

### Caregiver Support Group meets third Wednesday of month in Howell

Caregiver Support Group, Dementia Specific, meets every 3rd Wednesday of each month. The meeting is from 4:30 to 6:30pm at Be Our Guest Adult Day Service at 2020 E. Grand River in Howell. Call 517-546-9910 for more information. Respite service is available; please pre-register if care is needed. This is a program of Livingston County Catholic Charities.

### Breathers’ Club meeting to be held on Feb.14 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital

The Breathers’ Club is a community service support group for patients affected by heart and breathing (cardio-pulmonary) diseases and their caregivers, family and friends. Everyone interested in learning how to live a better, fuller life or how to care for those with these conditions is encouraged and welcome to attend.

Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at noon (12:00p.m.) in the Community Room at St Joseph Livingston Hospital in Howell. An informational speaker and pertinent topic are featured each month.

Our next Breathers Club is scheduled for Tuesday, Noon: Feb.14. Our Pulmonary Rehabilitation Therapist is available to assist and answer questions. For recorded meeting information call: (517) 545-6020.

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From left, front row, are Joey Gossett and Bryce Bertl, shown here signing college football letters of intent at No Bull Strength Fitness Center, located south of Fowlerville. Both young men work out at the facility, owned by Eric McKay. In back are, from left, Terri and Joe Gossett, Joey's parents; Mikey Gossett, his uncle; Amanda Gossett, his sister; Eric McKay; and Jim Bertl, Bryce's father. Bryce's mother, Christy, and sister Brynn Bertl could not attend due to Brynn playing in an eighth-grade girls basketball game that afternoon.

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### Two area football players sign college 'letters of intent' last week

Two area football players signed their college 'letters of intent' last Wednesday on the signing day—Bryce Bertl of Fowlerville High School and Joey Gossett of Howell High School.

Bertl is going to Northwood College in Midland. The team plays in the Division III Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Bertl was a three-year starter for the Gladiators, playing on both the offensive and defensive line. He expects to play center and guard for Northwood.

In his junior and senior years, Bertl was named to the All-Conference and All-County Teams as an offensive left tackle.

Asked why he picked Northwood, he answered, "The connection I established with the coaches was one reason. Also, the college offers a major I want to pursue—Sports & Entertainment Marketing."

In addition to football, Bertl played on the Fowlerville High baseball team.

Last month, on Dec. 22, he had the opportunity to play in the All-American Bowl in Dallas, Texas on the field used by the Dallas Cowboys. The 6-foot-2, 315-pound Gladiator played most of the game on the offensive line for the East Team.

"I was the only lineman who did not have a Division One

college offer who got to see a lot of playing time," he noted. "The coach rotated us during the first three quarters, then let the best players play in the final quarter."

Bertl was among those who saw action in the final period. The West high schoolers won the game, 27-24.

Gossett, a running back, signed a letter with Mount Union College, located in Lyons, Ohio. The football team has won 12 Division III national championships and competes in the Ohio Athletic Conference.

Gossett compiled over 1,300 yards rushing and scored 19 touchdowns as a starter his junior and senior years with the Highlanders. He was named this year to the All-Conference and All-County Teams.

"I am excited to go to Mount Union with its outstanding football program, but also the college offers two academic programs I'm interested in looking at—special education and athletic training," Gossett said.

Bertl had signed his letter at the high school, but he and Gossett also wanted to have a signing ceremony at No Bull Strength Fitness Center, located south of Fowlerville on Bull Run Road. The owner-operator, Eric McKay, has been working with Bertl for the past two years and Gossett for the last two-and-a-half years. They both wanted to acknowledge his help by having the event at the premises. Members of both of the young men's families were present, along with McKay.

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—Area Deaths—

Kenneth J. Mleczewski

Kenneth J. Mleczewski, age 59 of Cheboygan passed away Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at his home. He was born November 26, 1957 in Detroit, the son of Eugene and Rosemarie (Moses) Mleczewski. On July 31, 1993 in Cheboygan, Ken married Janet Elliott.

After graduating from high school, Ken enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served with the Navy SEALs. He was honorably discharged in 1979.

Ken was a “Jack of all Trades” having worked for the U.S. Forest Service, including as a paramedic, at Glens Market in the maintenance department, as well as for several apartment complexes. He was very family oriented and enjoyed hunting, fishing and woodworking.

Survivors include his wife, Janet of Cheboygan, two brothers, Eugene (Diana) Mleczewski of Las Vegas and Mark (Lisa) Mleczewski of Petoskey, three nephews, Robert Mleczewski of Las Vegas, Marcus Mleczewski of Petoskey and Benjamin (Brittany) Scott of Kansas City, MO and one niece, Heather Scott of Longlac, Ontario. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be announced at a later date. Those wishing to sign an online register book are invited to do so at [www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com). Arrangements are being handled by the Nordman-Christian Funeral Home.

