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One of the pirate groups show off their new hats and spyglasses.

## Fowlerville District Library entertains preschoolers with pirate program

"From A to Z with Mrs. D" is a preschool group at the Fowlerville District Library for 2-4 year olds and their adult helper. There are four groups that meet weekly on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10am and 11am. This program focuses on early literacy and social development, and also includes many activities such as science, small and large motor skill play, stories and songs based on a chosen theme—all the while having fun.

On March 21 and 22 the children celebrated Pirate Day. All the groups got to read a book about pirates, sing pirate songs, play pirate games, and make their own pirate hats and spyglasses! From A to Z with Mrs. D is also part of the library's Summer Reading Program. Registration for summer groups begins May 31.

The preschool group is one of several programs held at the library. There are various offerings designed for older children, teens, and adults.



These three little pirates play a colorful fishing game.

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## Michigan House Report

By Dr. Hank Vaupel,  
47<sup>nd</sup> District

This past week the House voted to update Michigan’s education curriculum standards. Michigan schools need to give children more classroom options that lead to increased job opportunities. I believe we must give students more flexibility within graduation requirements, allowing them to learn more about their career aspirations. Legislation passed by the House will add computer science and coding opportunities for students, as well as offer statistics as an equivalent to algebra II for math requirements. We’re also expanding career and technical education programs to provide real-world experiences for our young people. These changes bring Michigan’s education curriculum to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. I’m proud to support these proposed changes. The bills now move to the Senate for consideration.

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I attended the Michigan Association of Counties Conference reception last week. Local government plays a great role in the functionality of our state, and as a former township supervisor, I’m a huge supporter of local control. It was a pleasure to see Livingston County Commissioner Doug Helzerman at the event as well!

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Legislation I introduced to remove political party icons from the ballot was approved by the House Elections and Ethics Committee this week. Political vignettes are small icons first added to the ballot in the 1890s. Ballots have changed drastically since then and the icons no longer serve a purpose. The icons don’t line up with the political party they’re meant to represent, and they’ve gotten so small that it’s impossible for people to identify who or what is depicted in the picture. In addition, vignettes have confused some voters who think circling the icon is all they have to do to cast a straight-ticket vote. When people make this mistake it’s a shame because their votes don’t count, and everybody’s vote should count. I was pleased to work on this bill with Livingston County Clerk Elizabeth Hundley, who joined me earlier this month to testify before the committee. The bill now moves to the full House for consideration.

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A big thank you to Fowlerville Police Chief John Tyler for coordinating presentations on opioid awareness at United Brethren Church last week. As chair of the House Health Policy Committee, I’ve learned a lot about the detrimental effects opioid abuse has had across our state. Many of my colleagues are working on legislation aimed at reducing instances of overdose. I’m always supportive of legislation like this and look forward to learning about more ways to reduce these tragic incidents. We also welcomed Michigan Automated Prescription System to present on opioid prescription monitoring during the Health Policy Committee meeting this week. More education is crucial to put an end to opioid abuse.

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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](mailto:HankVaupel@house.mi.gov). We are happy to hear from you!

## Fowlerville High School News

### OFFICE HOURS

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

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Apr 3 School resumes  
Apr 11 & 12 Testing  
Apr 14 Holiday break

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**Attention Junior Students and Parents** - Please check the Class of 2018 social media accounts for way that you can help with this year’s prom which is on May 13th. Contact Mrs. Collins ([collinsn@fowlervilleschools.org](mailto:collinsn@fowlervilleschools.org)) or Ms. Hart ([hartn@fowlervilleschools.org](mailto:hartn@fowlervilleschools.org)) if you have any questions.

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### Fowlerville High School Testing Schedule 2017!

Testing for Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors will begin the week of April 10, 2017!

New state law requires all 9th and 10th grade students to participate in a state summative assessment. Summative assessments measure what students are expected to know and be able to do at specific grade levels and in specific content areas.

The Michigan Merit Exam (MME) has three components and is the required assessment for 11th grade students. The MME includes the SAT, ACT WorkKeys, and M-STEP Science and Social Studies assessments.

### Testing schedule for Fowlerville High School students for Tuesday, April 11, 2017:

Seniors **do NOT attend** school on Tuesday, April 11. Freshmen will participate in the PSAT 8/9. Freshmen are to report to FHS for testing by 7:30 am. Testing will conclude by 11:05 am. Freshmen will then follow their 4 - 6 hour schedule and will be dismissed at 2:10 pm. Sophomores will participate in the PSAT 10. Sophomores are to report to FHS for testing by 7:30 am. Testing will conclude by 11:05 am. Sophomores will then follow their 4 - 6 hour schedule and will be dismissed at 2:10 pm. Juniors will participate in the SAT. Juniors are to report to FHS for testing by 7:30 am. Testing will conclude by 1:00 pm. Juniors are dismissed for the day once testing concludes.

### Testing schedule for Fowlerville High School students for Wednesday, April 12, 2017:

Freshmen, Sophomores, and Seniors will follow their regular school schedule. Juniors will report to FHS for testing by 7:30 am, where they will participate in the ACT WorkKeys. Once testing for ACT WorkKeys concludes, Juniors will attend lunch in the cafeteria. After lunch, Juniors will take the M-STEP Science followed by the M-STEP Social Studies assessments. Juniors will be dismissed at the regular time of 2:10 pm.

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

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**Business Owners...** The current Seniors are looking to fill Graduation Goodie Bags. Each of our seniors will receive a GOOD-IE BAG at the end of Lock-In. If you own a business and would like to give away something to all 200 seniors we will gladly

accept and handout your free-bee. Coupons or discounts to your business, trinkets, a T-shirt advertising your business, pencils, post-it notes, flyers, etc. What a great way to advertise to 200 young community members along with their families.

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**A reminder to all of the SENIOR parents** that would still like to participate in this year’s Alternative Fundraiser... donations are still being accepted! Every donation will help make this year’s lock-in the best ever! \$20, \$40, \$75, \$100 or more. All donations go directly to helping fund the overnight Lock-In party to keep seniors safe on graduation day! Donations can be made online: <http://tinyurl.com/FCS2017>

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

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**Ordering Transcripts (Michigan eTranscripts)** please visit the Fowlerville High School website for more information.

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**Parents having trouble using Zangle** to view grades, e-mail questions to [connect@fowlervilleschools.org](mailto:connect@fowlervilleschools.org)

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Easter Egg Hunt being held on Saturday, April 8, at Community Park

The Livingston Centre Historic Village will sponsor the *Annual Easter Egg Hunt* on Saturday, April 8 at 11:00am in the Fowlerville Community Park on North Grand Ave. All children ten and under are welcome; parents must remain on site for additional supervision.

Participating children will be grouped by age: 2-, 3-, 4-year olds will hunt for eggs first, followed by 5-, 6-, and 7-year olds. Children who are 8-, 9-, and 10-years will finish the egg hunt. Baskets will be provided to all participants. Everyone will be given a small gift bag for joining in the fun.

Some eggs are marked as special and children finding those will receive an additional reward.

The Easter Bunny will be mingling for parents to snap their own holiday photos. Also, the Barrel Train will be on-site, offering free rides for smaller children.

Look for Livingston Centre Historic Village signs to join in this fun and traditional spring-time activity.



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Upcoming Programs at the Fowlerville District Library

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

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

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 **Livingston Reads 2017: Jaws --March 1<sup>st</sup>-April 30<sup>th</sup>**
 Livingston Reads is a “One Book, One Community” project offered by the six Livingston County libraries (Brighton, Cromaine, Fowlerville, Hamburg, Howell, and Pinckney), and is a program to encourage residents to read for enjoyment and to create community through reading.
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**Reading to Fred the Therapy Dog: Most Mondays at 4pm**
 Fred is a mature Golden Retriever certified therapy dog. Fred’s ‘mom’, Shelly, has been volunteering her dogs’ services at the library for many years. Reading to Fred improves literacy skills, builds fluency, and raises reading confidence regardless of ability. *\*Drop-in event.*
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 **Reading with Spring Babies --Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30-6:30pm**
**Preschool-Adults.** Welcome spring to the Fowlerville District Library. Indoors, we will read to small animals like bunnies and chicks. Outdoors, we will visit with larger farm animals like goats and alpacas. Animals are provided by Chamberlin Pony Rides and Mobile Petting Zoo. *\*Participation is limited. Register in person to attend. Registration begins April 5th.*
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**Garden Club --Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm**
**Adults.** This group meets once a month on a Thursday and is brought to you by the local Master Gardeners of the Fowlerville Garden Club. *\*Registration for this program is now closed.*
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**Glass Mosaic Votive Holders --Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**
**Adults.** Join us as we conclude our Winter Crafting Series! At this craft night we’ll be using stained glass and creativity to make mosaic candle holders! *\*Register in person to attend. Registration begins April 6<sup>th</sup> and includes a refundable \$5 cash deposit.*
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**SuperWhoLock Fandom Party --Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 5-8pm**
**Teens 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades.** Whether you’re already a fan of Supernatural, Doctor Who, or Sherlock, or just want to find out why everyone else is so obsessed with these outlandish shows, this is your chance to hang out with other fans, learn what it’s all about, and bask in all of your collective geekery. We will watch the first episode of each show, play trivia games, and eat pizza and popcorn (or fish fingers and custard, we haven’t really decided yet). *\*Registration is required and includes a 2016-2017 signed program permission form. Registration begins April 7th. Register by April 19th to attend.*
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**Through the Eyes of Rose: Author Talk with John Kozak --Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

