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Fowlerville High School holds **Senior Honors** Night on May 10

Fowlerville High School held its Annual Senior Honors Night on Wednesday, May 10, at the Alverson Center for Performing Arts.

This year's event combined the traditional Senior Honors Program and the Senior Athletic Honors Program.

The Top 10 graduating seniors as well as the other seniors who graduated Summa Cum Laude (3.9 GPA or higher) were introduced, followed by recognition of seniors who belong to the National Honor Society. In addition, the recipients of various special academic awards and local scholarships were announced.

The Athletic Honors included announcing the recipients of several scholarships and special awards and introducing the seniors who have participated in one or more sports during their four years in high school. Each of the varsity coaches also introduced seniors who played on their respective teams.

Top Graduates—Madeline Clough, Austin Schultz, Jason Klebba, Bailey Edwards, Rachel Clark, Gage Dansby, Autumn McLane Svoboda, Rozlin Opolka, Nancy Roberts, Alyssa Bennett, Jordan Smith, Katarina Pretty, Carra Burnie, Steven Quigley, Stephanie Maher, Emily Tersigni, Thomas Quaine, Daniel Judd, MacKenzie Fox-Purrier.



Ardale L. Allshouse Memorial Scholarship for Nursing—From left, Jade Moros, Ashley Painter, presenter Jake Allshouse, Abby Stepanski, Emily Tersigni.



FHS Athletic Ironman Award—From left, Brian Osborn, high school athletic director, Thomas Quaine, Cody Persons, Niko Montrose, Justin McCullough, Cameron Brigham.

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'Make an Impact' by joining the 5K & 1 Mile Run/Walk on June 3

Grab a friend and join the 5th Annual Run for the Impact 5K & 1Mile Run/Walk to benefit the Fowlerville Family Impact Centers! Enjoy your morning run or walk on a beautiful yet challenging 3.1-mile grassy, wooded, bean-field course, with professional chip timing by Michigan Running Foundation.

There will be new T-shirts with a new design for preregistered and 5K Medals for 1st-3rd places in each of the 14 age divisions from 6-14 years to over 70 years for both male and female participants, and don't forget the ever popular "Racers Goody Bag".

Spectator activities include the local Fire Department with rescue vehicle demonstrations, Kids/Adult Mile Run and Activities, spirited race-course-cheer teams, music with DJ Ben and Jim Kitchen, and race/spectator pictures by photographer Brian Blostica.

On-Site Registration and Pre-Registered Packet Pick-Up begins at 8am. The Run/Walk begins at 9 am at the Fowlerville Family Impact Wellness Center (9430 West Grand River). Parking will be at the United Brethren Church front lot. Register online at the following: https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Fowlerville/RunfortheImpact3

<u>Playmakers.com&www.familyimpactcenters.com</u> or obtain registration forms before May 26th at the Impact Center, 735 N. Fowlerville Rd. If you have questions or would like to volunteer please call Barb Dine at the Impact Center at 517-223-4428, or Race Director Sheila Larson, 517-861-9139.

or download registration at:

Fowlerville Varsity Baseball Team earns two wins over Williamston last week

Fowlerville's Varsity Baseball Team earned two more wins last week with a sweep against league rival Williamston. The games were played at the Gladiator home field on May 8.

Good pitching has been a key to Fowlerville's success this season, a fact demonstrated when Nate Leonard threw a complete game no hitter in the front end of the double header. Leonard punched out 14 hornets via the strikeout and only allowed one walk on the day. Eric Fritz, Wyatt Thomas, Michael LaPlante, Trevor Miller, and Leonard each collected multiple hits to lead the team to its 4-0 victory.

In game two, the Gladiators jumped out to an early lead and hung on to take home the 8-5 victory. Wyatt Thomas earned the win for the Glads, striking out 13 while surrendering 3 runs on 2 walks and 3 hits. Fowlerville collected 9 hits, with Josh Nabozny and JT Maybee leading the way with multiple hits.

517-223-1441

Kreeger Elementary School News

M-STEP testing make-ups for 3rd and 4th Grades: Parents please have your child(ren) go to bed earlier and make sure they have a healthy breakfast.

May 24: FACTO: Planning for long and short term goals, inschool after schools clubs, parent education, field trips, etc.

WHEN: 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Kreeger Media Center

WHO: Any parent or teacher interested in supporting creative and talented students in Fowlerville Community Schools.

Any questions? Barb Parker <u>joeparker@fnwusers.com</u> or Susie Baumgartner <u>sbaumgartner@kw.com</u>

May 25: 5th Grade Reproductive Health Parent Meeting-6:00 p.m. in the Kreeger Media Center

May 26: 5th Grade Reproductive Health Parent Meeting-8:00 a.m. in the Kreeger Media Center

May 29: NO SCHOOL Memorial Day Recess

June 8: 3rd& 5th Grade Field Day

3rd Grade 9:30-11:45 a.m.

5th Grade 12:30-3:05 p.m.

June 9: 5th Grade Field Trip to Greenfield Village

Buses depart Kreeger 8:00 a.m.and return at 4:00 p.m. 4th Grade Field Day—12 noon-2:35 p.m.

June 13: K-11 HALF DAY OF SCHOOL- DISMISSAL @ 12 NOON

June 14: K-11 HALF DAY OF SCHOOL- **DISMISSAL** @ 12 NOON

ATTENDANCE ISSUES: Please remember to call the Attendance Hotline 517.223.6333 when your child is going to be absent from school. The Hotline is available 24 hours a day. Also, if your child visits the dentist, the orthodontist or their physician, ask for a "School Excuse" this is a considered a medically documented absence and is not counted against your child. Thank you for your cooperation.

Caregiver Support Group meets 3rd Wednesday of the Month

The Caregiver Support Group for Dementia and Alzheimer's meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 4:30 - 6:30pm at Be Our Guest Adult Day - a program of Livingston County Catholic Charities, located at 2020 E. Grand River #103, Howell. Respite is available with prior reservation. Call Katie

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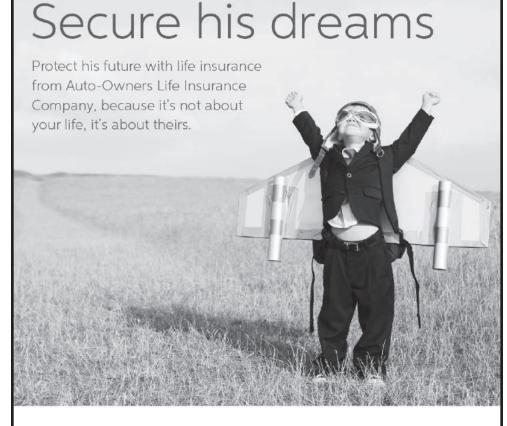
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Livingston **County Comments**

By: Doug Helzerman, District 4 Commissioner

How do you like your new job? That is the most common question that I am asked since I was elected county commissioner. I am enjoying the new opportunities I have to learn and serve my community. As one of nine commissioners, I like the give and take needed in finding positive solutions to the challenges that face our county.

Most of the day-to-day work of the county is done by the respective staff of each department. Some of the departments are headed by elected officials such as the sheriff, clerk, judges, etc. These derive their authority from the people who elect them. Others, such as the building department and health department, are run by directors appointed by the board of commissioners on which I serve.

The board of commissioners is responsible for deciding what county-wide millages will be voted on by the people and then how to distribute the tax monies received from local, state, and federal sources. We must fund every constitutional and statutory department of the county at an adequate level and determine the number of employees that each department head may hire. This must all be done while balancing the budget each year. After this, each elected official has wide discretion to hire and manage their staff to fulfill the responsibilities of their office.

We are blessed in our county to have a good working

relationship between the board of commissioners and department heads, both elected and appointed.

On another note, I attended a meeting hosted by Embridge, the pipeline company that manages one

of the major petroleum pipelines crossing diagonally from the southwest side of the county to the northeast. Since the spill of this pipeline at the Kalamazoo River (2010), Embridge has implemented new standards and procedures to minimize pollution risk to the public and the environment.

The advances of modern life have brought many advantages. However, we do well to be mindful of and to eliminate as many of the dangers as possible that come with each step forward.

Please contact me with any communication or concern that you may have. 517 540-8717 or dhelzerman@livgov.com

Fowlerville Fire Department Report

Thursday, May 4th, at 4:01 p.m. personnel responded to Superior Drive in the Village for an animal rescue.

A medical emergency on I-96 near the scales was reported at 12:41 a.m., Friday, May 5th. At 1:08 p.m. the department was called to standby at downed power lines on Bull Run Road in Iosco Township. At 2:34 p.m. Firefighters were dispatched for downed power lines on S. Grand Ave. in the Village. The department responded to Owosso Road in Handy Township at 6:36 p.m.to investigate a burning odor in a residence.

At 5:46 p.m. Saturday, May 6th personnel responded to assist EMS on Addison Circle in the Village with a second medical being on Sargent Road in Handy Township at 6:50

Monday, May 8th, at 11:02 a.m. a medical emergency on Mason Road in Iosco Township was reported. The department was dispatched to a medical emergency on Gehringer Drive in the Village at 1:30 p.m.

Firefighters responded to investigate low hanging wires on Slawski Drive in Handy Township at 10:41 a.m., Tuesday, May 9th. At 5:42 p.m. the department was called to assist at a motor vehicle accident with injuries on S. Grand Ave. in the Village.

Wednesday, May 10th, at 11:09 a.m. a medical emergency on Walnut Street in the Village was reported. Personnel responded to a medical emergency on Brandi Lane in Handy Township at 8:18 p.m. At 11:58 p.m. firefighters were dispatched to a medical emergency on Woodway Lane in Conway Township.

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Junior Varsity Baseball

Aaron Robson - Aaron is a great team player who loves the game of baseball. Aaron displays great leadership on and off the field and is always willing to work hard. Aaron has played a huge roll on the team this year and continues to get the job done on the field. Aaron is a player that his teammates can count on to always try his best and leave it all on the field.

Levi Aeschliman - Levi is a very dedicated young man who thrives on competition. Levi is always willing to outwork his opponent and improve his game. Levi shows up to practice every day with a great attitude and mindset. Opportunities are endless for this young man as he continues his career in this program as well as in life.

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

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Michigan Senate Report

By Joe Hune, 22nd District

Michigan Tree Farming

Did you know that Michigan has 9.2 million apple trees in commercial production? And that we rank third in the U.S. for Christmas tree production?

Agribusiness surrounding tree farming is a major part of Michigan's economy. The agriculture industry in the state generates more than \$100 billion annually and accounts for nearly 1million Michigan jobs.

A major part of Michigan's agriculture industry is centered around apples. Michigan is the third largest apple producer in the nation and apples are our most valuable fruit crop. The 2016 apple season saw a record number of apple bushels, with more than 31 million bushels produced on more than 11.3 million apple trees.

Another major part of Michigan's agriculture business is cherry farming. After all, Traverse City is the cherry capital

FHS National Honor Society hosting annual DeCamp Rk race/walk May 19

The Fowlerville High School NHS is hosting the Annual DeCamp 5K race/walk on May 19th at 6pm at the high school. Race forms can be picked up at the HS main office or downloaded at fowlervilleschools.org. You can also register at runsignup.com/race/mi/fowlerville/DeCamp by May 12th to receive a T-shirt. Adults are \$25, Students \$20, and a family is \$50 (up to 3 T-shirts). Late/Day off registration: Adults \$30, Students \$25, Family \$60.