Doris June Evanoff

Doris June Evanoff, age 80 of Fowlerville, passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 29, 2017. She was preceded in death by her husband Tom. She is survived by her daughter Carole, her son Tom, her daughter-in-law Jan, her grandsons Aaron and Danny, and her brother-in-law Jim.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 from 2-4p.m. & 6-8p.m. Funeral services took place on Thursday at 11a.m. at Herrmann Funeral Home. Burial followed at Greenwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to a charity of your choice.

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Plainfield United Methodist to serve Chicken & Biscuit Supper on Feb. 11

A Chicken and Biscuit Supper will be served at the Plainfield United Methodist Church, 17845 M-36, north of Gregory on Saturday, Feb. 11, starting at 5 pm. Free will donation. Take outs available. All are welcome.

Fowlerville Fire Department Report

Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, at 1:57 a.m. personnel assisted at a medical emergency on Garden Lane in the Village. At 1:58 a.m. a medical emergency on Lance Lane in Handy Township was reported and at 2:06 p.m. the department was called to a medical emergency on Brandi Lane in Handy Township. Firefighters were dispatched to a motor vehicle accident with injuries on Owosso Road in Conway Township at 2:32 p.m. The department assisted at a medical emergency on Sargent Road in Handy Township at 4:49 p.m.

A medical emergency on Alans Drive in Handy Township was reported at 9:04 a.m. Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. At 12:35 p.m. firefighters were called for extrication of a victim at the scene of a vehicle accident on Van Orden Road in Handy Township. Personnel assisted EMS on Grand River in Handy Township at 6:26 p.m., and at 7:53 p.m. responded to a medical emergency on Sharpe Road in Handy Township.

Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, at 5:59 p.m. the department was dispatched to a medical emergency on Ann Street in the Village.


Personnel responded to Converse Road in Handy Township at 1:30 a.m., Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, to assist at a medical emergency. A second medical emergency, on Elliott Road in Iosco Township, was reported at 1:50 p.m. The department was called for a CO Detector Activation in a residence on Elliott Road at 6:34 p.m. Firefighters responded to a medical emergency on Mason Road in Iosco Township at 8:28 p.m.

A medical emergency on Grand River Ave. in Handy Township was reported at 6:12 p.m., Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.

The department was dispatched to investigate low hanging power lines over Grand River Ave. in Handy Township at 1:21 a.m., Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. Firefighters were called to a medical emergency on Willow Street in the Village at 3:46 p.m. At 6:17 p.m. personnel responded to an injury accident on Grand River Ave. in Handy Township.

Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, at 9:18 a.m. firefighters were dispatched for a fire alarm on N. Grand Ave. in the Village.

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**Sophia Palermino** is a Freshman on this year's team. Sophia has a strong work ethic and will do anything that is asked of her. Her willingness to push herself each and every day has shown the team that anything is possible when you set your mind to it. Sophia's strength has become a very valuable asset in all three rounds of competition. Sophia is a dedicated leader that her teammates have come to rely on. Sophia makes my job so much easier and I know she will be a huge success in years to come.





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# Webberville Report



**Senior Spotlight--Michael Wilson**

By Savannah Tennant

This week's senior is Michael Wilson who is described as a hard-working and dependable individual by his peers.

"Michael is a stand-up guy that you can always count on," said friend and fellow senior Zack O'Connor.

Wilson's favorite classes through high school were ag science and history class. He has been able to develop a passion for both subjects.

Wilson has contributed to FFA since 8<sup>th</sup> grade and has many accomplishments. He has been a state winner in the chicken broiler contest, participated in leadership and skills contests and earned the Outstanding Junior Award. He is currently the chapter's Vice President and, most recently, he was named the FFA state winner in Ag Mechanics and Repair.

"Michael has tremendous potential," said FFA advisor Colleen Scott Keiser. "His ability to problem-solve and his determination is impressive."

Wilson is the son of Janet Wilson and Mike Wilson and brother of 2015 graduate Paige Wilson, who now attends Michigan State University.

While maintaining good grades throughout high school, he has also been able to participate in many extracurricular activities. He has played baseball his freshman and sophomore years and is planning on playing his senior year as well. He played football his senior year.

Balancing school, work, and extracurricular activities has prepared Wilson for his future.

"Mike is a very talented problem solver who has the unique ability to look at a piece of equipment and diagnose the mechanical and electrical functions in his mind. Then, he puts it into practical application--the solution to the problem. He will be a tremendous engineer in the future," said Mr. Bill Wheeler. Wilson gives a large amount of credit to his dad and Mr. Wheeler for helping him to develop a choice in his future career path.

