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Mark Krebs of Fowlerville will be driving this International tractor at Thursday night's Tractor Pull.

Local puller part of this week's Grandstand entertainment

Tractor & Truck Pull set for Thursday evening at Fowlerville Family Fair **By Steve Horton**

When the Tractor & Truck Pull gets underway this Thursday evening, July 27, at the Fowlerville Family Fair, a local puller will be among those competing for the top prize.

Mark Krebs, who resides on the family farm south of town, will once again be bringing his 1970 856 International tractor nicknamed "Uncontrollable Urge"—to the event.

"I compete in the 8000-lb Diesel Pro Stock Class," Mark said. Joining him will be his nephew, Rick Krebs, who will be driving a 1968 John Deere 8410 tractor in the 9300-lb Super

There are two other classes in the tractor pull portion of the show—V-8 Hot Rods and the 6500-lb Light Limited Super Stock.

"The Super Farm Class is probably the most popular of the two diesel competitions," Mark noted. "You have more leeway in the modifications, but you can sink a lot of money into it. With the Pro Stock Class, there's a ceiling to what you can do and the money you spend. That's why I like it. It doesn't get carried

away."

The V8 Hot Rods are older tractors that use that type of engine. The limitation is that the V8 used is no larger in cubic inches than the tractor's original engine. "This used to be called the Nostalgic class due to the tractors being of an older design," Mark pointed out.

Pullers in the Light Limited Super Stock have smaller tractors, and can use diesel or alcohol for fuel. "This is an up-and-coming class that the organizers are pushing hard," he said.

As for the Truck Pull, there will also be four different classes for participants—Pro Stock, Super Stock Pickups, Hot Diesels, and 2.5 Diesel Pickups. New at the local fair will a pulling class for semi trucks.

Whether it's the tractors, pickups, or semis, the objective is to pull the weight-transfer machine the longest distance. A certain amount of weight is put in the box, depending on the class. As the pull progresses, the weight shifts from a rolling load over the wheels onto a friction plate that becomes increasingly harder to

"The 9300-lb Super Farm tractors are pulling 60,000 to 70,000 pounds of dead weight," noted Mark, adding that "you only get one shot."

"It would be nice to have more than one chance," he said, "but

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Pere Marquette Railroad a special part of Livingston **Centre Historic** Village

By Kathe Westbrook Livingston Centre Historic Society

Inside the Fowlerville Fairgrounds, on the northern side of the Livingston Centre Historic Village, is the 145-year old Pere Marquette Railroad Depot. Of the eight structures that make up the village, the depot is often considered the most interesting--- and the most fun. Visitors can follow the lighted rail-crossing sign to the entrance of this fascinating

site.



Once greatly used for passenger transportation and for the shipping of all kinds of freight, trains still intrigue and delight. They are found throughout the entire country, and yet for anyone much under the age of fifty, they are a novelty and, in many ways, a mystery. In today's culture of technology, many Americans have very little first-hand knowledge of rail travel. The size alone of these great machines can impress the most cynical; the sheer power of a moving train is captivating.

The Depot dates to 1872 and was located in Howell near Michigan Avenue, just south of Grand River Road. The site had an engine house for repair of the trains as well as a turntable for changing direction of the engines. Facilities for refueling were also used regularly. Part of its history includes its role during World War II: the Pere Marquette Depot was the site of departure for hundreds, of local residents leaving Livingston County to serve in the military forces.

After the war, in 1947, this local rail line was bought by C & O Railway, who began to redirect the focus of this local rail line to moving coal and freight throughout the Midwest. The

Howell Depot Built 1872 LOCATED East of S. Michigan at the foot of Fleming St. HOWELL **MOVED HERE 1996** Donated by: CSX RAILROAD

last passenger train left the Pere Marquette Depot in 1969, and the depot was finally closed in 1972. After many years of neglect, the structure was moved to the Historic Village in 1996. At this site, this symbol of America's industry and expansion could be among other structures that demonstrate early life in Livingston County. A caboose arrived in 2011, adding more detail and depth to the attempt to depict this element of post-Civil War life.

The waiting room remains much like it did for decades, as does the stationmaster's office. But, to the delight of all visitors, the storage area holds a model train display that is open and operational during fair week. The display really has two layouts of different scale; both represent life in this area during the first half of the 20th century. Fairgoers can watch the miniature trains traveling their miniature countryside, passing miniature replicas of the communities that were found throughout the northern Midwest. Historic Village members will be on site giving tours of the Depot and demonstrating the working model train.

Restoration of the Depot is not fully complete, but dedicated members continue to improve the condition. As with the other buildings, maintenance is an ongoing demand. Work takes place as time and money allow, with volunteers spending countless hours on cleaning, painting, polishing, and making smaller repairs. The same volunteers also raise funds for more extensive restoration needed to be done on a much

grander---and more expensive-

As with the entire Historic Village, the Depot will be open all of fair week, beginning at 1:00 p.m. each day. It will also be open during the Fall Fest, on Saturday, September 30. There is no additional fee

to tour the buildings and docents will be available to guide your tours. Fairgoers can step away from the activity of the Midway and other events and spend a few minutes visiting this interesting and entertaining historic area. Be sure to take a break from all the Fowlerville Family Fair has to offer and step back into our own history.



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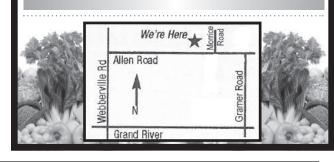
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Caleb Jenkins Column



Return of Integrity

When I ride in the car, I like listening to past presidential speeches and debates. I know, I'm kind of odd like that. Seriously, though, I do enjoy it because it provides some insight into how things were conducted and how people





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thought in the past. Listening to the policies and proposals of the former Presidents and presidential candidates gives an interesting view of how policies have differed and evolved over the years and how some things have never changed.

The other day, I listened to a debate where one of the questions was simply "If you are elected President, then will you keep your promises?" It seems like such a straightforward response that should only require a simple answer, but unfortunately, the concept of people keeping their words is not always a given anymore.

This problem extends far beyond politics. Sure, that arena is where we usually focus our attention when it comes to dishonesty since we want to ensure that our elected officials are going to do what they say. However, the departure from reliable honesty has been widespread throughout our culture.

Often, it starts with just a little white lie. We bend the truth a little bit since we believe that it won't hurt anything. We can come up with a million excuses as to why we should avoid telling the complete truth. Nevertheless, this seemingly simple action can quickly turn into a repetitive habit of deceitful dealings with others, and before we know it, we could find ourselves trapped in a personal system of dishonesty and deception.

This is a problem because it degrades our society and places within each of us an inherent distrust for our fellow humans. We constantly have in the back of our minds that someone could try to trick us for his or her own benefit, so we often have a hard time accepting things at face value.

In days gone by, this was not as common since there was a higher emphasis on personal honesty and integrity. After all, people used to agree upon formal contracts simply by shaking hands! In today's society, though, we would never accept such an agreement, and unfortunately, our hesitation and precaution are very necessary due to the frequency of dishonesty.

As much as we might wish to go back to those simpler days, the process is not so easy. Adherence to honesty is not something that you can legislate or otherwise force people to do. We got to this point by collectively making the decision to downgrade the role of personal integrity, and if we want to reinstate its prominence, then it needs to once again be a personal effort from us all to hold ourselves accountable.

You cannot control the thoughts or intentions of the person next door or across town, but you can decide for yourself how you are going to act. If we are ever going to repair our wounds and move forward as a country, as a community, or as individuals, then we are going to have to resolve to be honest in all of our dealings.

Free picnic for Veterans & Families being held at Brighton Recreation Area

The Livingston County Veterans Council, in conjunction with the Brighton DNR, is hosting a picnic free to all Livingston County Veterans and their families. It will be held Saturday, August 5th at the Brighton Recreation Area from noon till 4pm.

—Area Deaths— Charles J. Blascovich

Former Southern California resident Charles J. Blascovich, 92, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, July 16, 2017 in Howell, Michigan.

Charles (Chuck) Blascovich was born February 10, 1925 in Detroit, Michigan to Carlos and Mary Blascovich.

He grew up in Fowlerville, Michigan, also spending many years in Riverside, California moving there in the early sixties where he raised his children and worked for Kaiser Steel, located in Fontana, California. Chuck proudly served in the United States Coast Guard 1942-1945. After being honorably discharged, he graduated from Fowlerville High School in 1947.

He enjoyed golf and dancing. He was creative, artistic and could be quite a comedian at times.

He came "home" to be close to his children who he is survived by: Doreen (Bob) Redinger of Fowlerville, Tony (Amber) Blascovich of Fowlerville, Angelo (Pat) Blascovich of Lake Elsinore, California and Catherine (Carl) Downing of Bloomfield Hills, New Mexico. Seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews who were very special to him.

He was preceded in death by his parents Carlos and Mary Blascovich, his first wife Dorothy (Dolly) Jones Blascovich, two sisters, Josephine Hachenbruch and Adelle Cizewski and nephew Butch Cizewski.

Funeral Mass was held on Thursday, July 20, 2017 at St. Agnes Catholic Church with Fr. Nathaniel Sokol officiating and burial following at Mt. Olivet Cemetery with full Military Honors. Arrangements by: Herrmann Funeral Home. Please leave the family at condolence at <u>pjherrmannfuneralhome.com</u>

Fowlerville Fire Department Report

Thursday, July 13th, at 4:55 p.m. the department was dispatched to assist at a medical emergency on Nicholson Road in Handy Township. At 1:26 p.m. a medical emergency on Coon Lake Road in Iosco Township was reported. Personnel responded to a second medical emergency on Coon Road at 5:38 p.m.

Firefighters responded to a mutual aid request to assist Stockbridge Fire with a Tanker at the scene of a house fire on Brogan Road in Ingham County at 10:26 p.m.

A tree blocking Hogback Road in Handy Township was reported at 12:17 a.m., Friday, July 14th. Personnel responded to assist EMS on Layton Road in Handy Township at 7:01 a.m. with a second medical emergency being on Spruce Street in the Village at 10:28 a.m. Firefighters were called to extinguish a small grass fire on I-96 in Handy Township at 2:47 p.m. At 5:56 p.m. personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident on I-96 in Handy Township.

Saturday, July 15th, at 5:40 a.m. a medical emergency on Hogback Road in Handy Township was reported. Personnel responded to a medical emergency on Fowlerville Road in Handy Township at 3:31 p.m.

At 4:08 a.m., Sunday, July 16th, 4:08 a.m. the department was dispatched to a medical emergency on Red Pine Street in the Village and at 4:55 p.m. assisted EMS on Brookdale Street in the Village.

Tuesday, July 18th, at 4:07 p.m. firefighters were called to a medical emergency on Hogback Road in Handy Township. A dispatch reporting a medical emergency on Fowlerville Road in Conway Township was received at 5:59 p.m. At 8:02 p.m. personnel assisted EMS on Fowlerville Road in Conway Township. At 9:31 p.m. the department responded to a medical emergency on Layton Road in Handy Township.

Fowlerville Academic Creative Talented Organization (FACTO) meeting July 31

The Fowlerville Academic Creative Talented Organization (FACTO) is meeting on Monday, July 31, from 6:30-8pm in Fowlerville. Contact- Barb Parker-joeparker@fnwusers.com or Susie Baumgartner-sbaumgartner@kw.com for location.

Topics include:

1. Websites/Resources regarding gifted talented/advanced accelerated/creative students. What would parents like teachers to know about these children? Please bring info with you to the meeting or e-mail to Barb or Susan prior to meeting.

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3. Subcommittee Updates, Parents/Teachers/Community members interested in supporting creative and talented students in FCS are welcome to attend.