Please make checks payable to Fowlerville Community Schools (Memo: DeCamp Stamepede). All proceeds will be benefiting a new scholarship for seniors starting with the class of 2018.

of the world! Michigan has approximately 3.8 million tart cherry trees, necessary to feed the average American's consumption of one pound of cherries annually. Each tree has about 7,000 individual cherries, which can result in about 28 pies.

Michigan is also known for our Christmas tree production, and as one of the largest producers of real Christmas trees in the U.S., our Christmas tree farms supply around 3 million trees to the market each year. And for every Christmas tree harvested, Michigan Christmas tree farmers plant three new trees

The agriculture industry, especially Michigan tree farming, plays a major role in the state's economy. This can sometimes be easy to forget. As chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee I will continue to keep advancing and strengthening our agriculture industry as a top priority.

As always, if you have any questions or need information, please contact my office toll-free at 855-JOE-HUNE or email my office at <u>SenJHune@senate.michigan.gov</u> and my staff will be happy to assist you. My website, <u>www.SenatorJoeHune.com</u>, is also a good resource for information.

Community-Wide Women's Bible Study begins in June at Wellness Center

The new Beth Moore Bible Study entitled **Entrusted: A Study of II Timothy** will again be offered at the Family Impact Wellness Center (9430 W. Grand River in Fowlerville). This time, there are two options: Monday mornings at 9:00 beginning on June 12th and Tuesday evenings at 6:15 beginning on June 13th. This 6-session class will run consecutively except for a break in the middle for July 3 and 4.

With her combination video teaching/discussion format, Beth will encourage us to both guard what God has entrusted to us and to pour into future generations just as Paul did when he mentored Timothy. As she stated, "In this journey of joy and hardship, we need each other to stay the course and live a life of faithfulness."

A listening guide/ workbook for both note-taking and homework accompanies the course. These books are \$14 each, and scholarships are available. For more information or to register, please call Barb at 517-223-4428.

Fowlerville High School Alumni Banquet tickets now on sale

Tickets for the 124th Annual Fowlerville High School Banquet are now on sale at two Fowlerville locations—Druckers General Store, 108 E. Grand River and Reggie's Barber Shop, 127 N. Grand Avenue.

Tickets are \$15 each and will be sold through the end of May. Tickets at the door will be \$20 each.

The FHS Alumni Banquet will be held on Saturday, June 10, at the high school cafeteria. Social hour begins at about 4-to-4:30 p.m., followed by group pictures of special classes and then the banquet at 6:30 p.m. A short program will follow, recognizing the honored classes. Also, recipients of the 2017 FHS Alumni Scholarship will be presented to the Alumni Association. This is a great evening to gather with former classmates and teachers.







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Fowlerville Junior High School News

IMPORTANT DATES:

8th Grade Field Trip to Mackinaw-- May 24-25 No School-Memorial Day-- May 29th Junior High Awards Ceremony-6:30pm-- May 31st

SPORTS FOR WEEK OF MAY 15:

Wed., 5/17: TRACK @ Owosso-4:30; bus-3:00 Fri., 5/19: TRACK @ Ionia Invite-3:30; bus-1:15 --8 teams at invitational (Belding, Central Montcalm, Hastings, Lakewood, Portland, Saranac & Ionia)

Mon., 5/22: TRACK @ LCMS (LCC track-501 N. Marshall)-4:30; bus-3:00

The meet on May 22 concludes the FJH spring track season w/ the exception of those athletes who qualify for the 2017 Playmaker's HONOR ROLL MEET ON JUNE 1. Thank you athletes, coaches, parents, FHS track athletes & volunteers for all your help this season. ALL uniforms & school issued equipment must be turned in to the coaches. Special thanks to FHS students Peter Damerow & Jessica Williams who provided invaluable help at meets

GIRLS TRACK

A break in the weather brought a sunny meet to the junior high girls track team on Wednesday, May 3, as they hosted their last home meet against Portland and LCC. Many of the girls took advantage of the weather and used it to set new personal records as well as collecting points for the team during the meet.

First place finishers for the team were the 4x400m relay team of Parkar Stephens, Laela Sirrine, Sarah Litz, and Avery Chappell

Second place finishers were Leveesa Clark in the 400m dash setting a new PR,. Jenna Rigotti in the 800m run also, setting a new PR. Madison Flamini in the 55m hurdles with a new PR, And the third place finishers were Parkar Stephens in the 400m dash setting a new PR. Abigail Thomas in the 55m hurdles with a new PR, and in shot put Adriann Clemens.

New personal records were set by Alyssa Harmon and Lindsay Lemieux in the 100m dash. Sarah Litz in the 200m dash. Hannah Aldredge-Teran and Allie Davis in the 800m run. Trisha Seiter and Gabrielle Damerow in the 2 mile. Great job ladies! Keep working hard and those personal records

will continue to be set.

On Friday afternoon, May 5, the junior high girls track team traveled to Perry for a chilly and windy Ramber Relays Invitational. Many of the girls showed their tough side as they battled the weather to collect second and third place finishes for the Lady Glads. The team placed 4th in the overall meet. The second place finishers for the team were the 3200m relay co-ed team of S. Spalding, J. Rigotti along with two of the boys team members. The 4x400 Relay team of P. Stephens, L. Lemieux, S. Litz, A. Chappell. The third place finishers for the evening were the 4x800m relay team of S. Spalding, K. Perry-Hertzler, K.Meinecke, and J.Rigotti. The 55m hurdle relay team of A. Thomas, S. Litz, J. Gill and G. Damerow. The Rambler Relay team of G. Damerow, E.Hulett, K. Perry-Hertzler, and J. Rigotti, and the shot put relay team of P. Douglass, A. Harman, and H. Arledge-Teran throwing a best combined through of 67'5".

Teams that also collected points to contribute to the 4th place finish were the 4x100m relay team of L. Lemieux, A. Morris, A. Eggleston and L. Baumgartner, and the Rambler Pride Relay team of E.Hulett, A. Fogo, A. Larson, and H. Arledge Teran. What a way to end a bad weather week on a good note. You all should be proud of yourselves. Our upcoming meets take us to Waverly on Wednesday May 10th and Fowler on May 12th. Good Luck girls!

BOYS JUNIOR HIGH TRACK RESULTS

The Fowlerville boys track team competed in the Perry Rambler Relays on Friday, May 5. The boys battled the cold and the wind to place 3rd by a mere 5 points. In the field events, Colin Munsell led all throwers with a Personal Best throw of 38'6". Tucker Niemi also had a great day beating his personal best by 5' with a throw of 28'3". Elijah Douglass had the best jump for the boys with Personal best height of 4'8" in the high jump. In the long jump, Jack Lampman (16'2"), Ryan Dixon (15'10") and Nathan Ash (14'8") battle the wind to place first with a combined distance of 46'9.25". Due to high winds, the pole vault was cancelled.

The Gladiators had a great start in the running events placing 2nd with a time of 11:49.40 in the Co-ed 3200 meter relay with the team of Jenna Rigotti, Brandon Seiter, Sara Spalding, and Brett Marschall. In the 55 meter Shuttle hurdles, several athletes stepped up to brave the hurdles for the first time replacing some missing teammates. The team of Gavin Camps, Nathan Loose, Julian Hart and Colin Munsell finished 6th in a time of 51.39s. The boys 3200 meter relay team of Brandon Seiter, Logan Flanery, Nick Salois, and Brett Marschall finished 4th in a time of 11:52. The 4x70 relay team of Nick Salois, Ayden Berry, Jack Maxwell and Ryan Dixon finished fourth in a time of 40.56s. The 4x200 relay team of Nathan Ash, Jack Lampman, Randell Kuch and Kaleb Chappell remains unbeaten finishing first in a time of 1:46.26.

The Gladiators showed they had strength in distance finishing 2nd in the Distance Medley Relay (1200m, 400m, 800m, 1600m) with the team of Elijah Douglass, Spencer Feig, J.T. Chapman and Jack Shrader in a time of 13:38.44. The 4x400 relay team of Spencer Feig, Jack Shrader, Gavin Camps and Nathan Ash finished 3rd crossing the line in 4:28.2. The 4x100 relay team of Jack Lampman, Kaleb Chappell, Randell Kuch and Ryan Dixon came within a second of the school record finishing 1st with a time of 49.72s. The Harriers finished the day strong with a 1st place in the Rambler Pride Relay (200,400,800) with the team of Kaleb Chappell, Jack Maxwell, Randell Kuch and Elijah Douglass in 4:29.57. The hard work is starting to pay off with the times continuing to drop and the distances climbing. Great job Gladiators!

HIGH SCHOOL DANCE TEAM

Interested in being apart of the FHS dance team? Coach Marissa Leonard will be holding an informational meeting for the upcoming 2017-2018 season on Monday May 22nd in Mrs. Dowker's room. Grades 9-12 are welcome! We will be discussing tryouts, summer practices, competitions, and much more. Stop by for cookies and helpful info!"

FOOD & NUTRITION NOTICE: Beginning *Wednesday, May 31* students will *not* be allowed to charge to their account if they have a negative balance. (*Free students will still receive a meal, but are expected to pay any negative balance). You *must* have money in your account to charge and all negative balances must be paid before the end of the



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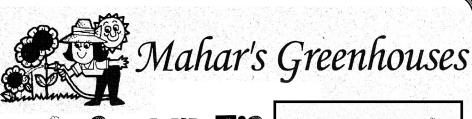


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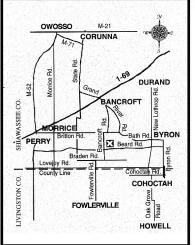


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FJH STUDENTS HELP ATHLETES IN NEED—

FJH seventh graders Holly Birmingham and Ella Murawski, recently completed their National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) service project by holding a bake sale during lunches at FJH. As part of the project requirements, the girls had to select an area/organization which would benefit from the raised monies. Being young athletes in the school/community, the girls decided to donate their earnings to the high school athletic scholarship fund to help boys and girls who might be having difficulty paying the required participation fee. The girls were able to raise nearly \$200 which they turned over to Mrs. Recker, FJH athletic director. Mrs. Recker, in turn, gave the money to high school athletic director for the PAY-TO-PLAY scholarship fund at FHS. Money in this account helps high school athletes who are struggling to pay the participation fee for athletic participation at FHS.

St. John's Episcopal Church to serve meat loaf dinner on May 19

St. John's Episcopal Church will serve a Meat Loaf Dinner on Friday, May 19, on 5-7pm. Free Will Offering. Questions

Upcoming Programs at the Fowlerville District Library

All Programs are intended for Fowlerville School District residents only unless otherwise stated.

Registration usually opens 2 weeks prior to the event. Follow us on Facebook & www.fowlervillelibrary.org. Phone: 517-223-9089

Reading to Fred the Therapy Dog: Most Mondays at 4pm 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.

Garden Club- Thursday, May 18th at 2:30pm

Adults. This group meets once a month on a Thursday and is brought to you by the local Master Gardeners of the Fowlerville Garden Club. *Registration for this program is now closed.

Registration for the Summer Reading Program begins Wednesday, May 31st for all age groups! *Participation is limited. Register in person to attend.

Howell Eagles to host the Blue Notes Band this Sunday, May 21

The Howell Eagles and the Blue Notes Band invite you to join us on Sunday, May 21, from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Eagles Club, 141 Schroeder Park Dr., Howell as we continue to honor all moms, relatives, friends and everyone else who enjoy great music, "Blue Notes Style", dancing/listening, good food and drinks and fantastic fellowship for a mere \$5.00 admission fee. Best deal anywhere!