**Adults.** Meet Michigan author John Kozak as he shares his mother’s story. Through the Eyes of Rose tells the story of how Rose Kozak defied the Czechoslovakian Communists in 1949 and escaped with her children through the Bohemian Forest to freedom. John Kozak was only seven when he escaped with his mother and older sister from communist rule. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Light refreshment will be served. *\*Register in person to attend. Registration begins April 6th and includes a refundable \$5 cash deposit. Copies of Kozak’s book “Through the Eyes of Rose” will be given at registration while supplies last on a first-come first-served basis.*

Kreeger Elementary School News

**April 3:** Welcome back!
**April 10:** M-Step testing begins! Parents please remember to have your children go to bed at an earlier hour and make sure that they have a nutritious breakfast at home or at school.
**April 13:** Limo rides with lunch at Wendy’s have been scheduled for those students who sold \$200.00 or more with the Great Lakes Fundraiser.
**April 14:** NO SCHOOL- Good Friday
**April 20:** *Once Upon A Lily Pad-Presented by Third Grade Student--* 6:30 p.m. at the Alverson Center for the Performing Arts
**May 29:** NO SCHOOL Memorial Day Recess
**June 8:** 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day
**June 9:** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Greenfield Village 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day
**June 13:** K-11 HALF DAY OF SCHOOL- **DISMISSAL 12 NOON**
**June 14:** K-11 HALF DAY OF SCHOOL- **DISMISSAL 12 NOON**
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**ATTENDANCE ISSUES:** Please remember to call the Attendance Hotline 517.223.6333when your child is going to be absent from school. The Hotline is available 24 hours a day. Also, if your child visits the dentist, the orthodontist or their physician, ask for a “School Excuse” this is a considered a medically documented absence and is not counted against your child. Thank you for your cooperation.
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**Child Study Team:** Each school building in the Fowlerville Community School District has a Child Study Team/Response to Intervention process in place, which is a vehicle for staff members to review student performance, concerns, and collaboratively develop interventions. If you have concerns about your child’s development and are interested in more information on special services, contact his/her building Principal

**Card of Thanks**
 A big “thank you” to everyone for helping me celebrate my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and also for all of the cards and gifts. I want to thank the Ladies Auxiliary for preparing the food and the VFW for the use of the hall. Thanks again for making my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday special.
 Carl Morgan

**DON'T LET YOUR CHILD BE A DABBLER**

*Is your child good at starting things . . . but not so good at finishing?!*


In my last article I wrote about the first part of our dojo training theme for this month “*I’m not better than anyone else...*” This week I get to explain the even more powerful second half of this sentence “*...but no one is better than me*” so you can share this with your child – **on the ride home!** There are three important aspects to “*...but no one is better than me!*”

1. This first one is pretty obvious. A key to success and a characteristic of all black belts is CONFIDENCE. Confidence in the face of self-doubt, fear, failure or hardship. We often use the saying “*Fake it until you make it!*” It goes without saying, to do anything worthwhile in life it will probably be hard and take a lot of time. The only way you can consistently succeed is to have the ability to sustain your drive, energy and attitude. Never stopping until you succeed. Remember “*Failure is temporary but quitting is permanent!*”
2. The second one is a sneaky one. Without really know it, many people are lulled to sleep in life. They go through most of their life settling for good enough, average or mediocre. It is easy to see why. Society tells us to fit in. Don’t rock the boat. When an employee or student starts to work hard and excel her peers say “What are you doing?!” You are going to make us look bad?!” So from a very early age we are rewarded for fitting in and staying average. Not at this dojo. Here is an important black belt attitude and habit – “*If I am going to do anything worthwhile I always strive to be the very best.*”

*Not just the best at my school or dojo or job. Not just the best in the U.S. Not just the best in the world. I will be the best ever!!!!!!!!!!!!*

3. The third one is “Don’t Let Your Child Dabble”. We have ruined a generation by giving them some bad advice on life and success - “*Don’t take that first job. Wait and follow your passion!*” At 25 or 30 they are following their passion right to their parent’s basement! The reason why? They have it all backwards! Passion is not what comes first. First you work really hard on something. Then you get really, really good at it. Then you fall in love with it. Then finally the passion is found. The secret to success? Don’t become a dabbler especially in your 20’s. But it starts when you are young. It is easy to spot the dabblers. When they are young they try a lot of different sports or activities but never stick with any of them. Later in college they change majors a dozen times. They often have difficulty staying in a committed long term relationship. When they enter the working world they cannot hold a job. Help your child stick with one or two things early, work hard for a long time, and become the best . . . **ever!**

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- ➡ Do you have pain when you sit for long periods or drive?
- ➡ Do you experience pain, numbness or tingling into your butt, groin or down your leg?
- ➡ Does your back ever “go out” if you move the wrong way?
- ➡ Are you afraid your pain will get worse if you don’t do anything about it?

If you have answered YES to any of the above questions (or have a stubborn spouse who is in denial) – the Lower Back and Sciatica Workshop may be a life changing event for you...

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- It can make you lean on the shopping cart when walking through the grocery store...
- It can take your focus away from enjoying your life... like spending time with your children or grandchildren...
- It can mess up your work or force you to do a job you don’t want to do...
- It can ruin your travel plans...
- And it can take away your ability to live life... having to rely on others... or having to wait for you to sit down for a minute.



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- ✓ A Sure-Fire Way to Pick the Right Treatment for the Cause of Your Pain (and save a ton of time and money)
- ✓ How a problem in your back can cause pain, numbness or tingling in your leg...
- ✓ What successful treatment and permanent relief looks like without the side effects of medications, injections or surgery.

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: How Do I Register for the Lower Back Pain and Sciatica Workshop? **Call our office to register at 517-545-3200** :  
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When you register, we will mail you The Lower Back Pain and Sciatica Worksheet which you will bring with you to the event.  
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: **How Much Is It to Attend? The Workshop Is FREE!** :  
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All attendees for the Sciatica and Lower Back Pain Workshop will receive a Special Report:  
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**John Dean PT, DPT, OCS, SCS**  
Co-Owner, Mid-Michigan Physical Therapy Specialists

PS – The first SEVEN People to call and register at 517-545-3200 will receive A **FREE EXERCISE GYM BALL!**  
PPS – We have a limited number of seats for this event, but when you register, you can bring a guest (we do this because many people request to bring their spouse or other family member).





# Smith Elementary School News

**IMPORTANT DATES:**  
 April 3 – School Resumes  
 April 7- PTC Popcorn  
 April 10 – Kindergarten Round Up for 2017/2018 (8:00-10:30, 1:00-3:00 & 5:00-7:00)  
 April 11 – Kindergarten Round Up for 2017/2018 (8:00-10:30, 1:00-3:00 & 5:00-7:00)  
 April 12 - PTC meeting 6:00pm  
 April 12 & 13 – Hearing Screening – K & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade



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April 14 – NO SCHOOL – Good Friday  
 April 18, 19 & 20 – Hearing Screening – K & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
 April 21- Field Trip to Impression 5: Griffin, Smith, Randolph, Riccio  
 April 25-Spring Pictures  
 April 28- Field Trip to Impression 5: Dodd, King, Wolff, Gerecke  
 May 2, 3, 4 & 9 – Hearing ReScreening – K & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
 May 5- PTC Popcorn  
 May 8- Grade 2 performance: Where the Wild Things Are 2:00pm @ the Alverson Center  
 May 9- Grade 2 performance: Where the Wild Things Are 10:00am and 7:00pm @ the Alverson Center  
 May 10 – PTC Meeting 6:00 pm  
 May 19-Mom2Mom sale set up 5:00-8:00  
 May 20-Mom2Mom sale 9:00-1:00  
 May 25- Family Fun Fitness Night 5:30-7:00  
 May 29 – NO SCHOOL Memorial Day Recess  
 June 1- PTC Fun Run- times to be determined  
 June 2- Field Day-times to be determined  
 June 2- PTC Popcorn  
 June 7 – Smiles Michigan Dental visit  
 June 9-PTC End of the Year Party  
 June 13 – ½ Day of School – Dismissal at Noon  
 June 14 – ½ Day of School – Dismissal at Noon

**2017/2018 Kindergarten Round Up** – H.T. Smith Elementary will be holding Kindergarten Round Up for the 2017/2018 school year. There will be a 2-day event at Smith Elementary on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. The hours are 8:00 – 10:30, 1:00 – 3:00 & 5:00 – 7:00 on both days. You can come either day, during any of the 6 sessions available. **Please bring your soon to be Kindergartener with you for a brief screening session with teachers.** Also please bring required enrollment items with you which include state issued birth certificate, current immunization record, vision screening (after age 3), SEE IMPORTANT VISION SCREENING INFORMATION BELOW, and proof of residency (Driver License and 1 piece of mail, a utility/ phone bill, voter registration card, lease/purchase agreement, etc.) that shows your name and address together. You can pre enroll online at fowlervilleschools.org, click on the “New Student Enrollment” link. There will be 2 sections of forms to complete, the 1<sup>st</sup> section must be printed before going to the 2<sup>nd</sup> section. There are approximately 14 total pages to print. Or if you prefer, wait until Round Up. Computers and printers will be available for you to use.

**PTC Updates-** Plan to attend the general membership meeting on April 12 at 6:00pm in the school cafeteria to learn more about the fantastic events that are happening here!

**\*Important Vision Screening Information For Kindergarten Round Up** – We are happy to have the Livingston County Health Department joining us during our Kindergarten Round Up daytime sessions. If your child needs a vision screening, the LCHD will be available during Round

Up from 8:00-10:30 and 1:00-3:00, April 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. If you cannot bring your child to Round Up during daytime hours, but someone else you know can bring them for the vision screening, all you need to do is send a permission form with that designated person. The form you need is available in the H.T. Smith office. If you cannot get the form for any reason, you may hand write a permission slip with the following items: Date, Parent’s Name, Child’s Name, Name of person bringing child in, permission for LCHD to provide vision screening, permission to let LCHD share results with Smith Elementary and Parent’s signature. Please call 517-223-6430 if you have any questions.

