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Fowlerville Homecoming King & Queen crowned during halftime on Sept. 30

Fowlerville celebrated Homecoming on Friday, Sept. 30, with a parade through the Downtown, the varsity football game against Lansing Catholic, the judging of the high school class floats, and the presentation of this year's Homecoming court followed by the crowning of the King and Queen. On Saturday the high school held the annual Homecoming Dance.

Spirit Week took place prior to Friday night at the different school buildings, with each day having a different dress-up theme.

Shown here are the new King and Queen—Andrew Goodwin and Erica Fox. They are seniors at the high school. *Photo by Deb Utter.*

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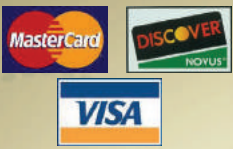
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Caleb Jenkins Column



The Pledge: What About This “Under God”?

The phrase “under God” is without doubt the most debated portion of the Pledge of Allegiance, so it is definitely not something that can be, nor should be, glossed over when examining the Pledge as we are. Much of the debate concerning this is centered around the technical aspects of when and how it was included. After all, the Pledge did not always include God in its terminology. As I explained briefly in my first article in this series, the 1942 rendition of the Pledge, which was the first officially recognized version, simply read “...one Nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.” This was known as the Bellamy version after the man who wrote it.

However, there was an earlier, unofficial version that included God by stating “We give our heads and hearts to God and our country...” This rendering is called the Balch version and predates the Bellamy pledge. Although it was never officially recognized, I do think that it is worth mentioning the Balch along with the Bellamy version of the Pledge in this conversation as it shows us that the inclusion of God had its roots far earlier than its official introduction in the 1950s.

The conversation, though, goes much deeper than simply the historical context. The primary, underlying debate takes place over the First Amendment to the Constitution which reads in part: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...” The argument is often framed with the phrase “separation of church and state,” which is a slight paraphrase of sentence used in a letter written by Thomas Jefferson. Those who oppose the inclusion of “under God” in the Pledge say that the First Amendment, which they also say is supported by Jefferson’s letter, prohibits the addition since it is government pushing a certain religion on its people. However, there are two points that should be made concerning that.

First, the original intent of what was said in the First Amendment and what Jefferson referenced in his letter was not to ban God from public institutions. It wasn’t a focus on keeping God out but rather on keeping government out. The “wall of separation between Church & State,” as Jefferson writes it, was designed to keep government from enacting a state religion that had to be followed by its citizens and to keep it from interfering in the affairs of churches.

This was a real threat to the early settlers since many

of them had fled England to get away from established, state churches and to practice religious liberty in the New World. They did not want to see a repeat and have the U.S. government impose anything of the sort on its citizens. However, it is very important to note that that does not mean that God cannot be acknowledged in government. It simply means that government cannot in turn force people into a particular religion.

That leads into the second point which is that the inclusion of “under God” does not push a religion. By including God in the Pledge of Allegiance, the government is not mandating that you go to church or behave a certain way or swear allegiance to a denomination. It is simply acknowledging the fundamental, undeniable fact that God was and is an indispensable part of our nation and its government. Whether people like it or not, our nation was founded on God and the principles found in the Bible, and America has been successful because of its reliance on God. The Pledge simply recognizes that.

Fowlerville Christmas Parade applications now being accepted

The Christmas in the Ville celebration will be on Saturday, December 2. There will be the various events during the day, ending with the Christmas Parade. More information about those events will be forthcoming over the next two months.

The Parade will start from the Fowlerville School Complex going south on Hibbard Street, west on Grand River and ending at Veterans Drive.

All units that participated last year have been mailed their applications. If you would like to enter a unit in the parade, applications are available on the Fowlerville Village website (www.fowlerville.org), Christmas in the Ville website (www.christmasintheville.com) or you may contact Ed Prevo at 517-223-4076 or email prevo.edsherry@att.net.

Due to the length of the lineup area and unknown weather conditions, the parade line-up is limited to 70 units. If you wish to enter a unit in the parade, it is very important to get your application in as soon as possible.

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Plainfield United Methodist to serve Chicken & Biscuit Supper on Oct. 14

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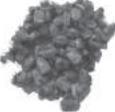
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Book & Movie Club: A Series of Unfortunate Events Friday, October 13th at 7pm
Teens 6th-12th grade. Sign-up to get your own copy of *A Series of Unfortunate Events: The Bad Beginning* by Lemony Snicket. Meet at the library to watch the first 2 episodes of

the new Series of Unfortunate Events show on Netflix, do crafts and games related to the story, and hang out with your friends. Pizza and a beverage will be served. *Register in person to attend. Registration is required and includes a 2017-2018 signed Program Permission Form. Registration began September 29th. Books will be given while supplies last.

Candy Jar Stands -Thursday, October 19th at 7pm
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Family Pumpkin Carving Event - Wednesday, October 25th at 5:30-6:30pm
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Fowlerville Varsity Football Team
loses to Lansing Catholic, 26-10

Fowlerville’s Varsity Football Team lost to Lansing Catholic, 26-10, in its Homecoming game on Friday, Sept. 30.
The Cougars came into the game as favorites, but the Gladiators made a bid for an upset before Lansing Catholic mounted two touchdown drives in the final quarter to end those hopes.
Lansing Catholic drew first blood with a 64-yard scoring pass in the opening stanza and, with the PAT, took a 7-0 lead. Fowlerville, though, responded with its own touchdown drive, capped by a 21-yard pass from quarterback Geoffrey Knaggs to JT Maybee. The point after kick tied the game.
The Cougars put together another drive in the second quarter, with the touchdown coming on a 45-yard run. The PAT gave them a 14-7 lead which held through the rest of the first half.
Fowlerville narrowed the gap in the third period with a 37-yard field goal to go into the final quarter trailing 14-10. From there Lansing Catholic put the game out-of-reach with two successful drives by the offense and stingy play by the defense.
Knaggs was 13 for 32 on passes for 150 yards and carried the ball 10 times for 69 yards. Alex Brownlee, meanwhile, rushed 18 times for 72 yards. Maybee ended the game with 6 catches for 92 yards and Andrew McFadden had 5 receptions for 48 yards.
On defense leading tacklers were Trevor Brock with 13 tackles (4 solo, 9 assists) 1 TFL, Mitchell Bishop with 10 tackles (1 solo, 9 assists) 1 TFL, Kyle Horgan with 7 tackles (7 assists), and Tom Salois 7 Tackles (1 solo, 6 ssists).
Fowlerville with a 2-4 record overall and 1-2 in the CAAC White played at Williamston this past Friday (past the newspaper deadline) for the final league game. The Glads are at Tecumseh this Friday, Oct. 13.

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The Bible says: *by his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We received all this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence* (2 Peter 1:3).

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Unfortunately, the world we live in today is more interested in self-satisfaction than it is in following the instructions found in the Bible. The majority of the eyes in the world are not focused on God, and the desires of the human nature have become more important to us than seeking after God. Our nation, as a whole, seems to be downplaying the role that God needs to have in our lives if we want to experience his perfect peace. Social media has become the bible for far too many people. Face Book (FB) has done more to promote the cause of the enemy than any other modern technology we have today.

Personally, I don't believe most of the controversial posts that I see on FB, because I know how easy it is to photoshop and make something innocent look just the opposite. It is interesting to see how many people read FB and see something that upsets them and how they respond angrily to what they read, only to find out a few days later that what they read was not true at all. I would have to say that social media is our worst manmade enemy today. It leads too many people astray. If we would spend as much time in the Word of God as we do on FB and other social media networks, our lives would be less complicated and more enjoyable.

The problem, as it has always been since sin entered the world, is that we are more likely to seek after what is evil than what is good. This struggle between good and evil will continue for as long as we live in these human bodies.

As a person who is striving to follow the example of Christ, my heart mourns for all people who have no relationship with Jesus Christ. I am so grateful to have this column where

I can share Christ and some of the experiences of my life which I hope will help someone who may be struggling with the decision as to whether or not to follow Jesus.

I can identify with people who are trying to find happiness and fulfillment in life via the pursuit of wealth fame and status. I was there once myself. I thought the more stuff I owned, the more money I had, the more drugs I used, the more women I misused, and the more accolades I received, the more happy it would make me. What I found was that no amount of worldly achievements was ever enough. I always wanted more. It was not until I woke up and realized that I was looking for something on the outside that could only be satisfied by something on the inside.

On the surface, when I was around people, I was a successful and happy person, but underneath, when I was alone, I was miserable. I was trying to hide my real identity from others because, I felt that if they knew the real me, they would not like or accept me. So, I played the game of Hide and Seek that my pastor talked about in his last sermon series. I drank and used drugs to hide from myself. I performed and did things I did not want to do to hide from others, and I lied to myself about what I was doing to hide from God. But God knew my heart. He created me and he knew I was living in a world dominated by lies and deceit. He knew I was living in fear and afraid to let people see the real me.

I will always remember the day of October 7, 1989. That was the day that Jesus revealed to me that he is real and showed me just how much he loves me. That was the day I made the commitment to turn my life over to his care and control. Although it has taken me twenty-eight years to reach the point in life where I find myself today, I still have a long way to go before I come close to being totally surrendered to Christ. But I haven't stopped trying, and I never will. I will live each day one day at a time, striving to be a more devoted follower of Christ until I transition from this world into the next.

While I am here, I will continue to share Christ with anyone who will listen, and just maybe I can help someone come to realize that the secret to living a healthy and successful life is not found in the accumulation of material stuff or physical accomplishments. The real secret to living life and enjoying it the way God intended can only be experienced by first of all, a loving and personal relationship with Jesus Christ. And secondly, by learning to view every person we meet through the eyes of Jesus. When we learn how to live and love the way Jesus lived and loved, our lives will take on a new perspective, *then we will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard our hearts and minds as we live in Jesus Christ* (Phil. 4:7).