It's almost a guarantee that when the evening is over, your toes will tap, your heart will sing and your soul will be happy. Membership is not a requirement to have this experience. For more information please call 517-548-1630 or 517-548-4313. Happy Mother's Day!!

Happy 85th Birthday Doug Arnold, Sr.; Party to be held on Saturday, May 20

The family of Douglas Arnold, Sr. would like to invite

friends and to an 85th birthday gathering on Saturday, May 20th from 1pm-4pm. It will be held at the Memorial Lutheran School, 2070 Sherwood Rd., Williamston, MI. Food and drink

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Caleb **Jenkins** Column



Capitalism Still Works

Socialism has been a part of America for quite some time. It seemed to really increase in prominence during the early 1900s, and perhaps the most familiar story about it is Ronald Reagan's fight against communism in Hollywood, which he of course ultimately took all the way to the White House. However, whether it takes form as communism or socialism at any particular time, that political and social mindset has never fully gone away, and recently, it has once again been gaining traction. It is easy for us to pick up on the major movements or people associated with modern-day American socialism, such as Senator Bernie Sanders. However, it goes much deeper than a few vocal politicians lobbying their

In theory, I have known for quite some time that the teaching of socialism has become entrenched in much of today's education. Rhetorically, I understood this fact, but while I had observed a few socialist-leaning lessons interspersed in my college classes in the past, I had never really seen it in full force. Until now. Recently, I began a couple of courses dealing with development around the world and how to improve the global situation, and much to my shock and frustration, these lessons advocated strongly for the use of socialism as the cure for the world's problems.

In fact, I was required to read a textbook that spent its content praising socialism (using, I must tell you, very obvious lies) and belittling anyone who dared support capitalism. I knew that this was a part of our education, but when I saw it firsthand, I could not believe my eyes.

Thanks largely to this sort of teaching to the younger and upcoming generations, socialism is becoming popular. In fact, the aforementioned textbook even called for the socialist

indoctrination of young people so that they would be socialists for life. Sound familiar? "Give me just one generation of youth, and I'll transform the world," attributed to Vladimir Lenin. Well, despite this increasing fascination with socialism, let me tell you that I still support capitalism and freedom. In contrast to the use of communism. capitalism has worked for the world throughout history, and it will continue to be the best avenue to success in the future.

And I say that I'm a supporter of capitalism not just because of economic reasons, although that aspect is very pertinent, too. Indeed, history has taught us time and time again that socialism is a failed economic policy. From the Soviet Union to Cuba to Venezuela, we have watched as countries try futilely to successfully implement communist practices and inevitably experience extreme economic hardships. Meanwhile, nations like the United States have enjoyed rampant economic success and significant growth. When the natural forces of the free market are allowed to flourish, the personal drive of people and businesses push the economy forward. But still, I don't just support capitalism for fiscal concerns. I also support capitalism because of social

The social aspects of capitalism are perhaps even more compelling than the economic ones. Although socialism mostly hides itself behind the guise of being a fiscal policy, it is ultimately a social ideology. At its core, socialism is the practice of restricting people's rights and subjecting them to the whims of the government. I don't know about you, but I would much rather make my own decisions with minimal government interference. Even if you ignore that personal aspect, the social freedom associated with capitalism has practical benefits, too. If you take away individualism and force people into predefined roles as established by the government, then you lose that personal incentive and motivation, which will cause the entire society to suffer. No matter which way you look at it, capitalism still works. And regardless of how much socialism is pushed. I will stand for capitalism and the freedom associated with it.

Mother's Day Breakfast to be served at American Legion today (May 14)

The 20th Annual Mother's Day Breakfast, hosted by the Sons of the American Legion, will take place from 9am – noon TODAY Sunday, May 14, at the American Legion Devereaux Post at the corner of Grand River and M59 in Howell. Omelet station, sausage, bacon, French toast, biscuits and gravy, eggs your way, and much more on our breakfast buffet. Cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$5 for children, age 12 and under. Bring your mother and her meal is half price! You won't walk away hungry.

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Fowlerville High **School News**

OFFICE HOURS

Administration Office 7:00 - 3:30 p.m.Counseling Office 6:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Loss of credit letters have been sent home to applicable students who have accumulated at least 5 or more absences for the 2nd semester of school. In accordance with the Fowlerville High School Attendance policy, a student who has 9 or more absences in any course, violates the attendance guidelines set forth by the school and loses their grade, and possibly their credit, in the course. Students with 9 or more absences will need to file an appeal in order for their individual circumstances to be considered for credit. Appeal forms will be available from the HS Office in May.

FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

DATES: June 26 - July 21 Monday - Friday (No school June 30th, July 3rd & 4th)

LOCATION: Fowlerville High School Computer Labs A and B

TIMES: 7:30 am - 12:30 pm

COSTS: \$50 Deposit per ½ credit, deposit is refunded upon successful completion.

REGISTRATION: May 11th summer school registrations begins, after you have met with your counselor to confirm your course, you can turn your money and form into the counseling office. Registration ends once seats are all occupied.

Upcoming Fowlerville Academic Creative Talented Organization (FACTO) meeting

When: Wednesday, May 24th, from 6:30-8pm

Where: Kreeger Media Center

Why: Planning FACTO's short and long term goals, in- school learning, afterschool clubs, parent education, field trips, etc.

Who: Parents and Teachers interested in supporting creative and talented students in FCS

Any questions? Barb Parker- joeparker@fnwusers.com or Susie Baumgartner- sbaumgartner@kw.com

Senior Parents - The day of graduation, doors open at 1:15 pm the ticket holders are seated 1st, the doors open at 2:00 pm for anyone not holding a ticket to enter, those attendees will be allowed to sit in available spots or stand above on the track.

If you need extra tickets:

- 1. Check with other family and friends for extras
- 2. Call Ms. Kottong 223-6060 to be added to the list of extra tickets, the remaining/returned tickets

or set up as needed. The elevator will be available for

those people that cannot use stairs

Looking for Host Families. The high school bands and choir are hosting a big band and choir from Muelheim, Germany from September 15-18. Host families are needed to house the 65 students during their stay. If you are interested in helping out, please visit www. fowlervillebands.com or email Bill Vliek at vliekw@ fowlervilleschools.org.

Interested in being apart of the FHS dance team? Coach Marissa Leonard will be holding an informational meeting for the upcoming 2017-2018 season on Monday May 22nd in Mrs. Dowker's room. Grades 9-12 are welcome! We will be discussing tryouts, summer practices, competitions, and much more. Stop by for cookies and helpful info!

Freshman Class of 2020 Fundraiser: Yankee candle is opening up the website orders through July 12th. Please support the Freshman class by visiting the website www. yankeecandlefundraising.com and use the NEW Group # 990070426 (Yankee candle revised the account number). With spring just around the corner there's no better way to be one step ahead than to have spring scents or new decor filling your home or office. Feel free to pass along the information to out of town relatives and friends. Orders can be shipped right to their address. Any questions please feel free to contact gendroni@fowlervilleschools. org.

At lock-In, we are looking to fill goodie bags for each of our graduates. If you or your business would like to donate a trinket, coupon or advertisement to each of our 230 seniors please contact Jennifer Connor, Senior Class Sponsor at connorj@fowlervilleschools.org or 223-6147. We appreciate your support and your contributions.

2017 Senior important dates are available on the Fowlerville High School page, under quick links 2017 Senior

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Ask the Michigan State Trooper

By Sgt. Michael Sura

It is not always easy to know if someone's in trouble. It is not always easy to know if someone needs our help, friendship, or phone call. Sometimes we think everything must be fine, because our friend or family member would definitely tell us if something was bothering them. However, sometimes that is not the case. Sometimes people keep things locked up or are having issues and we are unaware.

In this past month of April, two people – one a friend, the

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lnsured (517) 223-7662 other a son of one of my friends--took their own life. I share this with you because I want you to be aware that things are not always as they seem. Both had good lives with friends and family. Both were successful people. The question this week, as maybe for many more people, is "why?" The answer is—"I don't know." However, what I do know is there are things we can look for; warning signs so to speak that maybe we should be aware.

When talking to people, if they talk about being a burden to others, feeling trapped, or experiencing unbearable pain, this should raise your concern level. Also, if they say they do not have a reason to live or are having suicidal thoughts, you should seek help for them and with them.

Certain behaviors to look for are increased alcohol or drug abuse. Check their electronic devices--are they looking on line for ways to kill themselves, looking for materials, or methods? Do they act recklessly at times or withdraw from activities? Other signs may include sleeping too much or too little, visiting or calling people to say goodbye, giving away things or even acting aggressive at times. Watch for mood swings, depression, as well as loss of interest, rage, irritability, humiliation or anxiety.

Different factors can also affect people, as things can push people past their coping abilities. Stressful life events, which

may include the passing of someone they cared about, a divorce, or loss of a job. Prolonged stress factors which may include harassment, bullying, relationship problems, and unemployment. Exposure to another suicide or to graphic or sensationalized accounts of suicide can also play a role.

Remember there is no single cause for suicide. There are several things in life that can affect someone all at once or a little at time. Let me leave you with this one piece of advice that was given to me by my father. I have never forgotten this saying. "Be kind to everyone - you don't know what battles they may be fighting, but everyone in some way is fighting a battle."

If you have any questions or comments, please email them to askatrooper12@gmail. com, or mail them to Ask a Trooper, Michigan State Police – Brighton Post, 4337 Buno Road, Brighton, MI 48116.



Michigan House Report

By Dr. Hank Vaupel, 47nd District

It was great to attend the Community Mental Health town hall meeting this past week. I was pleased to hear testimony from individuals who have received mental health care through CMH's wonderful programs. So many people in our community receive help through various programs collaborated by CMH and other private organizations. Thank you to the employees and volunteers who take the time to help those in need.

My wife and I joined 76 other walkers and runners for the Genesis House 5k. I was so impressed by the turnout and I'm thankful to all who helped to support such a great cause.

It was nice to see so many vendors at the Howell Farmers' Market. This is the first opening of the market for the season. There were so many fresh vegetables and I was happy to be able to buy some asparagus myself! Farmers' Markets are such a great way to benefit our local farmers and local economy. I look forward to visiting the market each Sunday.

I hope you'll be able to join me for my in-district office hours on Friday, May 19 at the following times and locations:

- 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Fowlerville Farms, 941 S. Grand Ave. in Fowlerville
- 4 to 5 p.m. at Kahuna Coffee, 1836 Old U.S. Highway 23 in Hartland
- 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at All Star Coney Island, 934 Michigan Ave. in Howell

No appointments are necessary to attend. If you are unable to attend but would still like to share a thought, concern, or idea with me, please contact my Capitol office at (866) 828-4863 or HankVaupel@house.mi.gov.

This week my colleagues and I said goodbye to a fellow representative, the late Rep. John Kivela. He was a great friend, and I very much enjoyed working with him. He will surely be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

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HANDY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS

The regular meeting of the Handy Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Alverson at 7:00 P.M. in the Handy Township Board Room. Trustees present: Eisele, Shear, Munsell and Roddy. Absent: None. Also present, residents: Gerald and Lizet Lesnick.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

To approve the agenda as amended.

To approve minutes of 4-11-17 as presented and 5-3-17 as amended.

To pay the bills in the amount of \$125,844.00.

