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From left are Nadia Freeman, Kathy Arledge, Carol Hill, Michelle Lamb, and Jamie Hartman. They will be the Grand Marshals of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade in Fowlerville.

## Fowlerville Village office staff to serve as grand marshals of parade

The Fowlerville Village office staff will serve as the grand marshals of this Tuesday evening's Fowlerville 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. The recognition was given to them for the help they have given to the July 4<sup>th</sup> organizing committee in putting on the annual event and also for the efforts that the staff puts forth on a daily basis in serving the community.

The parade, which begins at 7 p.m., will once again start at Veterans Drive on the west end of town, proceed along Grand River through the downtown business district, and end at the St. Agnes Catholic parking lot on the east side of town.

The grand marshals this year include village manager/clerk Kathy Arledge, village treasurer Michelle Lamb, administrative assistant Nadia Freeman, and accounting assistant Jamie Hartman, along with the village president Carol Hill who lends her assistance to the village operations.

Hill was elected president in the November 2016 election. Prior to that, she was a longtime trustee on the village council.

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## Fowlerville 4th of July celebration highlighted by parade & fireworks show

The annual Fowlerville 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration will once again be highlighted by an evening parade and fireworks show. Other activities are also planned this Tuesday.

The parade will line up on Veterans Drive, on the west side of the village, next to the VFW Hall, starting at 5:45 pm. The parade will then step off at 7 pm.

The parade route will proceed east along Grand River Ave., through town, and will disband at the St. Agnes Church parking lot.

The Grand Marshals for the parade this year are the Village of Fowlerville office staff-- president, Carol Hill; village manager/clerk, Kathy Arledge; treasurer, Michelle Lamb; administrative assistant, Nadia Freeman; and accounting assistant, Jamie Hartman.

The Moran Family will be performing the National Anthem once the Color Guard reaches the stand.

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# Caleb Jenkins Column



## The 241<sup>st</sup> Birthday

On Tuesday, Americans everywhere will be celebrating the 241<sup>st</sup> birthday of the United States of America, and we will pause to recognize the awe-inspiring thought that this miraculous system has thrived for another year. The American governmental and societal system was the dream of the classic philosophers and political thinkers, and it is now the goal of peoples around the world. We say that this miraculous breakthrough in culture has existed for 241 years, but in reality, America was making positive waves around the world long before the Declaration of Independence was even written.

From the very first visitors to our blessed shores, America has stood for something better in a world torn apart by strife and trouble. As the “New World,” America was seen as a unique opportunity for people to start new lives and make things better for themselves and their societies, and their courage and vision inspired others around the world to join in this venture of making the greatest nation in the history of the world. However, such a significant task cannot be undertaken without someone noticing, and indeed, the world was watching. If you were to read through the writings of our Founding Fathers, then you would find that they were very much aware of the awesome charge resting on their shoulders. They knew that peoples around the globe would be scrutinizing their decisions and the actions of the American people to see if such a radical endeavor could succeed.

One of my favorite examples of this (and a personal source of motivation) is the challenge that was issued by John Winthrop when the *Arbella* arrived in Massachusetts in 1630. When these members of the Massachusetts Bay Company

arrived at their destination, the Puritan preacher delivered a message that was designed as a warning. In his “A Model of Christian Charity,” John Winthrop advised the settlers that the world would be looking at their experiences, so he encouraged them to embrace their Christian standards and to stand out as exemplary citizens. In his own words, he said that they would be viewed “as a city upon a hill.”

This statement soon became embedded in American culture, and over the years, it has continued to be a strong directive for the way that we should conduct ourselves. It was invoked by then soon-to-be-President Kennedy during an address to the Massachusetts General Court, and President Reagan emotionally described his view of the “city upon a hill” during his farewell address to the nation. Historical references such as this are often ignored or diluted with confusing or false narratives, but I believe that it is important for us to remember the last 241 years and the years before that. We must never overlook the beautiful miracle that is the United States of America, and we must never neglect the tremendous responsibility that we all bear to maintain what has been called the greatest cultural and political experiment in the history of mankind. Indeed, even as we celebrate the greatness of America through the Fourth of July, we should all realize and gladly accept the duty that has been entrusted with us. Despite them being spoken centuries ago, the words of John Winthrop still echo powerfully and meaningfully today in that “the eyes of all people are upon us.”

My wishes for the happiest Independence Day to you all.

## Tickets on sale for Knights of Columbus dinner show ‘Murder in Margaritaland’

Tickets are on sale for the dinner show ‘Murder in Margaritaland’ to be held on Saturday, July 15, at the St. Agnes Life Parish Center in Fowlerville.

Cost is \$20 per person and includes a full dinner and the performance of the murder mystery “that will have everyone searching for more than their long lost shaker of salt.” A cash bar will be available.

The show is being put on by the Knights of Columbus and features a cast of 30 performers, including K of C members and others from the St. Agnes Parish. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. with the dinner and show starting at 6:30 p.m.

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Parade grand marshals continued

Arledge was hired in May 2004, Lamb in May 2012, Hartman in February 2016, and Freeman in June 2014.

“Our committee unanimously selected the staff of the Village office to be the Grand Marshals of this year’s 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade because these ladies do so much for the Village and for our committee and are always cheerfully willing to help,” noted committee members Denise and Bruce Brown. “They serve this community with excellence and dedication.”

Speaking on behalf of her fellow honorees, Arledge expressed their appreciation for this recognition. “The Village of Fowlerville employees and I are here to serve the residents,” she said. “We are also trying to continually improve our services by thinking of ways to be more efficient and to not waste time, tax dollars, and valuable resources.

“We take pride in the community collaboration that we have created that involves business, residents, churches, townships, and schools”, Arledge said, adding that “We would like to thank the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee for nominating our staff as the Grand Marshals of the parade.”

Fowlerville 4th of July continued

The fireworks show will begin at 10:15 pm.

Prime viewing locations for the fireworks will be at Community Park and the Fowlerville Fairgrounds. Kari Holmes and the Modern Day Drifters will be performing at Community Park starting at 8 pm. There will also be food and novelty vendors at both the park and the fairgrounds.

The fireworks show—which costs around \$10,000—is funded from donations by the public as well as the fundraising efforts of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee. Without these donations that are collected on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July by volunteers and committee members, there would not be a show. The committee members request that you donate in cash or check. They do not have the capability to accept credit cards.

Volunteers will be at the entrances of the park and fairgrounds prior to the show and circulating along the parade route earlier in the evening, seeking contributions for next year’s display.

**OTHER EVENTS ON JULY 4TH WILL INCLUDE:**

**First Baptist Church of Fowlerville - 214 S. Grand Ave.**

--“God and Country” Classic Car Show - Registration begins at 2 pm. with the Car Show starting at 3 pm.

--Children’s Activities and Bounce House from 3 pm. to 6 pm. Both the car show and children’s activities are free.

For more information, call 517-223-9084 or visit the church website at: [fowlervillebaptist.org](http://fowlervillebaptist.org)

**Fowlerville United Brethren - 9300 W. Grand River**

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This information and any other updates on the Fowlerville 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration will be on the event website: [fowlervillefireworks.com](http://fowlervillefireworks.com) or [livingstoncountyfireworkds.com](http://livingstoncountyfireworkds.com). Other information is available at [facebook.com/livingstoncountyfireworks](http://facebook.com/livingstoncountyfireworks)

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## The Adventures of Lil Tom

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Everyone knew that Tom was special from the moment he opened his eyes. When the doctor slapped Tom on the rear end to start him breathing, Tom opened his eyes, reached out and grabbed the doctor by the collar and said, “Touch me again and I’ll clobber you!” He then looked around and said, “Which one of you is my Mama, I’m hungry.”

Lil Tom, as they called him (because his dad had the same name), was born with a full set of teeth and weighed 14lbs. Three days after he was born, he walked home from the hospital, outran and caught three rabbits before they got to their house in the hills.