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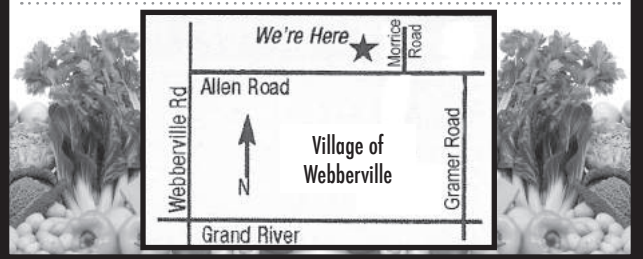


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Fowlerville Girls Cross Country Team places first at Stockbridge Invitational

On Saturday, September 30, the Fowlerville Girls Cross Country Team took advantage of the break in temperature to set thirteen personal records and four season records over the flat and fast double loop 5000m course in Stockbridge. It was a great day to be a Gladiator with both the varsity and junior varsity team topping 14 other schools to bring home the first-place hardware.

The varsity girls had three in the top 20 and were led by senior Ollie Updike just seconds from her season record placing 4th overall in a time of 19:31.9. Also in the top 20 to earn individual medals were sophomore Franny Updike placing 11th with a time of 20:06.3 and freshman Jenna Rigotti placing 13th with a new personal record time of 20:23.9.

Freshman Lilly Copeland came up big for the Gladiators shaving over two minutes off her previous record and crossing the line in 21:02.9 in 23rd place. Freshman Sara Spalding rounded out the scoring for the girls by placing 33rd with a personal record time of 21:56.8. Also earning a personal record was freshman Emily Hutmacher completing the course in 34th place in 21:57.2. Senior Selena Lopez rounded out the varsity team by completing the course 43rd in 22:27 and beating her previous season's best time.

(26:57.3) rounded out the scoring for the girls finishing in 22nd place and just beating out her teammate Isabelle Lindberg (23rd, 26:57.5)--both earning personal records.

Congratulations to Mallory Heath earning the largest PR on the day cutting nearly 7 minutes off her time to complete the course in 31:56. Also earning season or personal records at the Stockbridge Invite were: Abby Davis (27:54 PR), Abby Fear (28:13 PR), Audrey Trinka (30:35 SR), Marla Rose 29:51 SR), and Natalya Arbanas (29:29 PR).

Fowlerville Girls Cross Country Team placed second in CAAC White meet

The Fowlerville Girls Cross Country Team raced in the second of three CAAC White division Jamborees on Tuesday, October 3 in Eaton Rapids. The Gladiators strong performance placed them 2nd overall in the six-team meet as all five of the scoring runners crossed the line in the top 20 athletes.

Senior Ollie Updike led the Fowlerville girls, moving up 2 places from the first jamboree and finishing in 4th overall with a time of 19:59. Freshman Jenna Rigotti crossed the line second for the Lady Gladiators and 8th overall with a time of 21:10.2, and on her heels was sophomore Franny Updike crossing in 21:10.4 in 9th place.

Senior Selena Lopez came up big for the girls, moving up 10 places from the previous Jamboree and finishing in 17th place in a time of 22:52. Freshman Emily Hutmacher's 20th place at 23:00 rounded out the scoring for the Lady Glads.

A few seconds later, bringing in all seven spot in the top 22 athletes and completing the varsity squad was freshman Sara Spalding (21st place; 23:02.5) and freshman Lilly Copeland (22nd place; 23:02.7). Other key performances were sophomore Azhi Depa moving up 10 places from the last Jamboree and finishing in 31st place in a time of 24:16. Junior Marla Rose (30:57) moved up 9 spots and senior Audrey Trinka (32:51) 7 spots.

Fowlerville Boys Tennis Team drops heartbreaker to Portland, 5-3

The Fowlerville Boys Tennis Team dropped a heartbreaker at home to Portland on Thursday, Sept. 29, by a 5-3 score. Sam Browne/Tyler Sladick lost a tough 3 setter 4-6 7-6(5) 4-6. Ben Buxton/Mason Sova also lost a hard fought match 4-6 4-6. Winning for the Glads were Josh Leonard 6-0 6-3, Christian Montrose/Caden Flanery 6-2 5-7 6-2, Hunter Wilson/Shane Sibo 7-6(5) 6-2.

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JV Football

Nathan Esch is a Sophomore this year and a member of the JV football team. Nathan has proven to be a very committed part of our program and someone we can count on. His "football smarts" make him valuable on both sides of the ball, and his toughness shows in his practice and play.

Joe Palyj is another Sophomore on the JV football team. Joe's intelligence and athleticism allow him to play multiple positions on both sides of the ball. The leadership he provides and the example he sets are another reason the coaches love seeing him on the field.

Both of these young men have a tremendous work ethic and were committed to improving their game this summer. Nathan and Joe are performing well on the field, and dominating in the classroom.

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SATURDAY, OCT. 14 Univ. of Mich. <u>27</u> at Indiana <u>10</u> Mich. State <u>23</u> at Minnesota <u>20</u>	LA Rams <u>31</u> at Jacksonville <u>24</u> Pittsburgh <u>23</u> at Kansas City <u>27</u> LA Chargers <u>17</u> at Oakland <u>19</u> NY Giants <u>13</u> at Denver <u>24</u>
SUNDAY, OCT. 15 Detroit <u>31</u> at New Orleans <u>27</u> Miami <u>16</u> at Atlanta <u>31</u> Green Bay <u>24</u> at Minnesota <u>19</u> New England <u>27</u> at NY Jets <u>20</u> San Francisco <u>13</u> at Washington <u>24</u> Chicago <u>19</u> at Baltimore <u>23</u>	MONDAY, OCT. 16 Indianapolis <u>17</u> at Tennessee <u>27</u>
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Fowlerville Fire Dept. announces Smoke Detector & Carbon Monoxide Program

The Fowlerville Fire Dept. announced a Smoke Detector & Carbon Monoxide Alarm Program that will provide these devices at no charge to residents. The announcement coincides with Fire Prevention Week which runs this week, starting Monday, Oct. 8.

"We are giving free smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms to residents who need one and are unable to afford the cost," said Fire Chief John Wright, adding that people can stop by the fire station to fill out an application and determine how many devices are needed for their home.

"We'd prefer to install the detector or alarm," Wright said. "We want to make sure it's located in the proper places in the home and in working order."

While the program is kicking off this week, it will continue indefinitely. The cost of the detectors and alarms is being covered by donations. "We received money from a number of sources, including St. John's Lutheran Church and the Aldi Corporation," said Wright. "In addition, Kodet's Hardware is selling the devices to us at cost."

The fire station is located at 200 N. Grand Avenue in Fowlerville. The phone number is 517-223-8561.



Captain Mike LeMieux, left, and Chief John Wright of the Fowlerville Fire Dept. show off the carbon monoxide alarms and smoke detectors that the department is making available to residents.

Community-Wide Women's Bible Study being offered at Family Impact Center

Entrusted: A Study of II Timothy, an in-depth and very inspirational Bible study by Beth Moore, is being offered for the third time this year at the Family Impact Wellness Center (9430 W. Grand River Avenue in Fowlerville). With her combination video teaching/discussion format, Beth will challenge 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 Monday morning class will begin at 9:00 on October 16th and will run for six (6) weeks. There is also the possibility that the same study will be held Monday evenings as well from 6 – 8 pm if there is interest.

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 as soon as possible at 517-223-4428.

IOSCO TOWNSHIP PARK COMMITTEE

The Board of Iosco Township is seeking interested individuals who would like to serve on a newly formed Township Park Committee.

This Volunteer Committee will identify what types of recreations will be available in the park. Such committee will also approve park projects by Youth Groups such as Boy & Girl Scouts, and 4H Clubs or individuals.

The Committee will present their recommendations to the Township Board for final approval, and authorization of acquisition of equipment.

The Board is projecting that the construction phase should take place over 2-3 years, at which point the Committee will convert to a park maintenance and expansion committee.

The qualifications for Committee membership are residency in Iosco Township, ability and time to attend at least one meeting a month; the Committee will determine its own meeting dates & times and will meet at the Iosco Township Hall.

Persons wishing to apply to be a member of the Committee should send a letter expressing their interest to one of the following:

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2050 Bradley Rd.
Webberville, MI 48892

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Charming 1½ story 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in the city of Williamston. This home features an entry level master bedroom with master bath, 1st floor laundry and spacious enclosed porch to enjoy the summer evenings. Updated kitchen, some fresh paint and kitchen appliances included. Detached 3 car garage with concrete floor and electric for all your storage needs. \$164,900.



Nice spacious 3 bedroom, 1 bath home in the Village of Fowlerville with over 1700 sq.ft. of living space. Many updates including fresh paint, floor coverings, some windows, bath vanity and counter. Enclose porch and 1st floor laundry. \$134,900.



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The Fowlerville Junior High Boys Cross Country Team.

Fowlerville Junior High School News

IMPORTANT DATES:

Canned food drive- Oct. 4-27th
Parent-Teacher Conferences: Wed. Oct. 25th -5-7:30pm & Thurs. Oct. 26th- 1-4pm, 5-7:30pm
Fundraiser Pickup- Thurs. Oct. 26th
Picture Retakes- Fri. Nov. 10th
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FJH SPORTS

SPORTS FOR WEEK OF OCT. 9:
Mon., 10/9: VB vs DeWitt-4:30; 7H,8A; bus-3:15
XC-HOME-5:00 w/ Williamston, DeWitt, Lans Cath, Howell Parker & Howell H’lander Way. Small concession on site; no admission - Park at FJH. LAST home meet of the season
Tues., 10/10: PIZZA DAY @ DUKE’s Pizzaria: Make a purchase, mention the F’ville Athletic Boosters, & percentage of day’s sale goes to FAB
Wed., 10/11: VB vs Williamston-4:30; 7A, 8H; bus-3:30
Thurs., 10/12: XC @ Gd. Ledge Invite-4:30; bus-2:15
Mon., 10/16: XC @ GREATER LANSING INVITE @ DeWitt-3:30; bus- 1:30. LAST meet of the season.