After high school, Michael plans on attending Michigan Tech for Mechanical Engineering. Going to Auto Tech at the career center has also helped him to choose what he wants to do in the future.

In Wilson's extra time he enjoys working on snowmobiles and tractors and spending time with his friends. Friends are the one thing Wilson mentions he will miss the most about high school and he has advice for underclassmen.

"Always do your homework because in the long run it'll affect your GPA and it really counts in the future," said Wilson. "High school may seem hard now, but it will be the easiest time in your life where you can have fun.

**Fundraiser being held for Albin family on Feb. 11 at Williamston Eagles Club**

Ben Albin of Fowlerville suffered a fatal heart attack on Dec 17, 2016. Ben leaves his wife of 30 years (Carol) who is struggling with Stage 4 liver and colon cancer. The Williamston Eagles Club 4091, along with Ben and Carol's family, is planning a benefit on Saturday, February 11, at 835 High Street in Williamston.

Ben was a Charter Member of the club, as is Carol. The benefit starts at 4pm. Spaghetti dinner with breadsticks and salad will be served at 5pm. We will be having silent and live auctions, 50/50s, baked goods, music and raffles. Our intent is to help ease the financial burden for Carol. We are in need of auction items, baked goods, and volunteers, including a volunteer DJ. Please call the club at (517-655-6510) or (Fred at 517-242-7088) for more info or to donate. If you need something picked up, we can make arrangements to come and get it. Let's give Carol a helping hand. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Webberville Community Schools News

**The Webberville School District** has an opening for a paraprofessional in the Special Education department. Please contact Dr. Becky Batteen at [bbatteen@webbervilleschools.org](mailto:bbatteen@webbervilleschools.org) or 517-521-3447 x7969 for information.

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**Webberville's Class of 2019** is hosting an indoor rummage sale on Saturday, February 11, in the high school cafeteria. It will be open 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Set up will begin at 8:00 AM, and tear down by 6:00 PM. If you would like a spot to sell items, the cost is \$25 for an 8ftX10ft space with you providing your own table. Cost is \$30 if we provide one table or \$45 with two tables. Please contact Dawn Preadmore at [dpreadmore@webbervilleschools.org](mailto:dpreadmore@webbervilleschools.org) or Sandy Judd at [sjudd@webbervilleschools.org](mailto:sjudd@webbervilleschools.org) if you have any questions or would like to reserve a spot. Interested persons should do so before February 8.

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**You can support Spartan athletics**, FFA scholarships, 5th grade circus trips and more programs by joining the Webberville Masons for a Farm Breakfast on Sunday, February 12. Breakfast is served from 8:00 to 11:00 AM at the Masonic Lodge at 113 E Grand River, Webberville. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$5 for children (under age 5 are free).

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**The Third Annual Casino Bus Trip** is on Saturday, February 25, to support the Varsity Boys Golf Team. Ticket price is \$45/ person and includes \$20 in free slot play at the Greektown Casino in downtown Detroit. Departure is at 3:15 PM from Webberville and returns at 11:15 PM. Participants must be 21 years of age to visit the casino. The first 56 individuals to reserve and pay are guaranteed a seat on the bus. To reserve your seat, contact Sandy Judd at [sjudd@webbervilleschools.org](mailto:sjudd@webbervilleschools.org) or 517-521-3447 x7903, or Ed Fairfield at [kodiakpplumbing@yahoo.com](mailto:kodiakpplumbing@yahoo.com) 517-404-4150.

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**The Webberville Elementary Daddy/Daughter Dance** is on Thursday, February 16, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Please see the information sent home with your daughter on how to purchase tickets.

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**The Webberville Junior Recreation Association** wants to remind parents that registration for 2017 summer sports closes on March 31 for baseball and softball. T-Ball registration closes on April 30. Register now and pay later. The association is also in need of a softball coach for 8U, T-ball coaches, and a football commissioner. If interested, contact the WJAA Commissioner for that sport. Please visit [www.leaguelineup.com/wjaasports](http://www.leaguelineup.com/wjaasports) for more information.

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 Bring your cards to trade or go battle, plus watch movies and enjoy snacks.  
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**Bottle Cap Art (Ages 10-17)**  
 Transform plastic or metallic bottle caps into beautiful pieces of mini-art. Feb. 13, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

## Dansville Community Center to hold Euchre Night on Feb. 18

The Dansville Community Center at 1317 Mason Street in Dansville will be having Euchre Night on Saturday, February 18 starting at 7pm. A donation of \$5 per person is asked to help pay for expenses for the night. Prizes for high score, low score, and most lone hands will be awarded. Beginners are welcome. For more information contact 517-851-7853.





