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Fowlerville First United Methodist Women to host annual Turkey Supper this Thursday, Nov. 2

The Women of the Fowlerville First United Methodist Church will be hosting their 74th Annual Turkey Supper this Thursday, Nov. 2, from 5 to 7 p.m. A Free Will Offering will be accepted. The meal can be enjoyed at the church, or carryouts are also available. The church is located at 201 S. Second Street. Getting ready for the meal are, from left, Sandy Klender, Ann Reid, Rita Coleman, Carol Stage, and Alycia Maybee.

Fowlerville & Webberville announce Halloween Trick or Treat hours

Halloween Trick or Treat hours will be 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 31, in both the Village of Fowlerville and the Village of Webberville.

The fire departments in both communities are also hosting parties that evening. At the Fowlerville station on North Grand Avenue, treats will be passed out to the kids and cider and donuts will be offered. The Fowlerville VFW is assisting the fire department with the refreshments.

At the Leroy Township station, treats and refreshments will be offered and a costume judging contest will be held.

Public invited to attend 'Free' Jazz Concert this Wednesday at high school

On Wednesday, Nov. 1, the jazz octets from Michigan State University will be performing a free concert at the Alverson Center at Fowlerville High School. The concert will take place at 1:15 pm. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend this wonderful event.



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Michigan Senate Report

By Joe Hune,
22nd District

Dealing with Opioid Abuse

It's sad but true that we are in the middle of an opioid epidemic that is sweeping across America. Already, this crisis has surpassed any other drug epidemic in American history. Livingston County has been negatively impacted by this epidemic.

Opioid addiction—which includes drugs with common names such as Morphine, Codeine, Vicodin, Hydrocodone, Hycodan, OxyContin, Demerol, Percocet, Dilaudid and Duragesic—is the main driver of drug overdose deaths and has been a problem for many Americans and their families. Many of us probably know someone who has been personally affected by opioid addiction. Opioids were involved in 33,091 deaths in 2015, with opioid overdoses quadrupling since 1999, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

In Michigan last year, opioid overdoses were responsible for 1,275 deaths. Here in Livingston County, opioids were responsible for 23 of those deaths. While there is still much more work to be done about this epidemic facing both our state and nation, it does please me to report that the number of deaths caused by opioids in Livingston County is down 38 percent from last year's figures.

In trying to stop the continued spread of opioid addiction, my colleagues and I in the Senate took action. Senate Bills 47, 166, 167, 273 and 274 moved through our chamber this year to allow the state to better monitor and control access to prescription opioids. While no set of laws can eradicate the illicit abuse of opioids completely, it is my hope that this legislation will work toward that end by taking on addiction before it can begin.

As a lifelong member of our community, I know firsthand the caring nature and generosity of our people. There is no shame in asking for help and there are options available to those that wish to seek emotional, financial and medical assistance in dealing with opioid addiction. My utmost priority is ensuring that the residents of my district and all of Michigan are kept safe. When there is anything we can do to prevent dangerous drugs from spreading through our community, we must take action. The following resources are available locally:

Livingston County Community Alliance—www.livingstoncountycommunityalliance.org

Narcotics Anonymous—www.michigan-na.org

Alcoholics Anonymous www.district8aami.org/index.html

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.

Crossroads United Methodist Church to host Fall Craft show on Nov. 11

Find the perfect gift or accent for your home from handmade items offered for sale by 36 crafters at the Seventh Annual Fall Craft Show Saturday, November 11, at Crossroads United Methodist Church.

The sale will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church, corner of Haslett and Zimmer roads east of Haslett and north of Williamston. Sponsors are the United Methodist Women of Crossroads, who will forward the proceeds to local, nationwide and international mission projects for women and children.

Featured items will include decorator pillows, pet blankets and toys, American Girl Doll clothes, night lights, fused glass art, wreaths, bookends, vintage Christmas items, sewn, knitted and crocheted items, and cat gardens! All items are handmade; there are no commercial exhibits.

Lunch will be available from 11:30 to 1 p.m. Each crafter donates a door prize item and winners are drawn throughout the day.

For details, find the church on Facebook, call 517/655-1466, email at office.umccrossroads@gmail.com, or see the website, www.umccrossroads.com.



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Fowlerville Junior High School News

IMPORTANT DATES:

Picture Retakes-- Fri. Nov. 10th
Thanksgiving Break-No School—Wed-Fri. Nov. 22-24
Holiday Dance-- Fri. Dec. 8th 2:30-4pm
Winter Break-No School—Dec. 21-Jan. 3

FJH SPORTS

SPORTS FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 30:

BBB - 7TH & 8TH GRADE
- practice continues daily; check w/ coaches for times.
FIRST BBB games are Wed., Dec. 8. Good luck.

FJH is still looking for a 7th GBB coach. If questions or if interested, please contact Brian Osborn at 223-6070, ASAP.

FJH has revamped it CHEER season. In the past the FJH Cheer teams have combined both sideline cheer & competitive cheer into their season. Beginning with the 2017 season, FJH will have Competitive Cheer only. Tryouts/practice will begin on Monday, November 13 & continue through the third week of January (likely.) More info will soon follow. PHYSICALS REQUIRED to try out.

8th GRADE VOLLEYBALL COMPLETES SEASON

The Fowlerville Junior High 8th Grade Girls Volleyball Team completed their season last week, ending a season filled with many good memories on and off the court. The girls came into this season ready to improve on their skills.

All the girls made big gains in skills and worked together to have outstanding seasons on both the A and B teams. The A team’s only loss came against a very talented DeWitt team. The B team lost their first game against East Lansing and also lost to Dewitt. Both the A and B teams scored victories against Owosso, Haslett, Mason, Charlotte, Williamston, Eaton Rapids and Okemos.

The girls want to thank all of the parents, grandparents, family members, students and staff that came out to support them this year! It was a fantastic year filled with wonderful memories. One of the most memorable game was the PINK game against Haslett. The A and B teams both won all three games that day against Haslett and even more importantly raised money for a local mom battling cancer. These girls will continue to make their mark as they transition to high school volleyball in the fall.

ARCHERY

October 21st several of last year’s archery team members traveled to Grand Ledge for their first tournament of the year. Owen Wieas had a personal best 272/300, placing 4th in the middle school male division. Alex Allen also had a personal best 276/300 and placed 3rd in the middle school male division and was 9th place overall. Great job archers!

Are you looking to join the archery team for this year? Tryout information is now posted on the archery webpage, fowlervillearchery.org Tryouts will take place the week of Nov 6. You must sign up for your tryout times prior to attending a session. The sign up link opens on Wednesday, November 1. Check out the website for all information you may need regarding tryouts and upcoming events!

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The seminar is free of charge and is being held on Sunday, November 19th from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Family Impact Wellness Center, located at 9430 W. Grand River Avenue just west of Fowlerville.

For more information or to register, please call Family Impact Center at 517-223-4428. We ask that you sign up in advance so that we know how many for whom to plan.



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Livingston County Genealogical Society to meet on Nov. 2 at Howell UMC

The Livingston County Genealogical Society will be meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday Nov. 2, at the First United Methodist Church of Howell, 1230 Bower Rd.

Topic: “Organizing Your Files”. Speaker: Sarah Hatter, from the Milford Library. For questions call: 810-227-7745. Open to the public. Free of charge.

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Written comments concerning the above matters may be submitted to the Planning Commission Chairperson, or to the Conway Township Clerk, at any time prior to the meeting, and may further be submitted to the Planning Commission at the public hearing. The complete application may be examined at the Township Hall during regular Township business hours, which are 9 am to 3 pm Tuesdays and Wednesdays, after the publication of this Notice and until and including the day of the hearing.

Conway Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the meeting to individuals with disabilities, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, upon ten days' notice to the Conway Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Clerk by writing or calling the following: Conway Township Clerk, 8015 N Fowlerville, Fowlerville, MI 48836 or call 517-223-0358, between the hours of 9 am and 3 pm Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

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Caleb Jenkins Column



The Real Fear

It is that time of year once again when people dress in costumes and indulge in the creepier side of things. Yes, believe it or not, we have already reached the end of October, and on Tuesday, America will celebrate Halloween. I never really participated in the holiday, but there was one tradition with which I grew up and that I still continue to this day. Every Halloween, my family and I would splurge and each pick out some sugary delicacy and would then all sit down to watch *The Night That Panicked America*.

If you have never heard of that movie, then I can't say that I would really blame you as it is pretty obscure. It was a movie made specifically for TV that first aired on October 31, 1975, and it is a dramatization of the true story surrounding the original radio broadcast of Orson Welles' *War of the Worlds*. To briefly summarize for those who are not aware of the story (spoiler warning), the radio rendition of the epic novel by H. G. Wells was constructed to seem like an actual news broadcast of an alien invasion. Many across America who heard the broadcast thought that it was real or at least that some physical catastrophe was sweeping across the United States, so panic ensued.

It is one of my favorite movies of all time, and a major reason for that is it's an interesting portrayal of an intriguing moment in America's history. It does an excellent job capturing that, and it also is fantastic due to its underlying themes and lessons. At the end of the movie, Orson Welles is forced to explain to the radio audience that the broadcast had been "Mercury Theatre's own radio version of dressing up in a sheet and jumping out of a bush and saying 'boo,'" and as he is leaving the studio, he tells the guard that the nightmare is over. Contrary to this belief, though, the narrator concludes the movie, which takes place in 1938, by stating that "the nightmare was just to begin," and as he finishes speaking, the voice of Hitler can be heard.

While the fear and injury that people experienced because of the radio show was indeed a tragedy, the movie's final point was that there are far greater things in the world of which to be afraid than aliens or ghosts or pumpkins or anything else that is parodied during Halloween. Unfortunately, the world quickly learned that fact in a horrible way when Hitler started his march across the globe. Although just a movie, its lesson is well made.

