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'Witches Night Out' organizers donate profits to U of M Skin Cancer Fund

The 'Witches Night Out—Fowlerville 2017', held this past autumn at the fairgrounds, proved to be a successful event, drawing a large crowd who enjoyed the various activities and offerings. The profits from this event were recently donated to the University of Michigan Melanoma Patient Fund. Melanoma is a deadly form of skin cancer and the purpose of the donation is to raise awareness along with assisting in treatment and prevention.

Among the good witches fighting the evils of cancer were, from left, organizers Nickie Tomlin, Darlene Asel, and Terri Ridenour shown here presenting the \$8,000 check to Dr. Leslie Fecher, MD. The 'WNO' organizers wish to thank all of the 2017 sponsors, volunteers and attendees for their contributions and support. The 'WNO 2018' kickoff meeting will be held at 3:00 PM on Sunday, Feb. 11 at the Grill in the Ville in Downtown Fowlerville. "We welcome all ladies interested in planning and/or volunteering for this year's event," said event chair Darlene Asel.

'Girls on the Run' registration at Kreeger Elementary will start Jan. 22

'Girls on the Run' is a non-profit organization that envisions a world where every girl knows and activates her limitless potential and is free to boldly pursue her dreams! Their ten-week program for girls in 3rd – 8th grade combines training for a 5k with a brand new curriculum promoting competence, confidence, connection, character, caring, and contribution.

The registration at Kreeger Elementary will start this Monday, Jan. 22. Twice-weekly lessons and interactive activities are led by trained volunteer coaches who create a positive and safe environment for girls to learn about themselves, connect with others, and contribute to the community. The program culminates

in a non-competitive 5k event which gives the girls a chance to shine and an overwhelming sense of accomplishment.

Kreeger Elementary School girls will meet after school on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30–5:00pm March 5th through May 18th. All registered participants will receive a healthy snack at each lesson along with a program t-shirt and water bottle, a parent guide book and entry into the incredible Girls on the Run 5k on May 12th at 1:00 pm (community members are welcome to come run/walk to support the girls!). Space is limited and registration ends Feb. 21. *Financial assistance is available.

For more information about registering, volunteering or supporting 'Girls on the Run's' scholarship program contact the 'Girls on the Run of Southeastern Michigan' staff at 734-712-5640 or email info@girlsontherunsemi.org.



Michigan House Report

By Dr. Hank Vaupel,
47th District

I'm excited to announce the bipartisan House mental health task force, which I was pleased to co-chair, released its recommendations to make improvements to Michigan's broken mental health system in a report earlier this past week.

My colleagues and I on the task force spent five months taking part in public meetings and site visits across Michigan, reviewing areas where vulnerable residents are lacking in care and resources and collecting feedback to learn how best to deliver meaningful solutions.

The conclusions we reached in this report are solutions to problems brought forth by real people, officials and organizations impacted by mental health care in Michigan. These stories helped us understand the everyday needs of the mental health community.

It was an honor to have the opportunity to help lead this very important task force. This attention to Michigan's broken mental health system is long overdue and it was a high priority for me heading into my second term. The task force report not only serves as a blueprint for policy changes and legislation to be introduced in the next several months, but also establishes a framework to further enhance mental health services in the future.

Some of the proposed solutions in the report include:

- Eliminating barriers to increase access to mental health care;
- Creating a statewide crisis hotline to connect people in need with local services;
- Establishing incentives to encourage hospitals to create and expand psychiatric wards and help drive professionals to work in underserved areas;
- Improving training for first responders;
- Providing additional treatment to convicts with mental health challenges during and after incarceration.

As chairman of the House Health Policy Committee, I'm already seeing several bill introductions referred to the committee as a result of the recommendations outlined in the



Rep. Vaupel joins other task force members for the unveiling of the bipartisan House mental health task force report during a press conference in the Capitol building last Wednesday.

task force report. We will be commencing hearings on this legislation in the very near future.

To view the full report, visit www.House.MI.gov/CARES.

Thank you to all who attended my monthly office hours last week. It was a pleasure to discuss legislative matters and hear your ideas for state government.

I hope you'll be able to join me next month on Friday, Feb. 16 at the following times and locations:

2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Fowlerville Farms, [941 S. Grand Ave.](#) in Fowlerville

4 to 5 p.m. at Biggby Coffee, [11325 W. Highland Road](#) in Hartland; and

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at All Star Coney Island, [934 Michigan Ave.](#) in Howell

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

Fowlerville Boys JV Team loses

The Fowlerville High Boys JV Basketball Team lost to Mason on Tuesday, Jan. 16, by the score of 61-44. Billy Hutchins led the way in scoring with 24 points while Nolan Southgate collected 9 rebounds. The boys played this past Thursday at Lansing Catholic in a league game. This coming week the Glads host Alma on Monday, Jan. 22, and Eaton Rapids on Thursday, Jan. 25.



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Fowlerville Girls Varsity Basketball bounces back with win over Mason

The Fowlerville Girls Varsity Basketball Team bounced back with a 49-40 non-conference win at Mason last Tuesday. The victory came after the Glads lost to number-one ranked Williamston in a CAAC White Division clash on Friday, Jan. 12, at the Hornets’ home court.

Against Mason, the local cagers jumped to an 18-11 first-period league and then played fairly even with the Bulldogs the rest of the way. The Glads led 29-23 at half and 41-34 after three quarters of play. In the final stanza, Fowlerville

outscored Mason 8 to 6 to preserve the win. Elie Smith led the Gladitors on offense with 19 points. Jackie Jarvis and Ollie Updike each added 8 points. The win put Fowlerville at 7-3 overall. In the game with Williamston, the Hornets were playing without their top scorer, Maddie Watters, who was injured in an earlier game with Haslett and is out for the season. Despite that hole, the rest of the Hornet squad stepped up to win the game, 47-32. The Fowlerville girls made a game of it, though. After falling behind 17-7 in the first quarter, the Gladiators outscored their opponents 13-11 in the second period to go into the locker room trailing 28-20.

In a low-scoring third period, Fowlerville cut the lead to three points late in the quarter. However, the Hornets answered with back-to-back triples to halt the comeback attempt. In the final stanza, they outscored the Gladiators 12-5 to win by 15 points.

Grace Wallace led the local cagers with nine points, while Jarvis scored seven points. Fowlerville is now 3-1 in the CAAC White.

Earlier this month the Glads won a league game on Jan. 5 at Ionia. Fowlerville took a 13-9 first-period lead and were ahead 26-19 at halftime. They pulled away in the third period, scoring 12 points to Ionia’s three.

Jarvis led the scoring with 12 points, while Smith and O. Updike each had nine points.

Fowlerville hosted Lansing Catholic in conference game this past Friday night (past the news deadline). They start the second round of league play this Friday at Eaton Rapids.



Livingston County Comments

By: Doug Helzerman, District 4 Commissioner

Every year the county board reorganizes to shift responsibilities and give a new appearance and fresh goals. Don Parker was chosen as the new chairman and Dennis Dolan as the vice chair. I kept my assignments on the construction, parks, and public safety committees. I represent the county on the OLHSA Board and the Fowlerville LDFA Board. I was assigned to the office of vice chair of the finance committee. I am looking forward to another year of service for our county and the 4th district on west side of Livingston.

Handy Township has contracted with Spark to help with economic development that is coming to the area. The Village’s LDFA has voted to pay for the services of Spark. The Fowlerville DDA and the Fowlerville Village Council will also need to approve their part of this agreement to finalize it. Without Fred Dillingham, this area is in need of help to retain the businesses already providing jobs and tax base for our community. There is potential for new companies to locate here. This makes it imperative that we have a person, or company like Spark, that helps to maneuver all of the necessary steps to finalize the vision of new business.

Across the county, each township and municipality has a different view of economic development. Conway, Iosco, and Unadilla Townships have shown no interest in the services supplied by Spark. Brighton and Putnam Townships have recently rejected resolutions to support Spark’s mission. However, many other townships and municipalities have found partnership with Spark very beneficial.

If you have any comments or concerns, I would be happy to hear from you 517 540-8717 or dhelzerman@livgov.com.

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JV Boys Basketball

Josh Leonard - Josh is a starting guard on this year’s JV basketball team. His leadership is exemplified both during games and practices and he is well respected by his peers. He is a confident and capable ball handler who looks to pass first, and score second. Josh leads the team in assists and is capable of scoring too, including a 22 point game versus Haslett. The coaches can always count on Josh to give 100%. He is extremely coach-able and shows up every day with a positive mental attitude. Josh also excels in the classroom where he carries a 3.8 GPA.

Billy Hutchins - Billy is also a starting guard on the JV boys basketball team. Only a freshman, he has made an immediate impact on the team with his all-around abilities. In his first high school game he poured in 23 points and recently tallied 19 against Ionia. We can always count on Billy to get us a much needed basket or 3 pointer. When not scoring, Billy is also an excellent rebounder from the guard position. With his size and athleticism he can defend against all types of players. His hard work and dedication in the off season has really paid off this year. He is a gifted athlete with a strong work ethic and competitive spirit. The future is bright for this Gladiator.