## Steve Horton Column

### Emmett Till ‘Still Remembered’

When I was 21, I bought a Billie Holiday album. Among the songs on it was ‘Strange Fruit,’ a piece Lady Day sang in a brooding, melancholy voice. Of course, as a blues singer, that could describe a lot of her offerings on this record.

I did not play the record too often and, when I did, I apparently did not listen too attentively. Eventually, it dawned on me that the lyric “Strange fruit hangin’ from the poplar trees” referred to black men and women dangling from those Southern trees with ropes around their necks—the hapless victims of a lynch mob.

I thought of this once-common and for many people once-acceptable form of domestic terror when I read a recent newspaper article, reporting on a new development in the long-ago murder of a young black man.

That young man was Emmett Till, who was 14 at the time. He was not lynched, but that might have been an easier way to go. Instead he was severely beaten, tortured if you will, before finally being shot in the head and dumped into a river. Unfortunately for his killers, fishermen found the battered body a few days later.

The incident occurred in 1955. Emmett, who was from Chicago, was visiting relatives in rural Mississippi when he allegedly made lewd remarks and sexual advances to a 21-year-old white woman, working in a grocery store. Her name at that time was Carolyn Bryant. Remarried, it’s now Carolyn Donham.

The woman’s then husband, Roy Bryant, and his half brother, J.W. Milam, were arrested for the murder and put on trial. Both were acquitted by the all-white, all-male jury.

Maybe the ‘not guilty’ verdicts were reasonable, based on the evidence presented in the trial. Maybe, as many feel, it was a travesty of justice.

The problem was that, even if the evidence pointed to their guilt “beyond a reasonable doubt,” white juries in the South had a history of exonerating white men accused of killing or otherwise committing a crime against a black person. The men’s acquittal—in the eyes of many blacks and sympathetic whites—seemed to fit this pattern.

In the trial, Donham (according to the article) testified that Emmett “had grabbed her, and, in profane terms, bragged about his history with white women.”

A historian, Timothy B. Tyson, who has written a book “The Blood of Emmett Till” that is now on sale, told the Associated Press that “Carolyn Donham broke her long public silence in an interview with him in 2008” and admitted to him that she had given false testimony about Emmett making “physical and verbal threats.”

In another interview, Tyson claimed that “She said with respect to the physical assault on her, or anything menacing or sexual, that that part isn’t true.”

The historical account I read indicated that the young teenager had also been accused (by Donham) of whistling at her. Other young blacks with him, including his cousin, were not sure the whistle was aimed at her or that he had done so for some other reason. His mother, later on, in questioning the claims that he’d made the threats, noted that he stuttered and had difficulty talking.

A whistle or even lewd remarks are, of course, not a capital offense. But given the social norms of Jim Crow South at that time, and in the decades before the mid-1950s, even a seemingly minor offense, a black person not showing proper deference or behaving in what was seen by whites in a surly manner, could have dire consequences—even for a 14-year-old youngster. For a number of them, the consequence was becoming “strange fruit” hanging from a tree.

According to the historian, Donham also told him, “Nothing that boy did could ever justify what happened to him.”

The newspaper story recalled that the two men charged with the murder, in an interview with Look magazine not long afterwards, admitted that they’d killed the young black man.

Emmett Till’s murder became a famous, landmark event, in large part, because his mother, Mamie Till Mobley, chose to have an open casket “so all the world can see what they did to my boy.”

The photos of his disfigured and battered face, published in the black-owned press in Chicago and other major northern cities, caused outrage. Thousands of people filed past his casket. The trial drew lots of press coverage.

The racially-motivated murder, the details of the incident,

the trial and its outcome became a rallying cry that would galvanize the civil rights movement.

Over 60 years later, Emmett Till, and what happened to him, is still remembered. The interest that’s resulted from this latest development in his case attests to the power of that memory. His life, cut short by a violent act, mattered then. It still matters.

### George W. Lee Civil War Roundtable to meet Feb. 14; music planned

The next meeting of the George W. Lee Civil War Round Table will be on February 14, starting at 7:00 PM. As it is also Valentine’s Day, treat your significant others to an evening of musical delight and attend our meeting that night.

We have a new meeting location: the Livingston County EMS Headquarters Building (aka John E. LaBelle Public Safety Complex), 1911 N. Tooley Rd, Howell, MI 48836. This building is located on the east side of Livingston County Airport. Tooley Road is accessed off of M-59, about a quarter mile east of the intersection of M-59 & Grand River Ave.