It didn’t take the town long to learn about Lil Tom. He became known as “Terrible Tom” in just a few short months.

Tom’s family was poor and didn’t have a lot of the comforts of home like many other families. So on Lil Tom’s first birthday, he robbed the candy store and held the store owner hostage until his wife baked him a cake. He then went over to a neighbor’s farm, beat a cow to death, then drug it home for his mother to prepare.

As Tom grew, people noticed that his feet were growing much faster than the rest of him. One day one of the older kids started to tease Tom about the size of his feet. Tom, who was already known for his short temper, hung the older kid upside down from a tree in the woods and left him there. When the older kid’s parents found him he was covered with ants. Tom had smeared grape jelly all over the kid.

By the time Tom turned three, he became bored with country life so he told his mother he was leaving. His mother knew not to question him, because Lil Tom had almost choked his older brother unconscious one day when his brother questioned him about where he was going.

Lil Tom packed his bag and headed off to seek his fortune. His mother smiled through tear-filled eyes as she watched him trip over those big feet (size 12) several times as he walked down the trail that led to town. With those big feet, he looked like a Seal wearing snowshoes.

That night, when Lil Tom stopped to rest (it was over 50 miles to the nearest town), he built a fire and then sat down to eat one of the sandwiches his mother had prepared for his journey. He was half way through a sandwich when suddenly, out of nowhere stood this huge grizzly bear. Instead of being afraid, Tom was angry that the bear had interrupted his dinner. Tom told the bear, “You better move on buddy, I’ve got no time for you now.”

The bear acted as if he hadn’t heard Tom and began moving towards him. Tom said, “Okay Buddy, you asked for it. Now you’re gonna git it.” Tom jumped up, grabbed a burning log from the fire (by the burning end) and moved toward the bear. When he was close enough, he kicked the bear in the shin with one of those big feet of his, and the

bear yelled in bear language, “Ouch, that hurt.” The bear went down and Little Tom was all over him. He managed to get the bear in stranglehold and held on till the bear passed out. He decided he would teach this bear a lesson.

The next morning when Tom left the camp he was wearing a new fur jacket and the bear had a large plug of fur missing from his back.

A few days later Lil Tom was still quite a distance from town when he came upon a group of kids several years older than he was, and just as mean. They thought they were going to take Lil Tom’s food and have some fun with him. But they had never met Lil Tom.

One of the older kids stepped right up to Lil Tom and said, “gimme your bag, kid.” Lil Tom said, “On your way kid, you really don’t want to do this.”

The kid reached out to take Lil Tom’s bag. Big mistake. Lil Tom had ran into bullies before and knew exactly how to handle them. He quickly stepped back and with one of those huge feet of his, he jumped up and kicked the boy in the head. The next thing he knew they were coming at him from all sides, but Lil Tom was ready for them. He began dancing around and kicking them as they came close to him. When it was all over, Lil Tom, still holding his bag, went over to the leader of the group who was lying on the ground, holding his jaw, and said, “Now what was it you wanted?” The kid said “Nothing, nothing! Just please! Don’t kick me again!”

Lil Tom continued along the trail and thinking, “What will I run into next?”

Lil Tom didn’t know it, but he had just created a new form of fighting. It would later become known as “Kick Boxing.”

*NOTE: Since today is my birthday, I decided to do something different. There is no moral to this story so don’t try to find one. It is simply written for humor and nothing else. My only goal is to make someone smile. I hope you did, because I sure did while writing it. Blessings.*

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

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The library will be closed Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> to observe Independence Day. We will be reopening on Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. Materials that need to be returned can be placed in the blue drop box. The Little Free Library will be stocked for your reading needs during this time. We wish you a safe and happy holiday!

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Summer Reading Program groups will not meet this week due to the holiday. Groups will not meet and Reading Logs will not be checked for the week of July 2<sup>nd</sup>-July 8<sup>th</sup>. All groups will begin the following week on Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. Have a fun 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

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

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**Beyond the Book: We Bought a Zoo: Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

Adults. Featuring a book and its film adaptation. Movie will begin at 6:30pm, followed by discussion. Movie-style refreshments will be served. \*Register in person to participate. Registration begins June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Books will be given while supplies last.

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**Self-Defense Workshop & BBQ: Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at Noon-4pm**

At the Centennial Park Pavilion

All Ages. Stop by the Centennial Park pavilion where the library will be holding a free self-defense workshop for all ages, hosted by the students and staff of Real World MMA. Water, hot dogs, and chips will be provided while supplies last. \*Drop-in event. Children 12 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Teens 13 years and older must have a signed Program Permission Form or be accompanied by an adult.

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**Teen Tuesday Film Festival: Robots: Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm**

Teens 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade. Join us after the Teen Summer Reading Program for movie celebrating inventors! Hang with friends while you enjoy the movie, popcorn, and a beverage. All movies are rated PG. \*Seating is limited. Register in person for each movie to attend. If there is still seating available, drops-ins are welcome!

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**Our Fires Still Burn: The Native American Experience: Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

Adults. Join us in welcoming Audrey Geyer to the library

for a screening of her documentary about Michigan Native Americans, "Our Fires Still Burn: The Native American Experience." The documentary is 1 hour long and will be followed by a question and answer session with the filmmaker. Refreshments will be served. \*Register in person to attend. Registration begins July 6<sup>th</sup> and includes a refundable \$5 cash deposit.

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**Summer Craft: Stone Totems: Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

Adults. Join us at the library to decorate stones using sharpies. Then, arrange them in a totem that you can display or share as a gift. \*Register in person to attend. Registration begins July 13<sup>th</sup> and includes a refundable \$5 cash deposit.

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

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

## 'Free' Scrap Tire Collection being offered to county residents on July 8

A FREE scrap tire collection for Livingston County residents to responsibly dispose of car and light truck tires will be held by reservation only on Saturday, July 8, from 9 am to 1 pm. This event is sponsored by a grant from the MDEQ (Michigan Department of Environmental Quality) and is coordinated by the Solid Waste Program within the Livingston County Drain Commissioner's office. Per State regulations, there is a limit of 10 tires per resident address. Details are on the website [www.livgov.com/dpw](http://www.livgov.com/dpw).

The location of the collection in Howell will be given once a required reservation is received. CALL 517-546-0040 or SEND e-mail TO [solidwaste@livgov.com](mailto:solidwaste@livgov.com). Reservation information must include: name, resident's township/city/village, phone number, address, the number of tires on rims, and the number of tires not on rims. The total number of tires cannot be more than 10 per resident address/reservation. Space is limited, so please give 48-hour notice if you cannot use your reservation.

Only tires from Livingston County residents with reservations will be accepted. If you have more than 10 passenger/light truck tires, or if you have larger tires (tractor, semi-tractor/trailer, etc.), contact the Drain Commissioner's office for information at 517-546-0040.

## St. John's Episcopal Church serving ham dinner on Friday, July 21

St. John's Episcopal Church is serving a Ham Dinner on Friday, July 21, from 5 to 7pm. Free Will Offering. Take out \$8. The church is located at 504 Prospect Street, Howell.



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# Dillingham retires after over 20 years in economic development

By Steve Horton

This week marked the retirement of Fred Dillingham from a career that included 20 years as an elected public official, followed by another 20-plus years in the field of economic development.

It is a career that took him to the halls of power at the State Capitol and into the offices of multi-national corporations. It is one that includes many accomplishments—both personal and professional.

But while he enjoyed those successes and his career path could have taken him in other directions and other places, Dillingham said he never had a desire to leave his hometown of Fowlerville. “I’ve felt fortunate to have had business and career opportunities that I found personally rewarding and also allowed me to remain here,” he said.

“When I was finishing college, I had an interview with Ford Motor Company,” he recalled. “The company had a program where they recruited young executives, but you had to relocate where they sent you. My first stop, if I accepted the job, was going to be in Texas. I didn’t want to do that. Later, when I was in the legislature, some supporters were urging me to run for Congress. But that meant living most of the time in Washington, D.C. Again, that was not something I wanted to do.”