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

**Smith Elementary Collects BoxTops for Education** – Please remember to clip BoxTops and send them to school with your child in a ziplock bag or envelope with your child’s name and teacher name written on the outside. Each classroom keeps track of how many are turned in for different contests that are held throughout the school year by our PTC. Please encourage friends and family to save their BoxTops as well to help out our school.

**Save Campbells Soup Labels and Tyson Labels** – Please send your Campbells Soup labels and Tyson labels to school. Teachers can redeem them for supplies for their classrooms. Thank You!

## Breathers’ Club meeting to be held on April 11 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: April 11. Our Pulmonary Rehabilitation Therapist is available to assist and answer questions. For recorded meeting information call: (517) 545-6020.



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# Fowlerville Junior High School News

**Important Dates:**

Semi-Formal Dance-- Apr. 7  
End of 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period-- Apr. 7  
No School-- Apr. 14  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Chicago-- May 4-5  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Cranbrook-- May 8th  
Archery Nationals-- May 11-12  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Mackinaw--May 24-25

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**SPORTS FOR WEEK OF APRIL 3:**

TRACK practice begins daily from 2:30-4:00; come prepared to work both inside & outside, depending on the weather! Extra clothes may be kept in locker in either GLR or BLR. Furnish your own lock.

If you missed the introductory sessions before break, you can still join the track teams. Physicals REQUIRED.

Opening TRACK meet is Wed., April 19. There are some major changes in track this year. Please carefully look over any information coming home.

Coaches: Heidi Walsh, Amy Maurer, & Vanessa Duke.

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**A Night in Hollywood-- Semi Formal Dance - RESCHEDULED**

The Student Council is proud to announce the Semi Formal Dance which will take place on Friday, April 7th, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Students are to dress in Semi Formal attire - no jeans allowed. The cost of the dance is \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Anyone that had signed up to chaperone, please contact Ms. DeLuca at 223-6250 or delucac@fowlervilleschools.org, if you are no longer able to.

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**YEARBOOK INFORMATION**

Yearbook is looking for candid sports photos from all Junior High Sports. If you have some you would like to submit please send them ASAP. to spizsm@fowlervilleschools.org for possible use in the yearbook.

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

# Howell Carnegie District Library Winter 2017 Adult Events

**One Idea, Two Stories: Jaws Book vs. Movie Discussion**

A Livingston Reads: One Book, One Community Program Tuesday, April 4, 6:30pm-8:00pm, Meabon Room, Free Jaws is both a thrilling novel and terrifying movie, but the story in Peter Benchley's original book differs greatly from the one depicted in Spielberg's iconic film. Join us for a lively discussion comparing these two works and share your opinion on which is better: the book or the film? Drop in, no registration required. Graciously sponsored by the Friends of the Howell Carnegie District Library in Memory of Mary Goetsch

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**Billy Durant: Founder of General Motors** A Friends of the Howell Carnegie District Library Forum Program Tuesday, April 18, 2017, 7:00-8:00pm, Meabon Room. Free.

William Crapo Durant was a true entrepreneur. He was not a builder of cars but rather a builder of companies; a dreamer who put several automobile companies together into what became the world's largest corporation. Explore the life of this somewhat unknown icon of American industry with automotive history writer and presenter Russell Doré. Registration is required.

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**Wonders of the Deep** A Livingston Reads: One Book, One Community Program Saturday, April 29, 10:15am-11:15am & 11:30am-12:30pm, Meabon Room, Free Take a trip to the bottom of the ocean without leaving the library! Learn about many denizens of the deep at Supe's Exotic Jungle traveling ocean show and get a chance to pet starfish, stingrays, and even sharks! All ages welcome; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required and begins April 1, 2017 online, by calling 517-546-0720 x106, or in person at the Information Desk. Graciously sponsored by the Friends of the Howell Carnegie District Library in Memory of Mary Goetsch

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To register for a program or for more information, visit the Information Desk at the Howell Carnegie District Library at 314 W Grand River Ave, call 517-546-0720 x106, or see the library's website at [www.howelllibrary.org](http://www.howelllibrary.org). The library's hours are Monday-Thursday 10am-8pm, Friday-Saturday 10am-5pm, and Sunday 12pm-4pm September through May.

# 4-H Therapeutic Riding Program to hold Scrap Metal Fundraiser April 29

Grand Equestrians—the Livingston County 4-H Therapeutic Riding Program—is holding a Scrap Metal Fundraiser at the Fowlerville Fairgrounds, 8800 W. Grand River, on Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bring your Old Scrap Metal (anything large or small) to the Fowlerville Fairgrounds to donate for recycling. However, refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners cannot be accepted.

All proceeds will benefit the 4-H Therapeutic Riding Program. A special thanks to Advance Metal Alloys for their dumpsters donation and recycling services. Any questions, contact Dorothea Bugard at 517-521-3570.



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By Cheryl Poch  
**Happy April!**

I would like to start by letting you in on a scam that is going around in some Michigan Libraries. Audrey compiled this information for us here at the library and I am passing this along for all to read and be informed of some of the strange and or weird things that libraries are concerned about on a day-to-day basis.

We recently learned of a scam going around that target local businesses. A person claiming to represent a book company approaches local business owners, asking for donations to raise money to buy books for the local library or school. They make it sound like the library or school is asking for book donations, when in reality, the schools and libraries know nothing about this supposed fundraiser.

In one Michigan community close to \$2,000 dollars was raised by this company from local businesses in the name of the local library and school. They then delivered a pitiful stack of 10 books to the public and school libraries along with thank-you notes to send to the local business owners.

This has been happening across the country, and has even happened in several places throughout Michigan. We would like to make everyone aware of this scam, especially local business owners.

We want it to be clear that Fowlerville District Library is **NOT** asking for monetary donations through any third party company. If we ever do a fundraiser, we will have an article in the paper about it, letting the community know what we are fundraising for and that the Fowlerville Library is truly responsible for it. If you ever wish to

make a donation to the library, please do so directly and not through people like this, who do not have your or the library’s best-interest in mind.

It is amazing some of the things that cross our desk, e-mails, and the like. I cannot tell you how many times I get phone calls asking for this and that... leaving messages that sound legitimate for library purposes. It is a different world out there this day and age. One has to be on their toes at all times to decipher what is true and what is false.

It’s Springtime – come on in and check out all our new materials – books, magazines, CD’s DVD’s and more. See you in the library!

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

## Easter Expo Day for Kids being held at St. John’s Lutheran Church on April 8

In order to help kids experience the story of Easter, St. John’s Lutheran Church in Fowlerville is inviting the community to join them on Saturday, April 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the Easter Expo Day. Preschoolers through teens will enjoy something like Vacation Bible School for a day, with great music, worship, Bible teaching, a mission project, a craft and more. A pizza lunch will also be served.


“Our volunteers are excited to help kids know more fully the love of God as shown through Jesus’ life, death and resurrection. This year we are doing it in the style of VBS, with stations of fun, learning and friendship,” says Pastor Diane Greble. The congregation is offering this day in response to God’s love for the whole world; it is free but registration by phone or e-mail is encouraged because space is limited.”

St. John’s is also in the planning stages of their annual summer Vacation Bible School It will be held July 9 through 13 and the theme is “Maker Fun Factory: Created by God for a Purpose!” At this VBS, kids will be inspired to see the greatness of God’s creation and to engage in creating, building, and growing their own God-given gifts. VBS is free for children ages 4 through teens. Pre-register at 517-223-9108 or [www.stjohnsfowlerville.org](http://www.stjohnsfowlerville.org).

# Dick Scott

MOTOR MALL

## Fowlerville High School’s “ATHLETES” OF THE WEEK



**Golf Captains**

**John Toaso (senior)** - John Toaso is a four year member of the golf team and has been a top Gladiator for Coach Ward every season. More importantly, Toaso has been a great teammate to all incoming players and a very coachable player, making him a joy to have on the team. His personality and growth as an individual in the classroom and on the course has lead him to become a captain of the Gladiator team and a top golfer in the CAAC. If his past three seasons are any indication of what is about to come, then his 2017 season will be fun to watch.

**Stephen Ward-Brown (senior)** - When he’s not standing in front of an incoming slapshot, Stephen is working hard on his golf game. In Stephen’s first season playing for the Gladiator team, he earned All-Conference honors making him a valuable part of the 2017 varsity team to compete alongside Toaso. Stephen has become a strong and valuable presence on the roster and a player that his teammates enjoy being around. His academic excellence and desire to compete has made him a true student-athlete and a captain that leads by example. We look forward to his upcoming season with the team.

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

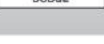



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## Savvy Senior Column

By Jim Miller

### The ABCs of Picking a Medicare Supplemental Policy Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you provide any advice on choosing a Medicare supplemental policy to help cover things outside of Medicare? I'll be 65 in a few months and could use some assistance.

Looking for Help

#### Dear Looking,

If you plan to enroll in original Medicare, getting a supplemental policy (also known as Medigap insurance) too is a smart idea because it will help pay for things that aren't covered by Medicare like copayments, coinsurance and deductibles. Here are some tips to help you choose an appropriate plan.

#### Medigap Plans

In all but three states (Massachusetts, Minnesota, and Wisconsin), Medigap plans, which are sold by private health insurers, come in 10 standardized benefit packages labeled with the letters A, B, C, D, F, G, K, L, M and N.

Plan F is the most popular policy followed by plan C because they provide comprehensive coverage. Plans K and L are high-deductible policies that have lower premiums but impose higher out-of-pocket costs. Plan F also offers a high-deductible version in some states. And a popular middle ground policy that attracts many healthy beneficiaries is plan N.