A program of music as it was heard in the encampments of Civil War soldiers both North and South. The time in between the heated moments of battle was often long and tedious, and music was a pleasant way for soldiers to entertain themselves. While the brass bands provided music on the march and other occasions, it was the banjo, guitar, and the fiddle that were common among the men.

Tim Twiss and Al Smitley will recreate this scenario with period correct instruments and songs, allowing your spirit to drift back to this earlier time. Many of these songs have lived on and are still in our collective memory.

Tim Twiss, who will be playing guitar and banjo, is the owner of Milford Music in Highland. He studied classical music at Eastern Michigan University and became interested in the Civil War through the discovery of his Great-Great Grandfather Albert Garnsey who served in the 4th Michigan Infantry from 1861-1866. Al Smitley plays the fiddle and is a resident of Hartland. He spent 25 years as Local History Librarian at the district library in Northville, where he also played on its 1860-style baseball club.

### Webberville United Methodist Chicken Dinner being served Feb. 18

The Webberville United Methodist Church is having its monthly chicken dinner on Saturday, February 18 with oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, vegetables and biscuits. The meal will include coffee, lemonade, and dessert. The dinner will be served 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$9 per adult, \$4 for children 12 and under; preschoolers eat free. This is an outreach service to the community and proceeds will fund church ministries. Webberville United Methodist Church is located on the corner of Holt Road and M-52.

### Livingston Acoustic Music Society to gather on Feb. 11 at Fowlerville church

The Livingston Acoustic Music Society (LAMS) Jam Sessions are open to interested musicians, singers and listeners. We include many different instruments, styles of music and levels from beginners to accomplished.

Location: Fowlerville Church of the Nazarene; 8040 Country Corner Dr.; Fowlerville, MI: In the strip mall just south of the I-96 (over pass) bridge on Fowlerville Rd.

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## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Splash & Dash Indoor Triathlon being held at Howell pool

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Splash & Dash Indoor Triathlon is being held on Sunday, Feb. 19, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Howell Area Aquatic & Fitness Center.

Come swim, bike, run in true Tri order! Whether this is your first event or your motivation for the summer season, this is the triathlon for you. Scoring will be determined based on laps swam, miles biked, and miles ran with each discipline timed for 20 minutes. Awards will be handed out based on age group for men and women. Anyone age 9 going to age 99 can compete! All early registrants will receive a race packet and race shirt, so please indicate your size when registering. Late registrants are not guaranteed a race shirt. *Deadline to register and be guaranteed a shirt is Friday, February 10th.* Sign up online via RunSignUp. The last heat will be a team relay (2-3 people).

Howell Area Aquatic& Fitness Center is located at 1224 W. Grand River Ave. Cost: \$40 early/ \$45 late.

The event is put on the Howell Parks & Recreation Dept. Contact: [parksandrec@howellrecreation.org](mailto:parksandrec@howellrecreation.org) 517-546-0693 ext. 0

## Meals on Wheels needs volunteers to deliver meals in Fowlerville area

The Meals on Wheels Program is in need of volunteers to deliver hot meals to our home-bound seniors in the Fowlerville community. We would love the opportunity for you to be part of our team of volunteers. This is a commitment of 1-2 hours of your time, as little or as often as your schedule will permit. Volunteers not only deliver the meals, they also deliver a warm smile and a friendly greeting when they arrive at the door. For more information, please contact Lucy McKinnon @ 810-632-2155.

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# Fowlerville Junior High School News

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

February Count Day--Wed. Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>  
Valentine’s Dance-2:15-4pm--Fri. Feb. 10th  
No School-President’s Day--Mon. Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>  
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**7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL**

7th grade girls’ basketball team brought home two wins from Owosso on Jan. 25th. The B team won 36-0. The entire team played well. Zoey Yurgens and Hallie Dargie led scoring with 8 points each. Lindsay LeMieux added 6, and Mikayla Depa added 4 points. Avery Chappell, Laela Sirrine, Kaitlyn Orr, Heather Gendron, and Alyssa Semke all contributed 2 points each. The A team won 50-18. Kennedy Douglass was high scorer with 14 points. Kaley Douglass and Mara Menard each added 9 points. Levee Clark contributed 8 points. Josie Cruz and Ysenia Depa chipped in 4 each and Abby Thomas added 2 points  
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**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL**

The 8th grade girls’ basketball teams started off their season against a tough East Lansing program. The B team dropped their contest 59-6. Bryn Bertyl scored 4 points and Karla Hacker 2 for the Glads. The A team lost their game 53-13. Sara Saplding had 6 points, while Miya Filnger and Sydney Feig added 3 each, and Morgan Byerle 1 for Fowlerville.