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Everyone who lives will at one time or another experience some form of misfortune or encounter situations that baffle us to the point of not knowing what to do. When trouble finds you, how do you handle it? Do you turn to other people? Do you try to handle it yourself? Do you try to wait for the season to pass?

I have found that the best way to handle trouble or unexpected, unpleasant circumstances when they come upon us is to turn to the Word of God. The scriptures have a calming presence when we sit down and read them with the intent of finding Jesus in the midst of our reading.

For the past few weeks I have been dealing with a mild form of depression. At first I thought it was because of a situation with my health. But after seeing the doctor and finding out my condition is not something I need to be too concerned about, I still don't feel the joy I was feeling before I became depressed. I have tried to figure out what it might be, but I haven't been able to come up with a definite answer as to why I feel the way I do. I have a great job, working with good people, and my wife and I are getting along better than we ever have before. There is no reason for me to be feeling the way I do. I am spending more time in the Word and I am getting some comfort from the scriptures, but overall my mood is melancholy.

Last Monday as I was doing my early morning devotion, the scripture for the day was Psalm 119:114. *You are my refuge and my shield; I have put my hope in your word.*

Those words almost jumped off the page at me. The word refuge is defined as: *shelter or protection from danger or distress: a place that provides shelter or protection; something to which one has recourse in difficulty.* Who better to turn to than God when we experience situations that tend to leave us bewildered and confused as to what is our next step in this journey of life that we are traveling?

The Psalmist says in Psalm 57:1: *Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me, for in you I take refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed.*

We can weather any storm that life sends our way if we are firmly grounded in the word and we put our faith and trust in God.

At the writing of this article, I am still not over my downward mood swing, but I know it is just a matter of time before God lifts me out of it. As it says in a book I'm reading, "The boat won't sink and the storm won't last forever."

Reading the scriptures gives me the strength and encouragement I need to hold on until my mood changes. I am already beginning to feel better as I think about the goodness of our Savior.

I have been blessed beyond measure. As the Care Pastor at my church, my job is to visit the sick, pray with the lonely and comfort those who mourn. Plus, as my pastor says, "All other duties assigned." I get the opportunity to bring comfort

to many who are going through times much tougher than mine. In addition I have been blessed with the position of Ministry Leader of Celebrate Recovery. God has opened a door for me to do the two things I love the most in ministry. I could not have chosen a better course in life after retirement if I tried. My idea for retirement was to move south and enjoy a snow-free climate for the rest of my life. Which would not have brought me as much satisfaction as I get from doing what I'm doing today.

If you're experiencing some trial in life, let me suggest to you that the answer to your problem can be found by taking refuge in God's Holy word. For He says in Hebrews 13:4-6: "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. And God never breaks a promise.

For the rest of this article I will share with you something that is near and dear to my heart. The program of Celebrate Recovery (CR). We have just started our third year.

Some people hear the word recovery and instantly, they connect it to alcohol and drugs. Please do not make that mistake. CR is a program that is designed to work with almost any type of hurt, hang-up or habit you may have. CR is helping people all over the world who had all but given up hope. I hear testimonies almost every day about people that CR has given a new perception on life.

I began attending CR when I took over the position of Ministry Leader a little over two years ago.

We currently have four groups that meet weekly. We have a men's chemical dependency group, and a general issues group for men. This group covers a broad range of issues from anger to pride. We also have a women's co-dependency group and a women's general issues group.

I am looking to start a group for overeaters and also for people dealing with depression. I have found that around

Livingston County Sheriff Office apprehends suspect in bank robbery

The Livingston County Sheriff's Office apprehended a 35 year old Howell man wanted for the armed robbery of the Bank of America located at 3400 E. Grand River in Genoa Township last Tuesday, Jan. 16.

The robbery had occurred on Jan. 11 at approximately 2:00 PM, when a white male suspect entered the bank and presented a note to the teller. The suspect showed the teller a handgun and asked for all the money.

The Livingston County Sheriff's Office worked in conjunction with the Federal Bureau of Investigations, the Michigan State Police and the Monroe County Sheriff's Office to locate the suspect in the Howell area. The suspect is also believed to have committed additional bank robberies. The suspect was taken into custody without incident after a traffic stop and is currently lodged at the Livingston County Jail. The suspect's name is being withheld pending his arraignment.

The Livingston County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the public for their assistance in this investigation which proved essential for the apprehension of the suspect.



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The Competitive Cheer team traveled to Pinckney on January 13 for the Pirates BlackOut Invite. The team placed 5th out of about 11 teams. This was a unique invite in that all the competitors wore black & were not identified by school until the end of the competition. The C-CH team will conclude its season on Monday, Jan. 22 at the Webberville Snowflake Invite.

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MAKING THE GRADE NOMINATIONS
WHMI, our local radio station in Howell, wants to say a big Thank You to the best teachers in the Livingston County area with the “Making the Grade” contest. They would like to hear about your favorite educator and are seeking nominations of exceptional teachers that are currently working in the Livingston County Area. Name your favorite teacher for them to have a chance to win \$300, a special “Making the Grade” trophy, and a custom coffee mug floral bouquet! This contest is made possible by Hartland Electric, Michigan Educational Credit Union, Stines Family Dentistry, The Elder Care Firm in Brighton, Aubree’s Pizzeria and Grill of Howell, and The Scherff Agency and Meemic Insurance. Go to www.whmi.com and click on the ‘Making the Grade’ icon to access the nomination form. Nominations must be in by February 9th.

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NEW YEAR’S POP TAB CHALLENGE
Student Council is sponsoring a New Year’s Pop Tab Challenge. Students are to collect and bring in pop can tabs

for the month of January to their 6th hour teacher (6th Grade to their homeroom teacher). The tabs will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. The class that brings in the most tabs wins a pizza party! Please spread the word.

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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 spiszm@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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LET IT SNOW-SKI CLUB
The club is open to 5th through 12th grade students. We ski/board at Mt. Brighton every Wednesday for the rest of January and throughout the month of February. For further information, please contact Ms. DeLuca 517-223-6250 or delucac@fowlervilleschools.org

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EXAM SCHEDULE

Wed, January 24th (Full day):

7:30 - 9:00 am	1st Hour
9:00 - 9:05 am	Passing
9:05 - 10:35 am	2nd Hour
10:35 - 12:07 pm	4th Hour (normal)
12:07 - 12:12 pm	Passing
12:12 - 12:48 pm	3rd Hour
12:48 - 12:53 pm	Passing
12:53 - 1:30 pm	5th Hour
1:30 - 1:35 pm	Passing
.1:35 - 2:10 pm	6th Hour

Thurs, January 25th (Half Day):

7:30 - 9:00 am	3rd Hour
9:00 - 9:10 am	Passing
9:10 - 10:40 am	4th Hour

Fri, January 26th (Half Day):

7:30 - 9:00 am	5th Hour
9:00 - 9:10 am	Passing
9:10 - 10:40 am	6th Hour

Why the small things matter

It starts with your shoes

We do something very odd and unique at our karate school – we take off our shoes. Did you ever wonder why?

Well some of it is because of tradition. Another reason might be because it helps keep the dojo floor clean. But I think there is an even more powerful reason we take off our shoes and I would like to share it with the sincere hope it changes how you think and what you do. In the end, I think you will discover, this one seemingly simple task can profoundly change your child.

Okay, so why all this fuss and bother over shoes?

A good way to answer this is with some advice Navy Seal Admiral William McRaven gave as the 2014 commencement speaker at the University of Texas. The video of his speech went viral and you can easily view it on YouTube. Many say it was one of the best graduation speeches ever given. In it he shared the 10 life lessons he learned as a Navy Seal. The very first lesson was:

1. “If you want to change the world, start off by making your bed!”

The reason - this is the very first thing you do each day. He went on to say “If you can’t do the little things right, you will never do the big things right.” To change the world and be a leader you have to be able to do the small repetitious mundane things well.

Back to the karate school. We are here to help you develop the attitudes and character traits of the highly successful in your child. You can talk to your child until you are blue in the face. You can teach or show them what to do but most will never develop or embody these attitudes and character traits unless they experience them. Kids can only learn by doing. Can you imagine your child focused, intentional and driven to do everything, and especially the small things, perfectly every time? You get them started strong at the dojo and we will do the rest. After their class, hold them to a high standard in how they leave. No throwing their uniforms at you! No lost belts or gear! Remember the last thing you do at the dojo – put on your shoes!

How can you develop this “small things” lesson at home? How anyone

starts their day is huge. Is your home where everything goes like clock-work all the way until you kiss them good bye in the morning. Or, does your morning start with you having to nag them repeatedly to get up? Do they complain or struggle as they get dressed and ready? Is it a challenge to get them to eat breakfast? Are you looking for lost things? Are you typically in a state of stress as you realize they are going to be late for school or the bus? Have you ever had a child that just starts the day badly and this same energy/emotion stays with them the rest of their day?

So, back to what you can do. Do they make their beds? One of my pet peeves is waking themselves up for school. Get them their own alarm clock. Teach your child the process and routine of starting strong. Do the small things well. Is this hard work on your part? Yes it is!