Indeed, there are genuine horrors throughout this world because there is legitimate evil in the world. We often try to ignore it or pretend that there could never be such atrocities in

the modern age, but tragically, we are proven wrong time and time again. And it will not go away on its own. No, there need to be men and women who are willing to stand up to it. We need those who would be fearless and dedicated in supporting what is right. We do live in scary times. It may be depressing to think about, but we must not lie to ourselves. We live in dark days when evil is rampant around the world, but that only increases the urgent need for people to be fearless in their commitment to what is right. And despite this evil, we can truly be fearless. We can carry on with confidence because of a knowledge that we are doing the right thing and that we are giving it our best. This Halloween, realize that there is evil out there, but with that, realize that we need to fight it. And that in time and with God's blessing, we can win.

Fowlerville Library receives donation of local historical artifacts

By Audrey Glass, Programming Assistant

The Fowlerville Library has a great Historical Collection full of yearbooks, scrapbooks, photo albums, newspaper clippings, maps, and a variety of unique materials about the history of Fowlerville and the surrounding areas. Just recently, we have received a donation of a small collection of five letters, four pamphlets, and one photograph. The Library thanks the anonymous donor and is happy to add these items to our Historical Collection.

Two of the letters that were donated are addressed to a man named George, from his father, J. F. Lewis. Two of the other letters are sympathy letters addressed to Vance Sherwood, sent after the death of the recipient's mother; one from Florence Holmes Stow, and the other from Lyle and Ruth Glover. The fifth letter in the collection is addressed to Mrs. Minnie Purdy from Ruth M. Willey who was doing genealogical research about the Preston family.

Two of the donated pamphlets are "In Memory" booklets for Mrs. Minnie Purdy and include her obituary, as well as funeral and burial information. The other two pamphlets are for the Fowlerville Chapter No. 277 Order of the Eastern Star. The first pamphlet is for their 50th anniversary, taking place in 1950. The second pamphlet is for a Friendship Reception, taking place May 13, 1961.

The items donated also include a photograph with no name or date. The photo is of a man standing in a field holding a hat. He is turned away from the camera and seems to be regarding some trees on the edge of the field. Perhaps he is one of the people mentioned in one of the letters.

If you recognize any of these names and would like to contribute your knowledge about these families from the Fowlerville area, feel free to visit us at the library or give us a call at 517-223-9089 and let us know what you know! If you would like to take a look at these items or other materials from the Historical Collection, please call or visit the library to set up an appointment to view the collection. Thank you again to our anonymous donor! I am sure these newly added historical items will be shared and treasured by generations to come!

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Michigan House Report

By Dr. Hank Vaupel,
47th District

Thank you to Meridian Health Plan in Detroit for hosting our final on-site meeting for the House bipartisan mental health task force. We are now in the process of reviewing the information we've gathered, including comments we received through our website. The next step will be to work together to develop policy recommendations based on this information.

Earlier this week, I was invited by Greenstone Farm Credit Services to join them for a meeting and community update. We discussed the status of agriculture in Michigan and highlighted what we can do to improve farming in Livingston County.

One of the great things about my job as state representative is recognizing outstanding people and their achievements in our community. Every year, my office holds a Summer Reading Contest that invites students to keep track of how much they read over the summer, with a winner being selected from the submitted entries. It was a privilege to recognize Fowlerville's Elizabeth Morrow as a winner of this year's contest and have her visit the Capitol as an honorary representative for the day.

With Halloween around the corner, here are some tips to ensure everyone has a fun and safe night:

--Ensure hats, masks and other parts of costumes fit securely to reduce risk of blocked vision and falls. Swords, knives and similar costume accessories should be smooth and flexible enough to avoid injury.

--Always carry a flashlight with fresh batteries while trick-or-treating. Fasten reflective tape or a glow stick to your child's costume to make them more visible to drivers.

--Look both ways before crossing the street. Children should use crosswalks whenever possible and keep their electronic devices put away to avoid becoming distracted.

--Only allow children to visit well-lit houses and avoid dark



Elizabeth Morrow, a Fowlerville student, joins Rep. Hank Vaupel on the House Floor as winner of the representative's annual Summer Reading Program.

houses. Also, they should never accept a ride from strangers.

--Wait until children are home before letting them eat anything. Make sure to inspect your children's candy for unwrapped pieces and choking hazards before they dig in.

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

Dansville Community Center to host Euchre & Bunco Nights

Do you like to play Euchre or Bunco? The Dansville Community Center at 1317 Mason Street in Dansville will be having Euchre Night on Saturday, November 4 and 18th starting at 7pm and Bunco on Saturday, November 11 at 6:30pm. A donation of \$5 per person is asked to help pay for expenses for the night. Prizes will be awarded. Beginners are welcome. For more information contact 517-521-4547.

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Thursday, October 19th, at 12:06 a.m. the department assisted at a motor vehicle accident with injuries on Kern Road in Iosco Township. A medical emergency on Roberts Road in Iosco Township was reported at 3:08 a.m. Personnel responded to a medical alarm activation on Dailey Street in the Village at 6:24 a.m. and then at 11:36 a.m. the department was called to an environmental cleanup on Garden Lane in the Village. Firefighters were dispatched to a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Fowlerville Road and Sharpe Road in the Village at 1:18 p.m.

A motor vehicle accident with injuries on Grand River in Handy Township was reported at 11:51 a.m., Friday, October 20th. A second dispatch, to a medical emergency on Collins Street in the Village, was received at 8:15 p.m.

Saturday, October 21st, at 12:01 a.m. personnel assisted EMS on Garden Lane in the Village. The department responded to investigate a report of low hanging power lines over I-96 in Handy Township at 3:52 p.m. Responding units were unable to locate any low hanging wires and units were returned to their station. A medical emergency on Garden Lane in the Village was reported at 5:08 p.m.

The department was dispatched to medical emergencies on Chippewa River Drive in Handy Township at 10:52 a.m., Sunday, October 22nd with a second medical emergency being at 5:53 p.m. on Walnut Street in the Village.

Monday, October 23rd, at 8:09 p.m. firefighters were called to a motor vehicle accident with injuries on I-96 in Handy Township.

At 11:18 a.m., Wednesday, October 25th, the department responded to Brookdale Street in the Village to assist at a medical emergency.

Fowlerville Varsity Football Team loses offensive slugfest to Corunna in finale

Fowlerville’s Varsity Football Team lost an offensive slugfest to Corunna, 38-36, in the season finale at Brigham Field on Friday, Oct. 20.

The Gladiators found themselves in a hole early on as the Cavaliers built a 22-3 lead midway through the second period. Their lone score came on a field goal by Alex Browers.

Starting in the closing minutes of the first half and continuing through the third period, the Fowlerville offense rallied for 19 points. Corunna, during that same time frame, scored seven points, giving them a 29-22 lead heading into the final stanza.

The Gladiator defense held Corunna to a field goal early in that fourth period of play—giving them a 10-point lead. Fowlerville’s offense quickly cut that difference when they marched down the field to score a TD and add an extra point. This put the game at 32-29 with over nine minutes left and made a victory seem possible.


The Cavaliers, though, answered the call with another touchdown, putting them up by nine points. The Gladiators responded with another scoring drive, but by then there was less than two minutes left in the game.

Fowlerville quarterback Geoffrey Knaggs led the offense, carrying the ball 21 times for 196 yards and scoring all four of the team’s touchdowns on runs. He was also 7 for 18 in the air, gaining 74 yards.

Mitchell Stobierski caught three of those passes for 22 yards, while Andrew McFadden had two receptions for 39 yards.

On defense, Trevor Brock was in on 14 tackles (2 solo and 11 assists) and had an interception, a sack, and 2 TFL. Alec Johnson had 9 Tackles (3 Solo, 6 Assists) 1 TFL and JT Maybee had 6 Tackles (4 Solo, 2 Assists).

Fowlerville finished the season with a 2-7 record.



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NAFTA ‘Absolutely Vital’ for Michigan Agriculture, says state director

Jamie Clover Adams, director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, joined state and provincial counterparts from the United States, Mexico and Canada last week to stress the necessity of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) for agriculture, and call on their respective federal governments to ensure a modernized NAFTA does not harm agriculture.

North American state and provincial agriculture officials gathered recently in Denver, Colorado, for the 26th annual Tri-National Agricultural Accord. The Tri-National Agricultural Accord represents a longstanding commitment among the senior state and provincial agricultural officials of North America to work together collaboratively on agricultural trade and development issues.

“Trade with Canada and Mexico is absolutely vital for agriculture in Michigan,” said Clover Adams. “As our federal governments continue to negotiate a modernized NAFTA, it is imperative that the gains agriculture has made under NAFTA are preserved and that we ‘do no harm’ so that agricultural trade with our North American neighbors can continue to grow and prosper.”

Speaking in a united voice on behalf of agriculture across North America, U.S., Canadian, and Mexican agriculture officials released the following joint statement on the importance of NAFTA for agriculture and food processing:

The Ministers, Secretaries, Commissioners, and Directors of the State and Provincial departments of agriculture from Canada, Mexico and the U.S. emphasize the vital importance of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) to the agriculture and food processing industries across the continent. Since NAFTA came into effect, these industries have become increasingly integrated, helping North America become a competitive force internationally. The ability to coordinate, collaborate, and create agriculture and food products together has made North America a successful economic region that is well positioned to continue providing the world with high-quality and safe food.

Delegates discussed the importance of NAFTA and the usefulness of state and provincial attendance at negotiating rounds to directly engage federal negotiators on agri-food discussions.

As negotiations proceed, we encourage our respective fed-

eral governments to:

--Swiftly modernize NAFTA in a way that does not harm North America’s agriculture and food processing industries so that these industries can have the certainty to invest for the long term and continue to work together and prosper.

--Enhance and formalize mechanisms for States and Provinces to consult with the federal Consultative Committees on Agriculture (CCA) and to serve as official advisors to their relevant committees. Input from state and provincial representatives will help ensure a comprehensive understanding of issues under consideration and their impacts. In addition, we encourage the formalization of the CCAs into NAFTA.