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131st Annual Fowlerville Family Fair kicks off this Monday with six-day run

By Steve Horton

The 131st Annual Fowlerville Family Fair kicks off this Monday with a six-day run, although judging of non-livestock exhibits for Open Class and 4-H participants has already taken place and the 2017 Fowlerville Family Fair Queen Contest is scheduled for today (Sunday) at noon at the Finlan Gazebo. Young ladies who live or work in Livingston County and are between the ages of 17 and 24 years, compete in this event. The contest is sponsored by Tanger Outlets who gives the winner a \$500 shopping spree at the mall stores.

Monday, July 24, is 'Family Kick-Off' Day at the fair with gate admission being \$1 for everyone from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and regular admission prices charged after 4 p.m. Children age 4 and under are admitted free.

A program is being held in the morning at the Finlan Gazebo that focuses on this 'family' theme. The event begins at 9:30 a.m. with coffee, followed by the program that runs from 10 to 11:30 a.m. A luncheon will then conclude the activity.

This new offering replaces two traditional events—the Ladies Day and Senior Citizens Day programs—that have been staples at the fair for many years.

"We felt that a lot of the same people were attending both of these programs, so a decision was made to combine them," said Annette Chamberlain, a member of the fair board and the event organizer. "Rather than have something tailored just for women or for older fair-goers, we wanted to offer a program that the whole family could attend."

Two holdovers from those previous special-day programs will be part of the new one. The Livingston County Homemaker of the Year will be announced, with the contestants introduced to the audience. Also, at the start of the morning schedule, older attendees can enter their names for the Senior Citizen of the Year drawing. The lucky winner will receive a special prize.

The main entertainment for the new program will be presented by James Gray and Mitch Tucker, personal trainers who offer their services at Maximus Fitness Center of Fowlerville & SFS.

"The theme of their talk will be 'Healthy Living'," said Chamberlain. "They'll offer how-to-information on the importance of exercise and diet. There will also be audience participation."

The Bingo Gazebo, put on by the Fowlerville Band Boosters, opens at noon. A special show, 'Wolves of the World' will have performances at 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 6 p.m. Also going on all day, for the entire week, is the Livingston County Farm Exhibit, sponsored by the Livingston County Farm Bureau. That exhibit is located in front of

the blue livestock barn.

A full day of activities are on tab for 4-H. Judging for poultry and goats, and a horse jumping clinic highlight the morning schedule, while public speaking and demonstrations along with the Llama & Alpaca Show are set for the afternoon.

The midway, operated once again by Skerbeck Entertainment, opens at 6 p.m. with a \$20 armband.

Harness Racing with the Colt Stakes is the featured Grandstand entertainment. Post time is at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$5 each with children age 4 and under admitted free. A number of 'fun' activities and numerous prize giveaways are planned to go along with the races. (See related article on the Harness Races in this issue.)

Tuesday, July 25, offers a variety of activities for fair-goers to enjoy. 4-H judging resumes with shows for swine, rabbits, horses, and dogs. There is also open class judging that day for swine.

At noon the Bingo Gazebo starts play, while over at the horse show arena will be the TRP Horse Drill Team Event.

The midway opens at 1 p.m., with a \$22 armband offered for unlimited rides that day. 'Wolves of the World' has shows set for 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. The Clover Bud Mentoring Program starts at 5 p.m. in the Livestock Arena, followed by the Clover Bud Graduation and the Non-Animal Achievement Program at 6 p.m. Another special 4-H event is the King & Queen Contest at 7 p.m. also taking place in the livestock arena.

Grandstand entertainment that evening includes country music artist DeWayne Spaw putting on a free concert starting at 6 p.m., followed by the T-N-T Demolition Derby at 8 p.m. Admission to the show is \$10 with children 4 and under admitted free.

T-N-T, started in 2010 by veteran demolition derby driver Todd Sorensen, is making its debut at the Fowlerville Family Fair and promises plenty of "smashing and crashing," plus a kids' event that promises to be lots of fun for both the participants and spectators.

"We have three different competitions," said Sorensen "There is the Truck Demo Derby which is our main event. There'll be two regular heats with up to 10 entries in each one, followed by a consolation round, and then the championship feature."

Any full-size passenger truck type vehicle, including Pickups, Suburbans, Vans, Bronco's, and Tahoes can compete. However, dual-wheeled vehicles are not allowed and four-wheel drive vehicles must have the front drive shaft removed

There will also be a Big Car Bone Stock Derby and a Gut 'n Go Car event for front-wheel drive vehicles of four and six cylinder vintage. Competitors in these two categories have restrictions on how much the cars can be modified, with the goal of encouraging more local, widespread participation.

"Fans in the other shows we've done love the Gut 'n Go," said Sorensen. "We get between 20 to 30 cars lined up and let them have at it. Drivers don't have to put a lot of work in getting their car ready. It's how the demolition derbies were

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"This part of our show lasts 20 minutes and the audience enjoys watching the kids drive the small cars," said Sorensen.

Wednesday is Kids Day at the fair. Children ages 12 and under will be admitted free from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Activities begin at 10 a.m. with the sawdust hunt, games and giveaways at the Finlan Gazebo. The carnival opens at 11 a.m. with a \$17 armband available. At noon the Michigan Pedal Pullers Competition gets underway for kids ages 3-10 in front of the fair office, while from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. a 'Reading Corner' will be offered at the Brown Commercial Building. This event, offered by Great Start Livingston, will include stories read aloud by guest readers and book giveaways for children 18 and under. Kids Day concludes with the drawing for several free bicycles at 5 p.m. at the Finlan Gazebo.

4-H judging during the day includes dairy cattle, sheep, cats, pocket pets, companion pets, and reptiles, while at noon a 4-H Clover Bud event will be held and at 2 p.m. the 4-H Mower Madness Contest gets underway. In the late afternoon, starting at 5:30 p.m., the 4-H Still Exhibit Action gets underway at the Livestock Arena.

'Wolves of the World' will be featured during the day with shows at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m., bingo will begin at noon, and DeWayne Spaw, the country artist, performs for free at 7 p.m. in front of the Grandstand.

The USA Demolition Derby Figure 8 Races return to the Grandstand at 8 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person. The races will offer two automobile categories: the large V-8, rear-wheel drive cars like the Monte Carlo's, Crown Vic's, Mercury Marquis's and Olds Cutlass's and the smaller, 6-cylinder, front-wheel drive vehicles of newer vintage.

Sonny Hall, head of U.S.A. Demolition Derby, the group that organizes and stages the races, said that there'll be a maximum of 42 cars in each of these two classes. "We alternate them and have six heats for each class with up to seven cars in a heat. There will also be a feature event for each class with the six heat winners squaring off against each other," he explained.

That adds up to 12 heats and two feature events of smashing, crashing fun for both participants and spectators.

The drivers will be going around the Figure 8 lap with "the dreaded intersection having to be negotiated twice per lap." It's an event requiring speed, endurance, and skill with the goal of each competitor of having the last vehicle still racing around the track.

Thursday is Throwback & Ride Discount Day with \$2 gate admission for all from 9 a.m. to noon. The midway rides start at 1 p.m. with \$2 per ride offered from 1 to 5 p.m. or an all-day \$22 armband can be purchased.

A Mini-Horse Pull is scheduled for 10 a.m. in the infield grass in front of the Grandstand, followed by a Pony Pull at noon, and the State Heavyweight Championship Draft Horse Pull at roughly 2 p.m. Admission is free for all three of these events.

4-H judging takes place that day for horses and beef and feeder cattle. Bingo play starts at noon, while 'Wolves of the World' will put on shows at 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 6 p.m. The 4-H Showmanship Sweepstakes is taking place at 5 p.m. at the Livestock Arena, while DeWayne Spaw will perform at 6 p.m.

The Grandstand show that evening is the Thumb Pullers Truck & Tractor Pull, with action starting at 7 p.m. New this year will be a pull for Semi trucks. Admission is \$10.

Members of the Thumb Tractor Pulling Association, the organization that puts on the event, will compete in four different pick-up classes and four different tractor categories. Those pick-up truck classes include: Pro Street, Super Stock Pickups, Hot Diesels, and 2.5 Diesel Pickups. The tractor categories include: V8 Hot Rods, 8000 Diesel Pro Stock, 9300 lb Super Farm Stocks, and Light Limited Super Stocks.

The Michigan Vietnam Memorial Wall—which lists the names of all of the soldiers, Marines, and sailors who were killed in that conflict—will be at the fairgrounds on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The 30-foot exhibit can be viewed in the Brown Commercial Building, located near the fair office.

The display—similar in design to the Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C.—is hosted by members of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter No. 73, located in Holland. The wall has 2,661 names.

In addition, the display has informational binders on these hundreds of men and women, containing such information as their hometown, military branch and rank, length of time in the service, how long they were in Vietnam, and the date and nature of their death.

Friday is Youth Education Day at the fair. The Ventra Community Spelling Bee for 5th thru 8th graders begins at10 a.m. in the Green Methodist Church in the Historical Village. The event is sponsored by Ventra of Fowlerville.

4-H activities include the Gymkhana Classes at the horse show arena, a Livestock Judging Contest, a Rooster Crowing Contest, and the Market Large Animal Auction at 2 pm. in the livestock arena.

'Wolves of the World' will have shows at 1 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Bingo starts at noon, and the carnival opens at 1 p.m. with a \$25 armband offered.

The evening entertainment will be the Lost Nations Rodeo at 7 p.m. in front of the Grandstand. Admission is \$10.

Lost Nations Rodeo is a member of the Southern Extreme Bull Riding Association (SEBRA). Riders who participate in any of its shows can earn points in the national rankings of this sanctioning organization. The bulls are also graded by SEBRA on how challenging they are to stay on. A PBR (Professional Bull Riding) designation means "they're tough"

Each rider who signs up will have a chance to perform. The top six finishers will then compete on a new set of bulls. Along with earning points, the top finishers will receive part of the prize money being awarded that night.

The barrel racing, meanwhile, will feature the ladies, including some of the top racers in Michigan. They'll also be vying for the available prize money. In addition, a children's event will be held for the kids in the audience.

Part of the tradition of this event is the rodeo clown, who helps divert the bull after a rider is eventually thrown or dismounts and also attempts to entertain the crowd in between the rides.

Saturday is Service Day at the fair. Free gate admission for Veterans, Active Military Personnel, and First Responders (with proof of status) will be offered from 9 a.m. to noon.

The carnival opens at noon with \$25 armbands offered. Bingo also starts at that time, while the 'Wolves of the World' will put on shows at 1 p.m., 3 p.m., and 5:30 p.m. The 4-H Market Small Animal Auction starts at 2 p.m. at the livestock arena

That evening, starting at 7 p.m. the A & R Motorsports will be entertaining fair-goers with their Ultimate Truck Championships Monster Trucks, Mega Trucks, Tough Trucks, 4 Cylinder Pickup Races, Mini Monsters and more—all of it taking place in front of the Grandstand. Admission is \$10.

ATR Motorsports Promotions, based in Fowlerville, will once again bring nationally-recognized monster trucks back to the fair, where the drivers will be performing high-

flying wheelies, groundshaking side-by-side racing and everyone's favorite FREESTYLE event.

"An added attraction this year will be Fowlerville's own

"Gladiator" monster truck appearing for the first time," said Dave Rife, owner of ATR.

Mega Trucks—also a popular part of the show—are the fastest growing form of motorsports in the country right now. Starting out as backyard mud bogs trucks, mega trucks have now grown to high horsepower, extreme suspension, racing machines very similar to their monster truck idols. One big difference is the drivers are hometown favorites from your area

Among those "favorites" are area drivers Tom Kleinschmidt and Dan Perkins. They and other local participants will be racing and doing freestyle.

Rife noted that local participation is also encouraged in both the Tough Truck Division as well as the 4-Cylinder Pickup Races where drivers can sign-up and compete.