CONGRATULATIONS to the FJH BOYS” XC team for their 1st place finish at the 12 team Stockbridge Invitational on Sat., Sept. 30. And, congratulations to the girls for their 4th place finish. A large number of FJH athletes PR’d at this meet.

Reminder to 7th & 8th grade boys: Tryouts begin on or around Oct. 23. A physical is REQUIRED to try out. If you do not have a physical on file, get one immediately so you are ready when tryouts begin. NO PHYSICAL....NO TRYOUT!
FJH is still looking for a 7-8 competitive cheer coach (mid Nov -mid-Jan.) 6-7-8 wrestling coach, & a 7th GBB coach. Please contact the h.s. athletic office if interested.
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CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

The cross country team had an exciting day of racing on Saturday, Sept. 30th in Stockbridge! Four girls made the “Gladiator Club” for running a race in 14 mins 30 secs or under, also earning PR times! Congratulations Leveesa Clark, Molly Kilpela, Kaitlyn Seiter and Tori Briggs!
Fourteen more PR times followed! Annie Beach, Avery Copeland, Allie Davis, Gabby Damerow, Madisyn Flamini, Morgan Near, Jenna Gill, Reagan Esch, Gabby Meersma, Isabella Damerow, Isabel Kudwa, Janessa Kilpela, Danielle Skinner and Chloe Ozar. Congratulations Girls!
The boys had an amazing day also! They earned the top spot of the day coming in 1st overall and receiving a trophy!

Four boys earned spots in the “Gladiator Club”, with times of 13:00 mins or under, earning PR’s also! Jack Shrader, Zach Curd, Tyler Perras, and Brock Howard.
Twenty four more boys had PR’s in the race! Brett Marschall, Aidan Brake, Dillon Wieas, Owen Presley, Calvin Dowker, Josh Kilpela, Liam Dean, Lucas Anderson, Travis St. Martin, Isaac Way, Noah Miller, Jim Buurma, Ben Showerman, Mason House, Evan Rose, Payne Musser, Josh Allen, Ryder Lukasik, Jaydn Devota, Oliver Farmer, Norbert Bulszewicz, TJ Bishop and Isaac Farmer.
The cross country team has another great night of racing in Waverly on October 2nd! Levee Clark led the girls race from early on, coming in 1st overall! The girls came in 2nd place in the meet and Isabella Damerow had the only PR of the night for the girls on this tough course!
The boys came in 1st place for the 2nd meet in a row! Five Fowlerville boys came in the top 15, Jack Shrader, Tyler Perras, Zach Curd, Brock Howard, and Brett Marschall. Tyler, Zach and Brett also had a PR for the night along with Noah Miller, Josh Kilpela, Jim Buurma and Blake Bulszewicz. Congratulations runners!
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ARCHERY

The archery season is about to begin! Go to www.fowlervilleachery.org for the most up to date information, including club times, open range availability, and team try outs. Hope to see you this season!
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YEARBOOK INFORMATION

Yearbook is underway- order yours today! Personalized books are available through March 2nd. Order on our website under order yearbooks here and it will take you to the smart pay site. You may also send a check made out to Fowlerville Community Schools with name and grade of your child on memo line. A basic yearbook is \$32.
If you have taken pictures that you would like considered for use in the yearbook. Upload them to our Imageshare app or email them to Mrs. Spisz at spism@fowlervilleschools.org Search for “Balfour Image Share” at the App Store on iTunes or on Google Play. It’s SO easy! Students or parents simply download the iOS or Android app, enter your yearbook’s information and they’re ready to go. Photos can be selected from an existing gallery or taken using the app itself. Each submitted photo includes contributor information, photo identifications and a caption. Our Project number is 823649.
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BOX TOPS

Please clip and send in Box Tops to Mrs. Laesch (Room D1) or the main office. Money earned from box tops collected will be used for Math and Science supplies. Thank you!
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STUDENT COUNCIL FOOD DRIVE

Fowlerville Junior High School’s Student Council is having a food drive for the Family Impact Center. The Food Drive is from **October 4th until October 27th**. Please send in items with your child to their classroom. (homeroom for 6th grade, 6th hour for 7th grade and 8th grade) Items needed are: Baked beans/ pork & beans, canned fruit, fruit juice, & juice boxes, canned meals (Spaghetti O’s, Ravioli, etc.), canned meats (chicken, ham, especially tuna), canned vegetables (tomatoes, potatoes, carrots, mixed), cereal: especially “Kids’ Favorites”, condiments: mustard, ketchup, salad dressing, etc., Helpers: Chicken, Hamburger, & Tuna, Jam/ Jelly, Macaroni and Cheese, packaged meat meals, rice & pasta mixes, soaps: dish/ laundry, soups: chunky or regular, and cans of spaghetti sauce. Also, we cannot accept any “home canned” products. Thank you so much for helping.



Savvy Senior Column

By Jim Miller

How to Search for Forgotten 401(k) Money
Dear Savvy Senior,
How do I find an old 401(k) that I think I contributed money to at a former employer?

Approaching Retirement

Dear Approaching,
If you think you may have lost track of a 401(k) retirement account, you aren’t alone. As Americans jump from job to job, many leave scraps of their company sponsored 401(k) plans behind, believing they’ll deal with it later, but never do. To help you look for an old 401(k), here are some suggestions along with some free resources that can help you search.

Contact Employer

The first way to find a previous 401(k) account is to contact your old employer’s human resources department. Ask them to check their plan records to see if you ever participated in their 401(k) plan, and if so, how much it’s worth. You’ll need to provide them your Social Security number and the dates you worked for them.
They should be able to either get you the forms necessary to roll over your retirement money to a different 401(k) or to an IRA, or to give you contact information for any outside financial institution overseeing the plan on your employer’s behalf. By following the appropriate instructions you get, you’ll be able to move your retirement money where you want.
If you don’t have contact information for your old employer, check your old records to see if you kept an old 401(k) statement. Statements will typically have the information you need to get in contact with either your employer or a plan administrator.

If you need help tracking down your former employer because it may have moved, changed owners or merged with another firm, free help is available from sources like the Labor Department (AskEBSA.dol.gov, 866-444-3272) and the Pension Rights Center and Pension Action Center (PensionRights.org/find-help).
These services can tap into public databases that list incorporations and bankruptcies and may be able to help you dig up a plan’s most recently filed Form 5500, the annual report that must be filed with the IRS, PBGC and the Labor Department. This form contains the plan’s contact information and the employer’s identification number, which can be used to locate any plan that inherited the assets in a merger, acquisition or sale.
You can also find recently filed 5500s yourself at websites like FreeERISA.com.

Search Tools

Finding a lost 401(k) account can be trickier if it’s worth less than \$5,000, because your former employer can transfer the money to a default individual retirement account without consent. Your cash may go into an interest-bearing, federally insured bank account or to your state’s unclaimed property fund.
To search for a lost plan, use the National Registry of Unclaimed Retirement Benefits at UnclaimedRetirementBenefits.com. This website matches former employers with past employees who have unclaimed retirement funds. This is a secure and free service, but you’ll need to provide your Social Security number to search.

It can also be challenging to track down a lost 401(k) account if your former employer goes bankrupt and abandons the plan. In this case, use the U.S. Department of Labor’s Abandoned Plan Database at AskEBSA.dol.gov/abandonedplansearch.
Starting in 2018, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC.gov) will start accepting transfers of missing participants’ accounts from terminating 401(k) plans. When the participants are found, it will pay them that money plus interest. The agency also plans to launch a registry of terminated 401(k) plans that sent money elsewhere, so missing participants can more easily find their accounts.
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.

COHOCTAH TOWNSHIP SEEKS PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS:

The Cohoctah Township Planning Commission meets the first Thursday of the month at 8:00 p.m. Interested applicants need to be a resident of Cohoctah Township and be at least 18 years of age. To apply please email a letter of interest to:

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(10-8-17 FNV)



Peter Eckman will be mentoring the first-ever Fowlerville High School Robotics Team. It'll be known as The F.A.S.T. which stands for Fowlerville Area Scientific Technicians. He's modeling a shirt that he and team members will wear in the upcoming competition.

Fowlerville High School to field first-ever Robotics Team for competition

By Steve Horton

It's called FIRST Robotics Competition and the web site describes it as "combining the excitement of sport with the rigors of science and technology." Organizers of this high school activity also hype it as "the ultimate Sport for the Mind." They add that student participants call it "the hardest fun you'll ever have."

So, what is involved? Well the web site explains that "Under strict rules, limited resources, and an intense six-week time limit, teams of students are challenged to raise funds, design a team "brand," hone teamwork skills, and build and program industrial-size robots to play a difficult field game against like-minded competitors

"It's as close to real-world engineering as a student can get," it was further explained. "Volunteer mentors lend their time and talents to guide each team, competitions are held, and each season ends with an exciting *FIRST* Championship."

Fowlerville High is joining this year's upcoming competition with the school's first-ever Robotics Team. Spearheading the effort and serving as the Head Mentor is Peter Eckman.

"Right now I'm talking with students," said Eckman. "The goal is to field a team of 15 to 20 members."

Eckman is no stranger to this 'Sport for the Mind.' He coached two teams at Goodrich High School, located near Flint, over a four-year span. "Both teams reached the state championships last year and we also made it to the World Championships in St. Louis last season," he said.

School officials are supportive of this new extracurricular activity since it dovetails with state efforts to emphasis science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, or STEM education.

"This is good stuff," said High School Principal Brad Lusk. "We're excited about adding this activity."

To that end, the school has applied for a \$6,000 grant from the State of Michigan, part of Gov. Rick Snyder's effort to encourage STEM education. The money will be used to help start building the team and cover some of the expenses involved in building a robot. Other donations from the community will be sought, as needed.

Robots long ago left the realm of science fiction and nowadays are used extensively in the manufacturing and automobile sectors as machines that perform a variety of tasks, including cutting and molding parts, conducting inspections, assembling pieces, welding, and applying paint. Other, more mobile robots perform such tasks as inspecting hazardous environments, exploring underwater marine environments as well as deep space, delivering medical records in hospitals, moving material and products in warehouses, and assisting the elderly and homebound.