To authorize loan of \$169,000.00 from General Fund to Sewer Fund for May bond payment.

To adopt sewer ordinance amendment effective June 1, 2017.

To set public hearing for the Handy Twp. 2017-18 budget for 6-13-17 at 7 P.M.

To renew contract for school liaison officer. To approve lease for office copiers.

To adjourn meeting at 8:18 P.M.

Laura A. Eisele Handy Township Clerk (5-14-17 FNV)



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Recognizing The Power Within

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and remind you of everything I have told you." John 14:26

When Jesus was about to ascend into heaven, he gave some specific instructions to His disciples. One of those instructions was for them to remain in Jerusalem until they had received the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4).

Jesus knew the mission before them would be impossible for them to carry out in their own power. If they were going to be successful, they would need the supernatural power that comes from God.

Anyone who believes in Christ, who struggles in their own strength to live a life dedicated to following Christ, will not succeed. They will fail every time, because following Jesus requires that we have the power of Jesus.

Jesus lived and walked a sinless life while on earth, not because He was Divine (even though He was), but because He relied on the power of God to guide and direct His steps. Jesus spent long hours in prayer and communication with His Father because Jesus knew it was humanly impossible to do what He had to do relying only on His human capabilities.

Many folks today, after accepting Christ as their Savior, turn away and go back to their old ways after a few setbacks or after facing some obstacle in life that is insurmountable to overcome on their own. They don't realize the awesome power within them because they refuse to give control of their lives over to God.

For many years I struggled with unwanted sin in my life as I kept trying to use willpower instead of God power. I kept failing because I was trying to defeat the unknown spiritual forces of darkness with human strength. The flesh does not have the power to overcome forces from the spiritual world.

The Apostle Paul warns us of this in the book of Ephesians. He says, "A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places."

One of the problems Christians have today is based on the fact that we rely too much on the knowledge of man instead of the wisdom of God. We allow our children to attend schools where non-Christian educators can fill their minds with non-Christian values. We read books by supposedly Christian authors whose motives are not to bring glory to God but bring financial wealth, and in some cases to actually draw people away from Christ.

Jesus said that He would send us a Helper who would teach us everything that He taught while here on earth. All

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believers have access to this power but many fail to use it.

The Holy Bible and the Holy Spirit are all we need to discern the Will of God and the course we are to take as we move through this world. But instead of using what God has made available to us, we depend on our own intellect and limited reasoning power. If we want to experience the benefits of living a Spirit filled life we have to make some changes in our life.

- 1. We have to repent. We have to renounce our sins and turn away from them and to turn toward Jesus and begin cultivating a personal and intimate relationship with Him. Let me remind you that this will not be easy; the enemy of Jesus, the devil, is always prowling around looking for someone to snatch over to his side (1 Pet. 5:8). He will send temptation after temptation to you in hopes of getting you to give up on
- 2. We have to surrender. Surrendering has never been easy for humans. We don't like to surrender: we like to win. But in this case surrendering is winning. When we surrender our will to God's will we win the privilege of being with Him in eternity forever. No earthly trophy or prize can even come close to that.
- 3. We have to obey. We have to obey everything that Jesus taught us in the scriptures. First and foremost, we have to love God with all of our hearts, minds, and strength, and secondly, we have to love our neighbor in the same way that Jesus loves us (John 13:34-35).

Doing these things without the power of God is impossible. But with God, "all things are possible."

Jesus promised us that if we would remain in Him, He would remain in us (John 15:1-5). The same Holy Spirit that gave Jesus His amazing power is available to us and is longing for us to recognize Him and ask Him to take over our hearts.

God called me into ordained ministry late in life (He may have called me earlier but I wasn't listening). It took a lot for me to finally admit that God wanted someone like me to become a voice for Christ. I used every excuse I could think of to resist the call that deep down, I knew was from God; nothing gave me the peace I was looking for until I totally surrendered and made the commitment to obediently follow

Even so, I still struggled for many years trying to accomplish tasks by using my limited human power, instead of focusing on God's unlimited heavenly power that comes from the Holy Spirit.

For me, every day is a new beginning. Every day, I gain new insight as to my purpose in life for building God's Kingdom. Every day I gain a new sense of freedom, joy, and happiness that has eluded me for most of my life. Every day I realize that God is transforming me from the inside out. He can and will do the same for you.

If you are struggling in your attempt to follow Jesus, I hope these words encourage you to take the time to look into His Word and open your heart to be receptive to what the Holy Spirit reveals to you. There's no power like the power of the Spirit. Don't leave this world without experiencing Him.

LEROY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING PROPOSED MINUTES SYNOPSIS OF MEETING May 2, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Griffes at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members present: E. Griffes, W. Whitehead, R. Hamlin, R. Scott Diederich, L. Benjamin. All present.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance. Motions:

Approve minutes of April 4, 2017 Board meeting, as presented.

Approve Consumers Energy Company Gas Franchise Ordinance #28, for thirty

Approve bid from One-Way Paving & Excavating, Inc. to repair and seal parking lot, for \$3.595.00.

Approve payment of all bills as presented. Approve to adjourn at 8:21 p.m.

Next Board meeting is on June 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Wilma J. Whitehead Leroy Township Clerk (5-14-17 FNV)





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FALL CLASSES-

Tuesdays, August 8th-29th • 6:00pm-9:00pm

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—Area Deaths—

Nina Mae Baughn

Nina Mae Baughan, 96, Williamston, passed away on May 6, 2017 at The Haven of Rest.

Nina was born in Locke Township to Hiram and Ida Bickford on November 13, 1920. She married Curtis Monroe Baughan on December 21, 1939 in Locke Township. She worked at Utilex for a number of years and was active on their family farm. She was involved in the Rowley Wesleyan

Nina was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, siblings: Joseph Bickford, Ruth Bloom, Bertha Bennett, Edna Bauer, Bird Bickford, and Dale Bickford and great granddaughter Heather Toth.

Nina is survived by her children William (Shirley) Baughan, Linda (Ralph Jr.) Chamberlain, Carl (Kathy) Baughan, Bethany (James) Partridge, Rosalie (Dorwin) Marshall, and Jean (Thomas) Coe along with 17 grandchildren, and many great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at 2pm Wednesday, May 10th, 2017 at Rowley Wesleyan Church with the Pastor Les Kephart officiating. Burial to follow at Rowley Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to Rowley Wesleyan Church, 3720 Rowley Rd, Williamston, MI 48895 and Haven of Rest, 2447 N Williamston Rd, Williamston, MI 48895

The family of Nina Mae Baughan wishes to extend our sincere thanks to Heart to Heart Hospice and The Haven of Rest Adult Foster Care Home.

The family is being served by Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes Williamston Chapel. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.grwilliamston.com

Fowlerville Girls JV Soccer Teams loses to Dansville by 1-0 score

The Fowlerville Girls Junior Varsity Soccer Team took on a hard-playing Dansville squad on Tuesday, May 9, and came away with a 1-0 loss. On the defensive end, the Glads played solidly and, led by some nice saves by Emily Conn, held the Aggie offense in check. Unfortunately, despite a few chances, Fowlerville could not put the ball into the back of the net. The Glads are now 2-3-1 on the season as they travel to Lansing Waverly this coming Monday before heading into CAAC Cup action.

Caregivers Support Group to meet at Trinity **United Methodist**

Caregivers Support Group will be meeting at Trinity United Methodist Church Thursday, May 18th, at 7 pm. If you are caregiver for a spouse, parent etc. this group is for you. If you need someone to stay with your family member please let me know and we will make arrangements so that you can attend. Come for the fellowship & prayers. Questions talk to Judy Herald 734-498-3528. Trinity UMC is located at 8201 Iosco Rd, Fowlerville, at the corner of Bull Run and Iosco Roads.



Elizabeth M. "Betty" Smith, 61, of Howell, died Tuesday morning, May 9th, at home, following a lengthy battle with both kidney disease and pancreatic cancer.

Betty was born August 10, 1955, in Detroit, the daughter of William and Elizabeth (McLean) Rushford. She married David H. Smith on April 25, 1987, at the First United Methodist Church in Farmington.

She served the Elevator Construction Union Local 36 for 25 years as its office manager.

Betty is survived by her beloved husband of 30 years, David; loving children, William, Steven (Kathy) and David II (Kelsey); loving brother, Robert Rushford; and grandchildren, Sierra, Layton, Hunter and Rowan. Sadly, Betty was preceded in death by her sister, Anne McLean, in 2010.

The Smiths received guests at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington, on Thursday, May 11th, from 5-8 pm, and Friday, May 12th, from 2-8:30 pm. The rosary took place on Friday evening at 7:30 pm.

Betty's funeral mass was celebrated Saturday, May 13th, 10:00 am (in state 9:30 am) at St. Gerald Catholic Church,

A procession to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery for concluding prayers followed the mass.

In lieu of customary remembrances, those who wish to further honor Betty's memory are invited to consider contributions to either PANCAN (Pancreatic Cancer Action Network) or the National Kidney Foundation. heeney-sundquist.com or 248-474-5200

Betty (Klender) Griffin

Betty (Klender) Griffin was born November 19, 1931 and has been a long-time resident of Fowlerville, Michigan. Betty passed peacefully on April 15, 2017. Married to her husband George Griffin for 46 years, he preceded her in death. Betty is survived by her 4 children: Lynda (Pete) Shandrick, Deborah Turner, Cheryl (Steve) Lundgren and Dawn Folts along with 13 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.

Betty will be remembered by her hard work ethic and love for Christmas baking. Those who held a special place in her heart always received a tin filled with countless Christmas treats on which she'd spend hours baking each holiday season.

A graveside memorial service will be held on May 20th at 11am at the Sanford Cemetery in Cohoctah Township. Arrangements by: Herrmann Funeral Home. pjherrmannfuneralhome.com

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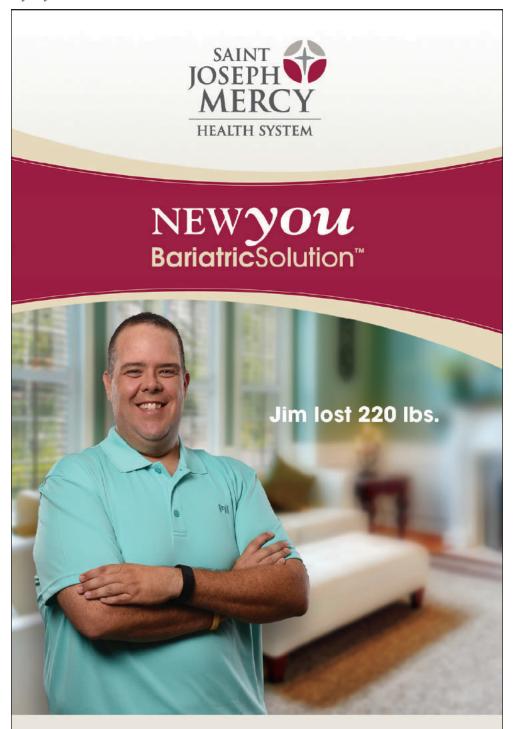
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Fowlerville CAAC Senior Scholar Athletes

The 2017 CAAC Senior Scholar Athletes were honored at the annual awards ceremonies April 26th at St. Johns High School. The top ten GPAs among students with two varsity letters in their senior year from each CAAC school earned the award. This event is sponsored by Sparrow Hospital, emceed by Tim Staudt and the guest speaker was Central Michigan University Football coach John Bonamego.