A Pit Party, starting at 6 p.m., will again be held. "Fans are encouraged to come on out to the meet and greet all of the drivers," said Rife, adding that "This motorized action is packed with fun from start to finish and will be the highlight of the summer that you won't want to miss!"

Another attraction at the fair is the Livingston Centre Historic Village. Docents will be on duty during the week to offer tours of the different buildings, dating back to the 1800's, and explain their unique background.

Livingston County Farm Bureau, meanwhile, is hosting a 'Farm at the Fair' Exhibit located in the south end of the Dairy Barn. Fair visitors will learn about Michigan agriculture when they see small scale fields of corn, soybeans, wheat, oats and sugar beets. Also featured on the Farm are other famous Michigan crops like potatoes, cucumbers and bedding plants. Interesting farm facts are part of each display.

Although not a Michigan grown crop, a special exhibit traces cotton from the field to your t-shirt. Cows, pigs, sheep, goats, donkeys, rabbits and chickens are also part of the Farm exhibit. Children will be able to pet the calf, touch the goats and watch baby chicks hatch.

New this year will be a Bee Exhibit, providing information on the importance of bees to agricultural production. As part of the exhibit, free honey sticks will be given out.

Hands-on activities make the Farm a unique experience. A corn table for playing, soy crayons for coloring, wheat heads for shucking, and wool and cotton for touching are ways that Livingston County Farm Bureau will be sharing agriculture with fair visitors each day.

A Puppet Show is planned on Kid's Day with four performances taking place between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Still another special attraction are 'Bumble Bee and Iron Man who will be strolling the grounds on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.









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Knowledge – Wisdom= Disaster Pt. 2

Will God understand that you choose to put the desires of your flesh in front of the desires of the Holy Spirit; that you would rather spend your time seeking trivial, temporary accomplishments that make you happy for a short time, instead of striving after developing a healthy relationship with Jesus and experiencing complete joy? Will God understand that you are not willing to devote the time and effort to get to know Him and develop the relationship with Him that He wants to have with you? Will God understand that the only time He came first in your life was when you were facing a crisis in life?

When I read the scriptures and I see the dedication that men like Abraham, Moses, Joshua, the disciples of Jesus, and so many others had in seeking after God, I know that my knowledge and understanding of God needs a lot of development. I know that I have allowed the distractions of this world to rob me of passion for seeking after Jesus.

Solomon says, *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of Holy One is understanding.* (Proverbs 9:10). If we really understood God and His plan of salvation, there would be a major change in the priority we give to the things we do in life. Our fun-seeking time would decrease and our wisdom-seeking time would increase. Our desire to be popular and successful would change to seeking after wisdom and righteousness.

God is the Creator of everything that was created, including us. He has the power to do with us as He pleases and no one can undermine or override His decisions.

For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness and devotion to God. (Titus 2:11-12)

We often view sin as the intentional act of disobedience stealing, murder, like adultery, lying, cheating and other obvious actions that we know to be wrong. But what about our lackadaisical attitude toward our spiritual education? What about failing to love one another as Christ commanded us? What about judging, criticizing, gossiping and slandering others? All these things are sins in God's

God has revealed His marvelous plan of salvation to us in the scriptures. If we don't know what the plan is, and we don't make the proper adjustments in our lifestyle so that our priorities are parallel to those of God, the

consequences of not knowing are far greater than our limited human understanding can begin to comprehend.

The Bible says in James 1:5: "If anyone lacks wisdom, he should go to God and ask Him, who gives to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him."

There is no excuse for not having wisdom, and there is no excuse for missing out on God's gift of salvation. God has given us everything we need to live holy and godly lives. (2 Peter 1:3)

We have the gift of the Spirit of Christ living inside of us; the same Spirit that Jesus has living inside of Him. We have the inspired written word of God available to us in thousands of translations and easily accessible in almost any form we choose to view it. We have devoted men and women who explain the mystery of the gospels in our churches every week and thousands and thousands of Bible studies going on daily. Most important, we have the promise of Jesus never to leave us or forsake us as long as we are seeking after Him.

The problem we have in seeking after understanding and wisdom is the battle that continues to rage within us between the flesh and the Spirit. It is a battle that will only end when these earthly bodies breathe their last breath. As long as we're occupying these bodies, we need to know that Satan will never relinquish his effort to draw us away from loyalty to Christ.

The devil is constantly using the weakness of our flesh, our desires for things of the world, to tempt us just as he tried to do to Jesus in the wilderness. Jesus used the love of God and the power of God's word to defeat Satan. When Jesus got tired of Satan and his evil schemes, He said, "Away from me Satan, for it is written, worship the Lord your God and serve Him only!" (Matthew 4:10).

This needs to be our approach to Satan when he dangles the worldly temptations that appeal to the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life, before us. We need to tell him to get stepping! "Away from us, you prince of evil!"

Knowledge without the wisdom of God is a sure plan for disaster. But we need to understand that God will not give us His wisdom if we do not have undivided love for Him. *Loving Jesus begins when we become dissatisfied with where we are in our current level of loving Jesus.* (Dr. Michael Youssef).

Until we realize that our love for Jesus is nowhere near the way He loves us, we will not grow more intimately in our love for Him.

Our attitude should be the same as Paul's. "Everything that we are and everything that we have, our jobs, our degrees, our money, our possessions, even our lives, should mean nothing to us when compared to knowing Christ, and loving Christ our Lord." (Dr. Youssef).

Until we come to that point in our lives, then we have no way to grow in loving Christ. Until we make the decision that Christ is the most important person in our lives and commit to learning as much as we can about Him and spend as much time as we can with Him, our understanding of Him will always be less than what it should be, because the scriptures tell us that we need to love Him with our whole heart and not divide that love between any other person or thing. Loving Jesus with anything less than one-hundred percent will result in a failing grade from God, and the punishment for failure is eternal separation, otherwise known as Hell.

I encourage you to begin seeking after God's wisdom with all of your heart, and He will give it to you. Then you will know a joy that is beyond comparison.

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** PLEASE NOTE** This is age as of August 1, 2018

Try-outs serve to help the Recreation Department place your ball player on a team that will ensure they get the best possible experience, while providing better instruction and/or competition to aid in their success in baseball.

All ball players (experienced or not) in U9 through U14 should come to try-out.

(If you are unable to make the try-out date please contact:

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LESA gearing up for 16th annual 'Backpacks for Kids' project

The Livingston Educational Service Agency (LESA) is gearing up for the 16th annual "Backpacks for Kids" project. The goal of this project is to provide Livingston County students whose families are experiencing financial difficulties with basic school supplies at no cost.

We are pleased to announce multiple events to support the annual "Fill Backpacks for Kids" campaign, which will provide opportunities for local community members to donate school supplies for this event.

On Friday, August 4th, a LESA Bus will be at the Howell Wal-Mart. You can Stuff the Bus from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Families who are shopping for school supplies can pick up an extra set of pencils, pack of paper, or even a backpack, as a contribution to the annual "Fill Backpacks for Kids" campaign.

There will also be a fundraising event at fiVe BELoW, at the Green Oak Mall, August 4 - August 6. Go to the LivingstonESA.org website and click on the Parents & Community Resources tab to download a fiVe BELoW fundraiser flyer; with the fundraiser flyer, 10% of the dollars you spend will be donated to the Livingston ESA Backpacks for Kids program (you must have the flyer at the time of purchase).

Watch for the Stuff the Blue Goose event, coordinated by the Michigan State Police (Brighton Post); and other collection events in August.

Thank you to all of our local community businesses and organizations who are holding their own collection events and/or being collection sites. For a listing of collection sites, please visit our website: LivingstonESA.org, and click on Backpacks for Kids, found under the Parents & Community Resources tab.

Last year, approximately \$20,000.00 in monetary and school supply donations allowed us to distribute over 1,000 backpacks to students, ranging from Preschool through 12th Grade. Our goal this year is to distribute 1,500 backpacks full of basic school supplies for Livingston County students whose families may be experiencing financial difficulties. Residents, churches and local businesses contribute to this effort through donations, volunteer time, and serving as dropoff sites for supplies and backpacks to make it a success.

Donations for the Livingston ESA's 2017 Backpack for Kids campaign may be dropped off at the Livingston Educational Service Agency, 1425 West Grand River Ave., Howell, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

The Livingston ESA's annual Backpacks for Kids event will be held on August 17. The Connect for Kids portion of the event will begin at 5:00 pm, and distribution of backpacks will be from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, at the Livingston ESA Education Center.

For additional information, please call the Hot Line at (517) 540-6833 or visit the Parents & Community tab on our website: LivingstonESA.org.

Summer Benefit Recital Series being held in Pinckney on Friday, July 28

The next offering of the Summer Benefit Recital Series will be held on Friday, July 28, at 7pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pinckney. St. Mary Music Ministry welcomes classical violinist, Sarah Langford. Tickets are \$15 and are available at St. Mary's Church office or at the door. For more information call 810-231-8388.



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Savvy Senior **Column**

By Jim Miller

New Medicare Cards Debut Next Year

Dear Savvy Senior,

I just received my Medicare card in the mail and was surprised to see that the ID number is the same as my Social Security number. I know it's a bad idea to carry around anything that displays my Social Security number because it makes me vulnerable to identity theft. Wasn't the government supposed to stop putting Social Security numbers on *Medicare cards?*

New Beneficiary

Dear New,

Many people new to Medicare are surprised to learn that the ID number on their Medicare card is still identical to their Social Security number (SSN). After all, we're constantly warned not to carry our SSN around with us, because if it gets lost or stolen, the result could be identity theft.

But the card itself tells beneficiaries to carry it with you when you are away from home so you can show it at the doctor's office or hospital when you need medical care. Here's what you should do to protect yourself.

New Medicare Cards

For starters, you'll be happy to know that the government is in the process of removing SSNs from Medicare cards, but with 58 million beneficiaries, it's a huge undertaking that will

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be implemented gradually. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will start sending the new cards in April 2018, but it will take until December 2019 before SSNs are removed from all cards.

Under the new system, a randomly generated 11-character Medicare Beneficiary Identifier will replace the SSN-based health claim number on your new Medicare card, but your Medicare benefits will not change.

You will receive information in 2018 letting you know about the new Medicare card, with an explanation of how to use the new card and what to do with your old one. You can start using your new Medicare card with the new number as soon as you receive it, and there should be a transition period in 2018 and 2019 when you can use either the old card or the new card.

Protect Your Identity

Until your new Medicare card is issued, here's what you can do to protect your SSN on your current card. The Privacy Rights Clearinghouse, a national consumer resource on identity theft, recommends that you carry your Medicare card only when you visit a health care provider for the first time, so the provider can make a copy for their files. Otherwise, make a photocopy of your card and cut it down to wallet size. Then take a black marker and black out the last four digits of your SSN, and carry that instead in case of an emergency.

If your Medicare card does happen to get lost or stolen, you can replace it by calling Social Security at 800-772-1213 or contact your local Social Security office. You can also request a card online at SSA.gov/MyAccount. Your card will arrive in the mail in about 30 days.

If your Medicare card that contains your SSN gets lost or stolen, you'll need to watch out for Medicare fraud. You can do this by checking your quarterly Medicare summary notices for services or supplies you did not receive. You can also check your Medicare claims early online at MyMedicare.gov (you'll need to create an account first), or by calling Medicare at 800-633-4227. If you spot anything suspicious or wrong, call the Inspector General's fraud hotline at 800-447-8477.