For more information on the different types of plans and the coverage they provide, including Medigap options in Massachusetts, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, see Medicare's "Choosing a Medigap Policy" guide at [Medicare.gov/pubs/pdf/02110-medicare-medigap.guide.pdf](http://Medicare.gov/pubs/pdf/02110-medicare-medigap.guide.pdf), or call 1-800-MEDICARE and ask them to mail you a copy.

#### How to Choose

To pick a Medigap policy that works best for you, consider your health, family medical history and your budget. The differences among plans can be small and rather confusing.

To help you choose, visit [Medicare.gov](http://Medicare.gov), and click on "Supplements & Other Insurance" at the top of the page, then on "Find a Medigap policy" and type in your ZIP code. This will give you a list of the plans available in your area, their price ranges and the names, and contact information of companies that sell them. But it's up to you to contact the carriers directly to get their specific pricing information.

You can also compare Medigap prices on most state insurance department websites (see [NAIC.org/state\\_web\\_map.htm](http://NAIC.org/state_web_map.htm) for links), or you can order a personalized report from Weiss Ratings for \$99 at [WeissMedigap.com](http://WeissMedigap.com).

Since all Medigap policies with the same letter must cover the exact same benefits (it's required by law), you should shop for the cheapest policy.

You'll get the best price if you sign up within six months

after enrolling in Medicare Part B. During this open-enrollment period, an insurer cannot refuse to sell you a policy or charge you more because of your health.

You also need to be aware of the pricing methods, which will affect your costs. Medigap policies are usually sold as either: "community-rated" where everyone in an area is charged the same premium regardless of age; "issue-age-rated" that is based on your age when you buy the policy, but will only increase due to inflation, not age; and "attained-age-rated," that starts premiums low but increases as you age. Community-rate and issue-age-rated policies are the best options because they will save you money in the long run.

You can buy the plan directly from an insurance company, or you can work with a reputable local insurance broker.

#### Drug Coverage

You also need to know that Medigap policies do not cover prescription drugs, so if you don't have drug coverage, you need to consider buying a separate Medicare Part D drug plan too. See [Medicare.gov/find-a-plan](http://Medicare.gov/find-a-plan) to compare plans. Also note that Medigap plans do not cover vision, dental care, hearing aids or long-term care either.

### Livingston Arts Council presenting Neil Woodward concert on April 7

The Livingston Arts Council is presenting Neil Woodward's "My Huckleberry Friends" CD Release Concert on Friday, April 7, at the Howell Opera House. The doors open at 7 p.m., with the performance starting at 7:30 p.m.

Folks from around the world enjoy Neil Woodward's music at Greenfield Village Holiday Nights and at Crossroads Village in the summer. His performance features the sounds of fiddle and banjo, guitar, harmonica, whistle, dulcimer and more. Neil is recognized by the State Legislature as Michigan's Troubadour, carrying on the traditions of the Old Timers in the 21st Century. Now, Neil is premiering his new collection of songs and tunes-- a warm appreciation of the wonderful people and the times he shares in and around Crossroads Village and Huckleberry Railroad... stories to tell and celebrate his little town.

Open to the public, the cost is \$10 at the door; tickets are NOT sold in advance. There will be light concessions available.

#### Alternative Option

Instead of getting original Medicare, plus a Medigap policy and a separate Part D drug plan, you could sign up for a Medicare Advantage plan that provides all-in-one coverage. These plans, which are sold by insurance companies, are generally available through HMOs and PPOs. To find and compare Advantage plans visit [Medicare.gov/find-a-plan](http://Medicare.gov/find-a-plan).

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# Pastor Tom Tarpley

**Fifth Week in Lent:  
Tribute to a Godly Woman**  
“Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.” (1 Corinthians

13:7)  
During the past few months I have been able to witness real love in action, as my good friend Cheryl Bolling courageously fought to win her battle with the cancer that eventually ended her life on March 20, 2017.  
Cheryl had the love of Christ in her heart, and she never gave up, she never lost hope, and she remained faithful to God right up to the very end.  
Cheryl loved to help people. When she realized that the healing she (and all of us) was praying for was going to come, not in her being relieved of the cancer but by her being reunited with the creator and source of her love, she decided to share her testimony with her Forever Family in the Celebrate Recovery (CR) program.  
Cheryl faced and overcame many challenges in her journey through life that would have made the average person give up, but Cheryl was in no way an average person.

She excelled in moving beyond her hurts, habits and hang-ups, and all the obstacles and challenges that life threw at her, and spent the final years of her life sharing her faith and witnessing to anyone who came to her seeking help and spiritual support. She did that while maintaining a close and personal relationship with God.  
I began working with Cheryl in 2015, when we were preparing to re-launch the Celebrate Recovery program at the Fowlerville UB church. From the beginning of our relationship I realized that she was a woman who loved and cared about people. I also realized that she had much knowledge and wisdom, so I made it a point to seek her out when I had questions that I couldn’t answer.  
Cheryl would always say “yes” to any task I asked of her and she was more than willing to assist in the leadership of CR. She would teach a lesson, share a testimony, lead a small group, or simply sit in and give support to another leader who felt a little uncomfortable doing something for the first time. She looked forward to Tuesday night meetings and she was always on the lookout for the newcomer. She made them feel welcome and did what she could to show them the benefits of becoming a part of our CR family.  
Cheryl Bolling may have passed on from this life, but during her short 63 years here on earth she left a legacy that will be remembered for a many years to come.  
She made a real difference in the lives of people because of her willingness to share the love of Christ with others, her undying faith and her unending hope in Jesus Christ. My life has been truly blessed because our paths crossed, and I can only hope to take what I learned from her and use it to continue the legacy she left behind. A legacy based on unconditional love for God and one another.  
“Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.”  
This is what Cheryl was all about. It would serve us well to take a lesson from her as we move through the remainder of our lives.

## Area Church Listings

### Fowlerville Church of the Nazarene

8040 Country Corner Drive,  
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**9:45 Sunday School**  
**11:00 Worship Service**

Rev. Gary Griffin  
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### Trinity United Methodist Church

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### Place of Refuge Ministries

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Psalm 46:1  
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**Project Opiate hosting 5K Run/Walk on June 2 in Howell**  
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### Fowlerville UB Church

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

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### Webberville United Methodist Church

4215 E. Holt Rd.,  
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**Worship Service 11:00am**  
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[www.webbervilleumc.church](http://www.webbervilleumc.church)

### Wayside Baptist Church

2567 Elm Rd.  
Webberville

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

### Antrim Baptist Church

4509 E. Lovejoy Rd., Byron  
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Youth Pastor Josh Middaugh  
517-223-3126  
[www.antrimbc.org](http://www.antrimbc.org)

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

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## VILLAGE OF FOWLERVILLE NOTICE TO VILLAGE RESIDENTS GRASS AND WEED CONTROL

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**Sundays Service 10am**  
**Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm**  
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**Smith Elementary ‘Room Citizens of the Month’ for February**

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2nd Row: 1st Grade: **Barton:** Brady Flanery, **Burke:** Anahi Castro Ramos, **Devota:** Cameron Wagner, **Hart:** Aiden Roberts, **Grafstein:** Hunter B, **See:** Allie Feldt (absent), **H Sweet:** Quinn Blixt, **K Sweet:** Mya Scherer

3rd Row: 2nd Grade: **Dodd:** Calvin Adams, **Gereke:** Ella Chesterfield, **Griffin:** Rylee Gullede, **King:** Ava Rose, **Randolph:** Taylor DeCare, **Riccio:** Noah Ykimoff, **Smith:** Nathan Tschirret, **Wolff:** Anna Carr, **Bethke:** Drew Miller

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**Fowlerville Fire Department Report**

Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:29 a.m. a medical emergency on Oak Street in the Village was reported. At 12:18 p.m. personnel responded to Red Rock Drive in Handy Township to assist at a medical emergency. Firefighters were called for a tree on electrical power lines on Grand River Ave. in the Village at 1:48 p.m. The department assisted at a medical emergency on Lance Lane in Handy Township at 2:50 p.m. Firefighters were called to a medical emergency on Layton Road in Handy Township at 4:56 p.m. At 5:44 p.m. the department was dispatched to a medical emergency on Meadowview Lane in the Village. At 6:27 p.m. personnel assisted EMS on Gregory Road in Handy Township. A medical emergency on Gregory Road in Iosco Township was reported at 7:17 p.m.

At 2:51 p.m., Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, the department responded to a medical emergency on Mack-in-aw Trail in Handy Township. A second medical emergency, on N. Grand Ave. in the Village, was reported at 7:28 p.m. Firefighters were dispatched to a report of a structure fire that was called in by a passerby on I-96 in Handy Township at 8:24 p.m. Responding units were unable to locate any fire.

The department was called for mutual aid with a tanker and manpower at a structure fire on Lovejoy Road in Locke Township in Ingham County at 3:05 a.m., Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Downed power lines on Squirrel Run in Iosco Township were reported at 4:07 a.m. There were five medical calls. The first, at 8:02 a.m., was on Stow Road in Conway Township. At 10:38 a.m. personnel responded to Bell Oak Road in Conway Township. Firefighters were dispatched to Fowlerville Road in Handy Township at 7:00 p.m. The department assisted EMS on Cass River Drive in Handy Township at 10:22 p.m. and then at 11:54 p.m. on Kam Court in Iosco Township.

A motor vehicle accident with injuries was reported on Stow Road in Conway Township at 12:04 a.m., Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, at 10:02 a.m. firefighters were dispatched to a medical emergency on Hazelnut Street in the Village. At 5:00 p.m. a medical emergency call was received for N. Collins Street in the Village, and at 10:33 p.m. a medical emergency on S. Collins Street was reported.