Fred’s parents—Gale and Mary—owned and operated the Dillingham Funeral Home. Growing up, the eldest of their four children, he helped them but also had jobs delivering the daily newspaper on his bike, working at Sidell Hardware, being a soda jerk at Tim’s Pharmacy, and serving as a page at the State Capitol. The latter was a dream-come-true for him, given his interest in government and politics.

One of the benefits of these jobs and of the family business, he noted, was that he got to know a lot of older residents of the community. “That helped me out later on when I ran for office and when I went into business,” he said.

That business opportunity he referred to, one which allowed him to remain in Fowlerville occurred in 1971. He had graduated from Eastern Michigan University and then gone on to obtain his degree in mortuary science, but had not yet started a particular career. That’s when he learned that Sidell Hardware was for sale.

“I ran into Buster Sidell at the post office and while we were talking, he told me of his plans,” Dillingham said. “We’d probably never have had the conversation if I hadn’t worked for him while in school. I talked to my dad and asked him what he thought of my buying the business. He was still driving the ambulance as part of the funeral business, and I told him that my owning the store would allow me to help him out. I’m not sure how much stock he put in that, but he said he thought it was a good idea. Of course, what I was really hoping is that he’d help me. I was able to borrow the money to purchase the building from a private individual, and Buster sold me the inventory on a land contract. That’s how I was able to get started.”

While in college, Fred had been active in the Republican Party and had been a campaign volunteer. He continued that involvement as a young businessman. One of his accomplishments at the time was helping to start a Jaycee group in Fowlerville.

In the 1974 election he ran for a seat on the Livingston County Board of Commissioners, representing Western Livingston County. He served in that position for four years—1975-79.

When the incumbent state representative for the area, Tom Sharpe (who was a cousin of the Dillingham’s), announced his plans to leave that office, Fred joined a field of Republican candidates to replace him. He won the primary, which in Livingston County is usually the real election. Soon after taking office, he decided to sell his hardware store and focus his attention on his position.

He went on to serve eight years in the House and then ran for the state Senate where he was elected to two four-year terms.

His family during this time frame had grown to include four daughters and a son. Since Fowlerville is close to the capitol, Dillingham was able to live at home and be part of his children’s school and other activities.

**IN 1994 DILLINGHAM SURPRISED A LOT OF PEOPLE** by announcing his decision not to seek re-election. Term limits were just going into effect and he could have served another four years. He also decided not to seek any other public office, despite having gained name recognition as a long serving legislator.

Dillingham instead accepted a position with a large national company that was part of the funeral home business. Given his background, that job seemed like a good fit. But, as he pointed out, he did not enjoy the work and started looking



Fred Dillingham, who retired this past week after 20-plus years in economic development and who prior to that served 20 years as an elected public official, said he never wanted to live anywhere else than in his hometown of Fowlerville.

at other possibilities. With a family to support, he did not jump ship and remained for about 14 months.

Coming to the rescue was the position of executive director for the Livingston County Economic Development Council. The then director, Dan Foster, was departing, so Dillingham submitted his application, was interviewed and, from that meeting, was hired. He was already familiar with many of the public officials and business people in the county from his time as a legislator, so he was able to begin his new career more easily.

“I started in March of 1996 and remained about 16 years,” he noted. “The EDC was set up as a 501 C Non Profit. We raised about a third of our budget revenues from the county and local units of government that were members and the other two-thirds were donations from the private sector.”

Dillingham pointed out that there was never a set fee charged to a business using the services of the EDC or for his time, but added, “We were grateful for any financial support they gave us for our assistance.”

While such donations were part of the fundraising, Dillingham still needed to obtain ongoing support from companies not using the services of his office. “I felt it was important that the private sector understand the importance of supporting economic development and having this service available in the county, and that it not be perceived as just another governmental program,” he said.

Economic development is a term that covers a wide spectrum, including residential, commercial, and industrial. During Dillingham’s first years on the job, Livingston County saw an explosion of growth across that spectrum. His office assisted or advised government officials and private companies in all three of those areas. However, building up the area’s industrial base was always a main priority.

“The first ten years I was on the job, the county, especially the Fowlerville area and Howell Township, saw a number of new companies locate here,” he said. “My goal was to bring good, solid light-manufacturing businesses that provided solid jobs with decent wages. Our hope was that residents already living here would secure those jobs and have a shorter commute, or that other workers might decide to live in the community.”

He pointed out that the other benefit from this industrial development was that it expanded the tax base for the county and local communities, with the added revenues helping support municipal services, street and road work, fire and police protection, schools, and parks.

“The goal of this type of economic development is to give people the opportunity to live and work close to the community and to also enhance the overall quality of life,” he said.

Dillingham noted that the Village of Fowlerville, with two industrial parks, the close proximity of the I-96 freeway and being able to offer railroad spurs off of the CSX rail line, proved to be an attractive location for several companies.

“The community also benefited over the years because the village and Handy Township officials were very co-operative, as were the school officials and local business owners,” he said. “A lot of these businesses had several sites they were looking at, so this cooperation and welcoming attitude made a big difference. It still does.”

Another important player, he added, has been the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and their use of grant money to help with infrastructure improvements within the industrial parks. This grant money, coupled with local matching funds, in Fowlerville’s case resulted either directly or indirectly in the building of the two water towers, the bridge over Garden Lane, the extension of water and sewer services, and improved streets.

“The Village, through its LDFA (Local Development Financing Authority), was able to capture the new taxes to use as the matching funds and also to make the bond payments on money that had to be borrowed,” Dillingham said. “Howell Township, being a township, couldn’t set up a LDFA, but we were able to use the grants and additional tax revenues to develop the industrial areas on Grand River and M-59.”

While Dillingham and the EDC office worked with any and all units of local governments regardless of whether or not they were part of the council, they also offered contracted consultation and administration services. Both the Village’s LDFA and its Downtown Development Authority as well as Handy Township entered into those agreements. Dillingham also, later on, assisted the Village of Webberville with its industrial park and DDA.

**THE FINAL FEW YEARS OF FRED’S TENURE** as the executive director were more focused on retention due to the economic recession that took a turn for the worse in 2007 with the Wall Street Meltdown, followed by the severe financial difficulties suffered by General Motors and Chrysler—difficulties that resulted in their filing for bankruptcy and receiving financial aid from the federal government.

“We could see very quickly the looming impact this would have in Michigan with our economy still being dependent on the auto industry,” he said. “Here in Livingston County, at that time, General Motors was the big player in our auto-supplier base. Since then Ford has taken their place.

“I started making retention calls, talking with the different companies and trying to figure out how to maintain as many jobs as possible and to diversify,” Dillingham said. “Of course, every time the auto industry experiences a slump, our state talks about the need to diversify. But one of the biggest things that came out of those challenging times was that we’ve seen more of a shift to auto engineering and design rather than just assembly and production work. While Livingston County didn’t come out of it 100 percent, we were far better off than many other parts of the state.”

Dillingham’s final career move came about four years ago. “When I decided to leave my position with the County EDC, I could still see a need to stay in contact with the businesses we had worked with over the years and offer our services, and to continue serving as consultants to some of the local units of government,” he explained. “Also, I didn’t want to completely step out of the arena.”

Dillingham partnered with Jennifer Balyeat who had served as his administrative assistant at the EDC to form Livingston Business Development Associates, Inc.—a private business. He took the title of president, while Balyeat served as the chief financial officer.

“The biggest difference is that we were able to expand our business development services throughout Michigan rather



than just Livingston County,” he said. “I did a lot of work with companies between Lansing and Novi, but we’ve had clients all over, including the Upper Peninsula.”

Dillingham and Balyeat also continued as consultants with the Villages of Fowlerville and Webberville and the Townships of Handy and Howell, and for a time with the Village of Stockbridge.