Also, watch for other signs of identity theft. For example, if someone uses your Social Security number to obtain credit, loans, telephone accounts, or other goods and services, report it immediately to the Federal Trade Commission at

Livingston County Parkinson's Support Group meeting on July 25 in Howell

Livingston County Parkinson's Support Group will meet on Tuesday, July 25, at 4pm in Community Room 2 of St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital, 620 Byron Road, Howell. Park in the rear west parking lot and enter through the west entrance canopy. The featured speakers are Deb Demski and Miriam Bohnen of the UM Neuro Lab. They will present an update on their research on Parkinson's therapy. After the formal presentation, an open discussion will take place. For further information, contact Dr. Stuart Blatt at sblatt63@ gmail.com or at 810-923-8970.

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

IdentityTheft.gov (or 877-438-4338). This site will also give you specific steps you'll need to take to handle this problem.

Howell Eagles Breakfast Buffet on August 6th

Howell Eagles Breakfast Buffet is being held Sunday, August 6, from 9am-noon. Scrambled eggs, sausage patties/ bacon, cheese hash browns, sausage gravy & biscuits, coffee/ juice. Open to the public, \$6 a person and children under 5yrs are free. Located at 141 Schroeder Park Dr, Howell 517-548-1630 for details.



Fowlerville Community Schools School Board Meeting Schedule 2017-2018

July 11, 2017	January 9, 2018
July 25, 2017	January 23, 2018
August 8, 2017	February 6, 2018
August 22, 2017	February 20, 2018
September 12, 2017	March 13, 2018
September 26, 2017	April 3, 2018
October 10, 2017	April 17, 2018
October 24, 2017	May 1, 2018
November 6, 2017 *	May 15, 2018
November 14, 2017	June 5, 2018
November 21, 2017 *	June 12, 2018
December 5, 2017	June 19, 2018**
December 19, 2017	•

*Superintendent's Evaluation

**Budget meeting

All meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Fowlerville High School Media Center unless otherwise posted.

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HANDY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING **SYNOPSIS**

The regular meeting of the Handy Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Alverson at 7:00 P.M. in the Handy Township Board Room. Trustees present: Eisele, Shear, Munsell and Roddy. Absent: None. Also present: Att. Kehoe, Paul Harmon-Harmon Real Estate, Mike Rife-Conway Township Supervisor and resident Chuck Wright. Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

To approve the agenda as amended.

To approve minutes of 6-13-17 as presented.

To pay the bills in the amount of \$96,325.44.

To list Township owned property for sale. To authorize issuance of capital improvement bonds.

To approve Board of Trustees meeting schedule for 2017-18.

To adopt zoning amendments Z-16-17 and Z-17-17.

To accept proposal from HRC for manhole study.

To purchase paper shredder for Township office.

To adjourn meeting at 8:41 P.M.

Laura A. Eisele Handy Township Clerk (7-23-17 FNV)



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Michigan Senate Report

By Joe Hune, 22nd District

It's time for the Fowlerville Family Fair

It's that time of year again! The 131st Fowlerville Family Fair and 4-H is here!

From July 24 - 29, the Fowlerville Family Fair offers families a wonderful opportunity to enjoy great food, carnival rides, exciting grandstand events and shows put on by the community's youth and 4-H program.

While the fair offers exciting entertainment, including a demolition derby and an evening harness race, it also serves as an occasion to help nurture and guide our community's youth. True to their slogan of "learn by doing," the fair offers many of our youth an opportunity to grow and develop their interests in agriculture through a number of 4-H events and competitions taking place throughout the week.

I have been a part of 4-H since I was a child here in Fowlerville. I'm still involved as a proud member of the Michigan 4-H Clover Society. And I always look forward to visiting the 4-H livestock auction at the Fowlerville Fair each year. I give credit to 4-H for a lot of who I am today. It helped instill responsibility, hard work and leadership skills in me at a young age, and I would not have changed my experience for anything!

The structured learning, encouragement, and mentoring provided by our community's 4-H program plays an important role in helping our youth achieve success by teaching them important life skills. Youth who participate in 4-H programs are more likely to contribute to their communities, be civically active, make healthier life choices and participate in STEM programs later in life than those who do not. As someone who grew up with the 4-H, I am a proud supporter of their work and I am happy to see them active in the Fowlerville Family Fair.

With so many activities for those of all ages, the Fowlerville Family Fair is one of the highlights of the year in our community. Have fun and enjoy the fair!

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

Community members needed to help assemble new playground equipment

Community members are needed to help assemble several pieces of new playground equipment at H.T. Smith Elementary School. A 'Community Build' is planned on Saturday, August 5, with work starting at 9 a.m. and continuing until the project is finished. If you can join the organizing committee on that day to assist them with this effort, your help would be greatly appreciated. For further information and to sign up, contact



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By Audrey Glass Programming Assistant

July in Fowlerville: 100 Years Ago

One hundred years ago in July 1917, Fowlerville was bidding farewell to its young men who were leaving to serve in World War I. *The Fowlerville Review* published an article boasting of this town's contributions in enlistments, the buying of liberty bonds, and fundraising for the Red Cross.

On Sunday, July 8th, 1917 a farewell service was held at the Baptist Church for those who had enlisted and would be reporting for duty the following Sunday. Several local Reverends spoke at the service, giving the men advice and thanking them for their sacrifice and the honor they were bringing to their community.

The men leaving to report for duty's names were listed in *The Fowlerville Review* that week. Perhaps you recognize some of their names from your family and community: Sgt. Leslie Peek, Martin Blivin, Lloyd Copeland, Wesley Curtis, J. B. Dormer, Major Bravener, Percy Dunn, Albert Druard, Phillip Foster, J. R. Griswold, Carl Glover, Lester Huff, Asil Ireland, William Jones, David Austin, Harry Huck, Cecil Kellog, Andrew Linquist, Henry Phillips, James Satterle, B. Tobin, Dan Rose, Stanly Eaton, Hubert Gibson, Reginald Dey, Lyle Worden, Don Clark, and Ray Skutt.

If you'd like to dig up more history about these brave men, Fowlerville's contributions to World War I, or what was going on in this village one hundred years ago, you can stop by the library and take a look at our Digital Newspaper Archives available on all our public computers!





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Preschool Tuesdays with Mrs. D: Reuse Tuesday, July 25th at 10am & 11am

Ages 2-4 years. Discover how Ordinary People Change the World with weekly stories, songs, and hands-on learning this summer! *This program is part of the Summer Reading

Program. Must be preregistered to attend.

Engineering a Better Build Tuesday, July 25th at 2:30pm Teens 6th-12th grades. Have fun with your friends this summer at the library! Read, come to programs, and learn how you can build a better world! *This program is part of the Summer Reading Program. Teens participating in Reading Log Only may attend if there is still room. However, Teens registered for Programs will be given priority.

Weekly Wednesdays: Energy Wednesday, 26th at 10am, 11am, and 2pm Kindergarten-5th grades. Discover how Ordinary People Change the World this summer! Read books, attend weekly programs, and have fun at the library!*This program is part of the Summer Reading Program. Must be pre-registered to attend.

Reading to Fred: Wednesdays of the Summer Reading Program at 11am

All Ages. Fred is a mature golden retriever therapy dog. Reading to Fred improves literacy skills, builds fluency, and promotes reading confidence regardless of ability. Fred's "Mom," Shelly, has been a part of our library community volunteering her time and sharing her other reading therapy golden retrievers for over ten years. *Drop-ins are welcome!

Summer Craft: Stone Totems: Thursday, July 27th at 7pm **Adults.** Join us at the library to decorate stones using sharpies. Then, arrange them in a totem that you can display or share as a gift. *Register in person to attend. Registration begins July 13th and includes a refundable \$5 cash deposit.

Movie on the Library Lawn: Beauty and the Beast (2017): Friday, July 28th at about 9pm

All Ages. Join us at the library for an exiciting outdoor movie experience! Movie will begin at about 9pm, or whenever it becomes dark enough. Movie is rated PG. *Drop in event. Weather Permitting: this program may be cancelled depending on the weather. Check our website www. fowlervillelibrary.org and our Facebook page for updates closer to the program.

Beyond the Book: A Beautiful Mind Thursday, August 10th at 6:30pm

Adults. Featuring a book and its film adaptation. Movies will begin at 6:30pm, followed by discussion. Moviestyle refreshments will be served. *Register in person to participate. Register monthly for each group. Registration begins July 20th. Books will be given while supplies last.

Trinity United Methodist to hold Vacation Bible School July 31-Aug. 3

Trinity United Methodist Church is holding its Vacation Bible School July 31st thru August 3rd. The theme of the school is "Missions for God." A light dinner will be served each evening at 6 p.m. with a program following from 6:30 to 8 p.m. It's for the whole family since an Adult Bible Class will be offered at the same time.

The Church is located at 8201 Iosco Road at the corner of Bull Run Road, south of Fowlerville. The phone is 517-223-



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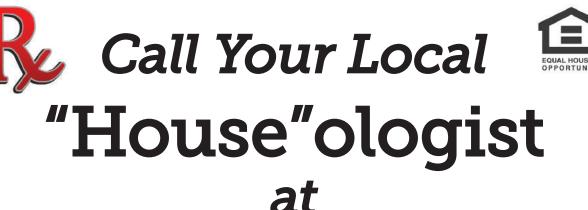
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Dave and Trish Rife owners of ATR Motorsports Promotions will be bringing back nationally recognized monster trucks to the fair.

Monster Truck Show promises to thrill & entertain fair-goers

They are BACK!! ATR Motorsports Promotions is proud to bring back the MONSTER TRUCKS to the 2017 Fowlerville Fair, this Saturday, July 29th, for a night of high flying wheelies, racing & freestyle! There will be a free pit party (with paid admission to the show), at 6pm with show time at 7pm. Five of the nations top monster trucks will be in attendance. For the first time back on its home turf the "GLADIATOR" monster truck will be part of this years line up, along with MonsterTruck Hall of Fame nominee Bobby Holman in the "Beast" monster truck, 2017 indoor points champion Cody Holman in 'Son of Beast', Zack Adams in the Rislone sponsored "Defender" monster truck and more.

Also featured will be the states top "Mega Trucks". Local favorites Tom Kleinschmidt in "Showtime", Dan Perkins in "Pit Boss", Robert Walker in "Down N Dirty", & current points leader Kody LaPoint in "Back N Black" among many other will be there competing in racing, obstacle course & freestyle. Local competitors are encouraged to compete in the tuff trucks & 4 cylinder pick up "bump n run". (Anyone interested in competing in these 2 classes needs to be at the pit gate, no later than 5pm, the day of the show, or contact us

at ATR Motorsports@yahoo.com).

ATR Motorsports Promotions, owned by life long Fowlerville residents Dave and Trish Rife. The Rife's travel around the United States and the world putting on high flying, monster truck events, year round. Involved in the sport for 28 years "it's always fun to come back



"Son of Beast" will be among the monster trucks performing high flying wheelies.

to Fowlerville to perform for our friends and the community that has helped be able to live this dream" says Dave Rife. "We have been all the way from Maine to California, to Mexico and into Canada already , we have only had 3 weekends off since the start of the year". "No matter how many shows we do and where we go we always give it 110% here at home, always a little added pressure". This year, Alex Rojas, 23 years old from Fowlerville, Michigan & a 2012 Fowlerville High School graduate will driving one of the monster trucks at this years ATR Monster Truck event. Alex remembers when he was a young boy going to a monster truck show at the Pontiac Silverdome with his Aunt & saying "One day I am going to drive one of these things". Who would have guessed sitting in the grandstands at the 2016 Fowlerville Fair monster truck show, would lead to his dream coming true. Lsat year Alex came and watched the ATR Monster truck show and began talking with Dave Rife afterwards, to see what he could do to help hm out. Alex eventually came on board working for ATR Motorsports Promotions & Dave Rife & in January 2017 he started going on the road with him traveling the United States & working as a crew guy, doing whatever was needed. Alex's big break came in June, 2017 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, when Alex finally got the chance to be in the drivers seat. "What a rush it was" Alex recalls. Alex would like to give a shout out to Dave Rife & ATR Motorsports for helping to make his dream come true.