Next, the girls traveled to Mason. The B team lost 44-14. Bryn Bertyl had 6 points, Kennedi Meinecke 3, Emily Hutmacher and Jenna Bailey 2, and Karla Hacker 1 for Fowlerville. Despite a solid first half, trailing by 1, the A team lost 46-28. Sydney Feig had 12 points, Miya Fillinger 8, and Sara Spalding, Lillian Thomas, Morgan Byerle, and Jada Bradberry scored 2 each for the Glads.

The girls then split a pair of games with Owosso. The B played their best game of the year in a 25-8 win. Bryn Bertyl led the way with 7 points, Jenna Bailey added 6, Jenna Rigotti and Emily Hutmacher 4, and Kennedi Meinecke and Celeste Linares 2 each for the Glads. Despite times of playing well, the A team lost their game 40-29. Sydney Feig had 11 points, Miya Filinger 6, Sara Spalding 4, Morgan Byerle and Maliyah Pingle 3 each, and Lillian Thomas 2 for Fowlerville.

The girls picked up their first win of the season in a thriller at home vs Eaton Rapids. Miya Filinger hit a free throw with less than 15 seconds left in the game for the 32-31 win. Sara Spalding led the Glads with 12 points, Sydney Feig and Filinger had 7 each, Lillian Thomas 4, and Maliyah Pingle 2. Jenna Rigotti played solid defense and grabbed several rebounds.

Next on the schedule was a game vs Ionia, where both teams lost. The B team, despite playing well late in the game, lost 36-21. Bryn Bertyl had 10 points, Emily Hutmacher 5, and Karla Hacker, Autumn Jones, and Emma Boughner 2 each for Fowlerville. The A team lost a close game 33-29. Miya Filinger led the way with 12 points, Sara Spalding had 9, Sydney Feig 7, and Morgan Byerle 1 for the Glads. The B team is 1-3 on the season while the A stands at 1-4.  
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**NEW YEAR’S POP TAB CHALLENGE**

Student Council is sponsoring a Pop Tab Challenge. Students are to collect for the month of January pop can tabs. They will bring them into their 6th hour classroom or 6th grade brings them to their homeroom teacher. They are donated to the Ronald McDonald House. Any questions contact, Ms. DeLuca 223-6250 or delucac@fowlervilleschools.org  
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**YEARBOOK INFORMATION**

Yearbooks are now on sale online at the school website or

in person from Mrs. Spisz in room C-2. The cost of a basic yearbook is \$32. Please order early as we often sell out. We do have a limited number of previous year books for sale if you are looking for one let us know. We are also interested in having you submit pictures. You can download the Balfour Image share app and use our project number 723649 to upload photos for possible use in the book.  
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**SPORTS FOR WEEK OF FEB.6:**

Mon., 2/6: GBB vs Okemos-4:30; 7A,8H; bus-3:30  
Wed., 2/8: GBB vs DeWitt-4:30; 7H,8A; bus-3:15  
Thurs., 2/9: WRESTLING-4:30 HOME @ FHS Aux gym;  
Suggested parking-bus lot on east side of FHS; small concession  
Fri., 2/10: ATHLETIC PICTURES:  
2:30-Wrestling @ FHS wrestling room  
3:00-7<sup>th</sup> GBB in FJH gym  
3:30-8<sup>th</sup> GBB in FJH gym  
TUESDAY, Feb 7 is PIZZA DAY AT DUKE’S PIZZA! Order a pizza at Duke’s, mention the Fowlerville Athletic Boosters & a percentage of the day’s sales will go to support our athletic programs.

## Fowlerville Girls Varsity Basketball Team split pair of games last week

The Fowlerville Girls Varsity Basketball Team split a pair of games last week. On Friday, Jan. 28, the Glads lost a CAAC White Division game at home against Eaton Rapids in overtime, 60-53.

Fowlerville led 12-8 at the end of the first period and, with both teams scoring 20 points in the second stanza, held a 32-28 advantage at halftime.

The Gladiators widened their lead to 45-39 after three quarters of play, but then managed to score only four points in the final stanza. With the Greyhounds getting 10 points, the game ended in regulation time tied at 49.

Eaton Rapids then won in overtime, scoring 11 points to Fowlerville’s four.

The loss puts the Glads at 2-4 in league play. Meghan Douglass led the team with 15 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 block, and 1 steal. Ollie Updike had 11 points, 3 assists, 1 block; Elie Smith 10 points, 4 rebounds, 3 steals, 2 assists, 1 block; while Jackie Jarvis helped with 8 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists; Sarah Matlock had 5 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist; and Averie Latson finished with 4 points, 2 rebounds, 1 block.