The 2017 honorees from Fowlerville High School are: Mackenzie Fox-Purrier, Nicolas Montrose, Erin Vielbig, Thomas Quaine, Alyssa Bennett, Nathaniel Leonard, Stephen Ward-Brown, Bailey Edwards, Steven Quigley and Matt Blum. The FHS Athletic Department is very proud of these and all of our fine athletes that represent our community every day!





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Livingston Educational Service Agency to conduct survey on work skills

The Livingston Educational Service Agency (LESA) has launched a unique study to understand the most valuable and in demand skills for those entering the workforce in Livingston County.

The study, conducted in the form of a survey to local area employers, is being administered by LESA in partnership with a third-party research firm, Hanover Research. The survey, available from May 8 to May 26 is available to any employer within Livingston County.

The survey will reveal what qualities and training are most desirable to employers as well as the short term and long term employment trends in the region. The data will be captured in a way that will allow identification of industry sector, career pathway, and geographic location.

"LESA wants to help our education systems produce a workforce that possesses the proper qualifications for employment in the area. We didn't want to rely on third-party projections, we wanted direct feedback from actual employers to determine if there is anything we should be doing differently in terms of our training and educational offerings, an approach that has not been taken before in the area," said Dr. Michael Hubert, Ed. D., Superintendent, LESA.

According to Dr. Hubert, LESA will use the survey results to identify the need for changes in the educational and training programs within Livingston County and to help students define a pathway to a successful career, either through higher education, military service, or through a regionally based training program.

The survey is available online until May 26, 2017 and can be accessed here. For more information about LESA, visit www.livingstonesa.org.

'Princess Party with Elsa and Anna' to be held at The Howell Opera House

'Princess Party with Elsa and Anna' will be held Saturday, May 20, from 2-3 p.m. at The Howell Opera House. Meet the princesses from Frozen and enjoy some light refreshments at the party. Elsa and Anna will sing and dance, pose for pictures, and spend time talking with all the little princes and princesses who join them!

Doors will open at 1:45. Tickets are available in advance by calling 517-540-0065 or visiting www.howelloperahouse. com. Pricing is \$10 for one child, \$12 for one child with accompanying adult; additional children \$5 per ticket. Recommended for ages 2 and up.







Fowlerville Girls Varsity Softball Team wins pair of games against Williamston

Fowlerville Girls Varsity Softball Team, playing at their home field, won a pair of league games against Williamston last Monday, May 8. In both contests the score was 13-3.

Sarah Matlock drove in four runs in the opener, Miranda Prochnow had two RBIs, and three other Gladiators had multiple hits. Leah Ash allowed one earned run on the mound and struck out eight batters.

The teams were tied at 1-1 after the first inning, but the Glads exploded with five runs in the second, five more in the third, and two runs in the fourth inning. The offense had 11 hits in the game.

In the nightcap, Valerie Winn and Sarah Matlock both scored two runs for Fowlerville, while Kaylee Moulton and Haley Szumlinski scored two each and Miranda Prochnow added three RBIs. Leah Ash struck out seven batters, gave up only two hits, and allowed one earned run in the victory.

The Gladiators went up 3-1 after the first inning and then added five in the second frame, two in the third and three in the fifth inning. They had 10 hits in the contest.

Gladiators Varsity drops both games to Grand Ledge

Fowlerville Girls Tennis Team defeats Ionia 7-1 in league match

Fowlerville Girls Tennis Team defeated Ionia 7-1 in a league match at home on Tuesday, May 9.

- 1 singles Emily Tersigni (F) beat Cassidy Vaarberg 6-4 7-5
- 2 singles Abby Stepanski (F) beat Kayley Zamarron 6-1 6-4 3 singles Brooke Gregory (I) beat Devyn Fleischer 6-4 6-1
- 4 singles Lydia Nyman (F) beat Gracie Cochrna 6-3 5-7 6-3
- 1 doubles Betsy Bassett/Alyssa Bennett (F) beat Makala Andrews/Autumn Mueller 6-0 6-0
- 2 doubles Becca Choate/Hunter Stobierski (F) beat Taylor KIrby/Anna Brown 6-3 6-4
- 3 doubles Carra Burnie/Mikenna Peckens (F) beat Lindsey Lehman/Tabbatha Martin 6-3 6-4
- 4 doubles Shelby Durbin/Maddi Allen (F) beat Abby Flanagan/Cloie Jones 6-2 6-3

Records: Fowlerville 6-2 -1 (CAAC 2-2-1)

Ionia 4-7 (CAAC 0-5)

The Gladiator Varsity Softball Team dropped both games to Grand Ledge at their home field last Tuesday, May 9

Sarah Matlock scored off a sacrifice by Miranda Prochnow to put Fowlerville on the board in the first game of the doubleheader. That proved to be the Glads only score as Grand Ledge held Fowlerville off and won the game 7-1.

In game two, Mersades McDowell, Sarah Matlock, and Ginelle Leslie led the Fowlerville offense with a hit each. The Grand Ledge bats were too hot for Fowlerville though, and the Comets won by a score of 13-2.



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Fowlerville Family Dentistry holds open house of remodeled office on Saturday, May 6th

Fowlerville Family Dentistry held an open house on Saturday, May 6, to show off its newly remodeled and enlarged clinic at 553 S. Grand Avenue. The work included adding onto the facility by both converting and expanding the previous garage area into a new waiting room, enlarging the front reception counter and putting offices behind it, and redecorating the interior of the exam rooms. A new exterior was installed on the building, while the grounds were also enhanced with a new walkway and entrance, extensive landscaping and a more-

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Those attending the open house at Fowlerville Family Dentistry were treated to a buffet lunch and various desserts along with music by the Fowlerville Jazz Band. The dental clinic had donated money to the band's recent fundraiser for new uniforms at an amount that entitled them to a performance by the group. Shown here are Dr. Brian Petersburg, Dr. Brian Giammalva, and Dr. Wendy Jativa as well as band director William Vliek, and band members: Jessica Williams, Abby Dyc, Kailene LeMieux, Geni Winiarski, David Ranville, Andrew Goodwin, Ethan Scheib, Jacob King, Ryan Kargel, Austin Schultz, Maura Drinkert, Jack Hogan, Jonathan Asel and Brendan McGalliard.



Here at the front reception counter at the open house were the staff, front row, from left, Becky Lauer, Kelly Gordon, Kayla Newton, Heather Ross. In back are Dr. Brian Giammalva, Dr. Wendy Jativa, and Dr. Brian Petersburg.



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Savvy Senior **Column**

By Jim Miller

Health Coverage Options for Pre-Medicare-Age Spouses Dear Savvy Senior,

My wife, who is 62, is on my health insurance plan through my employer. When I retire in a few months at 65, and go on Medicare, what are my wife's options? Is there some kind of Medicare coverage for dependent spouses, or do we have to purchase Obamacare?

Approaching Retirement

Dear Approaching,

Medicare, unfortunately, does not offer family coverage to younger spouses or dependent children when you qualify for Medicare. Nobody can obtain Medicare benefits before age 65, unless eligible at a younger age because of disability. With that said, here are some coverage options, including Obamacare, to consider for your wife.

Keep working: If possible, consider working past age 65. This would allow your wife to continue coverage under your employer health insurance until she becomes eligible for Medicare.

Employer options: If your employer provides retiree health benefits, check with your benefits administrator to find out if they offer any options that would allow your wife to continue coverage under their plan. Or, if your wife works, see if she can she switch to health insurance provided by her own employer.

COBRA: If you work for a company that has 20 or more employees, once you make the switch to Medicare, your wife could stay with your company insurance plan for at least 18 months (but could last up to 36 months) under a federal law called COBRA. You'll need to sign her up within 60 days after her last day of coverage. But be aware that COBRA isn't cheap. You'll pay the full monthly premium yourself, plus a 2 percent administrative fee. To learn more, see

DOL.gov/ebsa/publications/cobraemployee.html or call 866-444-3272.

If, however, the company you work for has fewer than 20 employees, you may still be able to get continued coverage through your company if your state has "mini-COBRA." Contact your state insurance department to see if this is available where you live.

Individual insurance: Buy your wife an individual health insurance policy through the Health Insurance Marketplace (aka Obamacare) until she turns 65. The Marketplace, as it stands now, offers comprehensive health coverage and they can't deny her coverage or charge extra for preexisting health

And, if your income falls below the 400 percent poverty level – anything below \$47,520 for an individual or \$64,080 for a couple in 2017 – you may be eligible for a tax credit that will reduce the amount you'll have to pay for a policy. To see how much you can save, see the subsidy calculator on the Kaiser Family Foundation website at KFF.org/interactive/ subsidy-calculator.

To shop for marketplace plans in your state, visit *Healthcare*. gov or call their toll-free helpline at 800-318-2596.

If, however, your wife isn't eligible for the government subsidy, or you want additional policy options to what the Marketplace offers, you can also buy health coverage outside the government marketplaces directly through a private insurance company, an online insurance seller, or an agent or broker. This option is not available if you live in Washington D.C. or Vermont.

These policies do not offer the federal tax credits, but they are required to offer the same menu of essential benefits as Marketplace policies do, and they can't deny coverage or charge extra for preexisting health conditions. You might even find slightly lower premiums on outside policies, assuming that you don't qualify for the tax credits.

To find a local broker or agent that sells insurance plans, check the National Association of Health Underwriters website (NAHU.org) which has an online directory. But keep in mind that agents won't necessarily show you all available policies, just the ones from insurers they work with.

You can also look for these plans at insurance shopping sites like eHealthInsurance.com or GoHealth.com, which lists plans and providers that may not be listed on Healthcare.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.



Student of the Week--Kasey Smith By Becca Choate

Congratulations to this week's Student of the Week, Kasey Smith. Kasey is a 10th grader at Fowlerville High School and has an older brother also. She enjoys camping with her family. Her favorite class is her band class because of the atmosphere and the people that are in the class. Her favorite teacher is Mr. Forbush because he is very goofy and she loves it. Another thing she loves about Fowlerville High School is the people and looks forward in making memories in the coming years at FHS.

Kasey's after school activities include writing in her free time and she is apart off the archery team in the winter. Kasey plans on to go to college for forensic science after high school, she wants to give the advice to underclassmen to do well in school but don't stress over it.

One of her favorite memories with her friends was when she watched one of them stick a butter knife in a partially running blender and getting smoothie all over them. If she could travel anywhere she would travel to Scotland because the culture and history is fascinating to her. Her favorite place that she has visited is Wyoming because that's where she shot her first deer and she had a lot of fun with her family there. Lastly, Kasey's favorite movie is Pirates of the Caribbean and her favorite book is *Uprooted*, written by Niomi Novik.

Kasey was nominated by many of her teachers and peers. Mrs. Mangan commented, "Kasey can be quiet and fall under the radar, but she is a wonderful student. She always does what's expected and beyond. She's positive, kind, and down to earth!"

One of her friends commented, "Kasey is the type of person that you could come to anytime and feel cared for. She is the most accepting and understanding person I know. Kasey is resilient and a great friend to have."

Kasey is motivated by knowing that life will change eventually and wants to do something remarkable in her lifetime. Lastly,

her favorite quote is, "You must go on adventures to find out where you truly belong." It's her favorite quote because it speaks to her on a deeper level. Congratulations Kasey, keep up all your hard work!