Steve King and the Dittilies to perform at Courthouse Amphitheater on July 28

Steve King and the Dittilies will be performing at the Howell Courthouse Amphitheater, 200 E. Grand River Ave., Howell this Friday, July 28, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The group is the latest of a variety of local area musicians who have been taking center stage every Friday night throughout the summer on the lawn of the Historic Howell Courthouse as Concerts at the Courthouse celebrates its 19th season this summer! This always popular program is a free series of concerts presented by the Livingston Arts Council throughout the summer, featuring rock, folk and blues entertainment at an outdoor family (and pet)-friendly venue. Pack a blanket or chair, and bring a snack or eat at one of Howell's many downtown restaurants before enjoying the evening's entertainment!

Steve King and the Dittilies describe themselves as, 'America's favorite rock 'n' roll band and variety show,' showcasing hit songs from the 1930's through the present. Traditionally an 'oldies' band, the Dittilies' repertoire focuses about 30 years in the past, spiced with current topical comedy and delivered with world-class sizzle. Since the 1970's, the Dittilies have performed on stage, television and radio in international venues for everyone from family clients to Fortune 500 companies.

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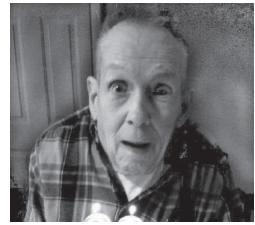
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-Area Deaths—



Francis C. Smith

Francis C. Smith of Pinckney, formerly of Fowlerville, Michigan, age 88, passed away on Saturday, July 15, 2017. He was born on March 29, 1929, in Chrisney, Indiana, the son of Clifton and Frances (Walden) Smith. Frank was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean War. He had worked for Hayes Wheels International for over 30 years. His hobbies included target practice.

He is survived by several siblings, his caretaker of many years Betty Thompson and all of her family, and goddaughter Vicky Griffith and all of her family. He was preceded in death by his parents. A Funeral Service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 19, 2017, at the Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home in Stockbridge, with Rev. Jackie Raineri officiating. Burial followed at Plainfield Cemetery in Unadilla Township. Visitation took place from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the American Heart Association or American Cancer Society.

Senior Power Day being held on August 4 at Pinckney High School

The Livingston Consortium on Aging is presenting Senior Power Day at Pinckney High School on Friday August 4th from 9am-3pm. Free transportation to and from the site will be provided by L.E.T.S.-call 517-546-6600. Contact your local senior center to pre-register for lunch. All day entertainment, vendors and Red Barrel medication disposal til 1pm. www.livingstoncoa.org/annual-events.





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*U12 Team will be attending Cooperstown All Star Village (www.cooperstownallstarvillage.com). *If your child can't make the scheduled tryout time, please contact the coach by email.

The Fowlerville Junior Baseball Association (FJBA) is a non-profit, volunteer organization that strives to teach kids the proper baseball fundamentals in a competitive baseball environment. FJBA teams compete in the Kensington Valley Baseball Association (KVBSA), and each team will play 16-20 league games, depending on age group. Every team also competes in at least three tournaments each season. The U12 team travels to Cooperstown All Star Village for a week long tournament with 48 teams from around the country. The Cooperstown team is funded through a variety of fundraisers. Please visit the website for more information: www.fjbabaseball.com



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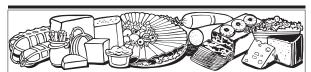
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Webberville Report



Senior Spotlight--Alex Leclerc

By Destiny Bird & Mary Cubberly

Alex Leclerc is a hard-working student who accomplishes his goals by focusing on the tasks at hand. From taking skill classes at CACC (Capital Area Career Center) to taking basic high school art classes at Webberville High School, Leclerc has excelled at both.

"Alex has matured and set goals. He's set his mind to work towards achieving whatever he puts his mind to," said junior Elizabeth Kowall who has been friends with Leclerc for about two and a half years.

One example of Leclerc's ambition is when he went into art teacher Dean Wilson's class believing that he could not draw, but is now leaving school with a skill he never had before.

"I really enjoyed the work he did on his figure study painting," said Mr. Wilson, expanding on how Alex's skills as an artist have grown and developed. "It was very nicely painted with wonderful colors and composition."

While in school, Leclerc enrolled in classes at the Capital Area Career Center (CACC) to help prepare for his future career. During his junior year he was in the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Program, but his senior year he switched to Precision Machining Technology.

Now that he's graduated, Leclerc plans to work as a CNC machinist in a parts factory, which is programming computers to cut metal.

This plan is far different from what he saw himself doing as a child. Though the dream of being a musician – due to musical inclination – seemed dreamy and luxurious, reality was far too close for him to achieve it. Now the simple life of a machinist seems fit for this new graduate.

Leclerc no longer follows the musician path, though he used to play the bass guitar as a hobby. He plays hockey, occasionally, as well.

Along with little sister Samantha Peach, Leclerc also has an older sister, Jessica Leclerc, mother Kimber Peach, and step-dad Sam Peach.

The advice Leclerc gives to underclassmen is short, but true. "The struggle is real, just stick with it," said Leclerc.

Crossroads UMC to offer basic sewing class for kids this summer

Children ages 8 to 13 can learn to sew in a free, basic beginner class to be offered in three sessions from 1 to 3 p.m. July 25 and 27 and August 1 at the church, corner of Haslett and Zimmer roads east of Haslett and north of Williamston. Students will make a pillowcase. No experience required. All fabric and materials are provided for this hands-on class. However, if you have a favorite fabric (cotton or cotton blend content), please bring 1 yard of 45" wide fabric. Limited seating.

To register phone 517-655-1466 and leave your name, age, and phone number. Questions? Please leave a message and call will be returned. Class meets in the Fellowship Hall at the church, 5491 Zimmer Rd, Williamston. Sponsored by Crossroads Quilters Group.

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Annual LEGO Building Challenge (Ages up to 18)

Make a LEGO creation inspired by the theme, "Build a Better World", then drop it off between July 24-28. July 24, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Annual LEGO Building Challenge Awards (Ages up to 18)

Join us to see all the LEGO entries and congratulate prize winners.

August 4, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

SYSTEM WIDE

Kids' Day at the Ingham County Fair (Held at Shirley Clark Pavilion, Ingham County Fairgrounds)

Stop by the Shirley Clark Pavilion for a free ride on Linc's Little Reading Railroad. Our Mobile Library will be there, with items to check out.

August 1, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Meet Author Tyler Benson (Held at Shirley Clark Pavilion, Ingham County Fairgrounds)

Stop by the Ingham County Fair to meet Tyler Benson, author of the popular Adventures of Onyx book series. August 1, 10:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m.

*Registration required.

Crossroads UMC offering free youth archery instruction this summer

Crossroads United Methodist Church again is offering free youth archery instruction this summer. Three sessions are scheduled on consecutive Thursday evenings from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. July 27 and August 3 and 10. No advance registration is required.

Lessons will take place on the church grounds, corner of Haslett and Zimmer roads north of Williamston and east of Haslett. The church will provide bows, arrows and targets.

For details please call Dean Kitchenmaster at 517/468-2452.



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Local tractor puller, continued

the organizers say that there's not enough time in the show. It would go on too long."

As such, Mark pointed out that he and other competitors are always tinkering with or seeking to upgrade the equipment (within the prescribed rules) to gain a little more power. He added, though, that power is only part of the equation. "You have to know how to read the track and properly balance out your tractor. You don't want to have the front end come off the ground too much and have the back tires start spinning. Power is number one, but balance is also important."

THE UPCOMING EVENT AT FOWLERVILLE is put on by the Thumb Tractor Pulling Association, a group currently comprised of around 100 members—most of whom travel to different shows, like the Fowlerville Fair.

Krebs has been part of the association for 13 years, although he started tractor pulling in 1973 when he was still in high school. "Years ago I used one of our farm tractors to pull in that kind of competition," he said. "But I always wanted to compete in the higher-level classes; however, with family obligations and having to milk cows, I didn't have the time to travel around to different shows. Finally, I decided if I was ever going to do it, I needed to get started."

Mark said the Thumb Pullers put on 22 shows a season, most of them on the east side of the state. There are two other associations that do events on the south and west sides of the Lower Peninsula.

"I don't compete in as many pulls as I'd like," he said. "I make 12 to 14 a year if I'm lucky. I'm kind of fussy about liking to have the farm work done before I go."

With the spring planting earlier and the wheat harvested last week, Mark was planning to attend a show in Caro this Tuesday (July 25) prior to Thursday's event in Fowlerville.

Mark has a semi truck that he uses to haul the trailer with the two tractors. It's equipped, he noted, with sleeping quarters. "I call it our condo," he laughed.

"Our association has shows in places like Gaylord, Petoskey, and Cheboygen and it's nice to travel to them and be up north." he pointed out.

Pullers do receive prize money and trophies. Mark said that he has earned "a limited amount"... "enough to pay the gas money for going to a show."

Mark said that in more rural areas of the state where farming is still predominant, the tractors draw more participants and are the main attraction at the show. However, at the Fowlerville Family Fair and in much of lower mid-Michigan, the truck pull draws the most competitors and spectator interest. "There's no doubt that pickups are big in this area," he said. "We're not as big a farm area as we were."

While farming, in general, may not be as "big" as it once was, it has been and remains both the livelihood and way-oflife for Mark and others of the family. Since the early 1980's he and his older brother, Fred Krebs, have been partners. They call their operation "Krebsview" and currently own and rent 2,000 acres of land that they use to raise corn, soybeans, and wheat.

"Fred and I started out with less acreage and were still milking cows," said Mark. "We sold the dairy herd in 1986. At the time I had my doubts, but it was the best thing we could have done. We had beef cattle for around 10-to-12 vears after that, but now we just crop farm."

The brothers grew up on the family farm on South Fowlerville Road where Mark now has his home. It was owned by their parents—the late Walter and Lillian Krebs and the family included their older sister—the late Dawn

Over the years, they have added other nearby farms and

land to the operation. Both of them grew up on that main farm. Mark, who graduated from Fowlerville High in 1975, has been married to Joni (Nygren) for 41 years. Their son, Dan, passed away in 2005. They have two daughters—Stephanie and Jamie—plus three granddaughters and a grandson (all currently pre-schoolers) and another grandchild expected in

Mark noted that in the early 1970's tractor pulling was extremely popular at the local fair, drawing lots of contestants and a full Grandstand. "The event would often last past midnight," he said.

Like of lot of other farmers, young and old, he decided to join the action. "I remember my first pull being in 1973 in one of the Farm Stock classes," he said, "Back then Fred along with others from the area took part in the event. There was also a group who came from Stockbridge. Then we'd go over to their fair in Mason for that pull."

Mark said that his tractors' name "Uncontrollable Urge" is a tongue-in-check acknowledgement that you can spend a lot

Upcoming Events at St. Agnes Catholic Church

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of time and money trying to get your tractor "just right" with the goal of winning the event. "It's a nice hobby, but it can get frustrating," he said. "My red tractor, for example, there's something that we can't quite get right with the combination, so we keep tinkering."

But much of his motivation is not an "uncontrollable urge" to spend money and to win, but rather to spend time with family. "I was interviewed about this one time and said that I got serious about tractor pulling as a way to keep my nephews out trouble," he said. "They're all older now, but still help out. Also, the tractors are part of our family business.

"Right now, most of the time, it's Rick and I," he said. "But when we need a driver or assistance. Fred or two of my other nephews, Alex and Tom Nygren, have helped out."