How about school? Ask your child or their teacher – what are the small repetitive but important things my child needs to do especially at the start of their school day? What are your routines and procedures for home-work/reading at home?

In your child’s karate class we do new things but if you notice we do many, many small things over and over the same way in almost every class. There is a method to our madness. Do you know another word for these simple mundane tasks done repeatedly over time? They are your “HABITS”! . . . What habits are your child developing?

It is worth repeating this quote from Mahatma Gandhi:

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Caleb Jenkins Column



Sincerity in Office

There are many things that go into the makeup of a great public servant. My objective with this series was to simply discuss a few of the traits that we should expect in government officials and those running for office, but it is by no means a comprehensive list. However, I think the time has come to wrap up this particular discussion with the hope that we have some things to kick start our thinking when it comes to our elected officials. With that being said, I wanted to cover one more element of a good government official that is centrally important to all of the rest. Public servants must be sincere.

The job of an elected official is not an easy one. I know this is contrary to popular belief. The common perception of public officials is that they all sit around with their feet on their desks, stuffing their faces with food, and ordering people around about things they don't understand. Overall, we tend to criticize them for having pretty cushy jobs. While that unfortunately may be true for some, most elected officials do not fit that description in the slightest. In fact, their responsibilities are quite robust.

Elected officials are expected to be experts in all of the subjects that they come across, and there are quite a few. Not only do they have to take in a large scope and variety of information, but they must then make sense of it all and determine the best course of action concerning it. They must provide leadership and a good example, and they must be fully engaged in their communities. This requires them to constantly split their time between the office, the community, educational events, and other responsibilities while still trying to maintain a family and some semblance of a normal life.

During all of this, they must manage their stress levels as they are responsible to a large group of people. Most of us only have one boss or a few superiors at work, but for elected officials, they are held accountable by their thousands and sometimes even millions of constituents. And rarely do they receive positive recognition. If something goes wrong, then they are quick to be judged, and if something goes right, then they are asked why they aren't accomplishing more. Additionally, they endure this work environment when many of them could very easily make far more money for far less stress doing something else outside of politics.

So, why do they do all of this? Sincerity. Yes, some enter politics for perceived power and prestige, but that is a lot of sacrifice just for those things. Rather, most do it out of a sincere desire to make a positive difference. They went the extra mile. They didn't want to just complain about the problems in their communities and country. They wanted to step up and do their part as a force for good. That is indeed an admirable trait, and it is most definitely something that we should want in our government officials.

Fowlerville Fire Department Report

Thursday, January 11th, at 7:37 a.m. a medical emergency on Stow Road in Conway Township was reported. The department responded to a medical emergency on Grand Ave. in the Village at 12:03 p.m. At 5:03 p.m. firefighters were called to assist the police on Roberts Road in Iosco Township.

A medical emergency on Grand Ave. in the Village was reported at 5:27 p.m., Friday, January 12th. The department assisted EMS on Fowlerville Road in Handy Township at 7:52 p.m.

Personnel responded to assist EMS on Grand River in Handy Township at 10:17 a.m., Saturday, January 13th and at 7:10 p.m. firefighters were called to Roberts Road in Iosco Township to investigate smoke alarms sounding in a residence.

Sunday, January 14th, at 9:42 a.m. the department was dispatched to a medical emergency on Alans Drive in Handy Township. A dispatch to a medical emergency on Nichole Drive in Handy Township was received at 5:44 p.m. with a third medical emergency being on Meadow Lane in the Village at 7:01 p.m.

At 2:15 p.m. Monday, January 15th, firefighters responded to a medical emergency on Grand Ave. in the Village. A medical emergency on Bradley Road in Iosco Township was reported at 4:19 p.m.

Tuesday, January 16th, at 3:20 a.m. the department was called to a medical emergency on Pinewood Street in the Village. Firefighters were dispatched to a motor vehicle accident with extrication needed on Fowlerville Road in Conway Township at 9:48 a.m. Personnel responded to standby for EMS on Stow Road in Conway Township at 6:42 p.m.

A medical emergency was reported on Meadowlawn Ave. in Handy Township at 12:50 p.m., Wednesday, January 17th. The department was dispatched to a medical emergency on Brimley Road in Conway Township at 2:39 p.m. At 4:02 p.m. firefighters responded to a medical emergency on Terry Avenue in Handy Township. Personnel responded to assist EMS on Rifle River Drive in Handy Township at 4:36 p.m. Firefighters were called to a medical emergency on Spruceview Lane in Handy Township at 8:45 p.m.

Fowlerville Boys Varsity Basketball

Team lost to Mason last Tuesday, 67-53

The Fowlerville Boys Varsity Basketball Team lost to Mason last Tuesday night (Jan. 16) by a 67 to 53 score. Geoffry Knaggs led the way with 16 points and 12 rebounds. Caiden Collins checked in with 14 points and five rebounds, Brady Salter added 11 points and three steals, and Brendan Young grabbed five rebounds.

In a league game on Friday, Jan. 12, at Williamston, the local cagers fell to the state-ranked Hornets, 99-66.

The Glads are now 4-5 overall and 2-2 in the CAAC White. The team played Lansing Catholic this past Friday night (past the newspaper deadline) in a league match-up. They host Alma this Monday, then travel to Eaton Rapids for a conference game on Friday evening. That game with ER starts the second round of league play.

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The Original Martini Band has been bringing music like you like it for over 30 years, including Jazz, Blues, Rock, Funk, Reggae, Country, and Motown. They pride themselves on providing the best entertainment you'll find anywhere, and always knowing they leave their audiences smiling! The band features sax master Marty Montgomery, who has been recording and touring for over 41 years and has won numerous accolades including induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, an American Music Award, and a Grammy nomination for his work with the group Wild Cherry.

The Acoustic Café series runs every Friday night from January 5th – March 9th. Doors will open at 7:00 pm and the show will begin at 7:30 pm. Open to the public, the cost is \$8.00 at the door, \$6.00 for Livingston Arts Council members.

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Do You Recognize This Photo?
Library needs help with identification

Hello, residents of Fowlerville! Here at the Fowlerville District Library we need YOUR help! For many years we have displayed an old school photograph that was donated to us by the Utter family. Unfortunately, the photo does not have any identifying information on it. Over the years we have tried to discover the year the photo was taken, but been unable to identify the year or anyone in the photograph. Now, we are reaching out to the community for any information you may have about the photo.

Michigan Senate Report
By Joe Hune, 22nd District

Michigan winters are long, but also a beautiful treasure for outdoor enthusiasts. One of the most popular winter pastimes is snowmobiling.

But did you know that in Michigan all snowmobiles must be registered unless used on private property? A three-year registration is issued for \$30 by the secretary of state. The registration is valid from Oct. 1 when it's purchased to Sept. 30 of the third year. The registration number is printed on the three-year snowmobile decal. Snowmobile decals must be displayed on each side of the forward half of the cowl above the foot-well of the snowmobile.

In addition to registration with the secretary of state, residents and non-residents who operate a snowmobile in Michigan are required to purchase a snowmobile trail permit. The trail permit enables snowmobilers to ride state-designated trails, public roads and public lands where authorized. It is valid for one year, which begins Oct. 1 and ends Sept. 30 of the following year. State-designated trails are open Dec. 1 through March 31 and grooming occurs when there is enough snow on the ground.

Michigan's snowmobile program is 100 percent funded by trail permits and registration fees —dollars that pay for grooming, signage, maintenance, bridge and culvert construction, new equipment, liability insurance, maintenance of trailhead amenities (signage, bathrooms, plowing of parking lots) and other essentials that make Michigan a destination for snowmobile lovers.

Snowmobile trail permits are available at the following:

- Online through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR)E-License website: www.mdnr-elicense.com/welcome.asp
- Online through The Michigan Snowmobile Association: www.msasnow.org/
- In person at a number of DNR customer service centers
- In person at a number of DNR hunting and fishing license vendors

If you're interested in learning more, please reference our newsletter. If you'd like a copy of the 2018 Snowmobile Update, my staff would be happy to provide one. Contact us at SenJHune@senate.michigan.gov or 855-JOE-HUNE for more information.

Stay safe, stay warm and have a great time on the trails that your registration and trail permits help maintain.

Here is everything we have been able to discern about the photo so far: It is a panoramic black and white photograph. It is a school photo with both students and teachers present. The group is standing in front of the Union School on the west side of North Collins Street. The Union School once stood just to the north of where the Senior Center building stands today. It was built in 1891 and was torn down in 1957.

Also visible in the background is the three-story schoolhouse that was built in 1923 and torn down in 1996. Thanks to the presence of these two buildings in the photo, we know that the photograph must have been taken between 1923 and 1957.

Clothing and hair styles can also be a clue to when a photo was taken. The sailor dresses worn by many of the girls in the photo are a big clue as this style of dress was very popular as a school uniform in the 1920's and 30's. However, this is still a large range of dates and does not offer any definitive proof of when the photo was taken.