**IN REFLECTING ON HIS MANY YEARS IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,** Dillingham said that two major highlights came from fires. “I’m proud that we were able to react quickly when Thermofil and later when Magna were tragically destroyed by fire and keep them in the county,” he said. “Thermofil, which was located in the Brighton area, eventually built a new plant in Fowlerville and it was later obtained by Asahi-Kasei Plastics and serves as its North American headquarters.

“Magna decided to remain at their location on Grand River (in Howell Township) and subsequently the company not only replaced its damaged building, but has expanded its facilities and is now one of the top job providers in the area. As a Tier One company, Magna was very important to the auto supply chain in mid-Michigan and we needed to keep them in the county.”

The company has since been purchased by Grupo Antolin. “I say those were the two biggest challenges because either company could have re-located elsewhere and because we had to cut through a lot of governmental red tape,” he said. “I’m happy to say both efforts worked out well.”

He also listed the decision of FT Techno of America to purchase land in southeast Handy Township and develop the Fowlerville Proving Grounds as “high on my satisfaction scale.”

“This is one of the premier auto testing facilities in the world,” Dillingham pointed out. “Their decision on where to locate the facility took over three years. Company officials were looking at sites in Indiana and Ohio and several others in Michigan and considering the different incentive offers.

“I feel that one of the things that helped Handy Township prevail was that we were able to build a strong, trusting relationship with the company during that time frame,” he added. “Whenever I would meet with them, I told them of the advantages of locating in Livingston County and of this Fowlerville site. They also saw the support this project had with public officials and the business community. It was the most complicated and time-consuming site selection our office was ever involved in, including the work done to put together the land purchase from the different property owners, but having this company and their staff as part of our community was well worth the effort.”

Another highlight he listed has been seeing, and being part of, the industrial development that’s occurred along the I-96 corridor from Lansing to Metro Detroit. “When I was in the legislature, most of this type of development was occurring along I-94 from Detroit to Chicago,” he noted. “In talks with the economic development officials back then from Ingham and Livingston County, we talked about what we needed to do to draw development to I-96.

“One of the things with economic development is that you want to provide for planned and orderly growth,” Fred said. “So, with that in mind, we tried over the years to keep

it as close to the corridor as possible. It was a case of various people joining together to create a vision, implementing it when the opportunities arose, and having a lot of people in local, county, and state government and in the business community giving their support.”

Fred said that there was no compelling reason why he decided to retire other than he wants more time to pursue personal enjoyments and be with his family.

“My business philosophy, which I learned from growing up in my parents’ funeral home, is you never leave the phone unattended and, if someone leaves a message, you return it promptly. However, that means you’re on call all of the time—mornings, nights, and weekends. Also, with this job, I’ve had to attend a lot of meetings.

“I love the work I’ve done,” he added. “I’ve been lucky to do what I wanted to do. But I feel it’s time to retire. My wife Diane and I have 11 grandchildren, and we want to watch their activities. We want to spend more time at our places in Houghton Lake and Florida. But we’re not leaving Fowlerville. This is still home.”



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### Fowlerville Youth Police Academy visits Fowlerville Rotary

The Fowlerville Police Department held their first Youth Police Academy of 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, ages 10-14. These students went through an application process to be accepted into the five-day academy.

The program, taught by Fowlerville Police Chief John Tyler and Officer Jeff Soli, was an introduction to law enforcement. They learned about traffic stops, saw K-9 demonstrations, and learned about building and car searches.

The program included marching, standing at ease, physical fitness with push-ups, sit-ups, pull-ups and running an obstacle course. They also were taught firearm safety. The academy went from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm each day.

Last Wednesday, June 28, the Youth Police Academy attended the Fowlerville Rotary Club for lunch. The students took turns introducing themselves and told why they wanted to be in the academy. Chief Tyler and Officer Soli also explained how the program works to club members.

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## Savvy Senior Column

By Jim Miller

### How to Fight Dry Eyes and Protect Your Vision

Dear Savvy Senior

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Dear Blinking,

Dry eyes is a common problem that affects more than one-third of middle-aged and older Americans. But you don't have to just put up with it. There are lifestyle adjustments and multiple treatment options available today to keep your eyes moist and healthy. Here's what you should know.

#### Dry Eye Issues

Dry, red, irritated eyes are one of the most common reasons for visits to the eye doctor, but discomfort isn't the only problem of dry eyes. Light sensitivity and blurred or fluctuating vision are common problems too, and worse yet, dry eyes are more likely to get scratched or infected, which could damage your vision permanently.

The reason people get dry eyes are because they either don't produce enough tears to keep their eyes properly lubricated, or because they produce poor quality tears.

In some cases dry eyes can be triggered by medical conditions such as diabetes, thyroid diseases, allergies, rheumatoid arthritis, lupus and Sjogren's syndrome. It can also be brought on by age (tear production tends to diminish as we get older), eye conditions, eyelid problems, certain medications, environmental factors and even LASIK and cataract surgery. Dry eyes are also more common in women, especially after menopause.

#### Lifestyle Adjustments

The first step experts recommend in dealing with dry eyes is to check your lifestyle and surroundings for factors that might be contributing to the problem and make adjustments:

**Avoid blowing air:** Keep your eyes away from air vents, hair dryers, oscillating and ceiling fans and consider buying a home humidifier.

**Blink more:** When you're reading, watching television, or using a smartphone, tablet or computer, take frequent breaks because these activities cause you to blink less often.

**Avoid irritants:** Avoid smoke-filled places and if you swim, wear goggles to cut down exposure to chemicals.

**Use protection outside:** When you go outdoors, use sunglasses that wrap around the sides of your face to protect yourself from sun, glare, wind, and dust.

**Check your meds:** Dozens of prescription and over-the-counter (OTC) drugs like antihistamines, decongestants, diuretics, beta-blockers, antidepressants, tranquilizers, and Parkinson's medications can all cause dry eyes. If you're taking any of these, ask your doctor about alternatives.

**Get more omega-3s:** Studies show that eating more fish and other foods rich in omega-3 fatty acids (or take a supplement) helps some people.

#### Treatment Options

If adjusting your environment and habits doesn't do the trick, there are a variety of OTC artificial tears that can help. If you experience a lot of burning, try another product or opt for a preservative-free formula. If your dry-eye is persistent, use gel-containing drops like Refresh, Systane and GenTeal. The gel will keep your eyes lubricated for longer periods. If you need a product that's even longer lasting, consider OTC lubricating ointments like Refresh PM.

If the lifestyle and OTC treatments don't help, see an ophthalmologist. He or she can offer additional advice and may prescribe a medication. There are several FDA approved medications for dry eye including Xiidra and Restasis, and one in development called Lacriprep.

If your dry eye is severe and does not improve, your doctor might recommend a simple office procedure that plugs the small openings (tear ducts) that drain tears away from the eyes. Blocking these openings with punctal plugs keeps tears in place longer.

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New Rotary Club member inducted

Last Wednesday, June 28, Fowlerville Rotary Club President Matt Martin inducted their newest member, Greg Hillier, who is assistant manager of the Fowlerville Wal-Mart. The club members welcomed him into the organization.



Fowlerville Fire Department Report

Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 9:09 a.m. the department was dispatched to a tree blocking Bull Run Road in Iosco Township. At 12:30 p.m. personnel responded to a medical emergency on Brookdale Street in the Village. A second medical emergency, on Grandshire Blvd. in the Village, was reported at 6:54 p.m.

Firefighters assisted at a medical emergency on Saddle Drive in Conway Township at 1:09 p.m., Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. The department responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries on I-96 in Handy at 6:28 p.m. Personnel assisted EMS at a medical emergency on Robb Road in Conway Township at 9:03 p.m.

At 1:16 a.m. Sunday, June 25, they were called to investigate a medical alarm activation on N. Grand Ave. in the Village. A personal injury accident on Coon Lake Road in Iosco Township was reported at 2:03 a.m. and at 3:05 a.m. personnel assisted at a medical emergency on Lange Road in Iosco Township.