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Operating Engineers 324 offers food, fun, basic health services and guest speaker U.S. Rep Dan Kildee at its annual event

Hundreds of operating engineer retirees met in Howell earlier this weekend for friendship, food and health check- up services at the Operating Engineers 324 annual Retiree Picnic.

Retirees of all ages brought friends and family for a day of food and fun, and received convenient access to basic health services, such as blood pressure checks and therapeutic massages. Retirees were also able to talk with union representatives about the health coverage options they receive through their retirement benefits. Families had the opportunity to celebrate the work of generations of operating engineers, the highly-skilled and dedicated workers tasked with running and maintaining the heavy equipment needed to build Michigan's infrastructure.

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Operating Engineers 324," said Doug Stockwell, Business Manager and General Vice President for Operating Engineers 324. "Our picnic is an opportunity for our retirees to meet up for a day of fun and friendship and to help our members lead healthy lives while training the next generation of skilled trades men and women."

The annual picnic was held at OE324's 555-acre training facility, which is used to train apprentice operating engineers as well as police and fire crews who may have to work with heavy machinery in the case of an accident or rescue attempt. The state-of-the-art facility is privately run and maintained at no cost to taxpayers. In addition to healthcare screenings and information, the day was packed with family-friendly events and activities. U.S. Reps Dan Kildee (D, Flint Township) and Joe Crowley (D, N.Y.), the Chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, joined the crowd to offer their thanks and appreciation.

"I'm proud to celebrate the many contributions that Operating Engineers and their families continue to make to keep Michigan's economy running," said Congressman Kildee. "The Operating Engineers 324 supports its members by fighting for fair wages, affordable health care and a secure retirement. I continue to be amazed by the important work the Operating Engineers do to develop and keep talent here in Michigan. As a state and nation, we must continue to support the skilled trades occupations that our economy so greatly depends on."

"We must ensure retirees have access to basic healthcare services, and I'm glad to support the Operating Engineers 324 as they work tirelessly to make sure Michigan's trades men and women have access to quality health care during their working years and after they retire," Chairman Crowley said. "I want to thank the operating engineers for the hard work they've done building a stronger nation. Our country's roads and cities could not have been built without the important work they do."

Operating engineers are the highly skilled workers who run the cranes, excavators and other heavy machinery needed to build Michigan's roads and bridges, and who maintain the stationary boilers that keep our children safe and warm in schools. The demand for these skilled trades people is high. Michigan is seeing significant growth in infrastructure projects - repairing roads and bridges, new building construction, to installing new wind turbines, and beyond.

"Every year we look forward to this opportunity to honor our retirees, provide them with basic health check-ups and share in the generations-long pride of building Michigan's future," Stockwell said.

Arise United Methodist Church hosting Car Cruise Night on August 3

Arise United Methodist Church is hosting a Car Cruise Night on Thursday, August 3. The church is located at 11211 Dexter-Pinckney Rd, Pinckney (about 2 miles south of M-36). The event will take place from 5-8pm weather permitting. All road worthy, legally registered hot rods, street rods, muscle cars, sports cars, pickup trucks, antiques and other specialty cars are welcome. Hot Dogs, soft drinks and snacks are available for purchase. Contact Sue at 586-854-0333 or sboltach@vahoo.com if further information is needed.

Hamilton Column

Why We Need to Scrap the Debt Ceiling

Back when I was in Congress, I got a call from a constituent one day. I'd recently voted to raise the nation's debt ceiling, and the man was more than irate. "Don't you understand that we've got a serious spending and debt problem in this country?" he asked. "Why did you cast this idiotic vote?"

He was right about the problem. But he was wrong about the vote. With Congress fast approaching another debt-ceiling vote and yet one more "fiscal cliff" drama taking shape, I'd like to explain why that is.

If you ask members of Congress which regular vote they most dread, this one would probably top the list. It's hard to explain to constituents why raising the debt ceiling is necessary, as indeed I had trouble explaining to my own constituent. It's an unpopular vote to cast, and many members simply will not do it. Yet they recognize that if a majority of their colleagues sided with them and voted against raising the ceiling, we'd be in deep economic trouble.

The key thing to understand is that raising the debt ceiling is not about increasing spending. It's about paying the bills for purchases we've already made. Refusing to increase the debt ceiling is like putting your child in day care so you can work, getting your transmission repaired so you can get there, and buying work boots and a hard hat so you can stay safe — and then telling your preschool, mechanic and local storekeeper you have no intention of paying them. Only, if our nation were to do this, the results would include plummeting investment, rocketing interest rates, and an economic downturn that could

At the moment, our debt is about \$20 trillion, or about \$160,000 for every household in the U.S. We have to find a long-term path to deficit reduction — through spending reductions, increased taxes, or a combination of the two. But using the debt ceiling as a means of reining in excessive spending has not worked since an aggregate ceiling was put in place almost 80 years ago. The political capital devoted to raising the ceiling every year would be far better spent putting us on a sustainable budget path.

Indeed, I'd argue that the nation would be better off scrapping the debt ceiling altogether. I know of no other major country that has a debt ceiling requirement. It has become a political football. Rounding up the votes takes a huge amount of precious legislative time and energy. Most people in Washington understand that a default by the United States would be calamitous for our own economy and for the world's, which means that once we put the debt ceiling requirement in place, this bill simply must pass. This, in turn, gives members of Congress great leverage to try to get something else they want.

Right now, congressional leaders are stumped. Members of the Republican majority don't want to vote for raising the ceiling — but the leadership knows that they control the government and can't simply let it default on its payments. So, much to their chagrin, they'll mostly likely have to negotiate with the Democrats and with Republicans who can be won over, handing members the chance to exact policy concessions that should instead be considered on their own merits. Even the run-up to an eventual vote is likely to be chaotic, risking a dip into a recession by damaging confidence in our economy.

This yearly battle isn't worth it. The issue isn't the debt ceiling, it's the debt itself — and deficit spending. Our political efforts should go toward finding long-term solutions that restrain spending and boost tax revenue. With all the built-in spending we have — Social Security, Medicare, defense spending and the like — the deficit problem is only going to get worse if we don't address it now.

It's worrisome that there appears to be no plan to address the debt ceiling in Congress, despite pleas from the President's economic advisers to do so by the end of July. It's even more worrisome that congressional leaders don't appear ready to address the core need: realistic, long-term deficit reduction.

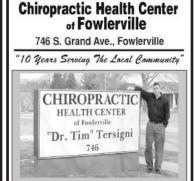
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Michigan House Report

By Dr. Hank Vaupel, 47nd District

I am honored to be selected by House Speaker Tom Leonard to serve as co-chair of a new bipartisan mental health task force.

The task force has been named C.A.R.E.S. for the key elements the panel hopes to address in order to support vulnerable citizens: Community, Access, Resources, Education and Safety.

The panel will explore ways to enable Michigan's residents facing mental health challenges to live happier, healthier and more independent lives.

We're taking a comprehensive approach to address these challenges people face every day. This could include veterans with post-traumatic stress injury, victims whose lives are forever altered by traumatic crimes or prisoners who struggle with underlying mental disorders. We want to hear from anyone who struggles to succeed due to inadequate access to mental health care or confusing regulations.

The statewide task force will hold its first public hearing right here in Livingston County at the EMS Building in Howell. The panel will include members of the Sherriff's Department, Community Mental Health, Livingston County Courts, Brighton Hospital, Veterans Administration, Woodland Correctional Facility and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Each panelist will give a short presentation on their work regarding mental health

The information gathered will help develop legislative reforms that result in more consistency in mental health services statewide, better support for our veterans, additional attention to substance abuse, improvements to mental health courts, enhanced training for law enforcement and any other ideas brought forward.

The task force is comprised of six Republicans and six Democrats. I look forward to working together to find solutions for our state.

Thanks to MDOT for working to help keep local businesses open and accessible during the bridge construction at U.S. 23 and Clyde Road. Spicer's Orchard Market and Mobil will remain open thanks to this collaborative effort.

Thank you to all who attended office hours. It is always a

pleasure to hear from local residents. I hope you'll be able to join me next month on Friday, August 18 at the following times and locations:

--2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Fowlerville Farms, 941 S. Grand Ave. in Fowlerville

--4 to 5 p.m. at Kahuna Coffee, 1836 Old U.S. Highway 23 in Hartland

--5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at All Star Coney Island, 934 Michigan Ave. in Howell

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

'Read Aloud' Event being hosted by Great Start Livingston at Fair Kids Day

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Take a break from the heat and the crowds to enjoy some quiet time at the Great Start Livingston Reading Corner during Kids' Day at the Fowlerville Family Fair on Wednesday, July 26. On that day, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., families are invited to cool off with complimentary water and relax with a book in the resting space provided in the Brown Commercial Building, near the Finlan Gazebo on the Grand River side of the fairgrounds. Each child will receive a book to take home as well, along with a book bag, wrist band and coloring bookmark.

The Reading Corner is sponsored by Jimmy John's and hosted by the Fowlerville Family Fair and Great Start Livingston. Great Start Livingston is a local nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting Livingston County families with health, education and child care needs through a network of public and private services and supports.

The event is part of the organization's Read Aloud campaign, stemming off a nationwide effort with the same mission --promoting the benefits and importance of daily reading to children, and ultimately aiming to make reading aloud every day for 15 minutes the new parenting standard. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends daily reading aloud from birth to grow children's vocabulary and promote healthy brain development. Establishing a habit of reading aloud for 15 minutes or more each day transforms a child's language development and helps build vital literacy skills, memories and engagement.

"Reading to children from birth is essential – it's the single most important activity parents can do to help a child prepare for reading and learning," said Robin Schutz, coordinator of Great Start Livingston. "Your little one's brain begins growing at lightning speed right from birth, so it's important to create a habit of daily reading and stick with it. Reading aloud gets your child off to a healthy start for school and life: it forms the building blocks needed for reading and writing, boosts

problem-solving skills, shapes a child's imagination and sets the stage for future success in areas such as jobs, career and college readiness."

As part of the Read Aloud campaign, representatives from Great Start Livingston have joined area families for play dates at local parks, library events and more to share the importance of reading aloud for 15 minutes every day, for every child and every parent. For a list of upcoming events, visit http://livingstonparentresources.com/read-aloud/.

While at the Fowlerville Fair, families can enjoy a comfortable place to sit and read together as the Reading Corner will be outfitted with bean bags, lounge chairs, book bins stocked with assorted reading material for all ages and complimentary bottled water and fans to stay cool. Children will also be able to select a book to take home for free in addition to a book bag, coloring bookmark and bracelet, provided by Great Start Livingston and its event sponsors.

Storytime and coloring activities will be offered as well and Great Start Livingston volunteers will be on hand to share more information and ideas about reading for and to children.

Guest readers include Representatives Hank Vaupel and Lana Theis, Sheriff Mike Murphy, HT Smith Elementary Principal Kathy Gibson and others.

Visit http://livingstonparentresources.com/read-aloud/ or call 517.540.6829 for additional event details and further information on the Read Aloud campaign.

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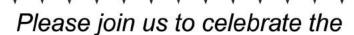
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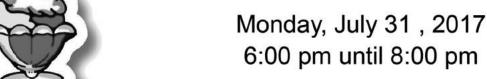


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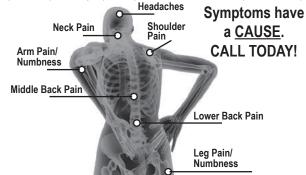
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Housing needed for visiting German exchange band & choir from Sept. 15-18

The Fowlerville High School Band and Choir are in desperate need to find housing for a German exchange band and choir this coming September. The exchange students will arrive on Friday, September 15th and will depart on Monday, September 18th. If you are able to house any amount of students, please contact Bill Vliek by emailing vliekw@fowlervilleschools.org or by calling (517)599-4291. Currently, there are many students who still have nowhere to stay. Thank you for your help and hospitality."