--Build upon and enhance the work of the Canada-U.S. Regulatory Cooperation Council (RCC), U.S.-Mexico High-Level Regulatory Cooperation Council (HLRCC), and trilateral regulatory cooperation bodies to improve regional cooperation, regulatory harmonization, and trade facilitation. Further, we support coordination across governments to ensure a coherent regulatory approach that reduces duplicative requirements and is science-based, transparent, and impartial.

--Modernize the agreement’s Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary

(SPS) and Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) provisions to ensure effective and timely communication, cooperation, science-based decision making, and transparency.

--Maintain robust, rapid and legally binding dispute resolution mechanisms in NAFTA that are fair and impartial. This includes preserving and strengthening the mechanisms in Chapter 19.

Meals on Wheels Program needs volunteer drivers for Fowlerville area

The Meals on Wheels Program is in need of volunteers to deliver hot meals to our home-bound seniors in the Fowlerville community. Our current need is for Tuesday and/or Thursday. We would love the opportunity for you to be part of our team of volunteers. This is a commitment of 1-2 hours of your time, as little or as often as your schedule will permit. Volunteers not only deliver the meals, they also deliver a warm smile and a friendly greeting when they arrive at the door. For more information, please contact Lucy @ 810-632-2155 or email info@lwmow.org

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4. A very successful Pink Out was held to help raise funds and honor those that have fought or are fighting Cancer.
5. Teachers are preparing for conferences and looking forward to your attendance. Communication is key!
6. Many are preparing for local and international trips with students- our sixth graders just returned from the Detroit Zoo and had the best weather!
7. Smith and Kreeger students and staff enjoyed a family fun night at the Corn Maze.
8. Have you spotted someone you know from school at a sporting event? Teachers are sports fans too and if you look around you will see many involved in coaching or cheering our students on.
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Then and Now

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There was a time when the relationship we had with our family was the most important relationship in our young lives. Parents loved and cared about their children and gave them wise counsel. Children respected their parents and obeyed them when they were told to do or not to do something.

So much has changed since those days. Today, even the definition of family is being threatened. With each generation we grow farther and farther away from what we used to call family. In our world of rapidly changing technology, the family has almost become extinct. Everyone wants to do their own thing and no one has time for anyone other than themselves. Children want what they want and “they want it now!” Parents don’t have time for children, so they buy them expensive toys to keep them occupied.

Is it no wonder that kids are turning to alcohol and drugs to fill the void left by missing parents and loving siblings?

Deaths from drug overdoses in America are rising faster than ever in the history of this country. In Ohio last year, over 64,000 people died from drug overdoses and the majority of those were young people.

Right here in Fowlerville we can see evidence of the rate of increase in drug deaths. One of my good friends, who pastors a church here in town, has officiated over five funerals where the deceased overdosed on drugs. I’m hearing the same from other pastors in the area.

Although it saddens me greatly to see what is happening all around me, I am not surprised. The Bible tells us that in the last days, that people will act as they are acting today. It says in 2 Timothy 3:2-4: *But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.*

There it is! This is what has happened over the years. People have become more in love with seeking after pleasure, comfort and status than they have about seeking after God.

It’s really sad to see the deterioration and destructive influence that *sin* is having on people, because Jesus became one of us so we could become like him. He gave his life and suffered more pain than any of us would even consider if we could get out of it.

I write this column every week in hopes that someone who may be struggling with

sin in their lives or with making a decision to follow Jesus, will read it and be persuaded to take that leap of faith and accept Christ as their Savior. I have lived in both worlds—the world of seeking after sinful pleasures and the world of seeking to build my relationship with Jesus, and I can say without any reservation that seeking after Jesus is by far the most rewarding.

Yes, the world has changed dramatically since I was a young person and the things that God cares about are being pushed aside in lieu of some worldly conquest that will give us temporary physical pleasure but has no eternal value. Each generation that we fail to make Jesus the most important relationship in our children’s lives, the wider the gap between man and God becomes.

A few weeks ago, I got the opportunity to visit the Creation Museum in Florence, KY and the Noah’s Arc exhibit in Williamstown, KY. What a wonderful experience. It is a great way to do something with your children that may have everlasting consequences. These two exhibits explain the book of Genesis in a way that even children who have difficulty with learning, will be able to comprehend. I recommend it to anyone who questions the theory of creation versus evolution.

I know we cannot bring back the days of old, but what we can do is become more involved in the lives of our children and family members who need to hear about Jesus, and his marvelous love. We can begin spending time with them and getting to know them better. We can also reach out to other children in our community who need a mentor or someone to talk with about things they can’t talk about at home.

I am looking to start a program for teens and children, which is sponsored by Celebrate Recovery. I need some adult leaders who love children and want to see the epidemic of drugs and alcohol brought to an end.

It is easy to look at all the sin and debauchery that is taking place all around us and think that it is out of control. That is what the enemy wants you to think and the way he wants you to feel. But don’t let him fool you into believing there is nothing you can do. If you are a member of Fowlerville United Brethren, and you want to help combat the disease that is stealing our young people, please get in touch with me about becoming a leader for programs I want to start. I will be glad to talk with anyone who is serious about helping our kids, or would like more information about being a part of the program. I’ve seen some amazing things happen when people pray and come together in unity to overcome obstacles that are impossible to overcome alone.

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A few members of the archery team pose with their 2nd place trophy. Carla Redinger, Autumn Bullis, Anna Herbert, John Watt, Kenny Kline, Drew Allen, and Lucas Smith.

Fowlerville archers take second place in recent Grand Ledge Classic

The Fowlerville archers from last year’s archery team traveled to Grand Ledge this past weekend (Oct. 21) to compete in the Grand Ledge Classic. The team took second place overall. Four archers came home with individual medals. 5th place - Carla Redinger, 4th place - John Watt, 3rd place - Anna Herbert, 1st place - Autumn Bullis. Autumn was

also the overall female champion.
Are you looking to join the archery team for this year? Tryout information is now posted on the archery webpage, fowlervillearchery.org. Tryouts will take place the week of Nov 6. You must sign up for your tryout times prior to attending a session. See Mrs. Smith at the JH (D22) for more information.

Plainfield United Methodist to serve Chicken & Biscuit Supper on Nov. 11

A Chicken and Biscuit Supper will be served at the Plainfield United Methodist Church, 17845 M-36, north of Gregory on Saturday, Nov. 11, starting at 5 pm. Free will donation. Take outs available. All are welcome.

Hamburg Historical St. Stephens Episcopal Church to host Bazaar

A Christmas Bazaar will be hosted on Saturday, November 11th, from 10am-3pm at Historical St. Stephens Episcopal Church, 10585 Hamburg Rd. in the Village of Hamburg (810-231-3220). Crafts and gifts, bake sale, books & gently used treasures sale, and raffle drawing (tickets available to purchase). Soup and salad lunch available to purchase also.

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Kids & Cops - Wednesday, November 1st at 5:30-6:30pm Kindergarten-5th Grades. Come get up close and peprsonal with the Fowlerville Police! The police will be here to read, share important information, and play games with kids. **Participation is limited. Register in person to attend. Registration began October 18th.*

Travel Series: Japan - Thursday, November 2nd at 7pm Adults. Highlighting the sights, sounds, life-changing encounters, and humorous stories of world travel while at the library! November's talk will feature Jeff Lowe's trip with his son to Japan. He will share how he made their plans, and share their experiences, pictures, and stories from their trip. **Register in person to attend. Registration began October 19th and includes a refundable \$5 cash deposit.*

Beyond the Book: X: A Novel - Thursday, November 9th at 7pm Adults. Featuring the **2017-18 Great Michigan Read: X, A Novel** by Ilyasah Shabazz, daughter of Malcolm X. Her novel tells the story of Malcolm X's life, from his days of growing up in Lansing, to his role as one of the most important black leaders of the Civil Rights era. Books will be given at sign up while supplies last. Join us November 9th at 7pm for discussion and refreshments. **Register in person to participate. Registration began October 19th. Books will be given while supplies last.*

Escape the Library! - Friday, November 10th at 5-8pm Teens 6th-12th Grades. Join us after hours at the library for your very own escape room experience! Solve puzzles and discover clues to find a way to escape the library! Pizza and a beverage will be served. **Registration is required and includes a 2017-2018 signed Program Permission Form. Registration began October 27th. Register by November 8th to attend.*

Edible Birdhouse Craft - Thursday, November 16th at 7pm Adults. Join us at the library to create a seasonal inspired craft! Decorate a wooden birdhouse with seeds, nuts, and berries for our feathered friends. **Register in person to attend. Registration begins November 2nd and includes a refundable \$5 cash deposit.*

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Pre-sale tickets are \$8 for seniors and students and \$10 for adults. There isn't any charge for children 3 and under. Tickets will be available at the door, but will cost an additional \$2.

Pre-sale tickets are available at Chiropractic Health Center of Fowlerville, 746 S. Grand Ave., Suite 101 or at the Fowlerville News & Views, 206 E. Grand River, Downtown Fowlerville.

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Fowlerville 8th Grade Volleyball completes fantastic season

By Coach Jill Thomas

The Fowlerville Junior High 8th Grade Girls Volleyball Team completed their season last week, ending a season filled with many good memories on and off the court. The girls came into this season ready to improve on their skills. All the girls made big gains in skills and worked together to have outstanding



seasons on both the A and B teams.

The A team's only loss came against a very talented DeWitt team. The B team lost their first game against East Lansing and also lost to Dewitt. Both the A and B teams scored victories against Owosso, Haslett, Mason, Charlotte, Williamston, Eaton Rapids and Okemos.

The girls want to thank all of the parents, grandparents, family members, students and staff that came out to support

them this year! It was a fantastic year filled with wonderful memories. One of the most memorable games was the PINK game against Haslett. The A and B teams both won all three games that day against Haslett and even more importantly raised money for a local mom battling cancer. These girls will continue to make their mark as they transition to high school volleyball in the fall.