A medical emergency on N. Grand Ave. in the Village was reported at 11:03 a.m., Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. Firefighters were dispatched to Elliott Road in Iosco Township at 5:25 p.m. to extinguish a small grass fire and some large straw bales. A third dispatch, to a medical emergency on Wallace Road in Handy Township, was received at 10:13 p.m.

Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, at 5:58 a.m. the department responded to a medical emergency on Collins Street in the Village. At 9:06 a.m. personnel assisted at a medical emergency on S. Grand Ave. in the Village. Firefighters were called to a medical emergency on Linda Ray Lane in Iosco Township at 7:57 p.m. with a fourth medical emergency being reported at 8:10 p.m. on Sargent Road in Handy Township.

Breathers’ Club meeting to be held on July 11 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital

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

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

Our next Breathers Club is scheduled for Tuesday, Noon: July 11. Our Pulmonary Rehabilitation Therapist is available to assist and answer questions. For recorded meeting information call: (517) 545-6020.

Local Boy Scout Troop going to summer camp from July 16-22

Boy Scout Troop 336 is going to summer camp at Camp Rotary in Clare from July 16-22. Scouts will be working on merit badges, including those for Hiking and Swimming and Rifle Shooting.

The local troop meets at St. John’s Lutheran Church on Monday nights from September to May.

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A petition has has been filed by Todd Muck & Roxanne Turner, 9955 Mason Rd., Fowlerville, MI 48836, Property ID #4709-04-100-009, requesting a Variance of the Iosco Township Zoning Ordinance that would allow them to erect a house behind an existing barn’s front plane.

The public has the right to appear before the board to express their views and opinions on the request. Written comments to the board should be sent to the Township at the mailing address above, addressed to Clark Humrich, ZBA Chair.

Dan Delmerico  
Township Clerk  
(6-11-17 & 7-2-17 FNV)



**Green Church  
now serves as  
a key part of  
Livingston Centre  
Historic Village**

**By Kathe Westbrook  
Livingston Centre  
Historic Society**

Looking out the north windows of the Coughran School, just beyond the Kirkland House at the Livingston Centre Historic Village (both buildings featured in the newspaper during the past two weeks), is the steeple of the Green Church which can be seen above the roof line, pointing skyward.

This delightful little church was built in Iosco Township by Gustavus Foster and his younger brother, Orville, in 1906. Foster relatives remain in Livingston County still. It originally stood on a small section of land that had been deeded from the Ruttman Family on the south side of Coon Lake Road, just west of Bull Run Road. It was actually the Iosco Methodist Episcopal Church, or the First Methodist Episcopal Church Iosco, but it was known locally as the Green Church---the property just north of the church was the John Green Farm.

It was formed by some of the members of the Parkers Corners Church, along with two other religious communities that met in area schools. The first pastor, The Reverend B. Porter, was assigned in 1906; he was in attendance in May of 1960 at the last service held by that dedicated little congregation. At that time it merged with two other congregations to form Trinity United Methodist Church, a vibrant church located at the corner of Bull Run and Iosco Roads and still serving Livingston County.

The Green Church was sold to a local 4-H club in 1962 and used as their meeting hall. In the late 1970's it was purchased by Marlene and LaVerne Johnson who boarded broken windows, repaired the outside shell, and added a new roof---all to prevent further decline so future restoration could be possible. As the Livingston Centre Historic Village began to develop, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson donated the church, and the 95-year-old structure was moved in January of 1991. The roof again was replaced in 2012.

To accomplish the move to the fairgrounds, the steeple portion was removed and separated into two pieces, and the roof was cut near the top of the main walls. It was reconstructed at its present site on a foundation of cement blocks that were faced with stones from the original building. The foundation for the porch is all original stone, and the 1906 cornerstone can be found in one corner.

Only one original window is complete; it is in the foyer of the church. The others have been replicated and replaced. Also in the foyer is the only original light fixture. The sanctuary had new lighting installed in 1993. Only eight of the pews are original, additional seats have been donated as have other furniture and the organs. The donated bell was manufactured in this state according to the markings on it: "American Foundry Co., No. 36 Northville, MI USA".

Two years after arriving at its new home, in 1993, the church was again in use for a wedding of area residents. It continues to be used for others wanting to begin a new life, creating their own history in a structure that had provided a spiritual home in a small portion of Iosco Township for several



decades. Information can be found in the Fair Office on rental for weddings, ceremonies or other smaller events.

The Green Church will be open during Fair Week, in the afternoons for tours; docents will be inside providing additional information and offering rest from the summer sun. It will also be used for the Community Spelling Bee on Friday, July 28. Be sure to visit. It shouldn't be missed!

**Livingston Centre Historic Village  
Society to discuss fair plans at meeting**

Plans for the Fowlerville Fair will be the primary topic at the monthly meeting of the Livingston Centre Historic Village Society this Thursday, July 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fair Office. The agenda will cover several issues related to scheduling and other necessary tasks.

Volunteers are still needed to assist members at the raffle ticket table under the grandstand near the Open Class Photography display. First prize in the annual raffle is a handcrafted full-size Yo-Yo bedspread, made by local crafter Waneta Dorrance. Second prize is an oversized twin quilt made by local quilter, Diane Finley. Other prizes include a battery charger, a birdfeeder, a Kindle Fire, a family pass to Castaway Play Cafe, and a family pass to Canton Water Park, courtesy of county businesses and members. Tickets will be sold beginning Fair Week for \$1.

The historic buildings will be open each afternoon of the Fair and volunteers are needed to serve as docents (guides who conducts visitors through museum building sharing printed information). No experience is necessary and training is provided as volunteers welcome and host fair guests in three-hour shifts.



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Eggs	42	\$1.50-\$2.10
Chicks	28	\$.30-\$1.50
Chickens	85	\$0.50-\$11.00
Roosters	33	\$0.50-\$11.00
Ducks	21	\$1.00-\$17.50
Rabbits	22	\$0.50- \$6.50
Guinea Hen	1	\$6.00
Turkey	22	\$4.00-\$22.50
Feeder Calf	1	\$205.00
Goats	7	\$35.00-\$90.00
Sheep	4	\$60.00-\$110.00

# Webberville Report

## Capital Area Library Events

**WEBBERVILLE**  
**Family Storytime (Ages up to 6)**  
Engaging stories, songs and activities to help build early literacy skills  
July 5, 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

**Magician Baffling Bill (All ages)**  
It’s a blueprint for fun when Bill and his sidekick Gus the Bunny bring magic to the stage.  
July 11, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Family Storytime (Ages up to 6)**  
Engaging stories, songs and activities to help build early literacy skills  
July 12, 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  
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**WILLIAMSTON**  
**Bubbleman (Held at Williamston Discovery Elementary School)**  
Learn how to build a better bubble from an expert who turns soap into works of art.  
July 5, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Healthy Vegetarianism (Ages 9-17)**  
Learn about vegetarian diets and try samples during this informative discussion.  
July 11, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Classroom Critters (Held at Williamston Discovery Elementary School)**  
Hear how Mother Nature designed animals to fit their habitat and lifestyle.  
July 12, 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

**\*Lemonade Day--Start Your First Business (Ages 8–18)**  
We’ll meet once a week for three weeks to learn about teamwork and business, then open our one-day business.  
\*Call 517-655-1191.

--City Hall Council Chambers: Thursdays, July 13, 20 & 27, 2–3:30 p.m.

--Williamston Farmers Market: Sunday, July 30 • 10 a.m.– 2 p.m.  
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## SBAM offers simple approach to energy solutions for small business owners

The Small Business Association of Michigan (SBAM) is working with Consumers Energy and DTE Energy to provide enhanced energy services to small businesses across Michigan through a new “SBAM Energy Solutions” program, being unveiled at today’s SBAM Annual Meeting & Small Business Expo in Lansing.

“We’re Michigan’s only business organization with full-time, dedicated employees devoted to helping entrepreneurs manage energy needs, and SBAM Energy Solutions provides members with easy access to simple solutions,” said SBAM President and CEO Rob Fowler.