At 12:40 p.m. Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, personnel responded for downed power lines that started a grass fire on Dutcher Road in Iosco Township. The department was dispatched to a medical emergency on Weller Road in Iosco Township at 12:55 p.m.

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The Threats to Our Representative Democracy

With so much turmoil in Washington and around the country these days, it's easy to get caught up in the crises of the moment. These are, indeed, worth our attention — but so are longer-running developments that threaten the health of our representative democracy. I want to lay them out in one place, so that the most serious problems confronting our system don't slip from our attention.

First, it has become very hard to make our system work. Our country is so large, so complex — and, at the moment, so polarized and divided — that it's tough to make progress on the challenges that beset us.

In more ways than not, Congress reflects the country that elected its members; all the contrary sentiments and manifold cross-currents that characterize our communities come to rest on Capitol Hill. Ideally, that is where they should be reconciled — where discerning key facts, negotiating, and



Lee Hamilton Column

consensus-building lead to a common way forward. Congress has failed us repeatedly in this regard, but we need at least to recognize the magnitude of its challenge.

Still, this does not excuse what I consider to be Congress's chief failing: in the face of difficult problems, it has become timid. Its members don't like to make hard choices. So they don't come close to living up to their responsibility to be a co-equal branch with the presidency.

They may criticize the President, but they also defer to him to set the agenda and to make policy. From national security and foreign affairs to the nation's mounting debt to entitlement reform to the long-term economic dislocation that has led so many Americans to feel forgotten, Congress has had little impact.

Which is why it's not surprising that we face a third long-term crisis: people have lost confidence in the institutions of government. This has been building for at least two generations, from the war in Vietnam and the turmoil it engendered back home, through Watergate, Iran-Contra, the war in Iraq, Hurricane Katrina, and the inability of Congress and presidents of both parties to enact comprehensive budgets and significant domestic reforms.

Yet no matter how understandable this lack of trust might be, it is a serious problem for our government and for the democratic system it embodies. Restoring public confidence will take hard, sustained work, starting with high standards of conduct at all levels. Once public confidence is lost, it can't be regained through rhetoric, only through exemplary performance.

But this won't happen unless we address the fourth

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Nominate someone for this service by **APRIL 20**. Project must be within a 10 mile radius of the Fairgrounds. A few project ideas include: painting, yard clean up, gardening, minor repairs, home cleaning & organizing, minor car repairs & providing for other basic needs.

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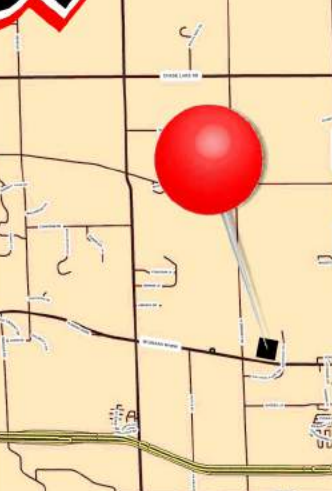
# May 20

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-Romans 15:13







# Michigan Senate Report

By Joe Hune,  
22<sup>nd</sup> District

**Honoring those who gave their lives this Memorial Day**  
Memorial Day isn't just a day off from work or a day to enjoy a cookout. It's a solemn occasion for us to remember the brave men and women in uniform who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedom.

In the Senate, we honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice with a special Memorial Day session. On May 25 at 10 a.m., the Senate's 23rd Annual Memorial Day Service will pay tribute to our fallen soldiers. All veterans from the 22nd and 18th districts are cordially invited to attend a very special morning at the Capitol to honor the brave men and women who served our country.

It is a great privilege to be a part of this special day each year. It is made even better by being able to co-host a luncheon with Sen. Rebekah Warren immediately following the service for all veterans and military members visiting the Capitol from Livingston and Washtenaw counties. For additional details on this special event or to RSVP to attend, please contact Theresa Grace at 855-JOE-HUNE or by email at [senjhune@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:senjhune@senate.michigan.gov).

If you are unable to visit the Capitol during the Senate Memorial Day session, you can observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries and memorials, proudly flying the American flag at half-staff until noon on your front porch or thanking the families of service members who have lost their lives. While many people will use the holiday to spend time with friends and family and unofficially welcome summer by barbecuing in the backyard, this Memorial Day I urge you to also remember those heroes who are no longer with us.

As long as we continue to recognize the importance of Memorial Day by remembering the heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice, no veteran's service will be in vain. Michigan

is home to more than 660,000 veterans, and Memorial Day weekend is a great time to remember and honor the many Michigan veterans who are no longer here.

I hope you will join me this Memorial Day in thanking and recognizing the families of those who are no longer with us, those who've honorably served our country and those still bravely protecting our freedoms. And I look forward to visiting with the heroes who have defended our great nation during the Memorial Day session at the Capitol on May 25.

As always, if you have any other questions, please visit [www.SenatorJoeHune.com](http://www.SenatorJoeHune.com) or email my office at [SenJHune@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:SenJHune@senate.michigan.gov) and my staff will be happy to assist you.

## Upcoming Events at St Agnes Catholic Church

Preparations for Easter have begun. For more information regarding these activities, please contact our parish office: 517-223-8684

**\*\*\*K of C Fish Fry:** This Friday (April 7) is the LAST Lenten Fish Fry this year – Be there or be square! Mouthwatering hand battered fish and home-made side dishes made from 'Secret Recipes'. All you can eat! Dinner is served 4:30-7:00pm in the LPC. Adults = \$10, Seniors (+62) = \$8, Children (10 and under) = \$6. Carry-outs are available. Come and judge for yourself!

**\*\*\*Stations of the Cross:** The series of Lenten Stations ends April 7. Services take place in the Church, beginning at 6pm. Sacrament of Reconciliation is available following the Stations.

**\*\*\*Easter Basket Food Blessing:** Saturday, April 15 at 10am in our LPC. Sponsored by our Knights of Columbus Council #8605.

**\*\*\*Children's Easter Egg Hunt:** Saturday, April 15 at 10:30am in our LPC and throughout the parish grounds. Also sponsored by our Knights of Columbus Council #8605.

**\*\*\*Holy Thursday** (April 13) Mass of The Lord's Supper – 7pm

**\*\*\*Good Friday** (April 14) Services begin at 12:30pm

**\*\*\*Easter Vigil** (April 15) 8pm

**\*\*\*Easter Sunday Mass Schedule:** 8:30am and 11:00am

**\*\*\*Spring Craft Show and Bake Sale:** Craft show Saturday, April 22 in our LPC from 9am until 4:15pm. Bake sale will be held after all the Masses April 22-23 in our Higgins Hall Gathering Space.

*St Agnes Catholic Church, 855 East Grand River Avenue Fowlerville. Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 9am-5pm; Friday 9am-1pm*



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# Webberville Report

## Capital Area Library Events

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April 6, 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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Learn to up-cycle paper into beautiful pieces of artwork.  
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## Webberville Community School News

**Spring recess begins Monday, April 3,** and school resumes on Monday, April 10. Additionally, there is no school on Friday, April 14.  
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**The Webberville Lion’s Club Annual Easter Egg Hunt** is Saturday, April 15, starting at 11:00 AM. The hunt will take place on the athletic fields behind the high school and is open to children preschool age through 3rd grade. Prizes will be awarded. Come out and find that special egg!  
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**The Webberville High School Yearbook Class** is wrapping up yearbook sales for 2016-17. Yearbooks can be ordered online at <https://yearbookforever.com/#> for \$50. The deadline to get your order in is April 15.  
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**Kids Clubhouse at Webberville Elementary School** is looking for part time help in the daycare. Responsibilities of this position include, but not limited to, providing children with a safe, nurturing and interesting environment; meeting the needs of the children; building a support team of staff members; and helping out in all other child-related activities. Please go to [www.edustaff.org/web](http://www.edustaff.org/web) to apply and contact Karen Mrowka at 517-521-3017 x7927, or at [kmrowka@webbervilleschools.org](mailto:kmrowka@webbervilleschools.org).  
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**The Webberville Junior Recreation Association** wants to remind parents that registration for T-Ball closes on April 30. Register now and pay later. The association is also in need of a softball coach for 8U, T-ball coaches, and a football commissioner. If interested, contact the WJAA Commissioner for that sport. Please visit [www.leaguelineup.com/wjaasports](http://www.leaguelineup.com/wjaasports) for more information.

## Webberville United Methodist Church serving Chicken Dinner on April 15

The Webberville United Methodist Church is having its monthly chicken dinner on Saturday, April 15 with oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, vegetables and biscuits. The meal will include coffee, lemonade, and dessert. The dinner will be served 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$9 per adult, \$4 for children 12 and under; preschoolers eat free. This is an outreach service to the community and proceeds will fund church ministries. Webberville United Methodist Church is located on the corner of Holt Road and M-52.

## Senior Spotlight--Jacob Schneider

By Carli Ross

Jacob Schneider is the son of Lisa and Jerry Schneider. He is an older brother to six-year-old Kailynn Schneider and a younger brother to 21-year-old Logan Schneider, a 2014 graduate of Webberville High School. Schneider has attended Webberville Schools since his freshman year when he followed his brother’s footsteps and transferred.

“I am very impressed with his commitment to his family and friends,” said Colleen Scott Keiser, agriscience and English teacher. “He is genuine, observant, and diligent. These traits will carry him far in life.”

Schneider is a very sociable person, who always makes memories with all of his friends and family.

This featured senior has been heavily involved in the Webberville FFA chapter. While in the FFA, he has participated in the State Broiler Contest, Leadership contests, received his Outstanding Junior Award, State Degree, and a State Gold Ag Mechanics Proficiency Award. He also shows pigs and dairy feeders at the Ingham County Fair.