Fowlerville Varsity Volleyball Team wins Silver Bracket at Williamston

The Fowlerville Varsity volleyball team traveled to Williamston last weekend (Oct. 21) for their annual invitational.

In pool play, the girls went 1-2, beating Dansville 25-10, 25-20 and losing to Notre Dame Prep 10-25 and 19-25 and Mt. Pleasant Scared Heart 20-25, 23-25. This placed them in the Silver bracket where they played Huron Valley and won 25-19, 25-16 in the quarter-finals and then they beat Lake Fenton 22-25, 25-22, 15-9 in the semi-finals. In the finals, the Glads faced a tough Houghton Lake team and came out victorious 25-21, 19-25, 15-6 to be named the Silver Bracket Champions of the Tournaments.

For the day, Miranda Prochnow led the team with 91 assists, 26 points, 11 aces and 68 digs. Defense was led by Grace Wallace with 92 digs and Abe Stevens with 60 digs, 24 points, and 6 aces. Michaela Walker added 58 digs, 24 points and 6 aces as well.

At the net, junior Leah Ash dominated with 31 kills and 16 blocks and Erica Fox also had 20 kills and 8 blocks in the middle. On the left side of the net, senior Autumn Barbour had 20 kills, 23 points, and 6 aces, Jackie Jarvis had 20 kills, 21 points, 5 aces, and 28 digs, and Hayley Szumlinski added 16 kills and 12 points. Sophomores Livvie Dufore and Lauren Marquette also had a great showing for the Glads, with Dufore scoring 10 points and Marquette adding 12 points and 28 digs. Junior Dalaija Franklin also had 12 digs and Natalie Juopperi had 21 digs.

The Glads are proud of their accomplishments with their season coming to an end with a current record of 23-15-1. They have one more tournament on October 28th at home and then on to the Districts on Oct 30th at home as well.

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Breathers' Club meeting to be held on Nov. 14 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital

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

Our next Breathers Club is scheduled for Tuesday, Noon: Nov. 14. Our Pulmonary Rehabilitation Therapist is available to assist and answer questions. For recorded meeting information call: (517) 545-6020.

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Savvy Senior Column

By Jim Miller

When Will Medicaid Pay for Nursing Home Care?

Dear Savvy Senior,

What are the eligibility requirements to get Medicaid coverage for nursing home care?

Caregiving Daughter

Dear Caregiving,

The rules and requirements for Medicaid eligibility for nursing home care are complicated and will vary according to the state where your parent lives. With that said, here's a general, simplified rundown of what it takes to qualify.

Medicaid Eligibility

Medicaid, the joint federal and state program that covers health care for the poor, is also the largest single payer of America's nursing home bills for seniors who don't have the resources to pay for their own care.

Most people who enter nursing homes don't qualify for Medicaid at first, but pay for care either through long-term care insurance or out-of-pocket until they deplete their savings and become eligible for Medicaid.

To qualify for Medicaid, your parent's income and assets will need to be under a certain level that's determined by their state. Most states require that a person have no more than about \$2,000 in countable assets that includes cash, savings, investments or other financial resources that can be turned into cash.

Assets that aren't counted for eligibility include their home if it's valued under \$560,000 (this limit is higher – up to \$840,000 – in some states), their personal possessions and household goods, one vehicle, prepaid funeral plans and a small amount of life insurance.

But be aware that while your parent's home is not considered a countable asset to determine their eligibility, if he or she can't return home, Medicaid can go after the proceeds of their house to help reimburse their nursing home costs, unless a spouse or other dependent relative lives there. (There are some other exceptions to this rule.)

After qualifying, all sources of your parent's income such as Social Security and pension checks must be turned over to Medicaid to pay for their care, except for a small personal needs allowance – usually between \$30 and \$90.

You also need to be aware that your parent can't give away their assets to qualify for Medicaid faster. Medicaid officials will look at their financial records going back five years to root out suspicious asset transfers. If they find one, their Medicaid coverage will be delayed a certain length of time, according to a formula that divides the transfer amount by the average monthly cost of nursing home care in their state.

So if, for example, your parent lives in a state where the average monthly nursing home cost is \$5,000 and they gave away cash or other assets worth \$50,000, they would be ineligible for benefits for 10 months (\$50,000 divided by \$5,000 = 10).

Spousal Protection

Medicaid also has special rules for married couples when one spouse enters a nursing home and the other spouse remains at home. In these cases, the healthy spouse can keep one half of the couple's assets up to \$120,900 (this amount varies by state), the family home, all the furniture and household goods and one automobile. The healthy spouse is also entitled to keep a portion of the couple's monthly income – between \$2,030 and \$3,022. Any income above that goes toward the cost of the nursing home recipient's care.

What about Medicare?

Medicare, the federal health insurance program for seniors 65 and older, and some younger people with disabilities, does not pay for long-term care. It only helps pay up to 100 days of rehabilitative nursing home care, which must occur after a hospital stay.

Find Help

For more detailed information, contact your state Medicaid office (see Medicaid.gov for contact information). You can also get help from your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see ShiptaCenter.org), which provides free counseling on all Medicare and Medicaid issues.

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.

Lady Gladiators place second in final CAAC White Cross Country Jamboree

The Lady Gladiators competed in the third and final CAAC White Cross Country Jamboree on a beautiful fall morning in Portland on Saturday, October 21. Fowlerville put all seven girls in the top 20, placing second with 51 points and just 13 points behind Lansing Catholic.

The Gladiators were led by senior Ollie Updike finishing 4th overall in a time of 20:06.6 Sophomore Franny Updike placed 7th in a time of 20:33.5 and freshman Jenna Rigotti 9th in a time of 20:49.3. Freshman Lilly Copeland had a big race moving up nine places from the second Jamboree by placing 13th with a time of 21:42.2.

Rounding out the varsity and crossing the line within seconds of each other were freshman Sara Spalding (22:31.9), senior Selena Lopez (22:39) and freshman Emily Hutmacher (22:43.1), placing 19th, 20th and 22nd. Freshman Arianne Davis earned the only personal record on the day, finishing the rolling 5000m course in 26:33.

Running in their final conference meet were four-year cross country senior Josefine Lindberg, placing 27th in 23:23.1 and cutting over 3 minutes off her time from her freshman year and three-year runner senior Courtney Rife, finishing the course in 72nd place in 28:13.

The Lady Gladiators were well represented in the CAAC White All-Conference honors awarded at the conclusion of the meet. Senior Ollie Updike tied for 3rd place earning her fourth consecutive spot on the All-Conference first team. Franny Updike placed 7th to also earn a spot on the All-Conference first team. Jenna Rigotti placed 8th to earn All-Conference second team and Lilly Copeland placed 17th, Sara Spalding 20th and Selena Lopez 21st to earn All-Conference Honorable Mention. Congratulations ladies on a great conference season!

The Fowlerville Girls Cross Country Team will be looking to extend their season at the MHSAA Regional meet hosted by Uncle John's Cider Mill on Friday, October 27th (past the newspaper deadline.)

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Webberville Report



Elizabeth Howery instructs students during art club.



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Fall artwork.

Webberville Elementary students enjoy attending monthly Art Club

Webberville Elementary School students enjoy attending monthly *Art Club* under the direction of Elizabeth Howery and Heather Derian. Parent volunteers help support these fun meetings. Students attend meetings together to discuss color, art techniques, and create artwork together.

The leaders have displayed student artwork on the walls throughout the elementary building.

Webberville church says “Leaf It to Us!” on Saturday, Nov. 4

We’re here to help! In an effort to share the love of God in a very practical way, Calvary Baptist Church is launching a community-wide service project on Saturday, Nov. 4. We would like to help you with your fall clean up! All labor is free and we will do our best to provide basic supplies free of charge.

You may apply for assistance by calling the church office at 521-4700 or emailing info@webbervillechurch.org. Due to limited resources only residents with a 48892 zip code are eligible and priority will be given to the elderly and disabled.

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Senior Spotlight—Maci Kubiak

By Olivia Nims

From starting left front in volleyball to being an amazing catcher behind home plate, it’s definitely going to be hard to forget a girl like Maci Kubiak.

“Maci is a consistent player with an outstanding positive attitude. Maci is a leader on the court not only because of her volleyball skills, but the ability to be a great teammate by giving back to them with her selfless and giving demeanor,” said Varsity Volleyball Coach Brittany Magsig. “Maci is always willing to do well and put up a fight.”

Kubiak has been on the JV volleyball team for one year, varsity volleyball for three, and participated in Attack Volleyball for two years. The Attack Volleyball Club is an off-season competitive league that exposes players to college teams and recruiting.

In addition, she has played varsity softball for four years, JV girls basketball for one year, and varsity girls basketball for one year. Among her accomplishments in athletics were winning volleyball and softball league and district titles. Most recently, she helped her volleyball team win the GAC Blue Conference Title.

Kubiak also participated in journalism for one year and musical theater for one year because she loved to express herself. Kubiak was on homecoming court both her sophomore and senior years and was name the 2017 Homecoming Queen.

When it comes to leadership, Kubiak has also been in student council for three years--freshman year she was treasurer; sophomore year she was the president; and junior year she was a representative.

A member of the FFA and 4-H, Maci has been showing animals for seven years at the Ingham County Fair which has included swine, dairy feeders, and dairy steers.

“Maci is outstanding in the show ring,” said FFA Advisor Colleen Scott Keiser. “She is competitive, very skilled, and fun to watch.”

When Kubiak was younger she wanted to be a veterinarian or a firefighter. That has since changed since she started attending the Wilson Talent Center for the BioScience program.

After high school, she plans to attend Michigan State University to become an agronomist. Agronomy has been an interest of hers from a young age, having been raised on Kubiak Farms, a very large dairy and crop farm.

“Being around them and seeing how they work with the crops has had a major influence on my decision to attend Michigan State University and study agronomy in the fall of 2018,” said Kubiak.