If the photo pictured here looks familiar to you, we would love to hear anything you can tell us about it! Please feel free to stop by the library to take a closer look. The photo is hanging on the wall in our computer lab above the copy machine, along with several other historical photos. Thank you in advance for your help Fowlerville!

Fowlerville Gymnastics Team brings home another win in dual meet

The Fowlerville High Gymnastics Team brought home another win in a dual meet on Wednesday, Jan. 10. The Glads had a team score of 141.575, beating the Haslett/Williamston/Bath squad who had 133.025 points.

Lani Burnie earned her season high on vault at 8.725. Bekah Leonard had a season high on bars at 8.525 and top scores on beam, floor and vault. Izzy Litz had top scores on vault, floor, beam, and bars. Kenzie Brigham had her season high on beam at 8.8, a first place on floor at 9.15 and top scores on beam and bars. Other contributors included Quinn Soerries on bars and Maddie Moran on beam and floor.

Fowlerville Gymnastics Team places second at recent meet in East Lansing

Nearly 100 gymnasts, nine teams and 17 high schools were represented in East Lansing on Saturday. Fowlerville finished second by a small margin of .15. Izzy Litz placed 3rd on vault, bars and floor, 5th on beam, and 2nd overall. Bekah Leonard took 4th on vault and floor, 5th on bars, and 4th overall. Kenzie Brigham placed 7th on bars, 8th on beam, and 8th overall. Maddy Moran also helped the team out on floor.

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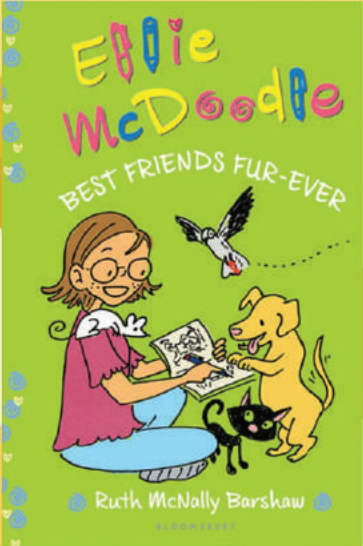
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Ethan Baxter named FHS January ‘Artist of the Month’

The Fowlerville High School Art Department has named Ethan Baxter as the January ‘Artist of the Month’. Ethan’s assignment in AP Art was to create a dream in watercolor. He created a fish sleeping in a bed with slippers by his side. Ethan has always been interested in art. He was even in the Art Club in 2nd Grade when Mrs. Hesch taught at that level.

His favorite mediums are watercolor and acrylics. His favorite subjects are animals and of course, turkeys. He has been involved in the High School Art Club, National Honor Society and Science Olympiad in Junior High. He has shown his artwork in the Got Art Show in Howell and Scholarship Alert in Lansing. He would like to attend a university and possibly go into the sciences or become a dentist. Please stop by the office and see his creation.

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Fowlerville Wrestling Team loses close match to Williamston

The Fowlerville Wrestling Team lost a close match last Wednesday in league action to Williamston by a 40-39 score. Winners and pinners for Fowlerville were Joe Aeschliman-103, Wyatt Daniel-119, Brendan Bickley-125, Ashton Philburn-135, Jack Brady-189, Hunter Wilson-215, and Caleb Medina-285.

Tucker Niemi led the JV team with a pin in the second period. Fowlerville hosted the Mike Kelly Duals this past Saturday, Jan. 20, and host Eaton Rapids in a CAAC White match this Wednesday night.



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Jordan Kennedy, who grew up in Fowlerville, has been appointed by Gov. Rick Snyder to the Michigan Board of Veterinary Medicine. She has worked for over five years in the governor's office.

Fowlerville woman has spent past five years working in Governor's office
Jordan Kennedy recently appointed to Michigan Board of Veterinary Medicine

By Steve Horton

A Fowlerville woman was recently appointed to the Michigan Board of Veterinary Medicine. The appointment, which is subject to the advice and consent of the state Senate, is the latest in an impressive list of accomplishments for 27-year-old Jordan Kennedy. She is also on the Farm Bureau's Board of Directors for the Michigan Livestock Expo.


Gov. Rick Snyder announced her appointment to the board on Jan. 5 along with the reappointments of Peter Levine of Flint and Dwight McNally of Saginaw to the Michigan Board of Veterinary Medicine.

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Fowlerville High School News

OFFICE HOURS

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

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Semester 1 ends Jan 26th

FHS first semester ends on January 26th. 2nd semester schedules will be printed and passed out 6th hour on the 23rd.
Jan 24th - full day exams 1, 2.

Jan 25th is 1/2 day schedule with exams 3, 4.

Jan 26th is 1/2 day schedule with exams 5, 6.

Report cards will be printed and mailed home late in the following week. Second semester course changes need to be complete by 2:30 February 2nd. Students should sign up to see their counselor in the counseling office schedule books.

FHS has lost credit for the course. Students will receive a detailed attendance report the week of January 15, 2018, showing their absences per class. A student may appeal this loss of credit by completing the Attendance Appeal form and returning it to the Main Office. Please note that this process has changed. Parents/guardians will receive an email stating that their student has accumulated 9 or more absences in one or more classes, and as a result, the student has lost credit. Attached to the same email will be the Attendance Appeal form. To have the Attendance Appeal considered, the form must be completed and returned to the Main Office by January 25, 2018. As always, we encourage parents to monitor their student's attendance via the Parent Connect website at connect@fowlervilleschools.org, and if you have any questions, please be sure to contact the Attendance Office at 517-223-6044.

The Oakland University Wind Symphony will be performing a free concert on Wednesday, January 24th, at 7 pm in the Alverson Center. The group will be on their way to perform as a featured ensemble at the Michigan Music Conference. Admission is free and the public is encouraged to come hear this wonderful ensemble.

Fowlerville Idol debuts February 2nd at 6:00pm in the Alverson Center for Performing Arts. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Come out for a fun night of music and Fowlerville talent. Any questions? Please contact Mrs. Tomassi at tomassia@fowlervilleschools.org.

SMART ART AT MSU IS BACK FOR THE WINTER/SPRING SESSION. Do you or your child want more art in their life? MSU Smart Art Program is for you. It is open for 7- 18 year olds, starting February 10th through April 21st from 9-11 am. The cost is \$70.00 and covers all supplies. It is taught by students wanting to be Art Teachers. Please access art.msu.edu for more information and enrollment forms. Applications are due Friday, January 19th. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Hesch at 223-6245 or email at heschc@fowlervilleschools.org. This is a great program for budding young artists!

Any senior parent who would like to help with the senior lock-in held after graduation, please contact Ms. Hart (hartn@fowlervilleschools.org) or Mrs. Collins (collinsn@fowlervilleschools.org). We will need lots of help for a successful lock-in! Opportunities to help are varied - from donating food to chaperoning, etc. Please help us make this a memorable night for our seniors!

Archery tournament! The Fowlerville archery teams will be hosting a HOME tournament on January 20th. The public is welcome at this event that will be held at Munn. Cost is \$5 per person 6 and older with a \$20 cap per family. Lines will be running from 8am-6pm with awards to follow. A concession stand will also be available. Hope to see you there!

Doors at FHS will be open at 6:30 a.m. on school days. After school hours if your student is not participating in a sport, math lab, credit recovery or meeting with a teacher they should make arrangements to leave the building by 3 p.m.

Time is running out to buy your high school yearbook for the low price of \$55. After Jan. 1st, the price will go to \$65. Go to smart-pay.com and order yours online.

Let It Snow The club is open to 5th through 12th grade students. We ski/board at Mt. Brighton every Wednesday beginning in January 10th and throughout the month of February. For further information, please contact Ms. DeLuca 517-223-6250 or delucac@fowlervilleschools.org.

Attendance Appeals for Semester 1: Any student who

has accrued nine or more absences in any class at FHS has lost credit for the course. Students will receive a detailed attendance report the week of January 15, 2018, showing their absences per class. A student may appeal this loss of credit by completing the Attendance Appeal form and returning it to the Main Office. Please note that this process has changed. Parents/guardians will receive an email stating that their student has accumulated 9 or more absences in one or more classes, and as a result, the student has lost credit. Attached to the same email will be the Attendance Appeal form. To have the Attendance Appeal considered, the form must be completed and returned to the Main Office by January 25, 2018. As always, we encourage parents to monitor their student's attendance via the Parent Connect website at connect@fowlervilleschools.org, and if you have any questions, please be sure to contact the Attendance Office at 517-223-6044.

Febreze Air Care Recycling Fundraising Opportunity. The Fowlerville High School Life Skills class is proud to announce our partnership with terricycle that will pay us for recycling! The items that we will be collecting are air freshener cartridges and plugs, Air freshener packaging and flexible film, Air Freshener plastic trigger heads, Febreze One bottles with trigger heads and Febreze ONE refills. We will be paid \$1/lb of waste we send to terricycle. What I love about this is we do not have to sell anything and we can expand our recycling efforts that my class is already highly involved in. The money that we make will go toward more community based instruction opportunities, and cooking supplies for our life skills class. We have drop boxes at the high school in room C201, at Little Glads, UB church in the student center and at the Fowlerville Library. If you have a business or organization that would be willing to promote and have a drop box added to your location, please contact Deanna Ragland at 223-6145 or e-mail raglandd@fowlervilleschool.org.