Staff members that Schneider has connected with are Ms. Scott Keiser, Mr. Josh Weaver, Health and Conditioning teacher, and Track Coach Greg Glover.

“They all pushed me to be my best,” Schneider said. “I’m thankful for such great motivators to push me through high school.”

His teachers will miss his contribution. “I am going to miss Jacob’s smiling face, and his intense, never quit attitude,” said Mr. Weaver.

Schneider has set plans for his future. He plans to attend Baker College for the Auto Diesel Institute. He hopes to achieve a job in a diesel repair shop building on the experience he has had through the AIS Diesel Mechanics program through Eaton RESA. His teachers will miss his contribution.

“I am going to miss Jacob’s smiling face, and his intense, never quit attitude,” said Mr. Weaver.

Schneider is very active in varsity level sports including football, basketball, and track. His favorite would be football. Schneider served as captain of the team for two years in a row. In addition, he was in the all-league, all area for two consecutive years. He loves it so much because of his teammates who he considers family.

“If I were to describe Jake in three words, it would be: positive, hardworking, and uplifting,” said fellow senior Lance Chrisinske, one of his close friends and teammates.

Schneider is going to miss underclassmen like Camden Jackson, Nathan Walker, and Caleb Kubiak. Each of them became close to Schneider during sports seasons and will continue to be lifelong friends.

“Friday night games with these boys are my favorite,” said Schneider. “I’m definitely going to miss making all the memories with them.”

In his free time, Schneider also loves to hunt, spend time with his friends and play football.

“The memories I have made with my friends on the field, court, and blind will forever be my favorite,” said Schneider. “My advice to underclassmen is to remember it goes fast, too fast--have fun and make the best of it.”





First Grade winners: Katelyn Kubiak, Cole Morris, Tayven Buchanan.

## Webberville Elementary STARS compete in 2017 Spelling Bee

Forty one Webberville Elementary STARS gathered on March 28 and 29 to compete at the 2017 Spelling Bee. Students prepared over the last month by studying the words delivered by Principal Suzi Slater. Teachers, family, and friends attended to encourage and praise the competitors during this fun two-night competition.

Congratulations to the following first, second and third place medal winners: Katelyn Kubiak, Cole Morris, Tayven Buchanan, Dominic Driver, Jonah Spencer, Zoey Day, Valerie Grosser, Ethan West, Jenna Morse, Nathan Szilagyi, Lillyan Davis, Logan Storey, Sam Witgen, Maddie Derian, Brenna Williams, Brad Davis & Avery Rivera.

Thanks go out to these individuals who judged and organized this fun two-night event: Mrs. Slater, Mr. Kubiak, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Fairfield, Ms. Goodman, and Mrs. Davis. Well done, Webberville STARS!



Fifth Grade winners: Maddie Derian, Brenna Williams, Brad Davis, Avery Rivera (tie).

## Dansville Community Center hosting Euchre Night on April 15

Do you like to play Euchre? The Dansville Community Center at 1317 Mason Street in Dansville will be having Euchre Night on Saturday, April 1 & 15 starting at 7pm. A donation of \$5 per person is asked to help pay for expenses for the night. Prizes for high score, low score, and most lone hands will be awarded. Beginners are welcome. For more information contact 517-851-7853.

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Second Grade winners: Dominic Driver, Jonah Spencer, Zoey Day.



Third Grade winners: Valerie Grosser, Ethan West, Jenna Morse.



Fourth Grade winners: Nathan Szilagyi, Lillyan Davis, Logan Storey, Sam Witgen (tie).

## Plainfield United Methodist to serve Chicken & Biscuit Supper on April 8

A Chicken and Biscuit Supper will be served at the Plainfield United Methodist Church, 17845 M-36, north of Gregory on Saturday, April 8, starting at 5 pm. Free will donation. Take outs available. All are welcome.

## Millville United Methodist Church to hold revival services April 9-12

Rev. Gary Bond will be leading Revival Services at the Millville United Methodist Church, April 9 -12. The theme is “Revival In The Church” and will begin each night at 7pm. Bible Study on the Book of Malachi will be taught Monday through Wednesday mornings at 10am. Tuesday, April 11, everyone is invited to come and enjoy a meal together at 6pm in the fellowship hall.

Dr. Bond is also the executive editor of The Evangelists’ Perspective Magazine for the Church of the Nazarene.

Millville UMC is located at 1932 N. M-52, which is 5 miles north of Stockbridge or 9 miles south of I-96 on M-52. For more information contact the church at 517-851-7853 or go to our web site [www.millville.church](http://www.millville.church).

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Managing Our Given Time

Time seems like a paradox. They say that time flies when you're having fun, yet when someone is going through a difficulty, it can seem like time slams to a grinding halt. Time is such a simple concept in general, yet it is a hard beast to tame. Time is a solid principle the practice and application of which is firmly set in stone, yet its practical effects can often appear contradictory. Despite all of this, it is hard to argue against the notion that time is an integral and permanent part of our society.

As Americans, our lives revolve around timetables. Other cultures around the world approach the idea of time in a different light, and some people see time as an abstract philosophy with little to no real world application. However, America is dedicated to the ardent usage of time.

I believe that this is a good thing for America. As I have had the opportunity to study and witness different cultures and perspectives from around the world, I have been amazed at what little emphasis is given to timeliness in some societies. Common practice in the United States demands that a person organizes his or her schedule and is on time to accomplish objectives, and this efficiency and motivation gives us an opportunity to excel. We have a limited amount of time assigned to us on this earth, and it would serve us well to manage and utilize effectively the time that we have.

Different people have different ways of managing time. I think of one person I know in particular who is completely dedicated to the use of a planner. This individual takes time each Sunday to plan out every hour of the upcoming week and to physically write the objectives in a detailed planner. Other people prefer to keep track of such plans in their heads.

Those individuals maintain appointments and goals fresh in their memories and mentally check them off as they are completed. I tend to do a combination of the two methods where I'll write down certain things but manage it overall in my head. Regardless, my point is that no matter what practice is used, it is beneficial to have a solid way to manage time.

Now, that is not to say that we have to be workaholics who never relax or have any fun. Absolutely not. In fact, I would argue that time for relaxation is something that should be built into your schedule. As I have talked about in the past, it is important for us to set aside some time to refresh so that we can continue with vigor. That is part of an effective use of time. It is said that economics is managing the conflict between limited resources and unlimited demand, and I believe that time can be viewed in the same way.


We have a limited amount of time, but there is an unlimited amount of things that we hope to accomplish in our lives. We cannot control how much time we have on this earth, but we can control how we use that time. In the words of Gandalf, "All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us."

Fowlerville Fireworks Committee sponsoring trip to Greektown Casino

The Fowlerville Fireworks and Parade Committee is sponsoring a day trip to Greektown Casino on Sunday, April 23. Bus transportation will depart from the southeast end of the Fowlerville Walmart located at 970 Gehringer Dr. The bus will loading from 9:30 am. to 10:00 am. The cost is \$35 and includes \$20 free play. 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](mailto: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](http://fowlervillefireworks.com)

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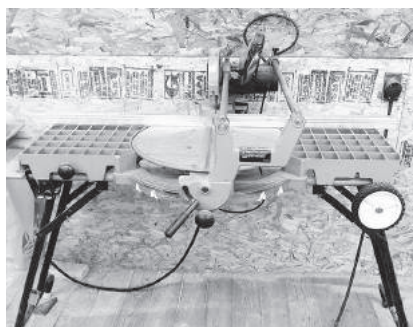
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**Susan Elizabeth Robb Celadilla**

Susan Elizabeth Robb Celadilla, 69, of Haines City, FL passed away on Sunday, March 5, 2017 at Good Shepherd Hospice in Lakeland, Florida. Susan was born December 17, 1947 to George and Barbara Jean Robb of Fowlerville, Michigan.

Susan dedicated her life to teaching and helping others. She was a Peace Corps volunteer in the Dominican Republic where she met her loving husband Julio. Susan loved to promote the important work of the Peace Corps and had continued involvement with the Retired Peace Corps Volunteer Group. Susan was also a 4-H member and leader for many years. Susan continued to educate by teaching English to Spanish in schools, churches and adult literacy programs. Susan retired from teaching after 19 years. She taught at Wyoming Public Schools (MI), Greenville (MI), Imlay City (MI), Florida City (FL) and Homestead (FL) schools.

After retirement, she moved to Haines City, Florida in 2008 from Byron Center Michigan. Susan was an active member of St. Ann Catholic Church. She was past president of the Altar and Rosary Society, member of St Vincent de Paul volunteering at the food pantry and taught Spanish to English classes.

Susan was an avid reader, golfer, researcher and recorder of family history. She loved to travel and was happiest when she could mix all of the above.

Susan was preceded in death by infant son Jonathon, her parents George and Barbara Jean Robb, and sister Marge Kovacic.

A loving wife, mother, grandmother, she is survived by her husband of 38 years, Julio; stepson Julio Alberto of New York City, New York, son Leandro of Boston, MA and daughter Lilian of Memphis, TN, and 8 grandchildren, Jumil, Jeidy, Yorleni, Jazleni, Arijana, Jada, Kameron, Amaiya. Susan is also survived by her siblings: Sally Mooney, Mary Jane Robb, George William Robb, Ross Robb, Patricia Hyde and Julia Robb-Herbert, 16 nieces and nephews and numerous grand nieces and nephews.

Funeral services have already been held in Haines City, Florida. A graveside blessing will be held on April 8, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Howell, Michigan followed by a Celebration of Life luncheon at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Fowlerville, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Ann Catholic Church Altar Society or a memorial tribute gift to the Friends of the Dominican Republic (FDR) [www.fotdr.org](http://www.fotdr.org), a non-profit group of former Dominican Republican Peace Corps Volunteers that provide small grants to support projects and programs involving current Peace Corps Volunteers in the Dominican Republic.