Maci is the daughter of Brandy and Joe Kubiak and the sister to Travis, who graduated in 2013.

“I am impressed by Maci’s devotion to family and community,” said Keiser. “She is very focused on her goals and will have much success given her commitment to what is important to her.”

St. Mary School in Williamston hosting Fall Rummage Sale Nov. 10-11-12

St. Mary School in Williamston is hosting its 5th annual Fall Rummage Sale. The Activity Center will be full of great bargains! All items will be priced. Keep this sale in mind when doing your fall cleaning and organizing, as we accept tax-deductible donations on Monday & Tuesday, November 6th & 7th, from 9:00am - 6:00pm in the school Activity Center.

The sale runs Friday, November 10th from 10:00am - 7:00pm; Saturday, November 11th from 9:00am - 4:00pm; and Sunday, November 12th from 10:00am - 2:00pm. Bag sales and mark-downs start Saturday at 2pm and all day Sunday. For more information, call Marsha Swain at 517-204-4429 or St. Mary School at 517-655-4038.

Capital Area Library Events

*Registration required.

WEBBERVILLE

Drop-in Halloween Crafts (All ages)

Drop in during open hours today for some DIY table crafts.

Oct. 31, 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Bedazzling Vintage Photos (Adults)

Participants can embellish their own old photos with glitter, pens and more.

Nov. 2, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

*Native American Heritage Month Crafts (Ages 8–16)

Come in on Tuesdays for crafts representing the culture of America’s native tribes.

Nov. 7, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Animal Magic with Science Alive (All ages)

Meet live animals and hear about their amazing adaptations.

Nov. 11, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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WILLIAMSTON

Family Storytime (Ages up to 6)

Engaging stories, songs and activities to help build early literacy skills.

Nov. 1, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Harry Potter Book Club (Ages 8-13)

Have fun with Harry Potter-themed Reader’s Theater, quizzes, games and snacks.

Nov. 6, 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

iOS Basics (Held at Williamston Senior Center)

Learn about settings, updates, and apps, plus tricks for using your device.

Nov. 7, 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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SYSTEM WIDE

Capital Area Humane Society’s Walk for the Animals--Paws in the Park (All ages)

Walk a mile at Cooley Law School Stadium plus enjoy lunch and activities for this CAHS fundraiser. Register at AdoptLansing.org.

Oct. 29, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

CADL Closed for Staff Conference

All CADL branches are closed on Friday, Nov. 10 for a staff conference. Regular hours will resume on Saturday, Nov. 11.



Friends of the Webberville Library to hold Silent Auction, starting Nov. 6

The 4th annual Silent Auction for the Friends of the Webberville Library will soon be underway.

Donations of auction items are now being accepted from patrons and businesses. Please consider a donation of handcrafted or homemade items, themed gift baskets, artwork, event tickets and other collectibles. Donations may be brought to the Webberville Library during regular library hours through Saturday, November 4, 2017.

Donated items will be on display in the library and bidding will begin on Monday, November 6. The public is invited to browse and place “silent” bids up until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 21st. You are sure to find something to suit all tastes and may find many unique gift items for the coming holidays.

Come and join the fun of what has become the biggest fundraiser for the Webberville Library. Please direct any questions to 517-521-3643 or check the CADL website for library hours.

Halloween Treat Night offered at Webberville United Methodist Church

Webberville United Methodist Church, located at Holt Road and M-52, will be having its annual Halloween Treat Night on Tuesday, October 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. inside the church. In addition to candy treats for the kids, cider, hot chocolate and doughnuts will be served. Everyone is invited to bring their children to this safe environment.

Williamston Masonic Lodge to hold Farm Breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 5

The Williamston Masonic Lodge will hold its next Family Style Farm Breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 5, from 8 am - noon. The all-you-can-eat breakfast includes eggs, bacon, pancakes, hash browns, toast, applesauce, coffee and milk. Prices are: adults \$8; children ages 5-12 are \$3, and children under 5 are free. The Lodge is located at 141 East Grand River Avenue in Williamston.

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www.Fowlervillenewsandviews.com

An E-Edition of the current weekly issue is posted on the site.



@ Fowlerville News Online

Please join us for the 15th Annual Lucas Craft Show

(and bring your friends and family!)



Thursday, Friday and Saturday
November 2nd, 3rd & 4th
10 am to 5 pm

In the BIG RED BARN!
4111 Wheeler Road
Fowlerville, Michigan 48836

Painted \$5 Ornaments
Gourds • Birch Bark • Leaves
Pumpkin Rolls & Other Baked Goods
Jams & Jellies • Gifts in a Jar
Papa Turts Hot Sauce • Amazing Crafts
New Local Vendors ...And MUCH MORE!



**The Woman’s Advance Club of
Webberville met October 16**

By Betty Dodge

The Woman’s Advance Club of Webberville met at the home of Sallie Brodie on Monday, October 16, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. We started with the Social Hour. Dessert was provided by Jean Johnson and, in keeping with the program, was heart healthy and very delicious. We had two guests present: Marion Sherburne and Jan Watkins, plus members Sallie Brodie, Cleo Chase, Betty Dodge, Pat Jennings, Jean Johnson, Marge Lawson, Lynn Reed, Kathy Ward, Nancy Webb and Janice Wheeler. Traveling were Rosemary Cahaney and Jill Moon, who were missed.

Our President, Nancy Webb, had us read the 10 commandments. During Roll Call, each person gave a tip to maintain a healthy heart. We also had tips on fire safety including: close your bedroom door; if your alarm goes off, hang a towel or clothing on the bedroom window; and know a safe route out of your home.

Janice Wheeler, our library representative, told us to read the newspaper for upcoming events including the Silent Auction

plus much more. Also five new books will be given to the Webberville Elementary School library.

The program, on women’s healthy hearts, was presented by Betty Dodge. She described the average difference between a woman’s heart attack and a man’s heart attack. She shared pamphlets on 7 subjects with all members participating.

#1. Know your heart. According to the National Coalition for Women, men and women’s numbers are about the same. On average, 1 out of every 4 women will die of a heart attack. That’s 5 times more than breast cancer.

#2. Heart Disease 101. What actually happens in your heart and arteries and the gradual building of plaque.

#3. Heart attack warning signs and symptoms.

#4. Know your risks, diseases and family history.

#5. Life changes to prevent a heart attack.

#6. Tips for getting the best care in the ER and being honest with the physicians.

#7. Thank you to the Williamston Fire Department for providing us with the NIESA File of Life. If you suspect a heart attack is occurring, call 911. Give clear directions to your home and never drive yourself to the hospital. Unlock the door so the paramedics can get in. Have a filled in File of Life form on the refrigerator door. It has your name, date of birth, address, male or female, home phone number, doctor’s phone number, emergency contact, medical history and medications taken, your insurance and other vital information. Also make a copy of the form for your purse. When the paramedics get there, they will stabilize you, put in an IV line, hook you up to a monitor, start oxygen, call the hospital and your doctor and anyone else that is necessary. If pain is severe, they will give you medication to help you. It’s great if you don’t have to think of everything under stress. Stay calm!

“The first wealth is health” – Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Our next meeting will be at the home of Lynn Reed on November 13 at 1:00 p.m. The program will be on Shirley Temple. We will also bring unused Christmas cards for the WHS journalism class project and scarves, hats, mittens and clothing for the Webberville Food and Clothing Bank.

President Nancy Webb and Trustees Rosemary Cahaney and Jill Moon will attend the Ingham County Home Association Trustees meeting on Thursday, November 15, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Haslett Community Church.

**Fowlerville Boys Cross Country Team
places second at recent CAAC meet**

The Fowlerville Boys Cross Country Team concluded the conference season on Saturday, Oct. 21, at the CAAC White Championships in Portland. The boys finished 2nd place in the meet, beating out Williamston and Ionia to claim 2nd place overall for the CAAC White season.

“This is the highest the Boys program has finished in any CAAC league season,” noted Coach Aaron Rickens.

The Gladiators placed all five of their scoring runners in the Top 25 in league scoring with three Gladiators earning All-League honors. Leading the way for Fowlerville was 1st Team All-League runner, Chris Davis. Davis won the 3rd Jamboree in 16:43 to claim a share of 2nd place in the CAAC White standings. Bryson Scott (13th; 17:57) and Blake Howard (14th; 18:02) both claimed 2nd Team All-League honors, placing 12th and 13th in league scoring. Aaron Pieper (17th; 18:10), Jacob Nabozny (28th; 18:47), Trevor Peterson (46th; 19:56) and Garrett Shermoe (48th; 20:07) rounded out the varsity scoring for the Gladiators.

In the Reserve race, the Gladiators were led by a pair of strong finishes by Josh Harper and Brian Hubert. Harper and Hubert completed the 5000m course in 20:32 and 20:33. Caleb Maleitzke (21:58), Collin Smar (22:16) and Brendan Harman (22:21) closed out the CAAC White season for the Gladiators.

The Gladiator harriers continue to improve in the Championship Season as they travel to the MHSAA 14-2 Regional Finals at Uncle Johns Cider Mill in St. Johns on Friday October 27th (past the newspaper deadline) with a trip to the MHSAA State Finals in Brooklyn on the line!

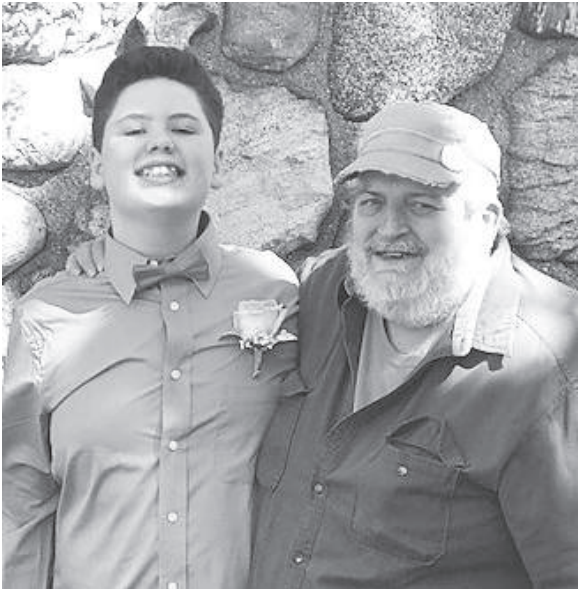
**24th Annual United Way “Filling
Wishes” Booklets available**

The holidays will soon be here, with people often thinking about making local donations to help local families and agencies. The 24th Annual Livingston County United Way’s “Filling Wishes” Booklet compiles “wish lists” from area nonprofit organizations.