Grief Share Seminar/Support Group reconvenes starting Feb. 4

Grief Share, which is sponsored by Family Impact Center and held at the Family Impact Center Wellness Center on 9430 W. Grand River just west of Fowlerville, will be starting back up on Sunday, February 4, from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. This 13-week faith-based seminar/support group is for anyone who is grieving the loss of someone close. For more information or to register, please call Kathy at 517-223-3239 or contact the Family Impact Center at 517-223-4428.

Livingston Centre Historical Village Monthly Meeting

The Livingston Centre Historical Village members are setting their agenda and plans for 2018. Our next monthly meeting will be February 1 at 7 p.m. at the Fowlerville Fair office located on the Fowlerville fairgrounds. We welcome all to attend and see what we are all about.

Our mission is to preserve the buildings and history of Livingston County by renovating and maintaining the eight historic buildings located on the Northwest corner of the Fowlerville fairgrounds.

Our first major fundraiser of the year will be our annual "Grandma's Attic Sale" to be held May 16, 17 and 18 at the fairgrounds. Keep us in mind as you begin your after Christmas clean up and early spring cleaning. For more information, please call Marj Carlon at 517-223-3831.

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The Fowlerville High Competitive Cheer Teams enjoyed outstanding performances at the Pinckney Blackout held on Saturday, Jan. 13. Out of 23 varsity teams, the Lady Gladiators took third overall and now has a new high score of 681 points. This point total is a Varsity Cheer record over the past three years. The JV girls, meanwhile, took second and also topped their own personal high scores for the season.

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February 11, Sunday, 10-11:30am
February 17, Saturday, 10-11:30am
February 18, Sunday, 10-11:30am
February 21, Wednesday, 2:30-4pm
February 25, Sunday, 10-11:30am
March 3, Saturday, 10am-12pm
March 4, Sunday, 10am-12pm
March 10, Saturday, 10am-12pm
March 11, Sunday, 10am-12pm

*Set up for sale will be Friday, March 16 starting at 2pm. At that point we can still take in items until 10pm. If these dates and times do not work for you, please contact us and we can work out a time to meet.
Maylene Turnbo 517-304-3976 or
Amy Jarvis 517-223-6225.

*If you are a business and would like to donate for the raffle or anyone wanting to donate to the bake sale please contact us.

GARAGE SALE & FUNDRAISER DAY
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Fowlerville Junior High School Gym*

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* FJHS is located at 7677 Sharpe Rd., within the Fowlerville Community Schools complex, between Kreeger Elementary and Fowlerville High School.


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Williamston Area Senior Center

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JANUARY EVENTS

Movies at the Williamston Senior Center – On, Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 12:30 pm the Senior Center will be showing “The Court Jester” with Danny Kaye. Free Popcorn. Open to all Seniors.

Other January Activities at the Senior Center – On Tuesday, January 23, 2018, DJ Clarinet will serenade our senior with his musical clarinet at 12:30 pm. Free coffee for all seniors Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm.

Please mark your calendars for this upcoming event – Sunday, February 11, 2018 7:00 pm at the Williamston Theatre a fundraiser for the Williamston Area Senior Center. “The Last Man in Merrinsville”, Tickets \$15.00, including the show and light refreshment at the afterglow immediately following at the Red Cedar Grill (cash bar). For tickets, contact Susan Cockerill 517-881-9861 or Karen Bollman 517-290-1317 or John Roy Castillo at the Center or call 517-655-5173.

On any January Wednesday at the Senior Center join us for the following activities:

- EUCHRE** – 9:30 am to 11:30 am.
- NEEDLE CRAFT GROUP** - meets after lunch between 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.



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Webberville Report



Senior Spotlight—Allyson Ziegler

By Lauren Stanley & Alyssa McGalliard

This week’s featured senior, Allyson Ziegler, is originally from Lansing where her Uncle Lonnie Faust and Aunt Alice Simons raised her. Her mother, Amy Ziegler, sadly passed away on August 20, 2015 and her father is Jerry Simmers. She loves and misses her mom, and she wants her uncle and aunt to know that she is very grateful for them taking her in. Losing her mom has had a huge impact on her.

“I miss you mom, I have you in my heart,” said Ziegler. “Thank you Lonnie and Alice for always helping me out and keeping me motivated. My family is very nice, positive, loving and caring,” said Ziegler.

She has participated in choir and journalism. She is considered to be considerate and helpful. She looks up to her family and her teachers because they would always try their best to keep her positive.

“Ally is a hard worker who genuinely cares about others,” said journalism advisor Colleen Scott Keiser. “When she puts her mind to something, she can accomplish so much.”

Although Zeigler isn’t involved in many extracurricular activities, she loves to spend her free time with friends. Freshman Lindsey Barnett only describes her with kind words.

“She is the best person I know,” said Barnett. Zeigler enjoyed her schooling experience and said that her biggest challenge was most definitely the homework. She explained how, as you get older, the homework gets hard and advises the underclassman to stay positive and on top of things to graduate on time.

Ziegler plans to go to Lansing Community College to study in a career of Culinary Arts. Even though she is excited for the future, she is also going to miss Webberville and all the friends she has made.

“I don’t want to graduate,” said Zeigler “I will miss my friends.”

Webberville Community School News

The American Red Cross is facing a critical blood shortage and needs our help! The National Honor Society is hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, January 30, from 8:15 AM to 2:15 PM. Schedule an appointment at redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code WebbervilleHS. Walk-ins are also welcome. For more information, please call 517-521-3422 x7906.

The Webberville High School Winterfest Dance will be held in the middle school gym from 7:30 to 11:00 PM on Saturday, January 27. This dance is casual/formal and doors open at 7:15 PM. The ticket cost is \$8. The Snowball Court will be introduced and announced during the varsity basketball games on Friday, January 26 in the Spartan Center gym.

A Parent Information Night for Webberville Middle and High School parents is Monday, January 29 at 6:00 PM in the high school cafeteria. Among the agenda topics: growth vs. proficiency, tardy and attendance policies, and vaping and E-cigarettes. There will also be a question and answer period. The Webberville Elementary Awards Ceremony is Friday, January 26 at 2:15 PM in the elementary gym.

Capital Area Library Events

- *Registration required**
- WEBBERVILLE**
- Book Discussion Group (Adults)**
This month: *Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter* by Tom Franklin
Jan. 23, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Family Storytime (Ages up to 6)**
Engaging stories, songs and activities to help build early literacy skills
Jan. 24, 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- *Watercolor Blow Art (Age 8 & up)**
Make pictures by blowing through a straw and using markers.
*Registration: 517-521-3643.
Jan. 30, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

- WILLIAMSTON**
- Maker Monday (All ages)**
Stop by to have fun with crafting supplies, computers, the Raspberry Pi and the Makey Makey.
Jan. 22, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Play with Your Food (All ages)**
Follow a sample or invent your own to make marshmallow sheep, grape turtles, apple monsters and more.
Jan. 25, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Early Literacy Playtime (Ages up to 5)**
Read stories, play games, create projects, and learn techniques for early literacy.
Jan. 30, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

- SYSTEM WIDE**
- *Meet Chef Shaun O’Neale (Held at Buddies Grill in Holt)**
Shaun O’Neale, FOX’s Season 7 Master Chef, will do a cooking demo and offer samples of recipes from *My Modern American Table*. *Registration: 517-367-6348 or cadl.org/events.
Feb. 1, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Black History Month--Author Dr. Eric Michael Dyson (Held at the Kellogg Center)**
Lecture by author Dr. Eric Michael Dyson, a Georgetown University professor, *NYT* opinion writer and contributing editor of *The New Republic*.
Feb. 1, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Chef Shaun O’Neale at the Women’s Expo (Held at the Lansing Center)**
Shaun O’Neale, FOX’s Season 7 Master Chef, will do a cooking demo and offer samples of *My Modern American Table* recipes at 12 p.m., 2 p.m. & 3 p.m.
Feb. 2, 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Speed Painter Martina Hahn at the Women’s Expo (Held at the Lansing Center)**
See artist Martina Hahn at 12 p.m., 2 p.m. & 4 p.m. to watch her complete a painting in only six minutes.
Feb. 3, 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Crossroads United Methodist Church to offer Swiss steak dinner Jan. 27

Crossroads United Methodist Church will offer the first in its 2018 winter series of Swiss steak dinners for the public Saturday, January 27. Doors open at 4 p.m. and remain open as long as supplies last. The church is at the corner of Haslett and Zimmer roads east of Haslett and north of Williamston.

The dinner menu includes Swiss steak with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetables, cole slaw, rolls, dessert and beverages. Cost is \$9 for adults, with children under 10 free. Take outs are available.

At the dinner two names will be drawn for free dinners at the next event February 24. For more details, please find the church on Facebook, call 517/655-1466, email at office.umccrossroads@gmail.com, or see the church website, www.umccrossroads.com.