Eaton Rapids was led by Sam McDaniel and Arianna Sysum with 16 points each and Anne-Marie Wright with 12 points.

**This past Tuesday, Fowlerville traveled to Stockbridge,** a reunion of former Ingham County League rivals, and came home with a 50-41 win.

After finding themselves down early, 11-4, the girls dug in on defense and did an outstanding job of rebounding the ball. The Panthers held a 13-10 first quarter lead, but Fowlerville came back in the second period to go ahead 19-17 at intermission.

The Glads outscored Stockbridge, 13-10, in the third quarter to take a 32-27 advantage into the final stanza.

Free throws proved a big difference in the game. Fowlerville sank 18 of 22, while the Panthers were 4 of 9.

Elie Smith had a monster double double with 16 points and 14 rim clearing boards. Jackie Jarvis had 12 points and just missing a double double to have 9 rebounds. Meghan Douglass had 12 points, Averie Latson 8, and Ollie Updike 3.

Stockbridge was led by Jessica Taylor with 13 points, 6 assists, 5 rebounds; Rachel Smith had 10 points and 3 assists; Emily Breslin had 10 points. Madison Howard had 7 rebounds and Faith Whitt had 4 assists.

Fowlerville is now 9-4 overall. They hosted Portland in a

league game this past Friday (past the newspaper deadline). On Tuesday they are at Bay City John Glenn in a non-conference action and travel to Ionia this coming Friday for another CAAC White Division match-up.

## Fowlerville Boys Varsity Basketball Team wins pair of games last week

The Fowlerville Boys Varsity Basketball Team won a pair of games last week.

On Friday, Jan. 27, Fowlerville defeated Eaton Rapids 55 to 51 at home. The game was tight most of the way. The local cagers led 10-9 at the end of the opening stanza and held a slight 22-21 edge at halftime.

The Greyhounds rallied with 19 points in the third period to Fowlerville’s 15, giving them a 40-37 lead after three quarters. The Gladiators were able to make enough plays down the stretch, including a huge three from Caden Collins and 7-8 free throw shooting from the team.

Geoffrey Knaggs scored 7 of his game high 21 points in the fourth quarter, including a huge offensive rebound late in the game. Knaggs grabbed a total of 12 rebounds, earning him a double double on the night.

Dan Judd hit two key free throws in the final stanza on his way to 15 points, 3 blocks and 2 steals. Cam Brigham had a very efficient night, scoring 10 points on just 4 shot attempts. Collins scored 5 points and dished out 7 assists. Nate Leonard chipped in 4 points.

For Eaton Rapids, Drew Shafer and Zack Kemp had 14 points. Ben Gleeson had 11 points and Jacob Osypczuk had 9 points on three threes.

**Fowlerville defeated Stockbridge 57 to 40** in a home game last Tuesday. The Gladiators held a 27 to 17 lead at the half. Stockbridge outscored Fowlerville 16 to 12 in the third period, leaving the Glads with a 6-point advantage after three quarters of play.

Stockbridge got it down to 2 points before Fowlerville went on a 18-to-4 run in the fourth.

Leading the Glads was Dan Judd with 26 points on 11 of 14 shooting and 6 rebounds. Geoffrey Knaggs added his second straight double double with 14 points and 12 rebounds along with 4 assists. Caden Collins chipped in 6 points and Andrew Spalding added 5 points and 2 assists. Other contributors were Cam Brigham with 1 point, Mitch Bishop with 2 points, and Nate Leonard with 3 points.

Kolby Canfield led Stockbridge with 16 points and Mason Gee-Montgomery had 10.

Fowlerville hosted conference rival Portland this past Friday (past the newspaper deadline). They are off until this Friday when they travel to Ionia for another league game.

## Bicycle rider hurt after being struck by car on West Grand River last week

A bicycle rider was hurt last Tuesday evening after being struck by a car. The accident occurred at around 6:15 p.m. on West Grand River, just west of Nicholson Road in Handy Township.

According to a published report, the bicyclist was a 46-year-old man from Lansing. He was taken to Sparrow Hospital in Lansing by the Livingston County Emergency Medical Service with “non-life threatening injuries.”

The investigation by the Livingston County Sheriff Dept. indicated that witnesses said the man was riding his bike “all over the road” prior to being hit by the car. The 19-year-old driver of the vehicle was eastbound on Grand River.

Deputies were assisted at the scene by personnel from the Fowlerville Fire Department and Michigan State Police.