Dansville Community Center to host Euchre Night on August 5 & 19

Do you like to play Euchre? The Dansville Community Center at 1317 Mason Street in Dansville will be having Euchre Night on Saturday, August 5 & 19 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.

Veterans Golf Outing being held August 5th

The American Spirit Centre will be hosting its annual veterans golf outing it will be held August 5th at Hartland Glens Golf Course. 4 person scramble starts at 8am cost will be \$340 per team includes golf, skins, dinner and prizes. All proceeds benefit veteran programs, anyone can participate, for more info call 810-599-2613.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE

PLEASE BE NOTIFIED THAT THE HANDY TOWNSHIP BOARD ON JULY 13, 2017, AT THE HANDY TOWNSHIP HALL AT 135 N. GRAND AVENUE, FOWLERVILLE, MI 48836, HAS AD-OPTED AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

AMENDMENT 1. AMENDMENT TO ZONING TEXT

- 1. Amendment to "CHAPTER 15, SITE DE-VELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS," "SECTION 15.1 SITE PLAN REVIEW," subsection B. entitled "Uses Subject to Site Plan Review," subparagraph 1.a.(1)(c) shall be deleted in its entirety and a new subparagraph substituted in its stead that shall read as follows:
- (c) Residential accessory uses or structures in the AR, RA and/or RB Districts.

AMENDMENT 2. AMENDMENT TO ZONING TEXT

2. Amendment to "CHAPTER 15, SITE DE-VELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS," "SECTION 15.1 SITE PLAN REVIEW," subsection B. entitled "Uses Subject to Site Plan Review," subparagraph 1.a.(8) shall be deleted in its entirety.

AMENDMENT 3. AMENDMENT TO ZONING TEXT

- 3. Amendment to "CHAPTER 15, SITE DE-VELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS," "SECTION 15.1 SITE PLAN REVIEW," subsection C. entitled "Application and Review Procedures," subsection 1. "Application Procedures." subparagraph a. shall be deleted in its entirety and a new subparagraph substituted in its stead that shall read as follows:
- a. An Application for Site Plan Review shall be submitted at least sixty (60) days prior to the next scheduled Planning Commission meeting through the Zoning Administrator, who will review the application materials to ensure that the requirements of Section 15.1. C.1. d. and 15.1. C. 2 are met, and then transmitted to the Planning Commission according to the procedures in this Ordinance.

AMENDMENT 4. AMENDMENT TO ZONING TEXT

- 4. Amendment to "CHAPTER 15, SITE DE-VELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS," "SECTION 15.1 SITE PLAN REVIEW," subsection C. entitled "Application and Review Procedures," subsection 1. "Application Procedures." Subparagraph b shall be deleted in its entirety and a new subparagraph substituted in its stead that shall read as follows:
- b. A copy of the site plan shall be forwarded by a Planning Commission designee to other agencies, departments, or consultants as appropriate for review.

AMENDMENT 5. AMENDMENT TO ZONING TEXT

- 5. Amendment to "CHAPTER 15, SITE DE-VELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS," "SECTION 15.1 SITE PLAN REVIEW," subsection C. entitled "Application and Review Procedures," subsection 1. "Application Procedures." Subparagraph c shall be deleted in its entirety and a new subparagraph substituted in its stead that shall read as follows:
- c. Any review comments received shall be submitted to the Planning Commission or its designee, who will set a Pre-planning meeting to review the comments received with the Applicant, Applicant representatives and appropriate Township representatives to make sure the site plan is complete before it is sent to the Planning Commission for consideration and decision as to whether it meets the requirements of this Ordinance.

AMENDMENT 6. AMENDMENT TO ZONING TEXT

- 6. Amendment to "CHAPTER 15, SITE DE-VELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS," "SECTION 15.1 SITE PLAN REVIEW," subsection C. entitled "Application and Review Procedures," subsection 1. "Application Procedures." Subparagraph d. (2) shall be deleted in its entirety and a new subparagraph substituted in its stead that shall read as follows:
- (2) Four (4) copies of the site plan, or a lesser number as determined by the Zoning Administrator, as well as an electronic copy.

AMENDMENT 7. AMENDMENT TO ZONING TEXT

- 7. Amendment to "CHAPTER 15, SITE DE-VELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS," "SECTION 15.1 SITE PLAN REVIEW," subsection C. entitled "Application and Review Procedures," subsection 1. "Application Procedures." Subparagraph d.(4) shall be deleted in its entirety and a new subparagraph substituted in its stead that shall read as follows:
- (4) A legal description, including the permanent parcel number, of the subject property, zoning district, and a boundary survey map.

AMENDMENT 8. AMENDMENT TO ZONING TEXT

- 8. Amendment to "CHAPTER 16, SPECIAL USES," "SECTION 16.1 APPLICATION PROCEDURES," Subsection 16.1 A.1 shall be deleted in its entirety and a new subparagraph substituted in its stead that shall read as follows:
- 1. Four (4) copies of the site plan, or a lesser number as determined by the Zoning Administrator, as well as an electronic copy.

AMENDMENT 9. AMENDMENT TO ZONING TEXT

9. Amendment to "CHAPTER 2, GENER-AL PROVISIONS," "SECTION 2.19, PRIVATE ROADS," subsection K entitled "Road Construction Application," shall be deleted in its entirety and a new subparagraph substituted in its stead that shall read as follows:

K. Road Construction Application: An application for road construction shall not be submitted without evidence of an approved land division. The applicant is required to submit four (4) copies of the site plan application, or a lesser number as determined by the Zoning Administrator, as well as an electronic copy, with the information required by this Ordinance, at least sixty (60) days prior to the next scheduled Planning Commission meeting through the Zoning Administrator, who will review the application materials to ensure that the information requirements of this Ordinance are complete, and then transmit it to the Planning Commission according to the procedures in this Ordinance.

AMENDMENT 10. AMENDMENT TO ZONING TEXT

- 10. Amendment to "CHAPTER 2, GENERAL PROVISIONS," "SECTION 2.26, CONDOMINI-UM PROJECTS," Subsection N. 1. Entitled "Preliminary site plan," subsection a. shall be deleted in its entirety and a new subparagraph substituted in its stead that shall read as follows:
- a. The applicant for every condominium project is required to submit four (4) copies of the of preliminary site plan, or a lesser number as determined by the Zoning Administrator, as well as an electronic copy, through the Zoning Administrator with the information required under paragraphs B and C herein.

AMENDMENT 11. AMENDMENT TO ZONING TEXT

- 11. Amendment to "CHAPTER 2, GENER-AL PROVISIONS," "SECTION 2.26, CONDO-MINIUM PROJECTS," Subsection N. 1. Entitled "Preliminary site plan," subparagraph b. shall be deleted in its entirety and a new subparagraph substituted in its stead that shall read as follows:
- b. The preliminary site plan shall be submitted at least sixty (60) days prior to the next scheduled Planning Commission meeting through the Zoning Administrator, who will review the application materials to ensure that the requirements of this Ordinance are met, and then transmitted to the Planning Commission according to the procedures in this Ordinance. Once officially placed on the agenda, the Planning Commission shall approve, conditionally approve or deny the request within a reasonable time period.

This amendment was adopted by the Handy Township Board on July 13, 2017, and shall have an effective date of seven days after publication.

The Handy Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, and this amendment can be purchased, examined, or inspected at the Handy Township Hall, 135 N. Grand River Avenue, Fowlerville, MI 48836, between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

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AMENDMENT 1. AMENDMENT TO ZONING TEXT

1. Amendment to "CHAPTER 16, SPE-CIAL USES," Section 16.6 XX entitled "MEDICAL MARIHUANA" and all its provisions and subsections shall be deleted in its entirety and reserved for future use.

AMENDMENT 2. AMENDMENT TO ZONING TEXT

2. Amendment to "CHAPTER 9, NSC-NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE COM-MERCIAL DISTRICT," SECTION 9.3 entitled "SPECIAL USES" subsection P shall be deleted in its entirety.

AMENDMENT 3. AMENDMENT TO ZONING TEXT

3. Amendment to "CHAPTER 10, AC-ANCILLARY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT," SECTION 10.3 entitled "SPECIAL USES" subsection M shall be deleted in its entirety.

AMENDMENT 4. AMENDMENT TO ZONING TEXT

4. Amendment to "CHAPTER 11, I-1 - PRIME INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT," SECTION 11.3 entitled "SPECIAL USES" subsection C shall be deleted in its entirety.

AMENDMENT 5. AMENDMENT TO ZONING TEXT

5. Amendment to "CHAPTER 12, 1-2
 GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT,"
 SECTION 12.3 entitled "SPECIAL USES" subsection P shall be deleted in its entirety.

AMENDMENT 6. AMENDMENT TO ZONING TEXT

6. Amendment to "CHAPTER 1, DEFINITIONS," SECTION 1.14 entitled "DEFINITIONS - M" the definition MEDICAL MARIHUANA FACILITY, shall be deleted in its entirety.

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Laura A. Eisele, Township Clerk (7-23-17 FNV)

THE CONVERSATION

Human noise pollution is disrupting parks & wild places

By Rachel Buxton

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Colorado State University

As transportation networks expand and urban areas grow, noise from sources such as vehicle engines is spreading into remote places. Human-caused noise has consequences for wildlife, entire ecosystems and people. It reduces the ability to hear natural sounds, which can mean the difference between life and death for many animals, and degrade the calming effect that we feel when we spend time in wild places.

Protected areas in the United States, such as national parks and wildlife refuges, provide places for respite and recreation, and are essential for natural resource conservation. To understand how noise may be affecting these places, we need to measure all sounds and determine what fraction comes from human activities.

In a <u>recent study</u>, our team used millions of hours of acoustic recordings and sophisticated models to measure human-caused noise in protected areas. We found that noise pollution doubled sound energy in many U.S. protected areas, and that noise was encroaching into the furthest reaches of remote areas.

Our approach can help protected area managers enhance recreation opportunities for visitors to enjoy natural sounds and protect sensitive species. These acoustic resources are important for our physical and emotional well-being, and are beautiful. Like outstanding scenery, pristine soundscapes where people can escape the clamor of everyday life deserve protection.

What is noise pollution?

"Noise" is an unwanted or inappropriate sound. We focused on human sources of noise in natural environments, such as sounds from aircraft, highways or industrial sources. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, noise pollution is noise that interferes with normal activities, such as sleeping and conversation, and disrupts or diminishes our quality of life.

Human-caused noise in protected areas interferes with visitors' experience and <u>alters ecological communities</u>. For example, noise may scare away carnivores, resulting in inflated numbers of prey species such as deer. To understand noise sources in parks and inform management, the National Park Service <u>has been monitoring sounds</u> at hundreds of sites for the past two decades.

Estimating human-generated noise

Noise is hard to quantify at large-landscape scales because it can't be measured by satellite or other visual observations. Instead researchers have to collect acoustic recordings over a wide area. NPS scientists on our team used acoustic measurements taken from 492 sites around the continental United States to build a <u>sound model</u> that quantified the acoustic environment.

They used algorithms to determine the relationship between sound measurements and dozens of geospatial features that can affect measured average sound levels. Examples include climate data, such as precipitation and wind speed; natural features, such as topography and vegetation cover; and human features, such as air traffic and proximity to roads.

Using these relationships, we predicted how much humancaused noise is added to natural sound levels across the continental United States.

To get an idea of the potential spatial extent of noise pollution effects, we summarized the amount of protected land experiencing human-produced noise three or 10 decibels above natural. These increments represent a doubling and a 10-fold increase, respectively, in sound energy, and a 50 to 90 percent reduction in the distance at which natural sounds can be heard. Based on a literature review, we found that these thresholds are known to impact <a href="https://www.human.experience.nearing

Few escapes from noise

The good news is that in many cases, protected areas are quieter than surrounding lands. However, we found that human-caused noise doubled environmental sound in 63 percent of U.S. protected areas, and produced a tenfold or greater increase in 21 percent of protected areas.