**Linda Lee Hanna**

Linda Lee Hanna, age 71, died on March 10, 2017. She was born July 29, 1945. Linda was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald Hanna; sisters, Carolyn and Laura; brother, Danny Hull; father, George Hull; mother, Francis (Hull) Higdon; and step-father, George Higdon.

She is survived by her three sons: Mathew, Scott, and Tracy Hanna, granddaughter, Lorren Hanna, and sisters: Terry, Brenda, Lisa, Mary Lou, and Gorgia. Cremation has already taken place. A Memorial Service was held on Sunday, March 26, from 1-4 p.m. at the VFW Hall in Fowlerville.

**Fowlerville High holding annual Feast of the Arts this Tuesday**

Fowlerville High School is holding the annual Fest of the Arts this Tuesday, April 4, from 5:30 - 8 pm at the high school.

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**Trinity United Methodist Church to hold annual Tractor Blessing on April 9**

Trinity United Methodist Church is holding its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Tractor Blessing, Sunday, April 9, at 2pm. Come out and see the tractors big and small, old and new. There will also be miniature farm displays set up inside. Hot dog grilling is available for a free will donation.

Anyone is invited to bring their tractor, lawn tractor, etc if they would like it blessed for the coming year by Pastor Scott Herald. If you have any antique farm items that we could display, please contact the church office.

The church is located at 8201 Iosco Rd, Fowlerville, south of Mason Rd, at the corner of Bull Run & Iosco. Questions contact the church office at 517-223-9601 and leave a message for Andy Herald. Join us for an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship.

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## Lee Hamilton, continued

challenge: our elections system needs thorough reform. At pretty much every level, it’s throwing democracy off-kilter. House districts have been gerrymandered to create so many safe seats that many members need only be responsive to their base. Our voting system is fragile and in disrepair, with its patchwork of procedures, obsolete machinery, and legislative attempts to limit access to the franchise in the name of “ballot security.”

We need to ensure the fairness, integrity and efficiency of our voting infrastructure and procedures — or risk undermining one of the cornerstones of our democracy.

Which is also threatened by our fifth challenge: the powerful and pervasive influence of money on the political process. Our system is awash in money, which is spent to influence elections and gain favorable results. Many Americans feel money is what really runs Washington — as opposed to the ideas and principles we were taught in civics class.

Despite efforts at reform, the money problem is worse than ever — too many Americans feel they’ve become an afterthought in the political process.

Yet if they have, it’s not just money that’s to blame. My final concern is that too many of us have become disengaged from and indifferent to the political process. That may be changing at this particular moment, but as a historical trend, it’s unarguable. As citizens, we have to learn how to solve problems in a representative democracy. We have to learn to work with people who hold different views, forge common ground with them, and hold our representatives to account — not alone for their political views, but for their ability to get things done.

To make representative democracy work, we, as citizens, have to up our game, too.

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## Michigan’s Frogs & Toads

There are more than 3400 species of frogs and toads worldwide, with the majority living in the humid tropics. Michigan can boast only 13 species, but they are an important part of the State’s wildlife heritage.

### Frogs vs. Toads

How can you tell a frog from a toad? It’s been said that a toad is just a lumpy frog! Toads do have thicker, more warty skins compared to the smoother skin of most frogs. Toads are adapted for drier conditions than frogs, though they spend much of their time burrowed into moist soil during times when the air is drier. Toads have shorter hind legs than frogs, comparatively speaking, and move in short hops or simply walk instead of making long leaps.

Michigan has two species of “true” toads, the American Toad and Fowler’s Toad. Some species are hard to fit into either category. For example, Cricket Frogs have a warty skin, and the Gray Tree Frog (often called a “tree toad”) spends much of the summer high in the trees away from water.

### Bug Zappers!

From a human standpoint, frogs and toads are extremely beneficial animals. Their springtime choruses are a pleasure to hear, and most people enjoy seeing them, whether in wetlands or suburban gardens. Adult frogs and toads feed largely on insects, and destroy vast numbers of insect pests every year. It has been estimated, for example, that a single Cricket Frog an increasingly rare species in Michigan can consume about 4800 insects in one year. A hundred frogs would thus eat about 480,000 insects, a thousand frogs perhaps 4.8 million insects, and so on. It is clear that the loss of these tiny frogs in a wetland ecosystem would be no small matter! Larger frogs would eat even greater quantities, and the benefits of a backyard toad population are known to many gardeners.

The Bull Frog is the only species that might eat creatures favored by people, such as fish, young ducks, or other frogs. But their impact is very minor. The Bull Frog is valued as a game animal itself as the source of “frog legs” used for human food. To help prevent overharvest of local frog populations, Michigan protects all frogs during the spring breeding season. Frogs can be legally harvested only during the “frog season” which opens the Saturday before Memorial Day and closes November 15.



54<sup>th</sup> Annual Livingston County Home & Garden Show being held April 7-9

The 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Livingston County Home & Garden Show — a collection of landscape and home improvement inspiration — set for Friday, April 7, through Sunday, April 9, at the Howell High School Fieldhouse, 1200 W. Grand River Ave. in Howell. The 2017 show is hosted by the Howell Area Chamber of Commerce. Media sponsor is Livingston County Daily Press & Argus and supporting sponsors are First Impression Print & Marketing, Two Men And A Truck, Chem-Trend L.P., Brighton Ford and Financial Plus Credit Union.

“It’s a wonderful community event that connects people eager for inspiration and ideas to the latest and greatest in home and garden projects and products,” said Pat Convery, president of the Howell Area Chamber of Commerce. “The Home & Garden Show brings together everything homeowners could possibly dream of, and it offers builders, landscapers and home improvement companies the opportunity to showcase their skills, products and services.”

**Not just home improvement**--This year’s Livingston County Home & Garden Show features a whole lot more than just home improvement.

**The Kids Zone** in the balcony will feature various activities for the younger show-goers. The Home Depot is hosting a kids’ craft all day on Saturday, April 8. Sunday’s Kid Zone activities include face painting and balloon animal creations. So don’t leave the kids at home! Bring them for this hands-on experience as well as games, prizes and special giveaways from many of the exhibitors.

**The Feature Area** on the main floor will showcase a free water-color painting experience from The Palette Community Art Studio, Sunday from 11am-4pm. Come show off your art skills!

“The Home Show Committee has put together quite a weekend,” said Brenda Barone, coordinator of the event. “There is something for everyone, from do-it-yourselfers to people looking to hire contractors for their projects, to those who want to get some inspiration.”

Barone singled out Art Craft Display and Country Lane Flower Shops for their work on the Livingston County Home & Garden Show.

“Art Craft provides the floor plan design, booths, drapery, tables, chairs aisle carpeting and labor for the show,” Barone said. “And Country Lane helps welcome our guests with the flowers and beautiful greenery at the entrance to the show. We are thrilled to have them on board again this year.”

**Taste of Livingston**--The popular Taste of Livingston County — which has become an annual pilgrimage for hungry folks eager to sample a wide variety of food — runs 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday in the Howell High School cafeteria. For 75 cents a taste, people get to sample delicious dishes from some of the area’s best restaurants, delis and caterers.

**Fine Arts Show**--Throughout the Home & Garden Show weekend, the work of local artists will be on display in the Howell High School commons located next to the high school cafeteria. The popular arts show is coordinated by the Livingston Fine Arts Association, and all art on display is available for sale.

**Community Resource Fair**--Hosted by the Livingston County United Way, the Community Resource Fair features a

wide variety of local non-profit and community organizations. **Neighborhood Marketplace**--Artisans and crafter exhibits will feature cash and carry items, including baked goods, handmade gifts, wood crafts and the perfect gift for you!

**Shred those old documents for free**--The Shred Day event, set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, is open to the public. Corrigan Record Storage will collect business and personal documents for shredding at its facility following the event FREE of charge! Just look for the Corrigan Records truck in the circular drive near the Field House parking lot.

**Get your green thumb on**--Master gardeners will be on hand from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday to answer your home gardening and landscape questions. Hear also from local landscape companies all weekend what the latest trends and products are for your landscaping projects!

**Enter to win**--Each day of the show, one lucky person will win \$500 in Home Show Bucks, spendable just like cash with any of the Home & Garden Show exhibitors. Event-goers simply fill out their ticket stub for a chance to win. In addition to the daily winners, an additional \$500 in Balcony Bucks will be awarded in a special drawing on Sunday of all visitors who entered the drawing in the Home Show balcony area.

**Make your plans**--The Livingston County Home & Garden Show is open:

Friday, April 7 from 5pm-8pm  
Saturday, April 8 from 9am-6pm  
Sunday, April 9 from 11am-4pm

Admission is \$6 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens (60+). Children and students accompanied by an adult are free. Visit the Livingston County Home & Garden Show website for \$1 off admission. The first 50 people in line at the ticket window on Friday get in for FREE. The ticket window opens at 4:30 p.m.

**Need more information?** For more information on the Livingston County Home & Garden Show, contact Brenda Barone at the Howell Area Chamber of Commerce. Reach her by phone at 517.546.3920, or email her at [bbarone@howell.org](mailto:bbarone@howell.org).

To get your \$1 off admission coupon and to search a list of exhibitors, visit Livingston County Home & Garden Show website at [www.livingstoncountyhomeshow.com](http://www.livingstoncountyhomeshow.com).



Livingston County Comments

By: Doug Helzerman, District 4 Commissioner

This past week I attended a seminar sponsored by the Michigan Association of Counties. To network with fellow commissioners across our great state is very valuable. It is important to keep abreast with changes in laws and to gain insights concerning “best practices” here and across the country. I was able to establish contacts with other people who have ideas that may help improve internet access to our area.