Euchre Fun Night planned Jan. 27 at the Webberville Library

The Friends of the Webberville Library is sponsoring a Euchre Fun Night fundraiser on Saturday, January 27. Registration starts at 6:00 p.m. and playing begins at 6:30p.m. at the Webberville Cultural Center. The entry fee is \$10 person to play. Prizes will be awarded and there will be a 50/50 raffle. Snacks and beverages will be provided. You are welcome to bring your own snacks and non-alcoholic beverages.

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Ellie McDoodle Author Visit - Wednesday, January 24th at 5:30-6:30pm
Kids 2nd-8th grades. Meet Ruth Barshaw, the author of the popular *Ellie McDoodle* series! Hear how she comes up with Ellie’s doodly adventures and learn how to make your own doodle stories in a hands-on doodle workshop! A limited supply of books will be for available for purchase at this event. **Participation is limited. Register in person to attend. Registration begins January 10th.*

Stained Glass Heart Hanger Workshop - Thursday, January 25th at 2:30pm
Adults. No experience required for this hands-on workshop taught by an instructor from Delphi Glass. You will be taught basic stained glass construction including cutting, foiling and soldering from an expert. Create a stunning heart shaped suncatcher with a bevel center. **Special time and class size. Registration for this class is FULL.*

Fowlerville Library Writers Group Begins Wednesday, January 31st at 2:30pm
Meets Weekly January 31st-March 21st
Adults. Do you want feedback on your writing projects? Are you interested in exploring different writing exercises? If so, then join our 8-part Winter 2018 session. You are invited to bring a 1-page sample for feedback from the group. **Registration begins January 17th. No late entries.*

Travel Series: Around the World in a Year - Thursday, February 1st at 7pm
Adults. Highlighting the sights, sounds, life-changing encounters, and humorous stories of world travel while at the library! **Register in person to attend. Registration begins January 18th and includes a refundable \$5 cash deposit.*

Cartooning Workshop - Friday, February 2nd at 5-8pm
Teens 6th-12th Grades. Welcome Lansing area artist LeBaron Rodgers II as he leads you through creating a unique anime or cartoon character of your own design. 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 begins January 19th. Register by January 31st to attend.*

Pop-Up Library – During All Lunches
Tuesday, February 6th at the Fowlerville High School
Wednesday, February 7th at the Fowlerville Junior High
At the Pop-up Library, you can get a library card; check in and out FDL books; get help with the Axis 360 app and eBooks; register to attend FDL Teen Programs; get your library questions answered; and talk about books, movies, technology, and games with some cool librarians. And you can tell us your ideas for FDL Teen Programs—We’re listening!

Beyond the Book: Winter’s Bone - Thursday, February 8th at 7pm
Adults. Featuring a book and its film adaptation, and some great discussion! Movie-style refreshments will be served. **Register in person to attend. Registration begins January 18th. Books will be given while supplies last.*

Pop-Up Library - Monday, February 12th
10am at Rolling Meadows
11am at Livingston Greene
12pm at Glenwood Apartments
We bring the library to you! You can get a library card; check in and out large print or audio books; get help with the Axis 360 app and eBooks; get your library questions answered; and get one-on-one technology help with your tablet or other small device. You can also visit with Lola, our Therapy Dog.

VILLAGE OF FOWLERVILLE DDA ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017 TIF PLAN ORD #283

A Revenue:	Tax Increment Revenue July 2016	\$	234,701
	Tax Increment Revenue December 2016	\$	117,317
	Current Personal PropTax Replacement	\$	25,912
	Intergovernmental	\$	
	Interest	\$	722
	Rental Income	\$	10,000
	Land Contract	\$	26,919
	Total	\$	415,571

B Bond Reserve:

C Expenditures:	Non Debt Expense		
	Legal/Audit (223,266)	\$	9,854
	Operations/Repairs (265,448)	\$	17,588
	Economic Development (728)	\$	37,980
	Tax Paybacks (899)	\$	12,817
	Transfers (999)	\$	25,300

Debt Service - Bond 1 (2001) (other protected oblig. #1)			
	Principal (906)	\$	90,000
	Interest (906)	\$	2,250
	Bond Fees	\$	

Debt Service - Bond 2			
	Principal	\$	105,000
	Interest	\$	93,100
	Bond Fees	\$	
	Total	\$	393,889

D Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness:

	Principal	\$	2,170,000
	Interest	\$	268,025
	Total	\$	2,438,025

E.	EI		F(E1-E2) Captured Value
	Current Taxable Value	E2 Initial Assessed Value	
Ad Valorem Homestead	\$ 5,479,152	\$ 2,538,250	\$ 2,940,902
Ad Valorem Non-Homestead	\$21,916,608	\$10,153,000	\$11,763,608
IFT New (pre 1994)	\$	\$	\$
IFT New (post 1993)	\$	\$	\$
CFT new	\$	\$	\$
IFT Replacement	\$	\$	\$
CFT Restored	\$	\$	\$

F. Tax Increment Revenues Received

(there may be a timing difference from item A revenue)

From Local School Districts-Operating	\$	
From Local School Districts-Debt	\$	
From The Intermediate School Districts	\$	
From State Education Tax (SET)	\$	
From Livingston County	\$	58,918
From Village of Fowlerville	\$	234,701
From Fowlerville Library	\$	20,569
From Fowlerville Fire Authority	\$	24,998
From Handy Township	\$	12,787
Total	\$	351,973

Note: Amounts in Section G should include both ad valorem and specific IFT taxes.

Do not put PA 198 and PA 255 taxes on a separate line; include specific taxes captured on the lines describing the jurisdictions from which they were captured.

G. Number of Jobs Created	767
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John McCurdy
(1-21-18 FNV)



SCHOOLS OF CHOICE FOWLERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SECOND SEMESTER

Fowlerville Community Schools has unlimited School of Choice openings for K-12th grade students who live outside Fowlerville School’s district boundaries.

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‘All Grown Up’ Prom on Feb. 10 to raise funds for Family Impact Center

Mark your calendars and order your tickets for this one-of-a-kind fundraiser to benefit Fowlerville’s Family Impact Centers. YES, a “Prom Nite” for adults that includes music by DJ Ron Johnson, dancing, delectable desserts, hors d’oeuvres, punch and coffee. This event is being sponsored by the FHS Theater Tech Club and ‘The Unfettered’, who will also provide entertainment to add to the evening’s enjoyment.

The “Prom” is being held on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 7-10 p.m. in the Fowlerville High School Cafeteria. (Enter Main Entrance of the Alverson Center for Performing Arts.) Dress in your choice of prom attire and bring a spouse, a friend, or a group for only \$15 per person.

Purchase your tickets by February 1st to reserve your table/seats. Also please bring personal care items and/or paper products as a donation for the Family Impact Center’s Food Pantry. Each item will count as a vote for your chance to be crowned the “Prom” Queen or King!

To reserve your tickets by February 1, email sheilalarson67@yahoo.com or call Sheila at 517-861-9139. Questions may also be messaged on FACEBOOK@theunfettered or on TWITTER@TUnfettered. See you February 10th.

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Local grad makes Dean’s List at Lake Superior State University

Christina Boyce of Fowlerville has been included on the Dean’s List for the 2017 Fall Semester at Lake Superior State University. To make the Dean’s List, students must achieve a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Christina is the daughter of Carol and Dean Boyce of Fowlerville. At LSSU, she is active in the Geology Club and is Past President of Alpha Theta Omega Sorority.

Lake Superior State University is located in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, along the U.S./Canada international border. With an enrollment of about 3,000 students, LSSU offers an undergraduate experience that features small classes, individual attention and faculty/student research opportunities that are not always readily available at larger schools. LSSU students choose from a blend of liberal and technical studies in more than 45 areas. Find out more at lssu.edu.



Student of the Week—Andrew Goodwin By Abrianna Stevens

Congratulations to senior, Andrew Goodwin, for being nominated as Student of the Week! Andrew is the only son of Maurice and Theresa Goodwin, but has two older sisters: Jaime and Shelby. The Goodwin family loves to go on vacation when they can to spend time with one another.

Andrew’s school schedule currently consists of Ag Science, College Math and Trig, College Prep English, Physical Education II, and Wind Ensemble. Ag Science is his favorite class because they learn and complete activities that he is interested in and also because one day he plans to go to college for those interests. Next year his future plan of college is to go to Michigan State University and major in Fisheries and Wildlife.

After being in band all four years of high school, his favorite teacher is Mr. Vliek. He has taught him many life lessons and has shown him how to get through tough times. Not only is Andrew currently in band; he also plays soccer and runs track for FHS. He is involved in 4-H and currently serves as their Club President. Andrew’s favorite thing about Fowlerville, as a community, is how close everyone is and how everyone is there for one another.

Andrew was nominated by many of his teachers. Mrs. Thomas commented, “I have only had the opportunity to work with Andrew out of the classroom at soccer but he is one of the most hardworking, polite kids I have had the opportunity to work with at FHS. He is a great leader, is an excellent role model for other students to follow and always represents FHS in a positive way. He is captain of the boys’ soccer team and drum major in the band. He is an excellent representative of FHS and deserves to be Student of the Week.”