Livingston Fine Art Association holding meeting on May 30 at Howell church

The Livingston Fine Art Association will meet Tuesday, May 30 at the First Presbyterian Church, 323 W. Grand River, Howell. Doors open at 6:30, meeting begins at 7:00

There will be a speaker, a short business meeting, and a display and discussion of members work. The business meeting will include voting for 2017 Board members. Refreshments will be available.

All Artists and those interested in the arts are invited. More information can be found at: http://www.living- stonfineartassociation.com/ or find us on facebook. Questions or Comments? Call 517 546-1027 or e-mail: brucecsdunekphotography@charter.net



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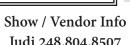
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Senior Spotlight--Zackary McGowan By Nick Militz

From playing WJAA football on Saturday afternoons to team captain and MVP of the varsity football team, senior Zackary McGowan is an inspirational athlete to all who have been involved in Webberville athletics.

McGowan led the 2016-2017 football team in tackles with 132 and earned 1st team all-conference.

"Football taught me a lot about teamwork and leadership. I'm going to miss it very much. This past football season, we came together as a family and we were as close as ever," said McGowan. "All my teammates are like my brothers. I'm going to miss you guys so much."

Although football is his primary sport, McGowan was also the captain of the varsity basketball team. McGowan earned 1st team all-conference at the end of his senior basketball

"Zack's abilities are often underestimated by his opponents." Zack is not only an athlete but a huge role model for his teammates and his brothers," said assistant basketball coach, Chris Hondzinski. "I am going to miss his composure under pressure and how he is able to perform when the situation is

McGowan is the son of Dana and Craig McGowan. He has two younger brothers: sophomore Branden and freshman Hunter McGowan.

His parents have been very active in the athletic community. Craig has been the assistant football coach, and Dana has recorded basketball stats and traveled with the football team making sure the team is prepared.

"Thank you guys for pushing me to do my best and helping me with all the questions I've asked over the years," said McGowan. "I love you both, and I'm glad to call you my

Saying goodbye to his classmates, friends, and teammates is one of the hardest things to do, said McGowan, adding "I'll miss seeing my friends every day and making new jokes and laughing all the time, to competing against each other in sports, creating memories in high school that we will never forget. You guys are the best, I love you guys."

McGowan values his relationships with his friends and family. All his friends are considered family and brothers to McGowan. McGowan's biggest impact in his high school career is being successful in many sports and building friendships. He will always have memories to look back on. "Zack is a great friend and teammate," said fellow senior and friend Justin Dettling. "I've known Zack since pre-school, and he has changed so much. The thing I like most about Zack is that he was always there for me--not only me, but other classmates, too.

Academically, McGowan succeeds in the classroom. "Zack is shy, but outgoing at the same time. He blends in with the crowd, but also sticks out at the same time," said middle school Social Studies teacher, Janet Reifenberg. "McGowan was an awesome student and was well behaved. He has a bright future ahead of him."

After high school, McGowan's plans are to attend LCC and study to become an occupational therapist.

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May 18, 4:00 p.m. − 5:00 p.m.

Maker Monday (Age 11 & up)

Drop in to use crafting supplies, computers, robots, 3D printer and more.

May 22, 3:30 p.m. − 6:00 p.m.

SYSTEM-WIDE

Tadpole Storytime at I5 (Held off-site)

CADL's early literacy experts have teamed up with Impression 5's education specialists for science storytimes geared to ages 3-6.

May 14, 1:00 p.m. − 2:00 p.m.

*CADL Business Librarian at the Small Business

Development Center: Build Your Own Website Learn how to build a website with Weebly, obtain a web address and add info to your site. *Registration required. May 15, 10:00 a.m. − 2:00 p.m.

*Registration required.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION OF LEROY TOWNSHIP WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.

The Leroy Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Leroy Township Hall, 1685 N. M-52, Webberville, MI. for the purpose of hearing a request for a Special Use Permit, by the Township of Leroy.

PURPOSE: The applicant, has requested a Special Use Permit Public Hearing to construct, operate and maintain a park intended for community recreational purposes, to be known as the Steven & Ruth Simmons Memorial Park. Leroy Township Zoning Ordinance; Article 3, Section 307-C, Uses Permitted by Special Use Permit.

The property is located at 2963 Webberville Road, Webberville, MI. approximately 13.73 acres M/L.

This notice is posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

> LEROY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION Wilma J. Whitehead, Township Clerk (5-7 & 5-14-17 FNV)

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services who are planning to attend the meeting should notify the Clerk at (517) 521-3729 within a reasonable time in advance of the meeting.

Webberville School District News

Treat your mom to breakfast on Mother's Day and support your Spartan students at the same time! The Webberville Masons are holding the last Farm Breakfast for the season on Sunday, May 14. 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).

The last meeting of the Webberville Elementary Art Club for this school year is Wednesday, May 17, from 3:00 to 4:00 PM.

The Webberville High School Academic Awards Ceremony is Wednesday, May 17 in the high school cafeteria. Refreshments will be served from 6:00 to 6:30 and the ceremony begins at 7:00 PM. Students will be recognized for their academic achievements and scholarship winners will be announced.

The Webberville Middle and High School Pops Concert is Wednesday, May 24. The choirs begin performing at 7:00 PM in the high school cafeteria.

Webberville's 5th Grade Recognition Night and Orientation is Thursday, May 25 beginning at 6:00 PM in the multi-purpose room at the elementary school.

Sign up to play WJAA football and cheer, and earn a free day pass to the 2017 Fowlerville Fair. This pass will be valid with a WJAA football or cheer registration AND payment confirmation dated between May 1, 2017, and July 1, 2017. The Free Pass cards were sent home in Friday folders at the elementary school. *Note: The student needs to show the receipt of his/her WJAA Football/Cheer registration/payment to the ticket person at the Fair gate in order to receive the free promotion.*

Crossroads United Methodist Church invites crafters to fall show on Nov. 11

Crossroads United Methodist Church invites crafters to sign up for a booth at the church's seventh annual fall craft show planned from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, November 11 at the church. Crossroads United Methodist Women's Unit sponsors the craft show.

You may choose from a variety of booth sizes, locations and prices, but the UMW encourages early reservations to ensure your choice. More booths than ever will be available. You may purchase lunch on site.

The church is located at the corner of Haslett and Zimmer roads north of Williamston and east of Haslett. For a booth application please call Mary Meranda, 517/655-1286.

Webberville United Methodist Church serving Chicken Dinner on May 20

The Webberville United Methodist Church is serving its monthly chicken dinner on Saturday, May20, 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.





Nineteen new members were inducted into the Webberville Chapter of the National Honor Society on Wednesday, May 3, with a ceremony in the high school cafeteria. Students are selected based on the effective demonstration on the four qualities held in high esteem by the Society: Scholarship, Service, Leadership and Character. The current members of the NHS welcomed the following inductees: senior Brittany Solace; juniors Emma Grossbauer, Charles Sicher; sophomores Skylar Byrne, Taylor Dettling, Alaia Driver, Hannah Fairfield, Melanie Feltner, Caleb Friddle, Seth Fuller,

Fowlerville Community Theatre to present 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' May 19-21

If you think what the Old Testament needs is a few more calypso numbers, cowboy hoedowns and Elvis-parodied pharaohs, you should know that your show has arrived! Fowlerville Community Theatre will be bringing 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' to Fowlerville's own Alverson Center for Performing Arts May 19, 20 and 21. Friday's show begins at 7pm. Saturday will feature 2 shows; a matinee at 2pm and an evening show at 7pm. The run will close with a Sunday matinee at 2pm.

The Alverson Center is located at the Fowlerville High School.

'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' is a musical of many colors. The original Bible story had its own flair, though a somewhat grim one. Joseph gets a colorful coat from Dad. His brothers get jealous, beat him up and sell him to slave-traders. He works his way up from slave to advisor for an Egyptian before a misunderstanding with the Egyptian's wife lands him in jail. He gets his revenge by becoming Pharaoh's advisor as his brothers starve, travel to Egypt and, without recognizing Joseph, ask him for help.

The Andrew Lloyd Webber/Tim Rice version adds the rock, disco, country, French balladry and '70s go-go dancing that the original lacked. Fowlerville Community Theatre tosses in amusing props and a thrift-store's worth of costumes, biblical robes and early-'70s bellbottoms (head costumer: Patty Fitzgerald). The talented cast is put through many styles of dance (choreography Sarah Paternoster), keeping the colors, styles and genres in dizzying motion.

Ben Kitchen and Brandon Johnson as Joseph, prove they have the pipes, especially for the musical's most-serious song, "Close Every Door". Lindsey Hemming and Becky Frank as the Narrator, will demonstrate their own incredible vocal and acting abilities as they lead you through this epic journey. Jim Kitchen ("Benjamin Calypso"), Patty Brake ("Those Canaan Days"), Jason Loomis ("Calypso" on Saturday), Don Byers ("One More Angel") and Dr. Tim Tersigni ("Song of the Pharaoh") round out the shows solo artists, as they add their vocal talents to some of the musicals more upbeat numbers.

Ben and Lindsey will open our run by headlining the Friday night and Saturday matinee shows, Becky and Brandon will close our weekend headlining the Saturday night and Sunday matinee shows.

Presale Tickets (\$10 student and senior, \$12 Adult) can be purchased at Dr. Tim's office, located at 746 South Grand Ave in Fowlerville, Druckers General Store located at 108 East Grand River in Fowlerville or online at https://goo.gl/pzYCrk

Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$12/student and senior \$15/adult

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We Need to Safeguard the "Public" in Public Office

Column by Lee Hamilton

For the last few years, I've been keeping a file of clippings about the erosion of transparency and candor in government. I'm sorry to report that it's getting rather full.

This is not a good thing. Public officials should feel strongly obliged to do their business in an open and upfront manner. When you hold public office, the presumption ought always to be in favor of the people's right to know what's going on. If you don't want to be open to scrutiny, then the burden surely has to be on you to say specifically why that's necessary.

This doesn't seem to be a commonly held view in Washington these days, though the precedent for non-disclosure is bipartisan. News conferences have been rare for Mr. Obama and Mr. Trump. During the George W. Bush administration the NSA was wiretapping Americans' overseas communications based on legal justifications that were withheld from the public. Under the Obama administration, the Justice Department pushed to compromise a fundamental principle under which federal agencies made public their rationale for how they interpreted and administered the law.

The current administration has made policy-making more secretive than ever. President Trump refuses to release his tax returns, making it impossible for Americans to know whether his actions also happen to affect his financial bottom line. There have been constant attempts to draw a curtain over possible ties between Trump aides and Russia. The secretary of state talks about shifting policy toward North Korea — but gives no indication of what that policy is. The President has promised to rip up the Iran nuclear agreement, but has not done it and doesn't tell us what his policy toward Iran is.

Vice President Pence has said all options are on the table with regard to Syria and that its conduct "cannot be tolerated," but the administration is mum on what that actually means for strategy. Indeed, when asked his Syria intentions by reporters, President Trump responded, "I'm not going to tell you."

This attitude is especially worrisome when it comes to foreign policy — where robust public debate over policy serves our national interests. Yet Secretary of State Rex Tillerson traveled to Beijing, Seoul and Tokyo for key meetings without a press accompaniment, went for weeks without holding a press conference, and has yet to deliver a speech outlining U.S. policy in any detail. He says, "I'm not a big media press access person." Yet, he is officially our face both at home and abroad on relations with allies and rivals, and we don't actually know what policies he's pursuing.