These local nonprofits hope to be adopted for holiday or year-end giving. The booklet, online at <http://www.lcunitedway.org/give/>, lists practical products and services, such as office supplies, equipment or gift cards, needed to help local organizations provide strong community programming, while offsetting operating costs.

In some cases, “gently” used items may be donated such as office equipment, furniture or supplies. For individuals and businesses needing year-end tax deductions, receipts can be given for contributed items.

—Area Deaths—



Steven Ray Randall

Steven Ray Randall, age 64, passed on Friday, October 20, 2017, at University of Michigan hospital due to complications from congestive heart failure.

Steven is survived by his daughter, Rachelle Ryan (Adam), of Fowlerville; his beloved grandchildren, Danielle and Matthew Ryan; and girlfriend, Terri Sampey. He is also survived by his brother, Dave Randall of Holly; sister, Sandra Sobota of Adrian; twin brothers, Chet Randall (Debbie) and Charles Randall of Fenton; and brother, Scott (Dee) Randall of Fenton. Steven was the proud uncle of 9 nieces/nephews, 14 grand nieces/nephews, and one great-grand nephew.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Roger and Genevieve Randall, of Fenton.

Steven was born December 18, 1952, at New Grace Hospital in Detroit. He graduated from Hartland High School as Class President in 1971. He began working in the custodial/maintenance department for Hartland Consolidated Schools in 1975 and retired as the Maintenance Supervisor in 2001.

During his life, Steven enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time with family. He especially enjoyed smelt dipping in the spring and salmon fishing in the fall with his older brother, Dave. Upon retiring, most of his time was spent caring for his granddaughter, Danielle, while her mother attended college. Later in life, he provided support and respite care for his grandson, Matthew.

His friends and family will always remember Steven as a social man who always was willing to lend a hand. He was deeply involved in the care and upbringing of his grandchildren and always looked for ways to pay it forward.

According to Steven’s wishes a funeral service will not be held. A memorial luncheon is being given by the family on Saturday, November 4, 2017, at Ore Creek Middle School in Hartland from 1-4 pm. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Steven’s life. The family has designated the Arc of Livingston to receive donations in Steven’s memory. In harmony with the mission of the Arc, Steven proudly supported his grandson and others in the community with developmental disabilities. Arrangements by: Herrmann Funeral Home. Please leave the family a condolence at pjherrmannfuneralhome.com

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**PART-TIME POSITION
FOR CONWAY TOWNSHIP
RECEPTIONIST**

Conway Township is looking to hire a part time receptionist for 12 hours a week. Pay rate is \$12 per hour.

The candidate should have strong customer service, communication and organizational skills. A working knowledge of Microsoft Office is necessary. Conway Township residency is preferred but not required.

If interested please send resume with cover letter to; Conway Township, Attn; Clerk Anderson, P.O. Box 1157, Fowlerville MI 48836, or drop off at the Township office during regular business hours. Tuesday 9 to 3 and Wednesday 9 to 3.

Resumes will be accepted until November 10, 2017.

Clerk Anderson
(10/29 & 11/5/17 FNV)

**CONWAY TOWNSHIP
8015 N. FOWLerville ROAD
FOWLerville, MI 48836
517-223-0358
BIDS FOR SNOW REMOVAL
SEASON 2017/2018**

Conway Township is now taking bids for the 2017/2018 Snow Removal Season for the Conway Township Parking lot and sidewalks, removal of snow and salting as specified.

All bids MUST be on Conway Township Snow Removal Bid forms, any bids turned into Conway Township that are not on the Bid Forms will not be considered. Forms can be picked up at the Conway Township Office during regular office hours.

Bids will be accepted until November 14th, 3 PM. All bids submitted on Conway Township Snow Removal Bid Form will be reviewed and a decision will be made during the November 21 Board of Trustees meeting.

Please contact Todd Anderson, the Township Clerk, during regular business hours, Tuesday 9 am to 3 pm or Wednesday 9 am to 3 pm.

Todd Anderson
Conway Township Clerk
(10-29 & 11-05-17 FNV)



Here is a postcard showing the Bell Opera House and the first-floor retail stores.

Opera Houses saw their heyday during late 1800s & early 1900s

By Steve Horton

The Livingston Arts Council has launched a fundraising campaign with the purpose of renovating, and bringing up-to-code, the second and third floors of the Howell Opera House. These upper levels are where the actual facility is located—the first floor having been used as a hardware store for most of the building’s history.

That history dates back to Dec. 30, 1881 when the doors were opened for the Opera House’s first performance.

In her article “A Return to Opulence & Relevance” (published in the September/October 2015 issue of the Michigan History magazine), Deb Perry writes, “In the latter half of the 19th century, Michigan’s small towns engaged in the building of opera houses—not venues for opera per se, but handsomely appointed places where townspeople would gather to listen, laugh, watch, and remember. A handful of these houses still serve that purpose today.”

These gatherings included attending theatrical plays, lectures, musical concerts, dinners, high school graduations, and assorted private celebrations.

Some background information on the Howell Opera House is included in Perry’s article. “Detroit architect Almon C. Varney designed the three-story Italianate building with a grand staircase leading up to an 800-seat auditorium.” She added that the site “served as the cultural centerpiece in Howell for the next four decades” before being closed in 1924 when the fire marshal condemned the upper floors.

There, like Rip VanWinkle, the furnishings, seats, and other décor remained in repose as the years passed.

In 1995, the Livingston Arts Council was founded “to encourage the development and support of the arts” in the county. According to the group’s web site, “This grass roots organization embarked on a mission to improve the quality of life in Livingston County through the appreciation of the arts.”

A key vision of the Council was “to create an arts and cultural center that would further their mission.” That vision focused on the historic Howell Opera House. Under the leadership of Jeff Stamm, a local real estate professional who earlier in his life had sang and performed at the New York Metropolitan Opera, the group launched a capital campaign in 2000 to purchase the building.

The monies were also used to cover the expense of numerous structural and foundation repairs as well as remodeling the first floor for use as a place where the arts could be showcased and where community gatherings and assorted entertainments could be held.

In addition, with an eye on ensuring that the new art center would have the capacity to meet building codes and offer enough room for current and future growth, the adjacent commercial building was purchased.

The Council, in later years, held another fundraising campaign with the goal of paying off the mortgage. That proved successful, so now (as the group says) it’s time for Act 2, namely renovating that second, main floor which includes a raised stage, and the third floor which is a balcony that horseshoes around the sides and back of the main floor.

TRAVELING THEATRICAL TROUPES visited Detroit and other population centers during the state’s early years, but facilities to accommodate their performances were makeshift. That began to change around the time of the Civil War when buildings, usually called opera houses and especially designed for concerts and plays were erected.

Grand Rapids saw its first such facility in 1859. In Detroit, a theater built during the Civil War, to serve that purpose, burned down in 1869. A few weeks later, the Detroit Opera House opened and (as W. F. Dunbar wrote in his book Michigan: A History of the Wolverine State) “for forty years it remained the center of Detroit musical and theatrical life.”

Hundreds more popped up during the ensuing decades, with a number of them being rather opulent in their design

and ornate in their interior furnishings.

But times change—not least of which is our taste in entertainment.

“A combination of factors spelled the doom of the small-town and small-city opera houses and theaters during the decade between 1910 and 1920,” wrote Dunbar. “The prime factor was, perhaps, the coming of the movies. But the building of high-school auditoriums was important, too, because they replace the opera house as the center of community. The Chautauqua (with its use of tents as meeting places for its traveling

show) played its role in dooming these once pretentious and prosperous theaters.”

Many of the opera houses, located on the ground floor, were converted into movie houses. Vaudeville also became wildly popular during that time span, beginning around 1910, and a few of the opera houses were used for this new form of popular entertainment.

FWOLVERVILLE HAD SEVERAL OPERA HOUSES OVER THE YEARS. While none of them were anywhere near as extravagant as the facilities in larger cities or even the one built in nearby Howell, they fulfilled a similar purpose.

In his book *Mastodons to Manufacturers: A History of Fowlerville, Michigan*, Michael Grimm devotes several pages to the history of these local venues.

The first one was built in 1877 by George Lovely and was called Lovely’s Opera House. It was located in the upper floor of a two-story brick building on North Grand Avenue, north of the Palmerton Block (now Harmon Real Estate). Grimm noted that the building was 32 feet wide by 90 feet deep and that opera house seated up to 700 people. The stage was set at the rear of the room and featured four background scenes.

Two years later the building was purchased by Willis A. Miller and became known as both the Miller Opera House and the Fowlerville Opera House. In 1881, just prior to his death, Miller sold the business to George Greenaway who, at first, changed the name back to Lovely’s Opera House. Over the years, until it was destroyed by a fire in March of 1891, the venue was also known as the Fowlerville Opera House and Greenaway’s Opera House.

That 1891 blaze was a catastrophic event for the village and many of its businesses. The entire northeast quadrant of the Downtown, including the buildings located on the north side of East Grand River and on both sides of North Grand Avenue were destroyed. But the scene of charred ruins did not last long.

Most of the effected property owners quickly responded by constructing new brick buildings—18 of them, in fact. Among these owners was Mrs. R.E. (Amy) Bell. Her husband had been active in the business community with a grocery and boot and shoe store, located on North Grand Avenue on the east side. Upon his death in 1880, the stock in the store was sold, but Mrs. Bell stayed on as the landlord.