SBAM Energy Solutions will take the guesswork out of connecting with the utilities, and offer small business owners opportunities to save money and participate in programs they may not have even known were available. Dozens of SBAM members have already participated in a pilot launch and are already seeing results.

“I discovered a few services that we weren’t fully utilizing and some changes that we need to make to be more energy efficient,” said Cynthia Kay, owner of Cynthia Kay & Co. Media Production in Grand Rapids, MI. “My time with the SBAM Energy Solutions team was well spent.”

“Like all businesses, our customers want to save money on energy bills, but are already juggling so many priorities,” said Jerry Norcia, DTE Energy president and COO. “The collaboration between SBAM, DTE and Consumers Energy gives customers a go-to resource for energy questions and challenges – so they can focus on running a successful business. Our work not only impacts the bottom line - it gives customers peace of mind knowing they have the best energy solutions possible for their business.”

SBAM members have the opportunity to engage with three energy specialists and discuss the best options for their small businesses.

“Our Consumers Energy small business team has worked hard to help business owners save money on their utility bills through the Energy Solutions program,” said Garrick Rochow, Senior Vice President of Distribution and Customer Operations. “We look forward to providing even more small business owners the tools they need to efficiently run their business, save money and grow our state’s economy.”

For details on how small business owners can utilize the SBAM Energy Solutions program, visit [www.sbam.org/energy](http://www.sbam.org/energy).



**Senior Spotlight--Andrew Baker**  
By Dylan Diederich

“Small town, hard work, and big dreams,” said 2017 Webberville High School graduate Andrew Baker.

Baker’s quote of choice refers to his hometown and the key to a successful life and the expectations for his future.

“My advice to my friends is hard work gets you places,” he added.

Baker, is the son of Lorraine Baker and Chuck Baker and younger brother to Ben Baker, a 2012 Webberville graduate.

“My biggest role model is my dad,” said Baker. He credits his father with his future career plans. Andrew has developed skills in upholstery and works for his family business.

“I plan to work with upholstery,” he said. “It’s fun and I can see myself continuing with it in the future. The years I spent in high school took a long while. Along the way I found out I learn with my hands better than books.”

During his attendance at Webberville Community Schools he participated in robotics for four years and was appreciated by staff members in the classroom.

“Andy has a true silent sense of humor--he’s the class clown,” said paraprofessional Tanja Scifers. “He knows when it’s the time to have fun and time to work. Andy found his drive this year and himself. He is a very bright student, and he will be successful in his future.”

**Crossroads United Methodist holding Vacation Bible School July 17-20**

Crossroads United Methodist Church will present an original series of “God’s Life Lessons” at the church’s 2017 summer vacation bible school July 17-20. Through music, drama, games, crafts, science projects and Bible stories, children will learn and grow at the church, corner of Haslett and Zimmer roads north of Williamston and east of Haslett.

The designated mission project for this year’s VBS is Kids First Uganda.

Crossroads VBS will begin with dinner and run from 6 to 8 p.m. each evening. Children aged three through entering fifth grade are eligible. There is no charge.

For details and to register, please contact the church at 517-655-1466, [office.umccrossroads@gmail.com](mailto:office.umccrossroads@gmail.com), and [www.umccrossroads.com](http://www.umccrossroads.com)

**Webberville United Methodist Church Dinner to be held on Saturday, July 15**

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

**Dansville Community Center to hold Euchre Night on July 15**

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



**Leroy Fire Department now operating with new chief and lieutenant**

The Leroy Fire Department, which is part of the Northeast Ingham Emergency Service Authority, has been operating with a new chief and lieutenant for the past several months.

In February, Rod Pfister—who has been with the department for just over 20 years—was appointed as the chief. He replaced Mark House who left the position for health reasons. Pfister had been serving as the interim chief since November.



From left were Rod Pfister, Michael Yanz, and Sherry Davis.

Also in February, Sherry Davis was appointed to the position of lieutenant. Davis, who joined the local fire department in 1998, becoming its first female member, now has the distinction of being its first officer.

Pfister and Davis serve under Michael Yanz, the director of NIESA and the overall fire chief. He was appointed to his administrative position last June.

Pfister has worked his way up the ranks after signing on in December of 1996. He was born and raised in Webberville, graduating from high school in 1988. “I started out as a firefighter,” he said. “Then I was appointed as a captain and served three years and then I served two years as the assistant fire chief.”

He is self-employed--operating a lawn care business, an agricultural repair shop, and raising corn and soybeans on over 400 acres of land.

“After high school I worked for Litchfield Equipment as a repairman and then spent 22 years with D & G Equipment,” he noted.

Pfister and his wife, Katrina, have three daughters.

Davis, who grew up in Lansing and graduated from Sexton

High School in 1990, has worked as an Emergency Medical Technician with NIESA for nearly 24 years. Prior to that she held similar jobs in Flint, Detroit, and Lansing.

Davis also has a part-time job with Community Mental Health in Lansing. She resides in Webberville.

Yanz grew up in Dansville, graduating from high school in 1988. He still lives in his hometown.

“I worked as a fulltime firefighter and paramedic with the Delhi Township Fire Department for 10 years,” Yanz said. “I was also with the Ingham County Sheriff Mounted Unit for 24 years, retiring as a lieutenant.”

He and his wife, Patricia, have two children.

NIESA, which includes the townships of Leroy, Locke, Williamstown, and Wheatfield along with the City of Williamston, has 27 active members in its Leroy Township department and 28 volunteer firefighters in its Williamston fire station, along with six fulltime paramedics and EMTs. The Authority provides fire protection and emergency medical and rescue services.

**Practical Money Skills**  
**How to Purposefully and Successfully Transition to a Single Income**  
**By Nathaniel Sillin**

Many parents face the same difficult question when raising a child. Should one of you stay at home while the other works? It’s not a question to take lightly. The decision can have emotional and financial consequences and may have a long-term impact on the stay-at-home parent’s career opportunities. It’s also a question that doesn’t have a single correct answer.

Your upbringing, personality, career and the family’s financial situation can all play into your decision. Your opinion could also differ from your partner’s and may change over time. Perhaps you both worked after having your first child and now that there will be two or more children it makes more sense for one of you to stay at home.

Whatever your impetus, if you decide to switch from two incomes to one it will undoubtedly be challenging. Purposefully approaching and planning for the change could help you succeed.

**Get a general sense of the numbers.** Understandably, you’re likely juggling a lot of priorities at the moment. However, now more than ever, having a clear picture of your family’s finances can be important. Thinking about both short-term and long-term scenarios will help you understand the effect of moving to one income and give you numbers to back up your assumptions.

For this task, you don’t need to track every single penny or dollar you make and spend (although detailed tracking helps manage your finances and budgeting software and apps can make it relatively easy to do so if you want). Try to get an approximate sense of your household’s cash flow and the non-essential expenses you could cut if need be.

The good news is that saving on daycare (over \$25,000 annually in some states according to *Childcare Aware of America*) and work-related expenses, such as transportation and meals, can help offset the lost income.

However, you’ll also need to budget for new child-related expenses. Some families downsize their home, sell a vehicle or eat out less often to make their one-income vision a reality.

**Take baby steps before the baby arrives.** For those who are just thinking about starting a family or are currently pregnant, acting as if you only have one income while both of you continue to work can help give you a leg up.

For example, the second income could go towards an emergency fund that can help you weather a setback after making the transition. You can also use the money to pay down high-interest debt, which can free up some cash flow by lowering your interest payments.

**Discuss your new family roles.** Having a stay-at-home parent can be as much of an emotional decision as it is a financial one. If you haven’t already, set aside time to discuss how you view each other’s roles in the family. There may be new expectations for responsibilities inside and outside the home.

Bringing finances back into the picture, discuss how you’ll divide the family budget. Will every purchase be a mutual decision? Or, perhaps you’ll both have a personal allowance that you can spend how you please and there’ll be a household account for shared expenses.