There are legitimate secrets and reasons for non-disclosure, of course, and I'm confident that most Americans understand that they're sometimes necessary. When public officials state occasionally that they cannot speak to a given question and lay out the reasons why, people tend to accept it.

All too often, though, classification and obfuscation are used to avoid debate and scrutiny for political reasons — or to protect bureaucrats or public officials whose actions simply could not hold up under the light of rigorous scrutiny. That's why leaks, as much as presidents and cabinet members decry them, can be so important: that's how we learned about the Watergate scandal; about the sale of weapons to Iran in Iran-Contra; about the torture we conducted at Abu Ghraib; about the NSA's spying. And it's why financial disclosure at every level, from the presidency to city hall, matters.

For in the end, people need to know what policymakers are doing and why. And policy makers need to respect the interest and the intelligence of the voters, and heed their obligation to the voter for candor and disclosure. Our representative democracy depends on voters developing discriminating judgments about policies and politicians, and they can't do it if vital information is withheld from them. In a democracy like ours, it's the height of disrespect for public officials to keep their actions and thinking cloaked.

There's no reason for the public to brook such disrespect. We need to demand open communication, straight talk, and more complete disclosure of information. We need to expect that our public officials will do their business in public — and that if they can't, they'll explain clearly to us why not. This is our democracy. Let's treat it that way.

Lee Hamilton is a Senior Advisor for the Indiana University Center on Representative Government; a Distinguished Scholar, IU School of Global and International Studies; and a Professor of Practice, IU School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

Smith Elementary School News

IMPORTANT DATES:

May 16- Kindergarten to First Grade Transition Night 5:30-6:30pm (see information below)

May 25- Family Fun Fitness Night 5:30-7:00

May 29 – NO SCHOOL Memorial Day Recess

May 30, 31 & June 5 – Star Lab

May 31- Field Trip to Northfork Farms: Miller, LaPlante, Spalding, Hunt

June 1- PTC Fun Run- times to be determined

June 2- PTC Popcorn

June 5- Field Day- PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A DATE CHANGE!

June 6- Kindergarten End of Year Open Houses- details found in notes from teachers

June 7 – Smiles Michigan Dental visit

June 7- PTC Meeting 6:00pm CANCELED

June 8- Field Trip to Woldumar Nature Center: Burke & Devota

June 8- Field Trip to Northfork Farm: Myers, Woodward, Dillingham, & Moulton

June 9- Field Trip to Woldumar Nature Center: Barton & K. Sweet

June 9-PTC End of the Year Party

June $13 - \frac{1}{2}$ Day of School – Dismissal at Noon

June 14 – ½ Day of School – Dismissal at Noon

Kindergarten to First Grade Transition Night- Would you like to learn more about first grade from our first grade teachers here at Smith? If so, come to K-1 Transition Night on Tuesday, May 16th from 5:30-6:30! Our first grade teachers will be discussing first grade expectations as well as providing free goodies for you to take home with your student! Please look for the flyer from your Kindergarten teacher to RSVP. We hope to see you there! Many of our first grade parents this year who attended last year said it was very helpful for them and their students.

Preschool Visits- If your child is attending Kindergarten here next year, you are welcome to bring him/her for a visit! We already have visits scheduled with the following providers: Country Care, Little Glads Center, New Creations, and LESA GSRP/Head Start. You are welcome to join us or arrange your own tour. Please call the front office to schedule 517-223-6005.

2017/2018 "Round Up" Continues – H.T. Smith Elementary continues to "Round Up" Kindergarteners for the 2017/2018 school year. Please stop by the Smith Office to register your child. Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm every day. 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 2 pieces of mail, a utility/phone bill, voter registration card, lease/purchase agreement, etc.) that shows your name and address together. You can pre enroll online at fowlervilleschools.org, click on the "New Student Enrollment" link. There will be 2 sections of forms to complete, the 1st section, "Pre Enrollment" must be printed before going to the 2nd section, "Additional Forms", then print off 2nd section and bring packet with you to enroll. There are approximately 15 pages total.

Upcoming Fowlerville Academic Creative Talented Organization (FACTO) meeting

When: Wednesday, May 24th, from 6:30-8pm

Where: Kreeger Media Center

Why: Planning FACTO's short and long term goals, inschool learning, afterschool clubs, parent education, field trips, etc.

Who: Parents and Teachers interested in supporting creative and talented students in FCS

Any questions? Barb Parker- joeparker@fnwusers.com or Susie Baumgartner- sbaumgartner@kw.com

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!

Smith Elementary Collects BoxTops for Education – Please remember to clip BoxTops and send them to school with your child in a ziplock bag or envelope with your child's name and teacher name written on the outside. Each classroom keeps track of how many are turned in for different

contests that are held throughout the school year by our PTC. Please encourage friends and family to save their BoxTops as well to help out our school.

HT Smith Playground Project- It has been many years since we have had updates to our playground. All proceeds from the upcoming Mom2Mom sale and the June 1 Fun Run will be put toward this project. If you would like to sponsor a student in the run or donate to our project, please contact our community liaison, Michelle Sommer at michltb@hotmail. com or call the school for more information 517-223-6005.

Where the Wild Things Are - The Second Graders presented their spring musical, «Where the Wild Things Are» to a packed house at the Alverson Center on Tuesday, May 9th. Congratulations on a great show, Boys and Girls!



L to R-Mason Chudy, Phoenix Minton, Nathan Tschirret, Jackson Blauer, Danykah Muck, Josie Bishop, Emelyn

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Fowlerville Athletic Boosters Scholarship—From left, presenter Matt Copeland, Chloe Smith, Nicholas Montrose, Thomas Quaine, Erin Vielbig.



Brady Family Scholarship—From left, presenter Diana Brady, presenter Roger Brady, Zachary Hibbard, Kaylee Moulton, Grace Lockhart, and presenter Becky Kottong.



Brody Danger Rocco Memorial Scholarship—From left, presenter Joseph Rocco, Bryant Martin, Steven Quigley, presenter Barbara Rocco, and presenter Greg Rocco.



Carrie M. Kunde Memorial Scholarship—From left, presenter Paul Kunde, Madeline Clough, Austin Schultz, and presenter Christine Kunde.



Dan Krebs Memorial Scholarship—From left, presenter Erin Archibald, Kristen Burkhardt, and presenter Zach Archibald.

Senior Honors Night

National Honor Society Seniors—Madeline Clough, Austin Schultz, Nancy Roberts, Alyssa Bennett, Carra Burnie, Thomas Quaine, Jewlissa Aldred, Kayla Brown, Kristen Burkhardt, Peter Damerow, Emelia Frederick, Dale Mize, Lydia Nyman, Zachary Rose, Dominick Violetta.

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WHMI Radio Scholarship—Gage Dansby.

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Brady Family Scholarship—Zachary Hibbard, Kaylee Moulton, Grace Lockhart.

George & Ilah Mae Damman Scholarship—David

Imelda 'Mel' & Ralph Lemar Scholarship—Autumn McLane-Svoboda Hutchins-Near Legacy Scholarship—Chloe Smith and

Nicholas Semke.

Lance CPL. Michael W. Hanks Memorial Scholarship—

Lance CPL. Michael W. Hanks Memorial Scholarship—Austin Schultz.

Gordon & Gladys Harmon Scholarship Award—Eric Fritz.

Dan Krebs Memorial Scholarship—Kristen Burkhardt. **Brody Danger Rocco Memorial Scholarship**—Bryant Martin and Steven Quigley.

Joseph Lee Smith Memorial Scholarship—Jarrett Gawel.

Chris Tyle Memorial Scholarship—Rozlin Opolka.

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FHS Theatre Technical Scholarship—Rozlin Opolka, Christopher Meyer, David Ranville.

Maison Z. Wilkinson Memorial Scholarship—Victor Cervantes, Kyle Gross, Nicholas Montrose, Madison

LeMieux, Alexis Lindig.

Frank Abbott Scholarship—Emily Tersigni

Fowlerville Food & Nutrition Staff Scholarship—Preston Cuc.

Kevin Baker Award for Academic Merit—Nancy Roberts.

Jolliff Scholarship—Alyssa Bennett.

Phibbs Family 'Good Kid' Scholarship—Devyn Fleischer.

Fowlerville Board of Education Scholarship—Carra Burnie.

Fowlerville Education Association Scholarship— Jewlissa Aldred.

Fowlerville Alumni Scholarship—Peter Damerow, Thomas Quaine, Alyssa Bennett, Justin McCullough.

Fowlerville High School Drama Scholarship—Rozlin Opolka, Charlotte Newstead, Bryant Martin.

FHS Student Council Scholarship—Kristen Burkhardt.
Fowlerville High School Visual Arts Scholarship—

Rozlin Opolka. **Fowlerville Athletic Boosters Scholarship**—Chloe Smith, Nicholas Montrose, Thomas Quaine, Erin Vielbig.

Fowlerville Schools Bus Drivers Scholarship—Jarrett Gawel.

FHS Athletic Ironman Award—Thomas Quaine, Cody Persons, Niko Montrose, Justin McCullough, Cameron Brigham.



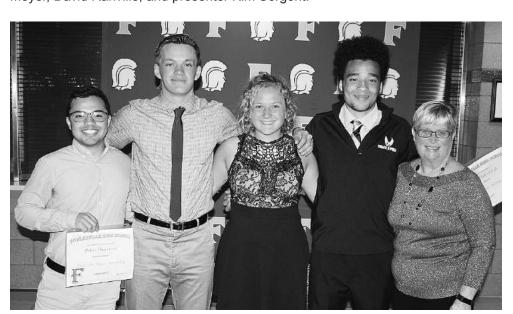
FHS Student Council Scholarship—From left, assistant presenter Bristol Thomas, Kristen Burkhardt, presenter Jill Thomas, and assistant presenter Morgan Thomas.



FHS Theatre Technical Scholarship—From left, Rozlin Opolka, Christopher Meyer, David Ranville, and presenter Kim Sergent.



1st **National Bank Scholarship**—From left, Madeline Clough, presenter Carrie Newstead, Rozlin Opolka, and Erin Vielbig.



Fowlerville Alumni Scholarship—From left, Peter Damerow, Thomas Quaine, Alyssa Bennett, Justin McCullough, and presenter Judy Recker.



Chris Tyle Memorial Scholarship—presenter Beth Tyle and Rozlin Opolka.



Dr. Sam Daniels Vocational Educational Scholarship— Jacob Dixon and presenter Dr. Sam Daniels.



Fowlerville High School Visual Arts Scholarship—Rozlin Opolka and presenter Christine Hesch.



Fowlerville Board of Education Scholarship—presenter Carrie Newstead and Carra Burnie.



Fowlerville Education Association Scholarship—presenter Cathy Brigham and Jewlissa Aldred.



Fowlerville Food & Nutrition Staff Scholarship—presenter Amy Verhelle-Smith and Preston Cuc.



Fowlerville Schools Bus Drivers Scholarship—From left, presenter Suzy Limonoff, Jarrett Gawel, and presenter Diane Russom.



Fowlerville High School Drama Scholarship—From left, Rozlin Opolka, Charlotte Newstead, Bryant Martin, and presenter Betsy Ording.



Hutchins-Near Legacy Scholarship—From left, presenter Matilyn Near, Chloe Smith, Nicholas Semke, presenter Joyce Hutchins, and presenter Morgan Near.



Jolliff Scholarship—From left, presenter Bob Jolliff, Alyssa Bennett, and presenter Lorrie Chaperon.