Mr. Vliek stated, “He is one of our drum majors and one of the most respected students I see all day, very well deserved”

High school is winding down but Andrew is looking forward to spending time with his friends and family, and make every moment of high school one to remember. His favorite memory with friends is all of the fun moments they have together in sports, and all the laughs they share.

A recent memory that Andrew recalls is when he had scored on his own goal during a soccer game, that actually tied up the game; however, it came out for the best because they pulled through in the end. Now currently in his senior year, Andrew talks about what he will miss most about high school, “I will miss all the love and support I have had from my family, friends, and teachers.”

For all the underclassmen he wants them to remember “to always do your work, try not to get behind, get involved, make new friends, and have fun with it all.”

Some of Andrew’s favorites are the movie: ‘The Blind Side’; Artist is the *Imagine Dragons*; TV show, *Impractical Jokers*; and video game, *FIFA*. Though he may be the typical teenage boy, he is far from being the typical teenager. This past summer, he visited France and absolutely loved it because he got to see a whole separate world, and found it to be a great experience.

One quote that had always stuck with Andrew is, “Success is the result of perfection, hard work, learning from failure, loyalty, and persistence.”

Smith Elementary School News

IMPORTANT DATES:

January 22 – 1st Grade Vision Screening by LCHD
January 23 – 1st Grade Vision Screening by LCHD
January 26 – School of Choice Window Closes
January 26 - Early Dismissal: 12:00noon
February 2 - PTC Popcorn
February 8-Family Math Night 5:30-7:00
February 8- Applebees Howell- Dining to Donate-don't forget to turn in our coupon so the school gets credit
February 14 – Student Count Day
February 14 - PTC meeting 6:00pm
February 19 – NO SCHOOL President's Day Recess
March 3- MOM2MOM Sale

Color Week January 22-26: Join us in breaking up the winter doldrums by participating in color week! During the week we are planning to dress in a different color each day: Monday-red, Tuesday-yellow, Wednesday-green, Thursday-blue, and Friday-purple.

The Livingston County Health Department Will be Vision Screening – The LCHD will be at Smith Elementary on January 22 & 23 to vision screen 1st grade students. If for any reason you would not want your child to have their vision screened by the Health Department, please contact the office at 517-223-6430 so your child can be placed on the DO NOT SCREEN LIST.

H.T. Smith Is A Latex Free Building! – Our building is a latex and latex balloon free zone We cannot have any product containing latex in our building. Signs have been posted at the entrance doors as a reminder. Please be aware of this when you are planning birthday surprises or classroom parties. ONLY MYLAR BALLOONS ARE PERMITTED! Thank You!

SAVE THE DATE: MOM2MOM Sale at H. T. Smith Elementary on March 3rd. Now is the time to reserve a spot as a vendor.

For additional information, visit www.mom2momsalesmichigan.com or www.mom2momlist.com.

Family Math Night is an opportunity for you to bring your child and learn about our fabulous Bridges Math Program. This year it will be held in the cafeteria on Thursday, February 8 from 5:30-7:00. Those attending will leave with some materials and great ideas to work on math learning at home.

Please do not park in the drop-off (Kiss & Go) lane in front of the school. This lane is to be used for parents to drop off their children and move ahead so the next car can do a drop-off. **During the school day, this is the fire lane- DO NOT PARK THERE!**

Medication –Just a reminder that ALL medications must be delivered to the office by an adult/parent/guardian. The prescription medications must have a current prescription sticker with instructions for dispensing the medication, doctor's name, and child's name. *Parents will have to complete a form in the office for both prescription and non-prescription medications.

—Area Deaths—



Robert C. (Bob) Nygren

Robert C. Nygren (Bob), age 89, died at home in San Bernardino, CA on Saturday January 13, 2018.

Born in Detroit Michigan on August 5th, 1928 to Louis L and Hazel Nygren, he lived in Detroit until the family moved to Fowlerville during the early 1950's. Bob returned to the Nygren family home on Gregory Road in Fowlerville after serving with the U.S. Army during the Korean War for two years. He resided in Fowlerville until relocating to California in 2012 to live with his son, John. He was a carpenter by trade and built custom homes with his four brothers as a partner in Nygren Brothers Construction until his retirement in 1993.

He married Mary M. Smyth in August 1956 and raised eight children together. Mary was the love of his life and he was completely devoted to her. She preceded him in death in 2003. He was also preceded in death by his daughter, Dawn Marie and son, Randy. He is survived by his sons, Lavern Nygren of Arizona, Edward Nygren of Arizona, and John Nygren of California; his daughters, Mary Ellen Nygren of Howell, Robin Moore of Hawaii and Sue Iiams of California; along with 10 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

He is also survived by two sisters, Donna Popa (Nicholas) of Fenton and Barbara Ganton (James) of Williamston.

Bob enjoyed his life and family. He took great pride in his home and especially his lawn! He was known throughout Fowlerville as having the best lawn in the Village. In fact, after his retirement, he spent many a day mowing not only his lawn, but others as well. Being outside in the sunshine and listening to his music brought him much joy.

Services are being held at the Herrmann Funeral Home in Fowlerville on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 11a.m., followed by interment at Greenwood Cemetery in Fowlerville. Visitation took place on Friday, January 19, from 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to Habitat for Humanity at 7198 Grand River Avenue, Brighton, MI 48114 or LACASA at 2895 W. Grand River Avenue, Howell, MI 48843 in his memory.



Stephanie Kellenberger

Stephanie Kellenberger, 46, passed away at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan on Saturday, January 13, 2018. She was raised in Dexter, Michigan and drove public school bus in Howell, Michigan for 17 years.

Known for her quick wit and great sense of humor, Stephanie's time was most fulfilled by spending time with her children and grandchildren on her family farm in Fowlerville, Michigan.

Stephanie was preceded in death by her parents, Tom and Viola Parsons. She is survived by six siblings, her husband: Terrence Kellenberger, daughter: Valerie (Josetan) Stevens, son: Thomas Kellenberger, and granddaughters: Aurora and Reagan Stevens.

Services were held on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at Herrmann Funeral Home in Fowlerville, Michigan. Visitation took place at 10 a.m., followed by a memorial service at 11:30 a.m.

Kreeger Elementary School News

1-26-18: K-5 Half Day/Dismissal at 12 noon
1-29-18, 1-30-18& 1-31-18: Hearing Rescreening 4th grade
3-13-18, 3-14-18& 3-15-18: Vision Screening 3rd and 5th grades
4-24-18: Spring Picture Day

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Saturday, February 17th. 10 am - 12 pm. \$30 each.

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Saturday, February 24th. 10 am - 12 pm. \$30 each.

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Jordan Kennedy, continued

cared for,” Snyder said.

Members will serve four-year terms expiring Dec. 31, 2021. Kennedy will represent the general public on the board.

Asked about the appointment, Kennedy said, “It got around the office of my interest and background in agriculture. I was in 4-H for 12 years, which is how I got the appointment to the Farm Bureau Board. Being a former exhibitor at the Livestock Expo, I was chosen to bring that perspective to our meetings. This is my second year on that board.”

The Livestock Expo is held at the Livestock Pavilion, located on the Michigan State University campus, in mid-July. Over the course of five days, young exhibitors up to the age of 21 show beef cattle, goats, sheep, and hogs.

She also recently became a volunteer at the Ingham County Animal Shelter.

While all of that is deserving of recognition, Kennedy’s day job is even more noteworthy. For the past few years, beginning in June 2013, she has worked fulltime in the Governor’s Executive Office and is currently the Deputy Press Secretary. Prior to that she spent several months as an intern at the office.

“Much of the work of this office involves constituent relations,” Kennedy said. “We call ourselves the state customer service office. We handle questions or concerns that people contact us about. We assist them in navigating the state departments and agencies. Citizens also call us to express their opinion on pending legislation.”

While Kennedy has dealt with those matters as a member of the staff, for almost three years now she has worked with the governor and first lady.

“I’ve been the communications representative for Gov. Snyder since the summer of 2015,” she pointed out. “With my background in writing, I help with tributes and proclamations that the governor presents, letters of recognition, and prepare briefings.”

Kennedy also serves as the media spokesperson for the first lady. “I do press releases on her planned activities and,” she said. “I also prepare briefings for her, help with speeches, and coordinate media interviews.”

That assistance has included helping Sue Snyder in her effort to draw attention to finding a cure for breast cancer and the problem of sexual assaults on college campuses.

“Each first lady has a special project she focuses on,” noted Kennedy. “Mrs. Snyder, being a breast cancer survivor, started with that cause. But four years ago she added campus sexual assault. What I’ve learned has been an eye opener. It’s been a rewarding experience to work with the first lady to draw attention to this problem.”

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JORDAN, WHO WAS BORN ON AUGUST 28, 1990, spent her first ten years living with her family in Fayette, Ohio, a small town just south of the Michigan border.

“I have two older brothers, Justin and Zak, and a younger sister, Morgan,” she noted.