**Plan for the future.** Now may also be a good time to discuss your expectations for the future. When and if a stay-at-home parent plans to return to the workplace for example. And if it makes sense for them to work or go back to school part-time while also taking care of the home.

Much like the big decision, there isn’t a single correct answer to questions about family roles or the future and no one can answer these questions for you. Talk over the options together and realize that you need to try out several ideas before you find the arrangement that works best for your relationship and growing family.

**Bottom line:** Take a deep breath and embrace the upcoming changes. Switching to a single income can be challenging, but so is having two incomes and a newborn. Planning ahead and working together towards a common goal and vision for your family can help ensure a successful transition.

*Nathaniel Sillin directs Visa’s financial education programs. To follow Practical Money Skills on Twitter: [www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney](http://www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney).*

*This article is intended to provide general information and should not be considered health, legal, tax or financial advice. It’s always a good idea to consult a tax or financial advisor for specific information on how certain laws apply to your situation and about your individual financial situation.*

**Dansville Community Center holding annual block party on July 15**

We would like to invite you to our Annual Community Block Party at the Dansville Community Center located at 1317 Mason Street in Dansville on Saturday, July 15. The fun-filled afternoon starts at 4pm and ends at 7pm. This free event is open to all and will include music by 4G, games, face painting, boat races, bounce house, fire trucks from Dansville Fire Department and much more. Great music, free food, smiles and laughter, makes for a great afternoon of family fun in the little town of Dansville!

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PROPOSED  
IOSCO TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES  
JUNE 15th, 2017**

Supervisor Miller called the meeting to order at 8:01PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer Bonnvile, Clerk Delmerico, Trustees Parker and Van Houten present. Additionally, Zoning Administrator/Assessor Allen, Knights of Road Representative Mark Harden, and Township residents Joe Fanto, Dan and Brian Strohecker were also in attendance.

Motion to approve the Agenda.

Call to the Public: The Public was heard from.

Motion to adopt the Board Minutes of May 18th, 2017, as corrected. Motion to approve the Special Board Minutes of May 30th, 2017.

Heard the Treasurer’s report.

Motion to pay \$38,743.58 in bills; seconded by Parker. This amount includes \$6,076.00 for Alger Concrete for the pavilion’s pad, and \$14,136.00 for Alchin’s monthly trash pick up cost, and \$2,829.48 for the Michigan Township Association’s annual membership dues.

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

Motion to add Section 5.33 General Dimensional Requirements to the Zoning Ordinance. Heard the Zoning Administrator’s report.

Motion to approve the Special Event Application by the Knights of the Road and the Agent Orange Riders, for Vet Stock 2017.

Motion to approve the contracts, and a grant resolution for the acquisition of the new Township Election Equipment to be supplied by Hart Intercivic, Inc.

Motion to authorize an erection of a fence by The Fence Spot, Inc. of Brighton, for the Township Park.

During the 2nd Call to The Public: the Public was heard from.

Motion to Adjourn at 9:30PM.

Respectfully submitted by  
Dan Delmerico  
Township Clerk



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## VILLAGE OF FOWLERVILLE NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING MONDAY, JULY 24, 2017 @ 7:30 P.M.

A meeting has been scheduled by the Village of Fowlerville Zoning Board of Appeals for Monday, July 24, 2017 at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Village of Fowlerville Offices, 213 South Grand Avenue, Fowlerville, Michigan 48836 to consider the following:

Request from M.A.S. Mechanical, 205 E. Van Riper Road, for a variance of Village of Fowlerville Code of Ordinances, Section 2005, Parking Requirements. Applicant requests to waive the 5 parking space requirement.

**Zoning:** The subject parcel is currently zoned GB, General Business.

The public shall have the right to appear before the board and to express their views and opinions on the request. Written comments are welcomed and should be addressed to the Village Clerk. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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## TV, Computer & Electronics Collection to be held on July 15 in Howell

The Livingston County Solid Waste Program has scheduled the 2017 Electronic-Waste Collection Event on Saturday, July 15, from 9 am until 2 pm – no appointment necessary. The collection, made possible with a grant from Chem-Trend, will take place in the parking lot at the East Complex of the Livingston County Offices located at 2300 E. Grand River, Howell, 48843 (behind the Howell Aldi’s grocery store).

This event provides a free and convenient opportunity for Livingston County residents and small businesses (fewer than 10 employees) to safely recycle a variety of electronic waste such as TV’s, computers, printers, monitors, laptops, etc. For a complete list of acceptable items, see the website at [www.livgov.com/dpw](http://www.livgov.com/dpw). *Items can only be dropped off on the event day!* This collection is made possible through a grant from Chem-Trend Inc. in cooperation with the Livingston County Drain Commissioner – Solid Waste Program. For more information, call 517-545-9609.

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# Michigan House Report

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

I enjoyed volunteering last week at the Howell Chamber of Commerce Michigan Challenge Balloonfest. This is a wonderful tradition in our community and I’m so thankful for the opportunity to be a part of it. Congratulations to the chamber for another successful family event and thank you to all of the other volunteers who donated their time to various activities that made the week fun and safe for all in attendance.

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It was an honor to be asked to participate in the Student Statesman Institute Summer Program as chair of the Freedom Committee. I’m glad to take part in this program that allows young people interested in government to participate in a mock process complete with hearings on bills. I look forward to this very exciting experience!

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I had the opportunity to tour Emergent Bio Solutions, a medical laboratory in Lansing that produces the anthrax vaccine. As chair of the House Health Policy Committee I look forward to opportunities to further learn about and understand all parts of the medical process in Michigan.

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Fourth of July is this week and I encourage you to participate in the many parades and other activities happening in Livingston County. Here’s a list of just some of the opportunities to celebrate our nation:

- Cohoctah Township Parade – 11 a.m.
- Gregory Parade – Noon
- Gregory Fireworks – Dusk
- Fowlerville Parade – 7 p.m.
- Fowlerville Fireworks – 10:15 p.m.

Wishing you and your family  
a happy and safe holiday!



# Women’s Wellness Retreat for Cancer Survivors planned at Grass Lake

*Scholarships Available for Women In-Need*

Grass Lake Sanctuary’s Women’s Wellness Retreats celebrates 7 years of transforming the lives of breast cancer survivors by expanding its reach to include women, living in any location, who have had *any* form of cancer. The power of connecting heart-to-heart with other cancer survivors is at the core of the Women’s Wellness Retreat experience.

Participants will enjoy exploration and renewal on the stunning 145-acre Grass Lake Sanctuary (GLS) nature preserve. Life-balancing and de-stressing skills will be shared through the heart-opening experiences of yoga, art, *Nia*, healing massage, healthy food, and women’s circles.

This year, GLS is excited to offer a 1-day retreat. “We want to reach women who might not be able to attend a weekend-long event because of family or health needs,” says program manager, Christine Morgan.

The legacy of the Women’s Wellness Retreats has produced a pay-it-forward spirit in many of its past participants. Morgan says, “This year, to our delight and surprise, alumni from previous Women’s Wellness Retreats began sending in donations! Women are helping women heal and find their next steps toward wellness.”

Because of this generosity, free scholarships are available. If any woman feels she can benefit from the retreat but finds the fee an obstacle, she can visit <http://www.grasslakesanctuary.org>, click “Scholarship” and share about her circumstances. Morgan says, “We are grateful to be able to offer free scholarships and would love to hear from you.”

For those who would like to sponsor a survivor, GLS is accepting donations in any amount. The cost for one woman’s registration is \$95.

The retreat is especially powerful for women who are feeling isolated, whether because they live in rural areas or simply as a result of their cancer experience. Morgan says, “In my work with breast cancer survivors, many women have shared that after the cancer treatment is complete, they feel disconnected from who they once were. This retreat is about reaching survivors who are looking for the next steps toward wellness and meaning in their lives.”