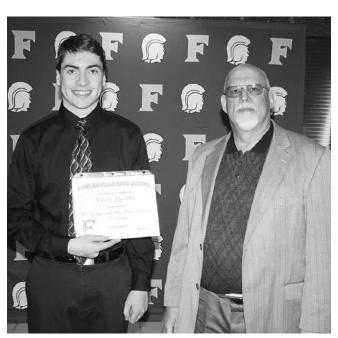
Joseph Lee Smith Memorial Scholarship—From left, presenter Joesph Rocco, Jarrett Gawel, and presenter Greg Rocco.



Margaret VanGorder Scholarship—From left, Jewlissa Aldred, Emelia Frederick, presenter Remington DeForest, presenter James DeForest, Dominick Violetta.



Frank Abbott Scholarship—Emily Tersigni and presenter Judy Recker.



George & Ilah Mae Damman Scholarship—David Ranville and presenter Michael Damman.



Gordon & Gladys Harmon Scholarship Award— Eric Fritz and presenter Jill Thomas.



MSU Alumni Club of Livingston County Textbook Scholarship—From left, Kristen Burkhardt, Dale Mize and presenter Jack Sisak.



Phibbs Family 'Good Kid' Scholarship—From left, presenter Connie Phibbs, Devyn Fleischer, and presenter Mindy Wolf.



Fowlerville Rotary Athletic Scholarship—From left, presenter Dawn Horton, Thomas Quaine, Erin Vielbig, and presenter Laura Eisele.



Fowlerville Rotary Service Scholarship—From left, presenter Dawn Horton, Carra Burnie, Peter Damerow, and presenter Laura Eisele.



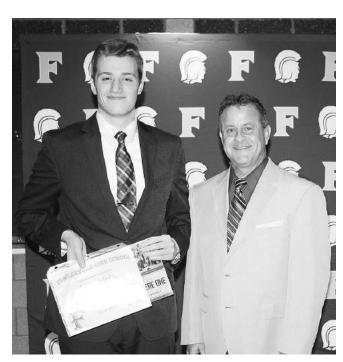
Maison Z. Wilkinson Memorial Scholarship—From left, presenter Andrew Wilkinson, Victor Cervantes, Kyle Gross, Nicholas Montrose, Madison LeMieux, Alexis Lindig, and presenter Maylene Turnbo.



American Red Cross Scholarship—From left, Lydia Nyman, Jade Moros, Jason Klebba, and presenter Michelle Hardenbrook. Not pictured: Nancy Roberts.



Imelda 'Mel' & Ralph Lemar Scholarship—Autumn McLane-Svoboda and presenter Brian Osborn, high school athletic director.



Lance CPL. Michael W. Hanks Memorial Scholarship—Austin Schultz and presenter Eric Diroff, high school assistant principal.



Kevin Baker Award for Academic Merit and one of the recipients of the American Red Cross Scholarship—Nancy Roberts, at right, with high school counselor Mary Stuible. Sandy Baker announced the Kevin Baker Award at the Honors Night Program.



Shown here in front of the new building is the Fowlerville District Library Board and Director. In order from left to right - Cheryl Poch (director), Terri Ridenour, David Campbell, Sue Spalding, Norma Moore, Mike Newstead, Jim Gioia, and Marion Cornett



Some of the Fowlerville District Library staff in the current building and from left to right - Beth Lowe, Karin Pomeroy, Cheryl Poch, Marty Brown, Cindy Peach, Tally Anton, and Audrey Glass. Not pictured are Jackie Dahlgren, Kate Glass, and Ben Kiefer

Fowlerville District Library to re-locate; purchases former Curtis Grocery building last week

By Steve Horton

The Fowlerville District Library will be re-locating to larger quarters once renovations are completed at the former Curtis Grocery building. The library board purchased the 16,950 square foot building, located on South Grand Avenue, at a cost of \$625,000. The deal includes the building and parking lot as well as an adjacent lot to the south. The current library, located on Mill Street next to the fire station, is just under 6,000 square feet in size.

The papers, completing the sale, were signed this past Wednesday, May 10. The library board was represented by its president, Marion Cornett.

More space at an affordable price, the downtown location, and the ability to expand the building in the future if the need arises were the chief reasons Cornett gave for the decision.

"We needed to increase the size of the library," said Cornett. She pointed out that past library boards as well as the current one have considered different options. Those choices included purchasing a parcel with the intent of building a new library, with different potential sites looked at, or expanding the current facility.

That latter option was on the front burner last year. "We had an architect draw up a plan to add 3,000 square feet on our east side," Cornett said, noting that additional room was not possible due to the bordering flood plain to the north.

The library, in 2009, had already built a small addition on the north side, using that available space.

"But even as we went ahead with the project, the board felt it was a short-term band-aid and then eventually a larger facility would be needed, given the expected growth in population for this area and the increase in library use," she

The cost of this extra space and some corresponding renovation was pegged at \$700,000.

The planned, new expansion, however, ran into a problem, namely the location of existing water and sewer lines on the east side. Village officials wanted the lines to be re-located. They cited concerns that the sewer line would be too close to the new foundation and might pose a safety hazard to workers if repairs were needed and a trench had to be dug and might also jeopardize the foundation.

Because state law requires sewer and water lines to be located a minimum amount of feet apart, re-locating the sewer pipe would have necessitated also shifting the water main farther to the east.

"Moving the lines would have added another \$80,000 to the project," said Cornett. "The board didn't want to spend that much extra. We were still going to be landlocked afterwards. We can't go farther to the north due to the park and the flood plain and we can't go south due to the street."

It was in February that the board decided to "go in a different direction."

"We looked at property where we might build a new library," she said. "A couple of them were on the outskirts of the village and we wanted the library accessible to foot traffic in the Downtown. We also learned that a new building cost of around 10,000 square feet could run between \$2.5 and \$4 million."

It was then that the option of purchasing and renovating the Curtis store gained credence. Due diligence was done to make sure the building was in satisfactory condition and an architect was hired to put together renovation plans and costs.

"We have been working with Ron Cieslak of Merritt Cieslak Design (a firm located in Farmington) for the last couple of months," said Cornett. "He had been the architect and project manager when the Pinckney Library purchased a former elementary school and renovated it."

THE PLAN FOR THE NEW FOWLERVILLE FACILITY WILL BE DONE IN THREE PHASES.

"The area in back of the building that had been used for storage by the grocery store will be used for the same purpose by the library," said Cornett. "Right now we're renting a large unit at a mini-storage facility and using a small storage shed next to the library to handle our overflow, so this space will serve that purpose."

Phase One will include all of the space except the northeast corner where the store's kitchen and deli were located. This space—totaling 10,300 square feet--will feature a Circulation Desk at the front entrance, computers on a section of the north wall, staff offices in the northwest area, and a large Program Room and a Children's Area on the south side.

"The Program Room will accommodate up to 60-70 people and there'll be folding walls to allow smaller gatherings," said Cornett. "The Children's Area will be expanded from its current size and there'll be room to add additional computer stations. We have about a dozen stations now."

The middle area will feature sections for Popular Materials and New Books, an area for Teens, and the Adult Book Collection toward the back. The current bathrooms, located in the back area, will remain in use and a Historical Room will be located next to them. One of the amenities of the new library will be a fireplace and reading area.

"The Phase One work is estimated at \$750,000," noted Cornett.

Phase Two will be the renovation of the northeast area—an area of 2,990 square feet. This will include additional bathrooms as well as space for more books and materials and other uses. The plan is to also do some enhancements to the exterior of the building. Cornett said the cost for this phase is estimated at \$200,000.

A possible third phase would cover landscaping and improvements to the parking lot. Cornett noted that a garden or park area being located in the adjacent lot is being considered as a future amenity.

The money for purchasing the building and lots and the Phase One renovation, totaling around \$1.375 million will be covered by existing library funds that have been set aside over numerous years for this purpose.

"The past library boards and our staff have been very conscientious and conservative so money has been saved and there won't be a need to seek a bond issue," said Cornett.

The time frame for completing the Phase One renovations is between six to eight months, said Cornett. She pointed out that the architect will also be the project manager, providing "a turn-key" service. "He'll get the permits, advertise for the bids, and handle the contractors and sub-contractors," said Cornett. "This relieves the board and staff of any of that extra work."

She added, though, that a committee of three board members and two staff members will work with the architect during the renovation to fine tune the plans and help make decisions. Another committee comprised of two board members and three staff members will serve on the transition committee to plan for moving from the current facility to the new library.

The District Library is funded primarily by a property tax levy. Its service area is based on the boundaries of the Fowlerville School District so all property owners within the school district pay this annual millage.

The rate had initially been set at a half of a mill (5/10ths), but due to the Headlee Amendment the amount had been rolled back to .4015 of a mill. In 2012, voters approved an increase to a full mill to allow the library to continue to add services and materials. In actuality, the levy is .9973 of a mill due to Headlee. The library is also required to disburse some

Senior Honors Night, continued



WHMI Radio Scholarship—Gage Dansby and presenter Eric Diroff, assistant high school principal.



The University of Michigan Honor Trophy—From left, Kristen Burkhardt and Thomas Quaine.

of these funds to the Fowlerville Downtown Development Authority and the Local Development Finance Authority.

"Some of the money from the millage increase was set aside to either pay for a building addition or, as is now the case, acquire a new facility," Cornett added. "That levy continues through 2022."

The ownership of the current building and property will revert to the Village of Fowlerville, since it was originally a village-owned and operated facility prior to changing the legal status to a district library.

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Event raises funds to support Genesis House & Community Mental Health

A 5K Walk/Run was held Saturday, May 6, in Fowlerville to raise funds on behalf of the Genesis House and Livingston Community Mental Health. A large number of participants took part in the event. The funds will be used to help Genesis members find and keep safe.



Livingston County Red Cross to observe 100 years with open house on May 20

The American Red Cross will be celebrating 100 years of service in Livingston County. The 100th Anniversary Open House will be held from 11-3 on Saturday, May 20th at the Red Cross office, 1372 W. Grand River, Howell.

Livingston County Red Cross began by supporting our men during WWI and continues to evolve to address today's needs. Displays will highlight service to Livingston County through-out the years including our commitment to Local Disasters, supporting our need for blood replenishment, classes in health and safety and supporting our Armed Forces. At our celebration we will also be recognizing a 70 year long volunteer! Light refreshments will be served. Help us recognize the past and present and look to the future.

The general public is invited to learn more about this amazing organization!



Fowlerville District Library, continued

However, because the district library added onto the building in 2009, the value of that extra space in relationship to the overall appraised value of the building needs to be worked out and prorated. The library would receive some money from that added value.

The future status of the current library building may or may not involve the Fowlerville Area Fire Department. Fire Chief John Wright said that the board, since learning the library building will be available, is considering it as an option of future expansion.

"Nothing's been decided, but we'll probably go ahead and undertake a feasibility study," said Wright. "We'll look at our future needs for expansion. There are pros and cons to staying here or going elsewhere and building a new, larger station

"This is a good location," he added, "but we have to find out if we can add onto the existing fire hall to house additional firefighting apparatus and then use the library for our offices and meeting area. We have to do our due diligence to see if this is possible, look at the soil and do an environmental study, see what the costs would be, and decide what our best option is."

Making that decision, on the information from the study, will be the fire board. This group consists of representatives from each of the four local governmental units—the Village of Fowlerville and the Townships of Handy, Conway, and Iosco-that make up the Fowlerville Area Fire District.

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