These machines, in their various forms, can be controlled by remote communication, but also operate because of computer programming. In the future, the development of more sophisticated software will likely allow for what's called artificial intelligence.

Human beings are, of course, behind this evolving technology and the overall activity is called "robotics." The word, more precisely, is defined as "the interdisciplinary branch of engineering and science that includes mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, computer science, and others" with the additional explanation that "robotics deals with the design, construction, operation, and use of robots as

well as computer systems for their control, sensory feedback, and information processing."

Fowlerville's team will be called The F.A.S.T. Team which stands for Fowlerville Area Scientific Technicians. Eckman said that his rookie group will be joining around 450+ other high school teams in the FIRST Robotics competition just within the State of Michigan.

"Michigan has the most teams of any state," he said. "In fact, since this is an international event, we also have more teams than any other country."

The other four high schools in Livingston County already have teams and one of them, Howell, has offered to assist the Fowlerville start-up. Eckman pointed out that the activity is as much about co-operation as competition. "FIRST Robotics has what's called 'gracious professionalism'," he said. "We compete, but at the end of the day we're helping each other."

The way that the competition works is that in January the new game and its rules will be formally announced. Students will then seek the needed materials to construct a robot that can effectively compete in this game which will require it to perform certain proscribed tasks.

"There are three components to creating a robot," noted Eckman. "The electrical, the mechanical, and the computer programming or brains." All the robots, he added, are operated by remote control.

The Fowlerville team will be using part of the former high school auto shop to do their work, including the building of the robot and testing out the finished product.

The game, explained Eckman, will have three required tasks, but noted that a team and its robot might not do all three tasks.

A further aspect to this game is that it's not head-to-head competition. Instead, there are two Alliances (red and blue) with three teams in each Alliance. So, while students from a particular school are working their robot, they're also strategizing with the other two teams.

"This encourages team building," Eckman pointed out.

Points are awarded to a team on how well their robot did with the different tasks, and how well the Alliance performed against the other group.

There are three regional competitions held with 40 schools at each event. At a competition, each team competes in at least ten matches and has different partners in those contests. The top ten teams are then determined after this round-robin competition and based on points accrued during the matches. In the play-offs, each top ten ranked team can choose two other schools from the pool to be part of their Alliance. Then, once the groups have been formed, the 10 alliances compete until there is a clear winning alliance.

"The top 220 teams go on to the state championship which is held in mid-April at Saginaw Valley State University," said Eckman. "The world championship takes place in May. This coming year, and for the two years after that, those world championships will be at a combination of Cobo Hall and Ford Field in Detroit."

"After we built our robot, we'll practice at the school and let the kids cross train," Eckman said. "We'll also set up a scrimmage. Along with Howell's offer to help us, Perry—which had a rookie team last year that made it to both the state and world championships—has offered their assistance. It's part of the 'gracious professionalism' of this activity. We all want to learn."

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This is the logo for the new Fowlerville High School Robotics Team.

PETER APPROACHED SCHOOL OFFICIALS, specifically Superintendent Wayne Roedel, about starting a Robotics Team after he moved back to Fowlerville. "Mr. Roedel was very interested and aligned me with the high school principal, Brad Lusk," he said.

"I lived here up until about eight years ago when my children were young," he added. "We were here about six years. One of my daughters, though, is deaf, and we moved to Grand Blanc so she could attend the Michigan School for the Deaf in Flint."

He noted that while in Fowlerville, he coached junior football.

Career-wise, Peter was employed for 18 years as an information technology consultant with Deloitte Consulting. A job change, though, prompted his decision to move back to this community.

"I was recently hired as an Information Technology Specialist Architect with the State of Michigan and am working in Lansing," he said. "Also, I'm an empty nester. All five of my children are grown and on their own. So, I decided to return to Fowlerville."

He added that he has a daughter which graduated from Fowlerville High School who serves in the United States Navy, a son who just finished his service in the U.S. Marine Corps, a daughter who is attending the University of Michigan as an engineering major, another daughter who is attending Olivet Nazarene College in Chicago with the goal of becoming a youth pastor, and a son who lives in Kalamazoo.

The ulterior goal of the Robotics Team—besides those of learning how to build and operate a robot, having fun, and being competitive—is for students to gain additional knowledge and hands-on experience that might assist them in college (via a scholarship) and in their future career.

"The kids who are on these robotics teams and who focus on some area of STEM education like science and engineering have a better opportunity to obtain scholarships," he pointed out. "These skills that they learn will also help them secure a high-tech job after they finish college."

Fowlerville Fireworks sponsoring day trip to Greektown Casino

The Fowlerville Fireworks and Parade Committee is sponsoring a day trip to Greektown Casino on Sunday, November 5. Bus transportation will depart from the southeast end of the Fowlerville Walmart located at 970 Gehringer Dr. The bus will loading from 9:30 to 10:00 am. The cost is \$35 and includes \$15 free play and \$5 food credit. Arrival at Greektown Casino will be approximately 11:30 am. Departure will be at 5:00 pm. Prepaid reservations are required.

For more information or to make a reservation please contact Bruce Brown at 517-223-1927 or Thomas Smith at fowlerville4thofjuly@gmail.com. You must be 21 years of age and have a photo ID to attend. Please have the following information available when you register: name, date of birth, address, phone number and your card number if you have a Greektown Casino card. Information is also available at fowlervillefireworks.com

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October 11 & 12- Fire Prevention Assemblies

October 25-Kreeger/Smith Grand River Corn Maze 4:00-6:00pm

October 27-PTC Halloween Dance 6:00-8:00pm; Book fair open

October 27-November 3- Book Fair**

October 31- Annual Halloween Parade (more information to come)

November 3-PTC popcorn .50/bag 1 bag per student

November 10 – Student Picture Re-Take Day 9:15 until finished

November 15 – P/T Conferences 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

November 16 – P/T Conferences 9:00 am – Noon & 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

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****BOOK FAIR INFORMATION: October 30-November 3**

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Lunch with someone Grand

October 31st – Kindergarten

November 1st – 1st Grade

November 2nd – 2nd Grade

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Enrollment continues in Fowlerville for Early Childhood Programs!

Livingston Educational Service Agency Early Childhood Programs continue to enroll for the 2017-2018 school year. Head Start and Great Start Readiness offer no cost/low cost to income eligible or children “at risk” who qualify under federal and state guidelines. The Fowlerville program has many 4-year-old spots to fill. If your child turned 4-years-old before 9/1/17 come in and apply! Families meeting eligibility guidelines have access to educational, medical, and other community resources. Children of all abilities are encouraged to apply. For information, an application, and/ or to schedule an appointment, please call (517) 548-2100.

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Fowlerville Boys Cross Country Team places second at league jamboree

The Fowlerville Boys Cross Country Team continued to improve in the CAAC White division with a strong performance on Tuesday, Oct. 3, at the CAAC White Jamboree #2 in Eaton Rapids. The Gladiators showed their strongest team performance in many seasons, placing 2nd overall in the six-team meet as all five of the scoring runners crossed the line within one minute of each other and all in the top 20 athletes.

The Gladiators were led by senior Chris Davis’s gutsy performance on the rolling 5000m course, finishing 9th in 17:33. Junior Blake Howard and sophomore Bryson Scott were quick to follow in 12th and 13th place in 17:57 and 18:05. Sophomore Jacob Nabozny was the lone personal best runner, setting a new mark at 18:24 and placing 16th. He was followed by senior Aaron Pieper in 18th place, running an 18:32. Trevor Peterson (39th; 19:41) and Garrett Shermoe (43rd; 19:50) rounded out the varsity runners.

In the reserve race, the Gladiators were led by sophomore Brian Hubert’s 20:28. Hubert missed out on his personal best by a few seconds while running a majority of the race with one shoe. Rounding out the Gladiators finishers were Collin Smar (21:22), Caleb Maleitzke (22:02), Josh Harper (23:08) and Brenden Harman (23:11).

All results can be found on athletic.net.

The Gladiators have a long break as they prepare to enter the Championship Season starting at the East Lansing JV Invitational on Thursday, October 12 and the Greater Lansing Championships on Saturday, October 14 in Grand Ledge.

George W. Lee Civil War Roundtable to meet on Oct. 10 at EMS Building

The second meeting of our George W. Lee Civil War Roundtable for the 2017-2018 season will take place on October 10th, with a starting time of 7:00 PM.

Our meeting location is the Livingston Couny EMS Headquarters Building (aka John E. LaBelle Public Safety Complex), 1911 N. Tooley Rd, Howell. This building is located on the east side of Livingston County Airport.

Our speaker for October is Paul Scheidler. His topic is entitled: “Livingston County veterans of the War with Mexico who go on to serve in the Civil War”. Paul is a Hartland High School history teacher, author, historian, and Civil War re-enactor. Additionally, he is a retired Colonel-US Army (Guard) and member of the Gilluly/Kingsley Camp #120 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

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Local business hosts annual
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Mayhew’s Tree Farm & Nursery held the FBA ‘Business After Hours’ on Thursday, Sept. 28. Members and guests enjoyed the hayride through the ‘Pumpkin Patch’ and the haunted village, plus some great food. Shown here having fun on the slide were Blake and Adrianna Steel, grandchildren of Matt Martin.



These folks were on board for the hayride through Sleepy Hollow to Tomb Stone. It’s been reported that no one has ever been lost on the ride. From left were Nick and Jon Harmon, Heather Ross, Becky Lauer, Kathy Arledge, Lucas Tefft, Tyler Hoisington, Pam and Dave Brown and in back, Leslie Tefft.



Checking out the Halloween decor and coffin were, left to right, in back, Lucas Tefft and Jon Harmon; middle, Tyler Hoisington; and in front, Nick Harmon and Blake Tefft.