The retreat is scheduled for Saturday July 22 from 9am to 5pm. Information and registration is available online at <http://www.grasslakesanctuary.org>.

*GLS is a 501(c)3 nonprofit located in Manchester, MI on 145 acres of sprawling natural habitat. The mission of GLS is to help people re-establish a sense of life balance through a deeper connection to nature by providing dynamic retreat experiences and programs focused on nature, relationship building, creativity from the heart, foods for health, de-stressing and rejuvenation services.*

## VILLAGE OF FOWLERVILLE

### NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING

#### MONDAY, JULY 24, 2017 @ 7:15 P.M.

A meeting has been scheduled by the Village of Fowlerville Zoning Board of Appeals for Monday, July 24, 2017 at 7:15 p.m., in the Council Chambers, Village of Fowlerville Offices, 213 South Grand Avenue, Fowlerville, Michigan 48836 to consider the following:

Request from Mr. Douglas Sickles, for a variance regarding the square footage of an addition to the detached garage for the property located at 435 North Street.

	Minimum Accessory Building Setbacks			Max. Height	Max. Size	Lot Coverage
	Front Yard	Side Yard	Rear Yard			
Requirement	35'	5'	5'	15'	≤1/2 size of house (480 SF) or 660 SF	25%
Existing Garage	82'	65'/47'	26'	?	432	7.3%
Addition	82'	65'/47'	12'	?	712 (432+280)	8.8%
In Compliance (✓)	✓	✓	✓	13' ✓	Variance Required	✓

The public shall have the right to appear before the board and to express their views and opinions on the request. Written comments are welcomed and should be addressed to the Village Clerk. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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## FOWLERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

### INVITATION TO BID

#### PROJECT: MISCELLANEOUS ASPHALT RESURFACING

Bid documents will be made available at a pre-bid meeting scheduled for July 7, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m., located at Fowlerville Community Schools Maintenance Building, 7577 W. Sharpe Rd, Fowlerville, MI 48836. The bid is posted on the district website at: <http://www.fowlervilleschools.org/files/754671/asphalt%20smith-kreeger.pdf>. Sealed proposals for this project will be received and publicly opened at the Board of Education Office, Fowlerville Community Schools, 7677 W. Sharpe Rd, Suite A, Fowlerville, MI 48836 on July 17, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. Proposals may be delivered any time prior to the bid opening date and time.

Fowlerville Community Schools reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or to waive irregularities as its interest may require.

(7-2 & 7-9-17 FNV)



**Livingston County United Way’s ‘Day of Caring’ to be held August 16**

What difference can one day make? When it is Livingston County United Way’s ‘Day of Caring’, the impact on the community is tremendous! The 16<sup>th</sup> annual event is set for Wednesday, August 16.

“Every volunteer contributes their time to improve the community, and when we combine forces for one day, the effect is beyond words,” stated event co-chairperson Piet Lindhout of Lindhout Associates Architects. “Once you participate, you just can’t stop. We have many volunteers who come back year after year because it means so much to them.”

Last year’s event brought together 1,300 volunteers to work at 125 worksites. They represented 130 local companies, plus school sports teams and organizations, scout troops, churches, nonprofits and families. The Livingston County United Way collects worksite proposals from seniors, schools, disabled residents, local nonprofits and local residents. Projects include yard work, or minor household maintenance and sprucing up. These are projects that the residents cannot do on their own.

One homeowner shared her thanks, saying “No words can begin to express my appreciation for volunteers who came to help ‘trim up’ my yard today – what a blessing!”

Volunteers are invited to register individually or as groups. They can designate their preference for location, type of project, special skills they have, and half-day (8:30 am-noon or 1:00-4:30 pm) or a full-day commitment.

Some examples of opportunities include:

- Outdoor projects such as painting, landscaping and completing simple maintenance
- Harvesting and weeding community gardens
- Interaction with seniors or people with special needs
- Indoor projects such as painting and light housekeeping
- Delivering emergency pantry packs to shut ins
- Collecting food and personal care items
- Helping with backpack distribution at LESA

Many companies, clubs and organizations participate together. Community service showcases an organization’s volunteer spirit while making a difference, improving employee morale and enthusiasm, strengthens team building, and makes individuals feel more connected to their community and coworkers.

High School teams and clubs are encouraged to join the event and could be rewarded for their community spirit through a Challenge Grant from Citizens Insurance/Hanover Foundation. Last year over 400 high school youth took part in the Challenge. Even more young people joined in service with their families or other groups.

Anyone can recommend a worksite and are encouraged to apply for a neighbor or friend who needs extra help. Local nonprofits love ‘Day of Caring’ for getting special projects done. All proposed worksites are reviewed and qualified by the Livingston County United Way ‘Day of Caring’ committee.

‘Day of Caring’ is Livingston County’s largest one-day community service event with big-time community impact. Worksite requests, volunteer applications and additional information are available online at [www.lcdayofcaring.org](http://www.lcdayofcaring.org). To learn more about Livingston County United Way and how it works to elevate the quality of life for all residents, visit [www.lcunitedway.org](http://www.lcunitedway.org).



**Michigan Senate Report**

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

**Celebrating Independence Day**

On Tuesday, July 4, family and friends will come together to celebrate the 241<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This is always a fun time of year as our community comes together to celebrate our nation’s founding with parades and fireworks displays.

What began as an informal celebration of bonfires, bells and fireworks in Philadelphia on the day the declaration was adopted, spread to other towns across our growing nation — especially following 1870 after Congress established the Fourth of July as an official holiday.

The best Independence Day celebrations start with fireworks safety. Make sure to closely monitor children using sparklers, keep kids and pets a safe distance from any fireworks being set off, and always have a bucket of water or hose ready.

I’d like to also remind you that under Michigan law, it is illegal to set off fireworks on public property. Violations of this law come with a hefty fine of up to \$500. For the safety of everyone this holiday, please do not ignite fireworks in parks, at schools or churches, or in any other public place.

And finally, the Department of Natural Resources is stepping up again this year to celebrate and honor our service men and women by offering fireworks-free camping at 11 of the beautiful Michigan state parks, including at Brighton Recreation Area-Bishop Lake Campground here in Livingston County. Veterans—many of whom may unfortunately suffer from post-traumatic stress injuries and prefer a quieter holiday—and families alike can enjoy the tranquility of nature this Fourth of July. For more information on this, visit [www.Michigan.gov/DNR](http://www.Michigan.gov/DNR).

I hope you will join with me this weekend to reflect on how fortunate we are to live in the land of the free and the home of the brave. Have a safe and happy Independence Day. God bless America!

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



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**VILLAGE OF FOWLERVILLE CORRECTION NOTICE**

The DEQ is requiring the Village of Fowlerville to make a correction to the 2016 CCR report of information that we did not include. We reported that the 90th percentile for copper was 180 ppb, it should have read 130 ppb. Also, we needed to include this language for the radium 226 and 228: As our consumers, you were notified of our combined radium maximum contaminant level violation in August 2016. This violation began on April 1st, 2016, and we returned to compliance shortly thereafter, since follow-up samples in 2016 indicated that our water met health standards. Our 2016 CCR was missing the required EPA language that you have already received: some people who drink water containing radium 226 or 228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Thank you,  
Cathy Elliott, Water Department  
(7-2-17 FNV)

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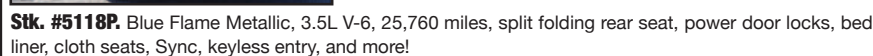
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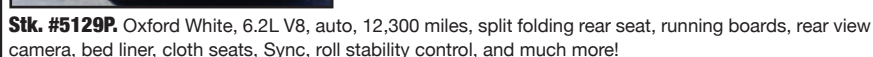
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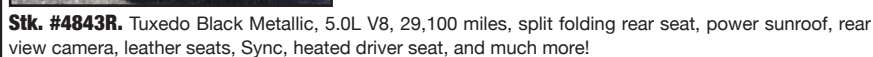
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