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**Student of the Week--Bryson Scott**

**By Jewlissa Aldred**

Congratulations to this week's Student of the Week, freshman Bryson Scott. Bryson's lives with his parents, Karen and Jason Scott, and his sister, Annika. His schedule consists of Band, Algebra 1, College Prep German 2, Earth Science, Honors Freshman Lit and Comp, and American History. Out of all of Bryson's classes, his favorite is Honors Freshman Lit and Comp. He says he has lots of friends in that class, and they like to joke around and have fun. Even though Honors Lit is his favorite subject, his favorite teacher is Mrs. Nabozny. She is his favorite because she has "a very laid back attitude and he likes how calm she is."

Bryson was nominated by many of his teachers. Mrs. Conner stated, "Bryson uses his class time wisely, is a model to others, cares about his growth, and is polite and pleasant every day. He is super respectful and is an absolute joy to have in class."

Mr. Vlieg commented, "Bryson is one of my strongest freshman and can always be counted on to take the initiative and rise above many of his peers."

Out of everything that FHS has to offer, Bryson's all-time favorite thing about FHS is the school's athletic program. Not only does he like to watch them, he is also a very well-rounded athlete. Bryson partakes in basketball, cross country, and baseball, a combination that keeps him busy year round. Being a freshman, Bryson still has many more things left to experience throughout high school. Some of the things that he is looking forward to are taking AP courses and playing on varsity sports teams.

When Bryson is not at school or playing sports, he likes to watch movies with his family. When he is not with his family, he likes to hang out with his friends. Bryson's favorite memory with his friends is hanging out with the basketball team during the varsity games and just being able to mess around and have a good time.

During some of his other free time he likes to listen to Eminem and watch the TV show *Flash*. After high school, Bryson plans to go to college for Genetic or DNA Decoding while hopefully playing a college sport. Some of the things that he wants to achieve in his life time are to be a professional athlete and to travel around the world. Bryson wants to travel to Brazil to see the Amazon and to Alaska to go hunting. He has already been to Alask, where he went on a hike over nine miles long and stayed the night on top of a mountain.

Some advice he would like to give to his fellow peers would be to always stay focused. Still only a freshman, he already knows that he is going to miss his teachers and friends when he graduates. When Bryson was asked how it made him feel to be nominated Student of the Week, he stated, "Surprised, I didn't even know it existed."

Bryson's friends and family all talk highly of him, they love how he always tries to be helpful and tries to cheer people up.

Congratulations Bryson on being nominated Student of the Week, good luck in the rest of your freshman year!

**Livingston County Catholic Charities holding orientation for foster parents**

Thinking of becoming a foster parent? Livingston County Catholic Charities (LCCC) is holding an orientation for persons interested in learning more about foster care.

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month

Time: 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Place: LCCC, 2020 E. Grand River #104, Howell

R.S.V.P.: Call Carrie today to reserve your spot – (517)545-5944.

LCCC is seeking to increase the number of available foster homes in Livingston County to serve the growing number of children entering foster care. Currently there are not enough local homes to accommodate abused and/or neglected children to keep them close to their home of origin in order to maintain stability in their lives.

Do you have room in your heart and home for one more child? If so, please call to reserve your spot.

**Community Bible Study at St. John's seeks answers about "Vanishing Grace"**

Is there grace out there? One wonders based on news broadcasts and the general state of affairs. Yet this is a primary gift from God and a key theme of Christian faith, not to be given up on.

St. John's Lutheran Church will host their annual Community Winter Bible Study entitled, "Vanishing Grace." It is based on the work of Philip Yancey who has continued writing on this theme beyond his classic work, "What's So Amazing About Grace?" to find the state of grace today.

Christians of the Lutheran tradition---and, indeed, all Christians---have long trusted in the teaching of God's grace as a necessary and abundant gift for the world and St. John's is especially interested in exploring it during this year, the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

The study will begin on Tuesday February 7 at 6:45 p.m. and run through March 7. A suggested fee for materials is \$8 per person. St. John's Lutheran Church welcomes members of the greater Fowlerville community to this study. If interested, register at 517-223-9108 or [www.stjohnsfowlerville.org](http://www.stjohnsfowlerville.org).

**Humane Society of Livingston County holding 'The Fur Ball' on April 1**

The Humane Society of Livingston County will be raising money to help care for homeless pets in the community. The Fur Ball is HSLC's largest fundraising event and will be held on April 1 at Crystal Gardens in Howell from 6:00pm to 12:30am. For ticket and sponsorship info visit [www.humane-livingston.org](http://www.humane-livingston.org) or call Jen at 517-552-8050 x 10.

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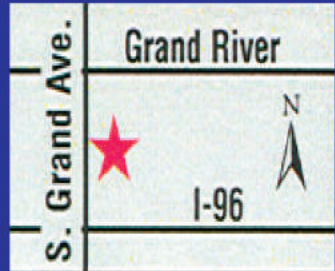
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