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Fowlerville Schools celebrate Homecoming with variety of activities

Fowlerville Schools celebrated Homecoming on Friday, Sept. 30, with a parade through the Downtown, the varsity football game against Lansing Catholic, the judging of the high school class floats, and the presentation of this year’s Homecoming court followed by the crowning of the King and Queen. On Saturday the high school held the annual Homecoming Dance.

Spirit Week took place prior to Friday night at the different school buildings, with each day having a different dress-up theme.



This year’s foreign exchange students participated in the Homecoming festivities. They are Clarisse Boujon from France and Elias Kaijasita from Finland.



Several of the senior King and Queen candidates were shown here prior to the Homecoming Parade. They were, from left, Andrew Goodwin, Erica Fox, Hannah Kubiak, Hannah Brock, Sarah Matlock, and Caden Collins.



The class representatives were, from left, freshmen Nick Atkinson and Lauren Murray, sophomores Brenden Gildon and Kinnner Philburn, and juniors Madi Allen and Christian Montrose.



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Last year's Homecoming King & Queen, Nick Semke and Rozlin Opolka, crowned their successors during the halftime ceremony at the Friday, Sept. 30, football game with Lansing Catholic. Nick attends Concordia College in Ann Arbor and plays on its football team. Rozlin, meanwhile, attends Western Michigan University.



Mitchell Bishop and Sarah Matlock were among the King & Queen candidates awaiting the announcement of the new King and Queen.



Alex Brownlee and Erica Fox were among the King & Queen candidates at the halftime ceremony. Erica, it turned out, was announced as this year's Homecoming Queen.



Last year's Homecoming Queen, Rozlin Opolka, was on hand along with crown bearers Mara Browne and Quinn Johnson.



The Fowlerville High School Marching Band was a featured part of the Homecoming Parade.



Bobbiesue Adams, at left, this year's 'Teacher of the Year', and Becky Kottong, this year's 'Support Staff Person of the Year' rode in the parade.



The floats for the Fowlerville Homecoming were built on the theme of Video Games. "Angry Birds, Angry Glads" was the title of the senior class float which finished in third place. From left were Hannah Brock, Caden Collins, Clarisse Boujon, Hannah Kubiak, and Miranda Prochnow. Not pictured are Maddie Coon, Jacie Devota, Kalei Dillard, Janiah Mather, Michaela Walker and Cassie Cowger. Sponsors are Nancy Collins and Nicole Hart.



'Smash Brothers-Donkey Kong' was the theme of the freshman class float which placed second. From left, in front, were Ryan LaPlante, Hunter Kupniewski, Sydney Bush, and in back, Class Sponsor Tammy Steffee, Jexi Mather, Courtney Steffee, Faith Dillon, and Class Sponsor Chantal Mossioan.



'Mario' was the theme of the first-place junior class float. Shown here prior to the parade were, from left, Class Sponsor Jill Thomas, Kendall Trinkka, Maggie Hamann, Grace Roedel, Emily Hockemeyer and Class Sponsor Amanda Tomassi.



The sophomores created a float with the theme of 'Pac Man'. It placed fourth in the judging. From left were Jordan Davison, Summer McLane-Svoboda, Kaitlyn Jackson, and Class Sponsor Jason Sperry.

Fowlerville High Homecoming Mural Winners

After many hours of working, these students were chosen for their artistic talents in creating their Homecoming Murals. They were judged on creativity, Gladiator Pride, Lansing Catholic and the theme, “Video Games”. Here are your winners. From 4th Hour Art One the winners were Lindsey Whittaker, Summer McLane Svoboda and Gracie Lutz. Congratulations to all the winners!



Second place winners were Lindsey Alexander, Kristin Dotson, Maddy Fredrick, Grace Shea and Ally McConnell.



Honorable Mention was awarded to Serenity Ledington, Zoey Foss and Breonna Earls.



Third place were Cherilynn Miles and Audrey Trinkka.

Fowlerville Fire Department Report

Thursday, September 28th, at 7:43a.m. personnel responded to assist EMS on Hickory Street in the Village. Firefighters were dispatched to investigate an open burning complaint on Bradley Road in Iosco Township at 6:34 p.m. At 6:57 p.m. the department was called for a report of a burning odor in a commercial building on S. Grand Ave. in the Village.

Firefighters were dispatched to an unknown open fire on Nicholson Road in Handy Township at 6:02 a.m., Friday, September 29th. Responding units found a small bonfire. A medical emergency on Grand River in Handy Township was reported at 8:16 a.m.

Sunday, October 1st, at 9:56 a.m. personnel responded to assist at a medical emergency on S. Grand Ave. in the Village with a second medical call, also on S. Grand Ave., being at 2:03 p.m.

At 12:09 p.m., Tuesday, October 3rd, the department assisted EMS on Gregory Road in Conway Township. Firefighters were dispatched to extinguish a vehicle fire on Kern Road in Iosco Township at 11:42 p.m.

A medical emergency on N. Grand Ave. in the Village was reported at 4:43 p.m., Wednesday, October 4th.



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—Area Deaths—



Judy Hartman

Judy Hartman, born in Hillsdale, MI to Marion and Edna Rice, died at her daughter Heather’s home in Linden, MI in the presence of close family members on September 26, 2017. She was predeceased by her parents, an infant brother, Gerald, two elder brothers, Darrel “Skip” of Fowlerville and Richard “Dick” of Coldwater, a younger sister, Mary Ann Rigney of Hillsdale, an infant daughter, Bambi, and a son, Michael Brett Hartman (2011).

Judy is survived by daughter Heather (John) Engisch of Linden, former husband Frank Hartman of Mason, daughter-in-law Rhonda Hartman, sisters-in-law Sue Rice and Eva Rice, brother-in-law Bert Rigney, grandsons Shane (Rachel) and Cody Engisch, and granddaughters Aleighsha and Natasha Engisch, three great-grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

After graduating from Reading High School, Judy completed an x-ray tech degree, and worked at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing. After homemaking, she went back into that field, and worked in Okemos, Howell, and Brighton. She retired from St. Joe’s Urgent Care in Brighton and Business Health where she had worked for many years.

Judy spent time as a homemaker, foster parent and child-care provider. She was active in her church, in the Fowlerville Philomathean Club, 4-H, and Michigan Extension. In later years, she volunteered with Family Impact Center and VIABIL (Visually Impaired and Blind in Livingston) and drove others to medical appointments. She enjoyed sewing, crafts, singing in church choir, playing hand bells, t.v., crosswords, game nights, trips and special times with family and close friends.

Despite final years of painful medical issues, Judy’s generous and caring nature radiated to all those fortunate enough to be in her presence.

Celebration of her life will include visitation at Herrmann Funeral Home, 1005 E. Grand River in Fowlerville MI on Friday, October 13 from 1:00-3:00 pm and 6:00-8:00 pm with funeral services on Saturday, October 14 at Fowlerville First United Methodist Church at 10:00 am, luncheon immediately to follow in the lower level of the church. Please leave the family a condolence at pjherrmannfuneralhome.com

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Jean Tomion Hummon

Potomac, MD – Jean Tomion Hummon, 86, passed away peacefully in the presence of her family on September 9, 2017. Jean was the daughter of the late Walter and Flora Tomion of Fowlerville, Michigan (proprietors of (Tomion’s Dairy); beloved wife of 63 years to John Peter Hummon; and loving mother of Jan Alison Hummon Westman (John), Marcus Spencer Hummon (Becca Stevens), Sarah Tomion Hummon Stevens (Brian), and Gretchen Mary Hummon (Peter Fry). She was also known as “Meno” to twelve adoring grandchildren (Matt, Carly, Luke, Levi, Caney, Moses, Tess, Anna, Griffin, Trevor, Phoebe, Malcolm), and was the dear sister of Jack Tomion and the late Ginny Hills and Spencer Tomion.

Jean graduated from Albion College and led a life full of love and adventure with John and their kids. Because of John’s work with USAID, they lived in Tanzania, Nigeria, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Botswana, Switzerland, and the D.C. area, ultimately settling in Potomac, Maryland. Jean worked as an elementary school teacher in Ann Arbor, served as Community Liaison Officer for the U.S. Embassy in Botswana, and volunteered for twenty years at Miriam’s Kitchen in Washington D.C.; but her most cherished role was raising her four children.

Jean was endlessly curious; she loved art, literature, sports, travel, and music, and passed on her eclectic interests to her children. With John she attended every sporting event, theatrical performance, and concert that she possibly could, usually decked out in “festive black.” Jean reveled in hearing from and being with her children and grandchildren. She joyously celebrated holidays, and was known for her beloved collage cards created from her vast collection of family photographs. She lit up the room when she greeted you. She will be missed by all.

A memorial service was held on September 18, at Potomac Presbyterian Church in Potomac, Maryland. In lieu of flowers, please honor Jean’s life by performing an act of kindness and, if able, by making a donation to Miriam’s Kitchen, an organization whose mission is to “end chronic homelessness in Washington, D.C.” (www.miriamskitchen.org)

Anne Hall

Anne Hall, age 93 and formerly a longtime Fowlerville resident, passed away Monday, October 2, 2017. Loving wife of Rex for 70 years. Beloved mother of Jerilynn Timberlake and Rexanne Tripoli, grandmother of Michael, Sharon and Amber. No services are planned at this time and cremation has taken place. Arrangements are through McCabe Funeral Home, 851 N. Canton Center Rd., Canton Michigan.

**Kitty Donohoe to appear in two shows
Oct. 12 at Historic Howell Opera House**

Michigan native and Emmy award-winning songwriter Kitty Donohoe will appear at the Historic Howell Opera House for two separate events on Thursday, October 12th.

First, from 4–6 PM, Kitty will read her book “Henny and Benny Bunyan and the Maple Syrup Adventure” (winner of the 2016 Moonbeam Children’s Book Award) as well as present a family-friendly performance of songs. Copies of her book and CD will be available for purchase and signing. This family friendly event is FREE and open to the public.