Noise depends on how a protected area is managed, where a site is located and what kinds of activities take place nearby. For example, we found that protected areas managed by local government had the most noise pollution, mainly because they were in or near large urban centers. The main noise sources were roads, aircraft, land-use conversion and resource extraction activities such as oil and gas production, mining and logging.

We were encouraged to find that wilderness areas – places that are preserved in their natural state, without roads or other development – were the quietest protected areas, with nearnatural sound levels. However, we also found that 12 percent of

wilderness areas experienced noise that doubled sound energy. Wilderness areas are managed to minimize human influence, so most noise sources come from outside their borders.

Finally, we found that many endangered species, particularly plants and invertebrates, experience high levels of noise pollution in their <u>critical habitat</u> – geographic areas that are essential for their survival. Examples include the <u>Palos Verdes Blue butterfly</u>, which is found only in Los Angeles County, California, and the <u>Franciscan manzanita</u>, a shrub that once was thought extinct, and is found only in the San Francisco Bay area.

Of course plants can't hear, but many species with which they interact are affected by noise. For example, noise changes the distribution of birds, which are important pollinators and seed dispersers. This means that <u>noise can reduce the recruitment</u> of seedlings.

Turning down the volume

Noise pollution is pervasive in many protected areas, but there are ways to reduce it. We have identified noisy areas that will quickly benefit from noise mitigation efforts, especially in habitats that support endangered species.

Strategies to reduce noise include <u>establishing quiet zones</u> where visitors are encouraged to quietly enjoy protected area surroundings, and <u>confining noise corridors</u> by aligning airplane flight patterns over roads. Our work provides insights for restoring natural acoustic environments, so that visitors can still enjoy the sounds of birdsong and wind through the trees.

NOTICE TO THE ELECTORS OF THE MORRICE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD AUGUST 8, 2017

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the special election of the Morrice Area Schools will be held Tuesday, August 8, 2017, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The electors of the above School District will be voting on the following proposal:

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Elizabeth Hundley Livingston County Clerk (7-23-17 FNV)



of woodworking clubs." Her first Fowlerville Fair would be the following year, in July. Then, as now, the fair was the highlight of the 4-H year, but by no means the only event. "As the agent, I was responsible for the Spring Achievement Program and the various leadership and citizenship programs," she said. "We had the annual 4-H Rally where we sought to sign up new members

and new leaders."

50 clubs," she noted. "The

dynamics of the area were a

lot of small farms. Livestock

clubs were mainly cattle, horses, sheep and swine—with a lot of

dairy cows and horses—rather

than the small animals you have

now. We had numerous sewing

and canning clubs and a couple

Teena noted that in December of her first year on the job the secretary at the Extension's Howell office left and was replaced by Barb McDonald. "Barb and I were both new on the block so we learned together," she said. "When we did Spring Achievement the first time, we had 300 girls go through the style show."

As the agent, Teena also worked with the 4-H Service Club. "This group included young adults who had been in

4-H," she pointed out. "It was quite active back then. They did community service projects, sponsored the dances at the fair, and socialized. Working with the service club is where I met Gordon."

That meeting led to their marriage in April of 1969 and her becoming part of Munsell Farms.

"I left my job and became a farm wife," Teena said. "For the next several years I didn't have anything to do with 4-H, although we always went to the fair and checked out the exhibits and watched the judging."

The Munsells during that time frame also started having children. When the first born, Mike, got old enough to join 4-H, Teena and Gordon decided to start a club, calling it Kounty Klover Kids.

"It was in 1979 when Matt was nine," she said. "We thought there were enough neighborhood kids around that we could form one. We had six or seven members that first year."

The club has become a mainstay since that long-ago start, with a current enrollment of 42 members. The longevity and high number of members are due in large part to the stability that Teena and Gordon have provided as general leaders. All five of their children-Mike, Molly, Mary, Martha and Matthave been members and now several of their grandchildren are Kounty Klover Kids.

THAT DECISION TO START A CLUB WOULD LEAD

to another opportunity for Teena within a few years. As a leader she had more frequent contact with the Co-operative Extension office and with her former co-worker, Barb McDonald. "When Barb got ready to retire in 1986, she called to let me know the job would be open and that I should contact Duane if I was interested," Teena recalled. "Matt, our youngest, was two at the time. Gordon and I talked it over, and we felt it would be a good move. I met with Duane and was hired with the understanding that I'd learn to type, so I took a class at Lansing Community College. I started off as the secretary for the 4-H program and then was promoted as the manager for the Extension office. and then I became the 4-H Program Associate. That latter job was quite a promotion and entailed doing a lot of tasks besides working in the office."

It also meant that she spent a lot of time at the 4-H Building prior to and during the fair helping to keep the shows and special activities organized and operating as scheduled.

Teena, in this second phase of her career, remained with the Extension Service for nearly 24 years, retiring in 2010. Twelve of those years were as the 4-H Program Associate.

TEENA SAID THAT THE 4-H PROGRAM HAS SEEN CHANGES since she started out as an agent in 1967, but has also remained constant in several key ways. "The program still offers opportunities to young people," she explained. "Kids can participate in parliamentary programs. They can still be involved in long-term projects, and they learn about the care and handling of animals. Underlying all of that is the goal of making young people more responsible, better leaders, and having them care about their community. Those things haven't changed."

As for the changes she's seen, much of that (she said) reflects different dynamics in the county and in society. "Nowadays not as many kids from this area have grown up on a farm, so they haven't learned some of the basic skills of taking care of an animal or have the same amount of knowledge about their livestock projects when they start 4-H. The same is true with the parents of new members. So there's more 'how to' information we need to provide, helping them get started. We now have a lot more 4-H members with small animals, which is good because it involves more kids in the program."

She noted that the Clover Bud Program, which began in the 1990's, was another effort to expand the program, allowing members to participate at an earlier age and having the benefit of allowing younger brothers and sisters to be part of the program alongside their older siblings.

Even with these efforts to expand participation, membership in the county has gone down gradually over the years. Teena attributed this trend to the fact that young people and their families have a lot of other leisure time options.

Still, with over 700 members in the program and with most of them taking part in the fair with their various exhibits and enjoying the different special events held during the week, 4-H remains a vital part of the fair and a vital year-round activity.

At this week's event, Teena will once again be busy with various tasks. She'll oversee the Farm Bureau's educational exhibit that she and others have set up in the south end of the dairy barn as well as the activities of the Kounty Klover Kids. She'll keep track of activities at the George Robb Barn and later in the week will be at the registration table for both the Large and Small Animal Livestock Auctions.

The fair and 4-H are only part of her busy schedule. The family-owned Munsell Farms raises over 1,200 acres of crops, including corn, rye, oats, and hay. Part of the operation includes a farm market with a small greenhouse that sells bedding plants in the spring and pumpkins in the fall.

"The farm market is primarily my responsibility," Teena said. "We've been operating it for about 15 years. We decided to start it after we sold the dairy cows in 2000 and were looking for ways to diversify."

She noted that the farm, along with 4-H and the fair, has been a family involvement, starting with her children and now embracing the grandchildren.

"Our kids, while growing up, all had jobs to do on the farm and this, I feel, definitely instilled a work ethic in them that's aided them as adults," she said. "They were all involved in various school activities, but they knew they had to get their chores done, too."

At present, Mike (Cindy) works for a manufacturing company in Williamston, Molly (Wayne) Moulton is a teacher at Smith Elementary in Fowlerville, Mary (Dan) Huhn is an elementary teacher at Perry Schools, Martha is the athletic trainer for Fowlerville Community Schools, and Matt operates Munsell Poultry and works on the farm.

"We're fortunate that all our children and their families live close by," she said. "Our grandchildren (nine of them) have helped out on the farm. In addition, some of them keep their livestock projects here."

Born in 1945, Teena grew up in a house on the corner of her grandparent's farm. "We lived in Wayne County, but the farm was in Monroe County," she noted.

Her father, Willard McLaughlin, was a line supervisor with Ford Motor Company and her mother, Irene, was a homemaker. She has an older brother, Tom. While growng up, she attended Belleville Schools and graduated in 1963.

"I started out at MSU with the goal of being a veterinarian," she said. "I found out that this was not what I wanted to do. However, I'd always been interested in animals, so I decided to major in animal husbandry. However, I didn't have any definite idea of what I wanted to do with this major. A lot of graduates took jobs with feed companies, but this wasn't something that interested me "

Her membership in 4-H, it turned out, came to the rescue. "Joe Waterson had been our agent in Monroe County, and I got to know him when I was in 4-H Teens. He was transferred to the 4-H office at Michigan State and while I was in college I stayed in touch. One day I ran into him at the MSU Union where he was eating lunch. He said, 'Have I got an opportunity for you.' He told me that the office was looking to fill two 4-H agent positions—one on the west side of the state and the other in Livingston, Ingham and Eaton counties with most of my job being centered in Livingston. Since the Howell office was closer to home, I sought that position. I met with Duane, he went over what my responsibilities would be, and I was hired."

Reflecting on her long tenure with this program, beginning as an agent 50 years ago, Teena said that 4-H still offers great experiences and opportunities for its young members, but is also "a family affair."

"As club leaders, we try to involve parents as well as the kids," she said. "We try to create opportunities for families to do things together. I feel that's what makes 4-H such a valuable activity. It offers a learning experience for the young people, but it provides opportunities for families to be together."

Teena Munsell – 4-H Leader & Fowlerville Fair Volunteer

If you've gone to the Fowlerville Family Fair over the years and wandered through the 4-H Building or in one of the livestock barns, chances are you've run into either Gordon or Teena Munsell—or both. The couple has been active participants in putting on the 4-H part of the fair for many years.

Gordon has served on the fair board for around 30 years much of it as the 4-H liaison—and keeps busy before, during, and after fair week keeping the livestock barns maintained, making sure needed equipment is in its proper place, and that events go off as planned.

Teena, meanwhile, has worn several hats in her fair participation over the years, including official duties in the 4-H office and as a longtime 4-H leader. More recently, she's worked on the Livingston County Farm Bureau's agricultural education exhibit.

Also, a couple of years ago, she and Gordon started the George Robb Education Center which offers information about the dairy industry and its history in this area as well as live demonstrations of cows and goats being milked in the parlor.

Gordon is home-grown, part of the Munsell family that has operated a farm on Mason Road, south of Fowlerville, since his grandparents purchased the property. Teena, who grew up in a rural home located on the border of Wayne and Monroe counties, arrived in our area 50 years ago.

It was in August of 1967 that Teena began her job as the new Extension 4-H Youth Agent for Livingston, Ingham, and Eaton. At that point in time she was still single, hence her last name was McLaughlin, and she had just graduated that June from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in animal husbandry.

An article in The Fowlerville Review, announcing her appointment, noted that "4-H is not a new word to Teena," adding, "She played an active role in 4-H activities in Monroe County. Conservation, handicraft, gardening, clothing, and entomology were some of her project areas for nine years of 4-H work."

The article also pointed out that Teena was a member of the Block and Bridle Club while at MSU, serving on numerous committees ranging from the Little International to the club's annual horse show. She was also a member of the college's Livestock Judging Team.

"When I got hired with the Co-operative Extension Service, the 4-H agent was responsible for three counties," Teena recalled. "But Ingham and Eaton Counties had their own local agents, so I helped out with special projects, but otherwise I spent most of my time in Livingston County. "I was the agent here for two-and-a-half years," she said.

"Duane Girbach, who headed the county office, was the one who hired me.

"The program at that time had about 1,500 kids and around



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