Her father, Jim Kennedy, worked in logistics for Federal

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Express (he still does), while her mother, Robin, at that time was a stay-at-home mom who also home-schooled her children.

“We lived near a huge farm that raised hogs and my brothers started showing swine, purchased from the place, as 4-H’ers in the Fulton County Fair,” Jordan recalled. “When I was old enough I also had pigs at the fair.”

Fayette would have continued being her home, except that her father’s job was transferred to Metro Detroit. That meant finding a new place to live.

“Our family had gotten the 4-H bug,” she said. “We wanted to live in a rural area where we could have livestock. My parents found a place on East Lovejoy Road north of Fowlerville. It has four acres and included a farm house and a gorgeous, large barn. The barn burned down about four years ago, but a new one was built.”

Growing up in her new home, Jordan belonged to the Barnyard Bunch 4-H Club, showed sheep and pigs at the Fowlerville Fair, and exhibited the pigs at the Michigan State Fair when it was in operation along with the Livestock Expo.

“I was in 4-H until I reached the maximum age of 18 and continued showing at the state level until I was 21,” she said.

Highlights included having the Champion Hog at the fair in 2007 and the Champion Lamb for four straight years. “At Livestock Expo, I won the Champion Hog in my final years of eligibility,” Jordan said. “It was a great way to go out.”

Those years were not all devoted to her livestock projects. She noted that she participated in a Home School Sports League, playing volleyball, and took guitar lessons. There was also an interest in writing.

After completing her high school studies, Jordan attended Lansing Community College for a year to complete her basic classes. She then transferred to Spring Arbor University in Spring Arbor (near Jackson) where she studied communications, focusing on advertising and public relations.

“I wrote for the college newspaper,” she said. “I was also part of the student government. One of the jobs I had, which I got paid for, was advertising and marketing special events we put on. I also was part of the phone-a-thon where we called alumni to raise money for scholarships.”

It was during a ‘Women in Leadership’ event at the college, which Jordan helped promote, that she got the opportunity that led to her current position.

“One of the participants was a lady who worked in the governor’s office,” Jordan recalled. “I approached her during one of the breakout sessions and asked if there might be an opportunity to work there as an intern. She encouraged me to apply for a position.

“And, as they say, the rest is history,” Jordan said.

She served as an intern during her final semester at Spring Arbor in the Fall of 2012. After graduation, she continued on a part-time basis as an intern and also worked at the Ralph Lauren store in Tanger Outlets in Howell. Then that June she began working fulltime at the office.

But this tenure will soon end. Her job at the office and as deputy press secretary ends this coming December when Gov. Snyder leaves office—a fate she shares with the rest of the staff.

“It’ll be tough,” she said. “I’ve really enjoyed working with the governor and first lady. I believe that Michigan is better off since Gov. Snyder took office, and as a result of his policies and the approach he’s taken. Unemployment has gone down, new jobs have been created, Michigan has experienced a turnaround, and I’m proud to be part of the team that accomplished this.”

Jordan’s work at the governor’s office was, by law, centered on administrative and policy matters. She did, however, volunteer during her free time to help with Gov. Snyder’s re-election campaign and that same year (2014) was elected as a Precinct Delegate to the Livingston County Republican Convention.

While the coming months will no doubt be bittersweet, given that this was her first job after college, Jordan said that she’s “excited about starting a new chapter.”

“I’m not sure in what career direction I’ll go,” she continued. “I have different interests. I have this background of working in the governor’s office. I’ve been working with Farm Bureau. I want to keep my options open. But I do want to stay in the communications’ realm, and I want to stay in Michigan.”

As a final comment, Jordan wished “to thank the Fowlerville and Livingston

County community” for the support they showed by purchasing her livestock market animals when she was in 4-H.

“Whatever success I’ve had, I attribute in part to the support of these local businesses and individuals who bought my pigs and sheep at the auction,” she said. “I want them to know I used the money to help pay my college expenses. I really appreciate the opportunity they gave me. I know I speak on behalf of my brothers and sister who feel the same.”

Upcoming Events at St. Agnes Catholic Church

St. Agnes office hours: Monday thru Thursday 8am-4pm; Friday 8am-12noon. For the full schedule of events, visit our parish calendar at this link: <http://parishcalendar.com:8080/4/4447/>

*****Feast of St Agnes:** Sunday, January 21. St Agnes, Pray for us!

*****Weekday Mass Schedule:** What a blessed way to bolster your ‘Spirit Fitness’! Wednesday evening at 6:30pm, Thursday and Friday morning at 8:00am. PLEASE NOTE: Jan 24-25-26 (Weds-Thurs-Fri) there will be a Communion Service in place of a Mass.

*****Weekday Communion Service Schedule:** Monday and Tuesday morning at 9:00am in the Chapel.

*****Blood Drive:** Monday, January 22. 12:30pm until 6:30pm in our LPC gym. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #8605. Give the gift of life!

*****Fit Club:** Is your New Year resolution to lose weight and/or get fit? FREE workout class, open to anyone who desires to add more fitness to their life. Upcoming dates: 7:00-8:00pm January 22, 24, 31 and February 2, 5, 6, 9. Classes meet in LPC A/B.

*****Adoration:** A great opportunity to thank Jesus for the blessings in your life! Monday at 6:30pm, Tuesday at 6:00pm, and Wednesday at 7:00pm.

*****His Merciful Heart Prayer Group:** Praise the Lord every Tuesday evening at 7:30pm in RE 6.

*****Reconciliation:** Every Wednesday at 7:00pm-8:00pm. Every Saturday at 3:00-3:45pm. PLEASE NOTE: No Reconciliation Weds, January 24.

*****Morning Rosary:** Every Thursday at 10:00am in the Chapel.

*****Welcome Table:** Every Thursday evening at 6:00pm in our LPC-Gym. Great home cooking!

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80-year-old Fowlerville lady, continued

from leaves to bark to gourds.

Her neighbor Raymond Bessert generously supplies her wood and log pieces that are already sanded down and ready to paint.

“My neighbor goes up north and pulls logs out of the water that beavers have actually chewed on,” she explained. “He brings it back to me and then I paint a beaver on it.”

For painting leaves, the process is a lengthy one. It begins in the fall with waiting for the leaves to change color. Once she picks her leaves she brings them inside and puts them in glycerin for 30 minutes. After that she will wipe them off and put them in a flower press where they will sit for six months.

Once they’re ready and both sides of the leaf are sealed, she will paint them, varnish them and—last but not least—laminare and cut them out.

The gourd ornaments, which Lucas said is her favorite thing to paint, are a popular item. She has painted some for almost every Michigan sports team.

She also paints lighthouses on rocks that come straight from Lake Superior.

“I know a guy who has a lighthouse on Lake Superior called Crisp Point Lighthouse and around this time of year I paint on these rocks from Lake Superior,” she said. “He comes before Memorial Day to buy them and then takes them up there to sell.”

Lucas mostly sells her work at the annual craft show held in her daughter’s barn right next door to her home. The craft show is always held on the first weekend in November. This year will mark their 15th year doing it.

“There was 14 vendors in 2017 with pretty much every kind of craft you can think of,” Lucas said. “There is lots of food there — the neighbor across the road is really famous for her pumpkin roll. My daughter also makes jellies and stuff like that.”

In addition to selling at the craft show, Lucas also accepts custom orders. Her ornaments start at \$5 a piece while some of the bigger items could be anywhere from \$20 to \$30.

Before moving to Fowlerville in 2004, Lucas lived in Byron for 40 years. With her late husband, Jim, she had three children—Sherrie, James and Tammie. In addition to painting, Lucas also enjoys sewing and crocheting in her spare time.

For more information or to place a custom order, give Marda a call at (517) 521-3007.



Marda Lucas taught herself to paint by reading a book and following the instructions.



Here is a sampling of Marda Lucas's painted items.

80-year-old Fowlerville lady self-taught herself to paint

Been Creating Unique Items Ever Since
By Ashlee Buhler

When looking at the work of Marda Lucas you might not ever guess that painting is a skill she taught herself. It all began with a few books and the desire to spruce up her husband's wooden creations.

"I would think, 'this needs to be painted' and so I bought a couple of books and taught myself how to do it," she said. "My husband always used to say I didn't just have a few books – I had a library."

Once her husband stopped making wood pieces, Lucas turned to painting gourds.

That's how her 'at home' business "Gourds & More!" began several decades ago.

"I had to do something – I just couldn't sit still," Lucas said. "Once I got started painting and he didn't want to make the wooden things anymore, I had to find

something else to paint on.

"One of my daughters collects angels and the other one collects snowmen," she continued. "In one of my books, I saw how you could make gourds into angels and snowmen, so then I just went on from there."

The 80-year old Lucas continues to keep busy by painting a variety of pieces in her home. Looking at pictures for inspiration, Lucas created detailed designs on everything

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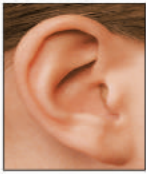


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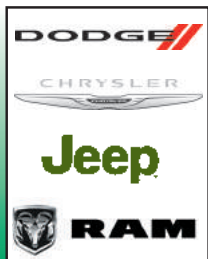
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