Then, from 7–9 PM, Kitty will present a concert of music from her new CD, “The Irishman’s Daughter” as well as favorite songs from her previous releases. Tickets are \$15 in advance, or \$17 at the door; advance tickets can be purchased by calling the Howell Opera House office at 517-540-0065 or visiting www.howelloperahouse.com

The event is presented by the Livingston County Arts Council.

**Fowlerville Varsity Tennis Team
ties game with Grand Ledge, 4-4**

The Fowlerville Varsity Tennis team Traveled to Grand Ledge on Tuesday night (Oct. 3) and came away with a 4-4 tie. Winning for the Glads were Josh Leonard (4 singles) 7-5 1-6 6-4. The Glads won in doubles with the teams of Christian Montrose/Caden Flanery (1st) 6-0 6-0, Sam Browne/Tyler Sladick (3rd) 7-5 6-1 and Ben Buxton/Mason Sova (4th) 6-2 6-3. Losing in 3 tough sets was Brady Salter (3 singles) 4-6 6-4 4-6 and Hunter Wilson/Shane Sibo (2 dbles) 6-4 6-7(4) 2-6.

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**Lee
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**Election Reform is About
More Than Fraud**

A dozen years ago, the preface to a report on federal election reform began with these words: “Polls indicate that many Americans lack confidence in the electoral system, but the political parties are so divided that serious electoral reform is unlikely without a strong bipartisan voice.”

I can find no part of that sentence that’s not still true. Americans still lack confidence in the electoral system. The political parties are still divided. Serious electoral reform remains unlikely. Perhaps the only change is that the commission issuing the report was co-chaired by a Democrat and a Republican — former President Jimmy Carter and former Secretary of State James Baker — who genuinely tried to find a bipartisan approach to our election system’s problems.

Since then, we’ve careened into a pitched political battle on the issue.

At one level, I’m baffled by the lack of progress. I sat on that commission, and what seemed obvious to us then seems even more obvious today. Voting is the most basic step a representative democracy asks of us. We do three things when we vote: we select the officials we want running the government; we suggest the direction of government policy; and we reaffirm our belief and our stake in representative democracy. You can’t get more important than that. So why do we remain in an endless national standoff on how to fix our elections?

The answer, of course, is that in politically divided times, changes to elections are seen through partisan eyes.

This is disappointing, because right now there should be plenty of room for agreement. We face genuine challenges to our electoral system that even the most partisan of Democrats and Republicans could come together on: aging machines, long lines at the polls, cyber attacks by hostile entities, foreign interference, inadequately trained voting officials, voter lists that are not up to date... It’s a long list.

But where the two sides fall apart is on the most basic of questions: how readily do we give access to the voting booth? I’ll lay my cards on the table. I believe in wider access. Creating a Congress and an overall government that are more representative of the American people rests on expanding the electorate and beating back the barriers to voting.

The more people who vote, the better the chance to strengthen the political center formed by moderates and pragmatists. The lower voter turnout becomes, the more sway held by the most ideologically intense voters, who reward the most polarizing candidates, and the more likely deep resentments are created among those citizens denied the right to vote.

This is not to dismiss concerns about voter fraud. We do need to make sure that the person arriving to vote at a polling site is the same one who’s named on the voter list. And we’re headed in that direction. The number of states requiring a voter ID has increased dramatically over the last couple of decades – today about 50 percent of American voters live in states that require a voter to produce an ID before casting his or her ballot.

Yet the ambivalence many of us feel about this is understandable. We want to ensure there’s no fraud, but at the same time we are aware that stringent ID requirements disenfranchise a lot of people who may have trouble acquiring an ID: they don’t have a driver’s license, passport, or birth certificate. So the requirements can be an effective way to block minority groups or others from voting. And there’s this political reality: many of those who call the loudest for restrictive ID laws are targeting groups that they think will vote against them.

Though we want to ensure that only those people eligible to vote are actually voting, we also want to ensure that all those who are eligible to vote find it convenient to do so. There’s a lot of work to be done on that front, at every level of government. The entire system needs top-to-bottom review and strengthening. And so far, I see no evidence that we as a nation are taking this need seriously.

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THE CONVERSATION

How the government can steal your stuff

6 questions about civil asset forfeiture answered

By Nora V. Demleitner

Editor’s note: Should someone wearing a badge have the power to relieve a suspected drug dealer of his Maserati on the spot without giving him an opportunity to flee or liquidate and launder his assets? Known as civil asset forfeiture, this practice might sound like a wise policy.

But lawmakers on both sides of the aisle in Congress are challenging the Trump administration’s embrace of the arrangement, which strips billions of dollars a year from Americans – who often have not been charged with a crime. Law professor and criminal justice expert Nora V. Demleitner explains how this procedure works and why it irks conservatives and progressives alike.

What is civil asset forfeiture?

Civil asset forfeiture laws let authorities, such as federal marshals or local sheriffs, seize property – cash, a house, a car, a cellphone – that they suspect is involved in criminal activity. Seizures run the gamut from 12 cans of peas to multi-million-dollar yachts.

The federal government has confiscated assets worth a total of about US\$28 billion this way over the past decade. In contrast to criminal forfeiture, which requires that the property owner be convicted of a crime beforehand, the civil variety doesn’t even require that the suspect be charged with breaking the law.

Three Justice Department agencies – the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) – do most of this confiscating. Most states also permit state and local police to take personal property from people who haven’t been charged with a crime.

Even when there are restrictions on when and how local and state authorities can seize property, they can circumvent those limits if the federal government “adopts” the impounded assets.

For a federal agency to do so requires the alleged misconduct to violate federal law. Local agencies get up

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Card of Thanks

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Lisa Borchard Scholarship Walk/Run. The eighth successful year will continue the scholarship to a graduating senior at Webberville High School each spring. Thanks to all those who help organize and help run the event. Special thanks to the Webberville Schools and to Gwen Baughman and family who provides such a wonderful breakfast.

to 80 percent of the shared proceeds back, with the federal agency keeping the rest. The divvying-up is known officially as “equitable sharing.” Crime victims may also get a cut from the proceeds of civil forfeiture.

In most years state and local police received more money under equitable sharing than crime victims.

Can people get their stuff back?

Technically, the government must demonstrate that the property has something to do with a crime. In reality, property owners must prove that they legally acquired their confiscated belongings to get them returned. This means the burden is on the owners to dispute these seizures in court. Court challenges tend to arise only when something of great value, like a house, is at stake.

Unless an owner challenges a seizure and effectively proves his innocence in court, the agency that took the property is free to keep the proceeds once the assets are liquidated.

The authorities don’t need a conviction or even for a suspect to be charged with a crime before seizing a car, cash or even a house.

Many low-income people don’t use bank accounts or credit cards. They carry cash instead. If they lose their life savings at a traffic stop, they can’t afford to hire a lawyer to dispute the seizure, the Center for American Progress – a liberal think tank – has observed.

And disputing civil forfeitures is hard everywhere. Some states require a cash bond, others add a penalty payment should the owner lose. The process is expensive, time-consuming and lengthy, deterring even innocent owners.

There’s no comprehensive data regarding how many people get their stuff back. But over the 10 years ending in September 2016, about 8 percent of all property owners who had cash seized from them by the DEA had it returned, according to the Justice Department’s inspector general.

Who opposes the practice?

Many conservatives and progressives hate civil asset forfeiture. Politicians on the left and right have voiced concerns about the incentives this practice gives law enforcement to abuse its authority.

Critics across the political spectrum also question whether different aspects of civil asset forfeiture violate the Fifth Amendment, which says the government can’t deprive anyone of “life, liberty, or property, without due process of law” or is unconstitutional for other reasons.

Until now, the Supreme Court and lower courts, however, have consistently upheld civil asset forfeitures when ruling on challenges launched under the Fifth Amendment. The same goes for challenges under the Eighth Amendment, which bars “excessive fines” and “cruel and unusual punishments,” and the 14th Amendment, which forbids depriving “any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law.”

Some concerns resonate more strongly for different ideological camps. Conservatives object most strongly about how this impounding undermines property rights. Liberals are outraged that the poor and communities of color are often disproportionately targeted, often causing great hardship to people accused of minor wrongdoing.

Another common critique: The practice encourages overpolicing intended to pad police budgets or accommodate tax cuts. Revenue from civil asset forfeitures can amount to a substantial percentage of local police budgets, according to the Drug Policy Alliance study in California. This kind of policing can undermine police-community relations.

What is the scale of this confiscation?

The federal revenue raised through this practice, which emerged in the 1970s, mushroomed from US\$94 million in 1986 to \$4.5 billion by 2014, according to the Institute for Justice, a nonprofit libertarian public interest law firm that litigates property rights cases and researches civil forfeiture. The Justice Department says it has returned more than \$4 billion in forfeited funds to crime victims since 2000, while handing state and local law enforcement entities about \$6 billion through “equitable sharing.”

Only 14 states and Washington, D.C. publish forfeiture data. But the Institute for Justice estimates that in 2012 state police and sheriffs in 26 states and D.C. reaped about \$252 million from civil asset forfeitures.

Local authorities also seize assets this way, but no one tracks that data.

What did the Obama and Trump administrations do?

Under the leadership of Attorney General Eric Holder, the Obama-era Justice Department determined that civil asset forfeiture was more about making money than public safety. It then ended the most disputed aspects of asset adoption and sharing in 2015, exempting joint state-federal task forces.

In July of this year, Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced that the Trump administration was resurrecting equitable sharing. Following bipartisan backlash, he publicly defended it.

“I love that program,” Sessions said recently. “We had so much fun doing that, taking drug dealers’ money and passing

it out to people trying to put drug dealers in jail. What’s wrong with that?”

How are Congress and the states responding?

Less than two weeks later, the Republican-controlled House of Representatives voted for an amendment that would restrict civil asset forfeiture adoption.

It’s likely that the Senate could follow suit. Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley sent Sessions a memo about how the federal funds obtained from seizures were wasted and misused. In some cases, Grassley wrote, the government provided “misleading details about some of these expenditures.”