In other recent items of interest, Joan Runyan, elections coordinator/deputy clerk, will be retiring in September after a very distinguished tenure at the county. We will be pre-filling this position because of all of the special knowledge she will need to teach her replacement. A new voting system will also be purchased soon requiring new training for all Livingston County elections officials.

Hawk Hollow Farms LLC will be constructing a new hanger to lease at the Livingston County airport. They are acquiring a larger aircraft that cannot now be housed locally.

Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, has been designated as Tornado Drill Day. Fifteen of the more than 1000 annual tornados happen in Michigan. This February, Cass County, Michigan, reported three tornadoes on the same day.

The GIS Division provides specialized maps and data extracts for our county. Since their rates have not been adjusted for over 10 years, they have been changed to encourage more usage and to be in line with other counties.

The new medical marijuana law brings changes that need to be understood and that require a new level of enforcement. The county is applying for a grant for our Sheriff’s department to help educate the public and to learn what enforcement changes are needed locally for the new production and delivery provisions of the updated medical marijuana law.

911-Central Dispatch has been reorganized to separate it from the EMS department. In 2014, these two entities were merged when the former 911 director resigned and EMS Director, Jeff Boyd, was chosen to mentor the newly appointed deputy 911 director. Since that point, Chad Chewning has proven himself as a visionary leader for our 911 Dispatch and now has been raised to the newly-created position of director of 911.



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## From Unapproved Minutes MEETING

### CONWAY TOWNSHIP

### SYNOPSIS OF MEETING

March 21, 2017

Motions:

1. Call to Order and Pledge 7:00 pm
2. Approve agenda as amended
3. Approve minutes of February 21, 2017 Board meeting
4. Approve photo contest for Township Master Plan and Website
5. Approve Resolution 170321-1
6. Approve Resolution 170321-2
7. Approve Resolution 170321-9
8. Approve Resolution 170321-10
9. Approve Resolution 170321-3
10. Approve Resolution 170321-4
11. Approve Resolution 170321-5
12. Approve Resolution 170321-6
13. Approve Resolution 170321-7
14. Approve Resolution 170321-11
15. Approve motion to seek bids for office painting
16. Approve Financial Report
17. Approve motion to adopt 2017-2018 Budget
18. Approve motion to advertise for landscaping and lawn mowing bids
19. Approve to approve Chloride contract for 2017
20. Approve motion to contract services with the Fowlerville Senior Center
21. Approve budget amendments
22. Approve disbursements
23. Adjourn meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm. Complete minutes are available at the Conway Township Hall during regular office hours, 8015 N Fowlerville Road, Fowlerville, MI 48836 517-223-0358

Next Board meeting is on April 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Todd Anderson  
Conway Township Clerk  
(4-2 -17 FNV)

## CONWAY TOWNSHIP

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## BIDS FOR OFFICE PAINTING

Conway Township is now taking bids for the painting of the office area of the Township Hall. A certificate of Insurance will be required from the winning contractor.

Bids will be accepted through April 18 at 5 p.m. All bids will be reviewed on April 18th at a regular meeting of Board of Trustees at 7:00 p.m.

For details, please contact Todd Anderson during regular business hours, Tuesday 9 am to 5 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or Thursday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 517-223-0358. If mailing bids please mail to P.O. Box 1157, Fowlerville MI 48836.

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## NOTICE FOR BIDS CONWAY TOWNSHIP 8015 N FOWLerville ROAD PO BOX 1157 FOWLerville MI 48836

Conway Township is accepting bids for the 2017 spring cleanup of the Township flower and Tree beds.

This will include removal of any old mulch as needed; spraying weeds with herbicide, pulling of weeds and roots, installation of weed prevention landscape material, trim-ming of and or replacing dead trees and shrubs, and adding mulch to all flower and tree beds located at the Conway Township Office.

All bids need to be in no later than April 18, 2017. All bids will be reviewed and a decision will be made by the Board of Trustees at the April 18, 2017 regular meeting.

Successful bidder must supply Certificate of Insurance with Conway Township as Certificate Holder.

If you have any question please contact Todd Anderson, Conway Township Clerk at 517-223-0358 during regular business hours, Tuesday 9 am to 5 pm, Wednesday 9 am to 5 pm and Thursday 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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From left: Marc Harlow, Michelle Harlow, Maureen Call & Don Call.

## Bridget Gallagher’s Irish Tours and Treasures announces new ownership

By Dawn Horton

Bridget Gallagher’s Irish Tours and Treasures, located in Fowlerville, has new owners. Don and Maureen Call, who started the business in 2004, announced that they had recently sold the business to a Howell couple, Marc and Michelle Harlow. The transaction became official this past Jan. 1.

The Calls are natives of Fowlerville, but now reside in Ireland.

The Harlows said that they plan to keep the tours and store operating “as usual.” “At present all of the tours to Ireland for this year are sold out,” said Michelle. “But we are now booking for next year (2018), including a tour that will go to Northern Ireland and Scotland.”

The local store serves both as a meeting place for those planning on going on a tour and a retail outlet, specializing in Irish-themed merchandise.

Michelle said that she was familiar with the business having shopped there when she worked at The Decorating Center in Fowlerville. “I’d go to Bridget Gallagher’s to buy my husband, Marc, a nice gift,” she noted, adding that he has Irish heritage.

Still later, when the couple was planning to travel to Ireland on their own, Marc went to the store and sought assistance on organizing this trip and a few tips on what to see. “When he came home,” noted Michelle, “he had booked us on one of their upcoming group tours.”

“We loved the tour and our group of fellow travelers,” added Marc, “Our group has been meeting four times a year for a reunion.”

As the Harlows relate the story, they ended up owning the business when they decided to take their family on a tour next year and went to Bridget Gallagher’s to have them handle the arrangements for the trip. “While there Don mentioned that he and Maureen might be interested in selling the business,” the couple said. “We talked it over and decided to buy it.”

The schedule for future tours will remain the same as established by the Calls. A meeting of the group will take place at the store a couple of months prior to the tour to discuss the itinerary and what people should bring with them. Then on a Tuesday, the group and the guides will fly from Detroit Metro Airport to New York and then onto Ireland. They will then be enjoying the tour for the next 11 days and 10 nights before returning to Michigan.

The Harlows are including a new addition to the overall schedule. This trip, though, will be a little closer to home, namely a tour to Dublin, Ohio for the 2017 Dublin Festival on August 4, 5 & 6. “This festival has been named as one of the Top 100 events in North America,” the couple said. “There are seven stages with music performed by the world’s top Irish bands and entertainers, dancers, a visit to a 10<sup>th</sup> century village, shopping, and much more.”

If interested, call Bridget Gallagher’s for further information or to make a reservation.

The store is located at 7124 W. Grand River, east of town. The retail outlet will be open on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The phone number is 517-223-7255.

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### Bridget Gallagher’s started as an Irish Gift Shop

Bridget Gallagher’s started as an Irish Gift Shop, located on North Grand Avenue across from the Fowlerville Fire Hall. “The name was in honor and memory of my mother,”

said Maureen. “She came from Ireland.”

The Irish-themed store drew interest not only from local shoppers, but others from out-of-town. Don and Maureen, wanting larger quarters to allow for additional merchandise, moved to a place on South Grand Avenue.

The couple then added a new dimension by offering tours of Ireland. For a time they maintained the larger retail outlet along with conducting the tours. A few years ago they decided to relocate the store to smaller quarters at the present address and offer a smaller selection of gift items. This move was prompted in part by the success of the tours, but also by the couple’s decision to live in Ireland.

“We have taken over 1,000 people to see and enjoy Ireland over the past 12 years,” said Maureen. “Our customers have come from all over the United States as well as from Canada and even England.”

“A lot of them heard about us from word-of-mouth or from our web site,” added Don.

Maureen and Don moved to the Emerald Isle six years ago and are now building a new home across from her grandfather’s property on Achill Island County Mayo. “Our kids and grandkids come over to visit us,” the Calls noted.

While Maureen’s mother and her side of the family were the inspiration for this business, the Calls said their success has included help through the years from their children and

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### BIDS FOR LAWN MOWING SEASON 2017

Conway Township is now taking bids for the 2017 Lawn Mowing Season, for 5 Cemeteries and the Township Hall. A certificate of Insurance will be required from the winning contactor.

Bids will be accepted through April 18 at 5 p.m. All bids will be reviewed on April 18th at a regular meeting of Board of Trustees at 7:00 p.m.

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families as well as a few staff people.

Their sons and their wives include Ryan and Angie of Fowlerville, Dan and Erin of Virginia, and Jake who lives in Houston, Texas.

Since moving to Ireland, Maureen said that Shelli Gray has worked at the store on Wednesdays and from her home, handling inquiries about the tours. She also noted that Kathy DeForest and Nancy Sanders have “helped with the pre-tour meetings, prepared goodie bags for each person going on the trip, accompanied them to the airport in Detroit at the start of the tour and have been there to greet the travelers upon their return.

“Kathy has also been a huge spokesperson for our business,”

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said the Calls.

A key to the success, they added, is their Irish bus driver, Brian Farrell. “He’s been with us for a long time and everyone enjoys him,” they said.

When the Calls decided to hold a 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of their business, Brian and his wife flew over to attend. The Calls took them and several other people on a bus tour of Michigan. “At the conclusion of this trip, we had a big

party at the Woodshire Place in Fowlerville,” said Maureen. “Besides the people from the bus trip, many of our former tour guests as well as friends from the community attended.”

The Calls said that they’ll be helping the new owners with the tours for the next several months. “We’ve enjoyed this business,” they added. “We appreciate the support we’ve received from family and friends. Now we’re looking forward to living in our new home.”



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