After the fire she purchased the adjoining lot and proceeded to erect a two-story structure. There were two retail stores on the first floor, but the second level—accessible by a couple stairways—featured a large room that for a time served as a cultural and entertainment center for the community.

The Fowlerville Review, starting with the announcement of the facility’s Grand Opening on November 18-19, 1891 (done as a benefit for the John Gilluly Post of the Grand Army of the Republic), mentioned the Bell Opera House as the site of theatrical plays, musical shows, graduation ceremonies, alumni banquets, veterans reunions, and other special events. The interior has been described as “a classic upstairs hall



This photo shows the wooden stores that lined the north side of East Grand River prior to being completely destroyed by a fire in March of 1891. The blaze also destroyed the commercial buildings on North Grand Avenue. The brick structures that replaced them included the Bell Opera House on the east side of North Grand Avenue.



Here is a photo of the Detroit Opera House.

style of opera house.” One of its initial features was a piano which the newspaper stated “is one of the things most needed in this village.”

In her book *The Fowlerville Chronicles*, Marion Cornett has a directory of village businesses from 1910 that includes the Bell Opera House, indicating that it lasted at least 20 years. Presumably, the venue closed sometime within the next few years.

The north part of this building is now owned by Olden Days Café, while the south half is part of Maria’s School of Dance. A wall separates the former opera house in two halves since there is no longer a common owner.

A second facility—known as Bean’s Opera House—was also erected in the aftermath of the fire, only this facility was located on the west side of South Grand Avenue just across from Church Street. It was housed on the upper floor of a new brick building put up by James Bean.

Mr. Bean was an enterprising gentleman who, over the years, had a farm, operated a general store and livery stable, and owned the Commercial Hotel at the southwest corner of West Grand River and South Grand Avenue.

Bean’s Opera House opened its doors on June 15, 1892 with a performance by ‘The Euterpe Ladies Quartet’ from Boston and Mr. A.F. Bennett of Detroit.

Grimm quotes an article about this grand opening, published in *The Review*, that notes, “The building is a fine one, the walls being artistically decorated, with two fine boxes and good ventilation.”

However, five years later, in 1897, a story in the newspaper had less fortunate news concerning this establishment. “Bean’s Opera House has been condemned as unsafe,” the article stated, adding that “The second story will be removed and not replaced.”

With this development, Bell’s became the only venue in town. That turned out to be a short-lived monopoly, though. In 1899, the Village of Fowlerville completed a new three-story brick building on the corner of North Grand Avenue and Power Street. On the first-floor were municipal offices, while the second floor featured ‘The City Opera House’, and the third floor housed the Masonic Temple.

Grimm’s history states that “The City Opera House had its grand opening on March 9, 1899 with musical performances and readings, as well as hosting the Ariel Ladies Quartet from Boston.”

“The opera house was used for all public meetings and entertainment until about 1955, when it was remodeled as a community center,” Grimm wrote.

That center, which eventually included a kitchen, continued to be used as a gathering place (including the weekly meetings of the Fowlerville Rotary) until around 2000 when the Village sold the building to Handy Township and the decision was made to close this upper floor.

Smith Elementary School News

IMPORTANT DATES:

October 30 to November 3 – Scholastic Book Fair
 October 31- Annual Halloween Parade 1:20
 November 2 – Love & Logic Workshop (6:01 – 8:01 pm Smith Media Center)
 November 3 - PTC popcorn .50/bag 1 bag per student
 November 8 – PTC Meeting 6:00 pm Smith Cafeteria
 November 10 – Student Picture Re-Take Day 9:15 until finished
 November 10 – End of 1st Trimester
 November 15 – P/T Conferences 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm
 November 16 – P/T Conferences 9:00 am – Noon & 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm
 November 22 thru 26 – Thanksgiving Recess
 December 7 – Mobile Dentist

Don't miss the "Love and Logic" parent workshop. Add a bunch of new tools to your parenting toolbox. The Workshop Series has already started but you can add yourself any week you would like to come. We will meet in the media center at Smith Elementary from 6:01 to 8:01. **FREE Child care for pre-school age children and older is provided.** Call Pete Wedesky at 517-223-6360/6460 for more details. Or email him at wedeskyp@fowlervilleschools.org

Halloween Parade- We will celebrate Halloween with our annual parade on October 31st. It will leave the school at approximately 1:15 that afternoon. We march in costume to Centennial Park and back to the school. If the weather is not conducive to an outdoor event, we will parade within the building.

BOOK FAIR INFORMATION: October 30-November 3
 Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:30am-4:00pm,
 Tuesday 8:30am-12:30pm, Friday 8:30am-12:00pm

Lunch with someone Grand

October 31st – Kindergarten (During The Student's Regular Lunch Time)
 November 1st – 1st Grade (During The Student's Regular Lunch Time)
 November 2nd – 2nd Grade (During The Student's Regular Lunch Time)

Enrollment continues in Fowlerville for Early Childhood Programs!

Livingston Educational Service Agency Early Childhood Programs continue to enroll for the 2017-2018 school year. Head Start and Great Start Readiness offer no cost/low cost to income eligible or children "at risk" who qualify under federal and state guidelines. The Fowlerville program has many 4-year-old spots to fill. If your child turned 4-years-

old before 9/1/17 come in and apply! Families meeting eligibility guidelines have access to educational, medical, and other community resources. Children of all abilities are encouraged to apply. For information, an application, and/or to schedule an appointment, please call (517) 548-2100.

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

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

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

Official 2017 state Christmas tree selected from Upper Peninsula

A spruce tree from Stephenson, in Menominee County will travel south to Lansing this month to become Michigan's 32nd official Christmas tree. The tree, which was chosen by staff from the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget, is expected to arrive at the Capitol at approximately 8:15 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28.

The tree, which is just over 60 feet tall, is being donated by William Winter and his grandson Alex Stevens. This marks the 23rd time the official tree has been selected from the Upper Peninsula.

"DTMB's work to select the state's official tree is among the department's most popular and enjoyable projects," said DTMB Director and Michigan CIO Dave DeVries. "Everyone, no matter the age, enjoys watching the Christmas tree arrive at its holiday location at the front of the Capitol."

"It's another beautiful tree," said DTMB Christmas Tree Crew Member Heath Miller. "It's the perfect height and shape for a dazzling display of lights."

The tree will be harvested on Thursday, Oct. 26 and delivered to Lansing with the assistance from the Michigan Association of Timbermen, the Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association and Michigan Operators Engineers. The timbermen will cut the tree and transport it to Lansing at no cost to the state. At the Capitol, the Hi-Ball Co. of Lansing will provide a crane and crew to set the tree at the intersection of Capitol and East Michigan avenues. The Christmas tree will remain throughout the holiday season.

The tree lighting will take place on Friday, Nov. 17, as part of the Silver Bells in the City celebration. Dignitaries will flip the switch that turns on thousands of lights about 7:45 p.m. One of Michigan's premiere holiday events, Silver Bells includes a special Electric Light Parade with floats, marching bands and thousands of sparkling lights. The festivities will conclude with a fireworks display above the Capitol dome (weather permitting).

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Steve Horton Column

Michigan Senator took Republicans from Isolationism to Internationalism

“Speech heard round the world” in 1945 changed direction of GOP’s foreign policy

World War II was one of those cataclysmic events that alter the trajectory of human affairs. Individual lives, social and cultural institutions, the very course of history are changed in profound ways, or veer off into a wholly different direction. Such profound episodes can also change people’s view of the world—which is perhaps a more significant occurrence, given that most of us cling to our opinions and judgments “come hell or high water.”

Such was the case with Arthur Vandenberg, U.S. Senator from Michigan and a leading figure in the Republican Party during the 1930s and 1940s. Prior to joining the Senate, Vandenberg had grown up in Grand Rapids, studied law at the University of Michigan, worked briefly for a magazine in New York, and then returned home in 1906 to marry his childhood sweetheart. That same year he also became the editor & publisher of the *Grand Rapids Herald*—a daily newspaper.

As the paper’s chief editorial writer, he supported the progressivism of his hero Theodore Roosevelt, but in the 1912 election backed President William Taft.

In 1928 he left journalism behind when he was appointed to the Senate to fill a vacancy and was then elected to a full six-year term later that year. He was subsequently re-elected three more times and was a favorite son candidate for the party’s Presidential nomination in 1940 and 1948. He also served on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, starting in 1929.

The historical accounts about him noted that “the war clouds gathering in Europe (during the 1930s) moved him towards isolationism” and he became “one of the most effective of the diehard isolationists in the Senate.”

As such, he would have been in opposition to President Franklin Roosevelt’s foreign policy, particularly towards the end of the decade when the President was seeking to aid Great Britain in its fight against Nazi Germany.

Part of what informed Vandenberg’s position, the accounts noted, was his participation in the Nye Committee hearings that took place from April 1934 to February 1936. The Senate committee investigated the financial and banking interests, including the munitions industry, that allegedly pushed the United States into World War I. The testimony he heard convinced him that America’s involvement “had been a disastrous error.” It was a position that others in the isolationist camp of that time held; their position being that United States should not allow itself to be drawn into another European war.”

Vandenberg was also concerned about getting into a war with Japan and urged Roosevelt to reach an accommodation with this Asian nation.

He, along with other Republican senators, also opposed the President on numerous domestic issues. At first, as a Senator, he had been supportive of many of the early New Deal measures aimed at getting Americans out of the Great Depression. But not all of them. After the 1934 mid-term election he became a more ardent opponent of New Deal measures (an exception being the creation of the Social Security).

A summation of his domestic principles would be “fiscal responsibility, a balanced budget, states’ rights, and reduced taxation.” He also spoke of “the dictatorship of Roosevelt,” feeling that the President had “usurped the powers of Congress.”

The Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor propelled the United States into the Second World War and also forced a dramatic change in Senator Vandenberg’s views on foreign affairs. In his private papers he wrote that after Pearl Harbor “isolationism died for any realist.”