State governments have also tried to discourage this kind of confiscation. New Mexico and Nebraska have banned civil forfeiture. Michigan made it easier to challenge these seizures. California limited equitable sharing, and other states are also considering reforms.

In a forthcoming Georgia Law Review article, I gave examples of other ways to keep departments funded, such as increasing fines and fees.

Unless the police pursue some alternatives, funding woes will continue to contribute to abusive practices that fall most heavily on those who can the least afford them: the poor and communities of color.

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Fall Fest at Livingston Centre Historic Village provided lots of fun, plus more

Lots of fun, plus more was provided at the annual Fall Fest held last Saturday, Sept. 30, at the Livingston Centre Historic Village located inside the Fowlerville Fairgrounds. Many activities were offered, including arts and craft vendors, entertainment performances throughout the day, kids' games, tours of the historic buildings, a presentation by the Howell Nature Bus, and Punkin Chunkin'.



Debbie Watkins of Fowlerville was reading 'Clifford the Big Red Dog' to her four-year-old granddaughter Amber Alman.

All the historic buildings were open and docents were on site to provide free tours and information. Highlights included a spinning wheel and loom operating at the Kirkland House, the model train running inside the Pere Marquette Depot, and the Davis Barber Shop offering turns to little shavers in the barber chair. Other fun activities offered were rides on the hay wagon and on the barrel train, along with a spelling bee. The event is put on by the Livingston Centre Historical Society as a fundraiser. Money is used to maintain and restore the buildings in the Historical Village.



A number of arts and crafts booths were set up at the Fall Fest. Vendors included Phyllis Langston, left, with her 'Flowers by Phyllis' and Jan Smyth with her 'Cozie Cuddlers'.



Getting ready to try their skill at Punkin Chunkin' were Brooke Kassons, 6, and Olivia Burge, 7—both of Fowlerville. Operating the trebuchet were Jason Harshbarger, left, a member of the Fowlerville Fair Board, and Matt Dickinson, a member of the Fowlerville Community Theatre.



Doing the Cake Walk was the announcer, Sue Ogden, left, of the Livingston Centre Historical Society, and one of the participants, Sierra Hatfield, age 11, of Fowlerville.



Entertaining the crowd with their singing and instrumental talents were the 'Recyled Rockets' who belong to the Hartland Senior Citizen Center. Show here were Cindy Rasmussen and Mike Firestone performing 'Let It Be Me'.



David Thompson started restoring this garden located in back of the Kirkland House in the Livingston Centre Historical Village earlier this year. The work, he noted, was finished by a 4-H club.



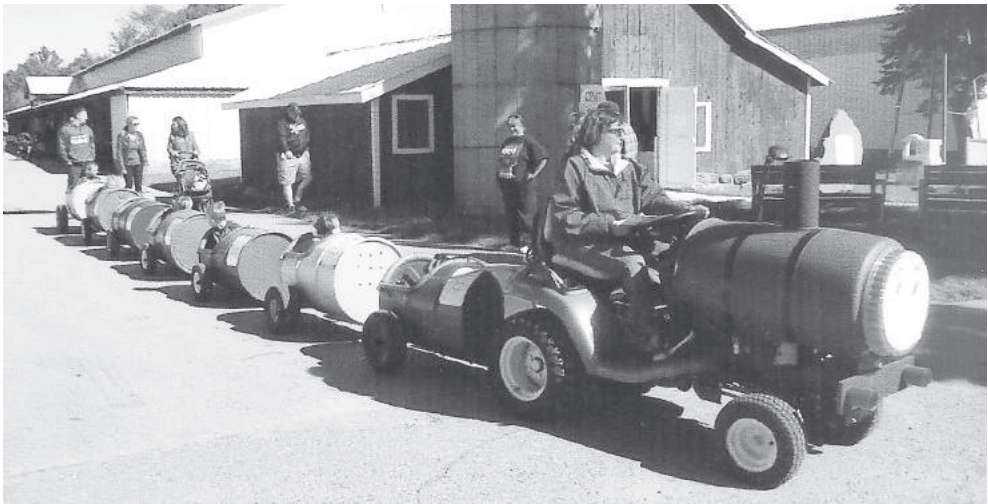
The Kreeger Elementary fourth graders had a spelling bee at the Coughran School during the Fall Fest. From left, David Thompson, a member of the Livingston Centre Historical Society and the producer of the event, presented a trophy to the 2017 winner, Owen Carney. The rest of the lineup included Zack Rinehart and Eva Bonfiglio who tied for second, Joan Thompson who was a judge, and Jody Crandall who is a Kreeger Elementary fourth grade teacher and the spelling bee director. Not shown was Angela Lawson, who was also a judge.



The Livingston County Genealogical Society had an informational booth at Fall Fest. From left were members Tom Shehan of Pinckney, the group's vice president; Cora Oesterle of Fowlerville; and Margaret Bowland of Brighton, the corresponding secretary.



The hay ride was a popular attraction for young and old.



Patty Dunn drove the barrel train. It was a popular attraction for the youngsters at the festival. She and her husband, Mike Dunn, upgraded the lawn tractor to resemble 'Thomas the Engine'. The passenger cars were originally created by Dave Malcolm. Dave and the Dunns are members of the Livingston Centre Historical Society.



The Fowlerville Garden Club had a hands-on craft table available for children that allowed them to make flavored butter. From left were Isabella Phipps, 5, J.J. Cancel, 5, Sabrina Gardner, 4, Ann Cancel, and Lane Kittle of the Garden Club.



Betty Forsyth of Howell had donated her time and talent to restore the loom in the Kirkland House to working order. She then operated it during the Fall Fest. Betty teaches spinning and weaving and has a business—GateHouseFiberArts.com



The buildings at the Livingston Centre Historical Village were open for visitors to inspect. At the Kirkland House was Thia Eades of Howell, operating her spinning wheel and answering questions.

Breathers’ Club meeting to be held on Oct. 10 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital

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

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

Our next Breathers Club is scheduled for Tuesday, Noon: Oct. 10. Our Pulmonary Rehabilitation Therapist is available to assist and answer questions. For recorded meeting information call: (517) 545-6020.

9th Annual Headless Horseman 5K/10K & Monster Mile to be run Oct. 28

When tombs creak open and witches take flight, we’ll gather in the desolate dark of the night. Come join in the revelry and do not dare to be late else woe misfortune shall be your fate.

The 9th Annual Headless Horseman 5K & 10K will start in the bright lights of Downtown Howell and move its way to the ghostly shadows of the Lakeview Cemetery. The run will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 7 to 9 p.m. Don’t forget to sign up for the Monster Mile as well!

This race welcomes anyone & everyone! Remember to wear your costume! All early registrants will receive a race packet & long sleeve race shirt. Deadline to register & be guaranteed a shirt is October 16th.

Monster Mile starts at 7:00pm (sign up via RunSignUp.com). Cost: \$10 early / \$15 after October 22nd. Medals will be given to the first 50 runners who finish the Monster Mile.

Headless Horseman 5K & 10K starts at 7:30pm (sign up via RunSignUp.com). Cost: \$30 early / \$35 after October 22nd. Medals will be given to the top three runners in each age.

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Be Our Guest Adult Day is hosting six-week workshop for caregivers

Be Our Guest Adult Day, a program of Livingston County Catholic Charities, is again a workshop location for the Creating Confident Caregivers six-week series. The program will be held Thursdays starting October 12, from 4:00pm – 6:00pm.

Creating Confident Caregivers® is a six-week program for family caregivers of persons with dementia who are living at home. It is designed to provide knowledge, skills, and information to improve caregiving for both the caregiver and the person with dementia. Participants must register for this free program, as class size is limited.

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Card of Thanks

The Livingston Centre Historical Village had gorgeous weather at our 3rd annual “Fall Fest” and a “good time was had by all” on Saturday, Sept. 30. We thank all of the volunteers and participants that made this event possible. The money raised will continue to aid us in restoring the buildings and history of this county.



Raffle Winners in Livingston Centre Historical Village Fundraiser

The winners of the raffle drawing for the Livingston Centre Historical Village Fundraiser were:

- 1- Yoyo Quilt—Bob Malecki
- 2- Purple Quilt—Dominique Turner
- 3- Jump Starter—Brenda Birchett
- 4- Kindle fire—Kathi Backhuus
- 5- Bird Feeder—Rick McKay
- 6- Summit on the Park—Dick Peckens
- 7- Castaway Café—Marj Carlon
- 8- Castaway Café—Chris Drake

Michigan Solar Home Tour is coming to Fowlerville on Oct. 14

On Saturday, October 14, the Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association (GLREA) is sponsoring the 22nd Annual Solar Home Tour in Fowlerville. This is part of the National Solar Tour sponsored by the American Solar Energy Society (ASES), of which GLREA is the Michigan Chapter.

This event offers homeowners, farmers, business and faith-based organizations an opportunity to tour homes and businesses that have installed a solar energy system to reduce their monthly utility bill and to protect the environment.

“If you have been curious about solar energy, this is a great opportunity to talk to a solar owner and learn how solar works,” said John Sarver of Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association.

There will be ten communities in Michigan where homeowners and businesses are inviting members of the public to come and see the installed solar system and learn how the system works and why it is a good investment. Tour attendees can talk to homeowners and installers about costs and savings and what to consider before purchasing a solar system.

“I am organizing a Solar Home Tour because my hope is that people will have a chance to realize what a smart choice choosing solar is. Solar is being adopted one roof at a time” said Tom Reinke, the Fowlerville tour organizer.

Other participating communities include: Ann Arbor, Chelsea, Clarkston, Commerce Township, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Lawrence, Riverdale and Ypsilanti. There is no charge for these events and the entire family is welcome!

The Fowlerville Solar Home Tour will take place from 9:00 am – 5:00 at 10192 Sargent Rd, south of town. The public is invited to attend.