It should be added that another word, rightly or wrongly, became associated with isolationism; that word being appeasement. It’s most famous example, an infamous one, was British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain’s accommodation to the demands of German Chancellor Adolph Hitler in order to avoid an armed conflict.

“Peace with honour” was how Chamberlain characterized the Munich Agreement (of 1938) that gave the Nazi leader a part of Czechoslovakia...to which Winston Churchill retorted: “You were given the choice between war and dishonour. You chose dishonour and you will have war.”

After Hitler had taken over that hapless nation and then invaded Poland, the conventional wisdom that emerged was that appeasement of totalitarian regimes—and by extension a foreign policy of not being actively engaged in world affairs—only emboldened the dictators by demonstrating weakness.

FAST FORWARD TO JANUARY 10, 1945. On that day, with the unfolding events that had occurred during the war year, including our alliance with the Soviet Union, to inform him and anticipating what might lie ahead, Sen. Vandenberg delivered what was called a “speech heard round the world.” Standing in the Senate Chamber, he publicly announced his conversion from isolationism to internationalism.

In doing so, he began leading other Republicans in that direction. His speech also signaled a more bipartisan approach to foreign affairs as the war was ending and agreements between the Allies were being considered.

While he personally “detested communism,” he felt that “stable international relations required a system that included the Soviet Union.”

From a historical perspective, his speech promised that Roosevelt was unlikely to suffer the fate that befell President Woodrow Wilson after World War I. Wilson had negotiated an agreement with America’s allies in Paris to create a League of Nations, only to return home and find the Republican senators in opposition, ready to scuttle the agreement. Which they did. That opposition helped turn the nation inward; a retreat from the prestige and influence held by this nation in the aftermath of the Great War and America’s contribution to the Allied victory.

This time around the formation of a United Nations that was being proposed, at least as far as the Michigan senator was concerned, would include the United States and would have the support of Senate Republicans.

He was soon in a position of power to back up that stance when he became the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Commission in 1947. As the end of World War II suddenly morphed into the Cold War and the nations of Eastern Europe fell under the domination of Communist regimes backed by the Soviet military, Vandenberg embraced the strategy of containment first proposed by the diplomat George Kennan. He backed the Truman Doctrine to assist countries threatened

with communist takeover, the Marshall Plan to rebuild Western Europe, and the NATO military alliance.

His famous comment was that “politics stops at the water’s edge.”

Any further opportunities to guide the nation’s foreign policies, however, were ‘not to be’. In 1950, a little over five years after his celebrated speech, the Senator announced that he had been diagnosed with cancer. On April 19 of the following year, he passed away.

During that time frame another Republican senator, Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin, was gaining fame and influence through his anti-communist accusations. He alleged widespread communist infiltration in the government, both the domestic variety and Soviet spies, implying that the Democrats in power were complicit in its presence or incompetent in failing to detect this treason.

Terms like “soft on communism” and “fellow traveler” entered the political vocabulary. Government officials, diplomats, people in all walks of life, including Hollywood actors, musical entertainers, and university professors fell victim to the accusations leveled by McCarthy, or that were leveled by those who joined him. They were “black listed;” their careers ruined or derailed. Innuendo, guilt by association, rather than actual proof became the norm.

The smear tactics proved effective during those early years of the 1950s, and their influence lingered on long afterwards. The charge that an opponent was “soft on communism” was used with effect for many years in political campaigns or in policy debates.

Some of McCarthy’s fellow senators and many partisans in the Republican Party supported his effort. Others, in both parties, while perhaps opposed to his “bullying behavior,” bite their tongues, reluctant to take on McCarthy and, in doing so, risk the wrath of the voters back home.

It took the tenacity of TV newsman Edward R. Murrow willing to take on McCarthy and challenge his tactics by showing a collage of film clips of his speeches and his questioning of witnesses testifying before his committee, coupled with millions of Americans seeing him first hand over a period of several weeks in the nationally televised hearings where he made accusations against the U.S. Army and exhibited his bullying behavior for all to see, to end this reign of terror. He was eventually censured by his fellow senators in 1954, but only after a lot of damage was done to people’s lives.

Anti-communism, beyond its use in political campaigns, remained a major influence on the Republican Party attitude towards foreign affairs. But it was not an influence that caused a withdrawal from the world stage or a return to isolationism.

Quite the contrary. Republicans embraced the idea of containment through diplomatic initiatives, a strong overseas military presence, and strategic alliances like NATO and free trade agreements, along with competing with the communists for the “hearts and minds” of other nations and their citizens by contrasting the benefits of freedom and the free enterprise system with that of totalitarian control and a planned economy.

This approach, and the embrace of it by most of the mainstream Republican Party since World War II, I think, can be attributed to Senator Vandenberg.

THE PATH FORWARD FROM “THE SPEECH HEARD ROUND THE WORLD”—and the whole notion of “internationalism” as a foreign policy approach and national policy—has not been, by any means, straight and narrow over the past 70-plus years. Times change, events occur; attitudes evolve that cause detours, new directions and reassessments.

Containment and the Truman Doctrine launched what President Eisenhower called a few years later “the Military-Industrial Complex” with millions of dollars being spent on national defense and weapons systems. Anti-communism resulted in support for right-wing dictators that did not endear America to that country’s repressed citizens. American companies helped themselves to the resources of other nations and (when needed) could count on the armed forces to maintain their profitable position. On occasion unfriendly governments were overthrown.

There was the near miss of nuclear war during the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Vietnam War that (among other impacts) caused many Democrats to reassess the original post-World War II policy and even become a bit isolationist, rapprochement with China followed by a détente with the Soviet Union by President Richard Nixon that stood anti-communism on its head, the quagmire of the Israeli-Palestinian peace effort, and President Ronald Reagan’s decision to boost military spending as well as his rhetoric (“Mr. Gorbachev, tear this wall down!”) that resulted in the wall coming down and the end of communism in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Republics as well as Russia.

In more recent years, there was the war among the former Yugoslavian nations that eventually drew in the United States via an aerial bombing campaign, the trauma of the 911 Attack that began the War on Terror, the ensuing wars in Afghanistan

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EARLIER THIS MONTH, first, Senator John McCain and then former President George W. Bush gave speeches (similar in theme) on America’s role in the world and the need for this nation to be active participants in world affairs, to maintain longstanding alliances and foreign policy approaches, and to continue upholding the ideals of freedom and democracy.

The national media portrayed both speeches as criticisms of the policies being advocated and pursued by President Donald Trump, including the changes in direction that the President has proposed—both in his recent campaign and since taking office. Those policies and changes imply a more isolationist, nationalistic, even belligerent stance in foreign affairs and in his government’s dealings with other nations—including long-standing allies.

Bush also talked about “our identity as a nation,” adding that “Being an American involves the embrace of high ideals and civic responsibility” and, unlike many other nations, is not “determined (only) by geography or ethnicity, by soil or blood.”

“This means that people of every race, religion, and ethnicity can be fully and equally American,” said Bush. “It means that bigotry or white supremacy in any form is blasphemy against the American creed.”

McCain offered a similar sentiment when he said, “We live in a land made of ideals, not blood and soil. We are the custodian of those ideals at home, and their champion abroad. We have done a great good in the world. That leadership has had its costs, but we have become incomparably powerful and wealthy as we did. We have a moral obligation to continue our just cause, and we would bring more than shame on ourselves if we don’t. We will not thrive in a world where our leadership and ideals are absent. We wouldn’t deserve to.”

In his speech, the Arizona senator also stated, “To fear the world we have organized and led for three-quarters of a century, to abandon the ideals we have advanced around the globe, to refuse the obligations of international leadership and our duty to remain ‘the last best hope of earth’ for the sake of some half-baked, spurious nationalism cooked up by people who would rather find scapegoats than solve problems is as unpatriotic as an attachment to any other tired dogma of the past that Americans consigned to the ash heap of history.”

Well, no ambiguity or appeasement there. A man who fought the communists in Vietnam and whose father battled the Nazis in World War II knows, as his life draws near its end, where he stands and what he stands for, and what he wishes for his country.

While I found the speeches to be eloquent and thought-provoking, the points made worthy of consideration, the devil, as they say, is in the details.

I was not a supporter of every foreign policy initiative taken by President Bush during his tenure, nor have I favored every military intervention proposed by Senator McCain.

As an American citizen, which is all the standing I have in these matters, I do not feel that an aggressive military approach is always the best or only answer. Diplomacy and reasonable expectations are often a better alternative. I think that too often American leadership has been viewed by other nations as arrogance—and probably at times with justification—and that we need to be mindful of this in our dealings with other nations. I also believe that the ‘good works’ offered through our foreign aid programs and private and religious institutions are of great value and benefit—not just to those being helped, but to our standing in the world, and that these initiatives ought to be given more priority and support.

In reading both men’s speeches in their entirety, not just the news clips offered by the media or the spin given by a partisan commentator, along with recalling the examples of both Senator Vandenberg and Senator McCarthy and the two directions—one good and one ill—that each offered to the Republican Party and to the nation, I’m reminded that being engaged is a better course than being isolated, that civil discourse is more enduring than the accusation, the smear, or the politics of racial identity, and that standing for an ideal—while it might invite plenty of ‘slings and arrows—is a good place to be.

After reading their speeches, I believe the main aim of both Bush and McCain was to remind their fellow conservatives, Republicans, and Americans of the principles of international involvement and social inclusiveness that has been a guiding light (albeit not always followed) over the past 70 plus years.

On such matters of national importance and destiny, these men are telling us that “politics stops at the water’s edge.”

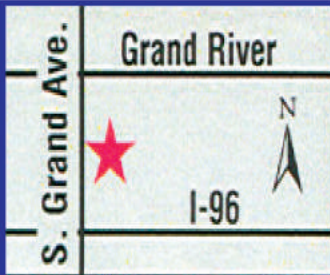


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