Evening of ‘Sip, Savor and Sense’ will take place Oct. 13 in Howell

Come to the Historic Howell Opera House on Friday, Oct. 13, for an evening to delight all your senses. ‘Sip, Savor and Sense’ will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Consuming Arts, an organization dedicated to the symbiosis of local food and music, will be composing four original pieces; these will be performed to accompany a four-course gourmet meal designed by The Great Foodini to complement the music. Finally, beers crafted and selected by the brew master at Eternity Brewing will be served alongside each course for the perfect pairing.

Doors will open at 6:30 PM, with pairings beginning at 7. Pre-registration is required as this event is expected to sell out. Tickets are \$75 per person, and can be purchased by calling the Howell Opera House office at 517-540-0065 or visiting www.howelloperahouse.com.



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Michigan House Report

By Dr. Hank Vaupel,
47nd District

As chair of the House Health Policy Committee, it’s encouraging to see more opioid prevention legislation coming through our committee. This week we voted on a package of Senate bills to require physicians to review the Michigan Automated Prescription System, commonly referred to as MAPS, before writing a prescription to help identify drug abusers and “doctor shoppers.” Doctor shoppers are individuals who visit multiple health care providers within a few days as a new patient or an out-of-towner to receive several desired prescriptions of a particular drug, commonly opioids. The MAPS system collects data on drugs dispensed to an individual. By first consulting the system, a physician will know if that individual is doctor shopping.

Limiting the supply of opioids is critical in the effort to fight the opioid abuse epidemic. Michigan is among the top states in the nation for prescribing per capita. The bills passed with overwhelming bipartisan support and now move to be considered by the full House.

My colleagues and I concluded our statewide mental health task force tour last week with our final meeting in Harrison. It was an honor to serve as co-chair of this initiative. Now the real work begins. Our task force will be compile information gathered over the past two months as well as comments submitted through our website to generate a report with policy recommendations. I look forward to seeing legislative change as a result of this important project. Thank you to everyone who participated, including many of our local stakeholders, law enforcement and court employees.

It was an honor to introduce a resolution to declare September 2017 as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Awareness

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If you have any ideas, comments or questions for my office, please do not hesitate to call us at 517-373-8835 or send an email to HankVaupel@house.mi.gov. We are happy to hear from you!

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Michigan Senate Report

By Joe Hune,
22nd District

Autumn Harvest

It’s hard to believe, but the autumn harvest is already here. Each fall, Michigan farmers across the state harvest and sell high quality produce, including apples and pumpkins. A leader in the production of several crops, much of Michigan’s economy is dependent upon the income and jobs generated by our agricultural system and farmers.

Apples are one of Michigan’s largest and most valuable crops. As the third-largest producer of apples, Michigan is responsible for producing 1.175 billion pounds of apples annually. Pumpkins, too, are a heavily produced crop in the state. Generating nearly \$10 million in revenue from the production of 79 million pounds of pumpkins, many Michigan families are the direct and indirect benefactors of a successful yield of the crop.

The production of these crops is not the only way farmers contribute to their communities. Many of the apple orchards and pumpkin patches across the state also host fall events and festivals focused around the harvest season of the crops at their farms. These events present families a great opportunity for both entertainment and education. People of all ages who wish to learn more about where and how the produce they purchase is created should consider visiting local apple orchards or pumpkin patches to see these agribusinesses in action.

As chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee, a member of the Livingston County 4-H, and a farmer myself, I prize the success of Michigan’s agriculture industry. It is an honor to work on behalf of, and with, our farming communities to forward policies that both strengthen our state’s agriculture and promote the general welfare of all Michigan families. Please join with me in taking in our great autumn harvest season at a local pumpkin patch or apple orchard and enjoy the great bounty Michigan farms have to offer.

As always, if you have any questions or would like a copy of the Discover Michigan Farm Fun magazine, contact my office toll-free at 855-JOE-HUNE or by email at SenJHune@senate.michigan.gov and my staff will be happy to assist you. My website, www.SenatorJoeHune.com, is also a good resource for information.

St. Joseph Catholic School Holiday Bazaar to be held Nov. 18-19

The Annual St. Joseph Catholic School Holiday Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 18th & Sunday, November 19th, from 9am-4pm each day in the St. Joseph School Activity Center in Howell. Admission is a free will donation. Shop up to 50 vendors featuring crafts, quilters, specialty wares, home direct sales businesses, jewelry, holiday and more. Bake sale and concessions will also be available for purchase.

Exhibitor registration is \$25 per table/per day. Please contact Holiday Bazaar Event Chair Annette Staley at 517-861-1736 or akstaley@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Fowlerville High School News

OFFICE HOURS
Administration Office 7:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Counseling Office 6:30 – 2:30 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES TO NOTE:
PSAT Oct 11
Financial Aid Night Oct 17
Picture Retake Oct 20
Conferences Nov 15, 5:00-7:30
Conferences Nov 16, 1:00-4:00 & 5:00-7:30
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The PSAT/NMSQT is being offered to Juniors and Sophomores on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at Fowlerville High School at 7:30am. By measuring reading, mathematics, and writing skills, the PSAT/NMSQY provides students with valuable college readiness feedback and tools to help students reach their college goals.

PSAT/NMSQT scores are not sent to colleges. The PSAT/NMSQT is designed to uncover opportunities for growth and provide targeted feedback to help students improve their skills. It also serves as a good practice tool to prepare Juniors for the upcoming SAT in the Spring. Juniors may also become eligible to receive scholarship money through the National Merit Scholarship! The cost to register for the PSAT/NMSQT is \$17.00, cash or check. Please make checks payable to Fowlerville Community Schools. The deadline to register is Tuesday, October 3, 2017 and space is limited! Please contact Ms. Hanson in the Fowlerville High School Counseling Office to register. For questions, you may contact Ms. Hanson at 517-223-6106 or hansonc@fowlervilleschools.org.
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Students who have successfully completed at least 2 years of Spanish have the opportunity to travel to Costa Rica in June 2018! E-mail Mrs. Placido at placidok@fowlervilleschools.org if you are interested in more information.
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The archery season is about to begin! Go to www.fowlervilleachery.org for the most up to date information, including club times, open range availability, and team try outs. Hope to see you this season!
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Fowlerville High School Financial Aid Night! Do you have questions about how to apply for financial aid for your senior? Then this seminar is for you!
When: Tuesday, October 17, 6:00pm
Where: FHS Media Center
What: An Eastern Michigan representative will discuss the Financial Aid process and explain how to prepare your materials for completing the FREE Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for your college bound senior. RSVP: Contact Mary Stuible, FHS Counselor at 517-223-6111 or stuiblem@fowlervilleschools.org by October 10.
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Senior shirts are ready to be ordered! Please go to the link to see the design and to order. Your senior has this link in their student e-mail and it is on the Class of 2018 Facebook page as well. Shirts are available in long and short sleeve T-shirts, sweatshirts, and hoodies and in a variety of colors. PLEASE read the directions carefully when ordering. Final deadline for ALL orders is October 10th. <http://yhst-98511555289779.stores.yahoo.net/foclof20.html>
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SYNOPSIS PROPOSED IOSCO TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES September 21st, 2017

Supervisor Miller called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 8:01PM. Treasurer Bonnville, Clerk Delmerico, Trustee VanHouten, and Trustee Parker present. Also present was Anne Allen, Assessor/Zoning Administrator. Additionally, Doug Helzerman, 4th District County Commissioner, and Citizen Joe Fanto were in the audience.

Motion to approve the Agenda.

Call to the Public: The Public was heard from.

Motion to adopt the Township Board Minutes of August 17th, 2017; as corrected.

Heard the Treasurer’s report.

Motion to pay \$137,506.62 in Township bills. This amount includes the final payment of \$4,466.00 for the Park fence, \$11,843.20 for the monthly garbage bill, \$28,713.80 for the July gravel road chloride application, and \$70,000.66 to the Road Commission’s work on Lamoreaux Rd.

Heard the Fowlerville Fire Authority’s, Planning Commission’s and Zoning Administrator’s reports.

Motion to approve Resolution #2017-9: “To Waive the Penalty for late Filing of Property Transfer Affidavit”.

Motion to approve the proposed Zoning Ordinance Re-Zoning Request Amendment Form.

Decided to place an advertisement seeking individuals to serve on a Park Committee.

Call to The Public: The Public was heard from.

Motion to Adjourn at 9:21PM.

Respectfully Submitted by
Dan Delmerico
Township Clerk
(10-8-17 FNV)

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'Bruno the Hairless Chinese Crested Mix' is shown here getting ready for bed. He resides with the Salfate family of Fowlerville. This entry won the 'Pet Photo of the Month' Contest that's put on by the Better Made company.

Fowlerville couple win 'Better Made Pet Photo' Contest for September

By the looks of that yawn and those stylish PJs, it's a sure bet that 'Bruno the Hairless Chinese Crested Mix' is definitely ready for bedtime. Of course for dogs, anytime is bedtime! Bruno's photo was taken and submitted by Cindy and Enrique Salfate of Fowlerville and has been chosen as the September 2017 Pet of the Month photo contest winner.

For submitting the winning photo, the Salfates will receive a sampler box containing 15 bags of different delicious Better Made products. Contest photos may be submitted online through the contest page on the Better Made website, www.bettermadesnackfoods.com, e-mailed to info@bettermadesnackfoods.com, or mailed to:

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Trinity United Methodist Church to serve Swiss Steak Dinner on Oct. 28

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Howell Eagles to host country dance & honor the late Doc May on Oct. 15

Put on your favorite jeans, boots and hat, throw a saddle on your trusty steed and ride on over to our country dance at the Howell Eagles #3607 at 141 Schroeder Park Dr. on Sunday, Oct. 15, from 3 to 7 p.m. for a toe-tapping, fun-filled afternoon.

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This also the third Sunday in October when we remember and honor our "Old Country Doctor", the late Pat (Doc) May, with a few facts you may not have known about him. Admission of \$5 is a small price for such a fantastic afternoon of enjoyment and fun. Membership is not required. Food and beverages are available for purchase. Call 517-548-1630 or 517-548-4313 for additional information. See you there!

Meals on Wheels seeking volunteers

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