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Claudia Cary Davidson, a fair board member and president of the local harness racing horsemen's association, invites fair-goers to attend the early evening harness racing program at the upcoming Fowlerville Family Fair.

Harness racing to be held at Fowlerville Family Fair on Monday, July 24

Second Year for Early Evening Program

By Ashlee Buhler

For the second year, the Fowlerville Family Fair will hold its harness races in the early evening as part of its Grandstand entertainment line-up. The event takes place next Monday, July 24, with post time at 6 p.m.

Harness racing has been a part of the fair since 1892 and traditionally was held in the afternoon. In attempt to draw a bigger crowd, the fair board decided to move the races to the early evening. After a successful event last year, the goal is to attract even more spectators in 2017.

"There were always people telling me that they would love to come to the races but they couldn't get the day off work," said Claudia Cary Davidson, a member of the fair board and President of the Fowlerville Harness Horsemen. "The fair board was generous enough to allow me to try it in the evening and

since last year's attendance was up, they agreed to do it again."

The Colt Stake Race for Michigan Sired and Michigan Bred Horses, featuring two and three-year-old trotters and pacers, is set to be an exciting and fun-filled night with at least eleven races taking place and plenty of opportunities for spectators to win prizes. The Pick-A-Winner Contest, which is held for each race, allows spectators to place a bet on their favorite horse. At the conclusion of the race, a ticket will be drawn from the winning horse's entries and a prize will be awarded to the matching ticket holder. There are plenty of awesome prizes this year—all donated from local businesses in the community—including \$300 in gas cards and gift certificates from local restaurants like Grille in the Ville and Olden Days Café.

Other activities for the night include a ride for two in the starting car before each race, jog cart rides in between races, and an opportunity to meet the drivers after the race. "We'll have some horses that will allow people to get in the jog cart and actually experience sitting behind the horse," Davidson

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Photo by Lindsay Horton taken at the 2016 Fowlerville Family Fair Harness Races.

Harness racing at Fair continued

explained. “Then after the races we offer time for the drivers to come up into the Grandstand, meet the people, and hand out t-shirts with our logo on them.”

There will also be a Lady’s Derby Hat Contest again this year with prizes given to the ladies with the best Kentucky Derby style headwear. “I want the women to come and wear their Sunday best,” Davidson said with a big smile. The prizes for first and second place include a pine tree from Mayhew’s Trees Farm & Nursery, a \$50 gift certificate for Jeff’s Fireworks, and a gift certificate from Grille in the Ville.

A thrilling component that comes with each race is the opportunity for records to be broken. ‘Do Me A Favor’ was a 3-year-old colt that broke the pacing track record back in 2007. “Do Me A Favor is the fastest horse that has ever been raced on these tracks,” said Davidson. For any horse wanting to break his record, they’ll have to top a time of 1 minute and 55 seconds.

When asked about her wishes for this year’s race, Claudia said she hopes people will come, be entertained, and potentially win some great prizes. “I don’t want to do all this fun stuff and not have people come,” she said. “Anybody that has an interest in horses—this is another industry that is horse related that you should come and enjoy.”

Tickets are only \$5 with free admission for children ages 4 and under. The first 100 kids to arrive at the Grandstand will receive a backpack filled with goodies including a t-shirt, horse books, a coloring book, crayons, and a stuffed pony.

Claudia would like to thank Alchin’s Disposal for sponsoring the event this year as well as all the local businesses who donated prizes.

AT ONE TIME HARNESS RACING WAS A THRIVING SPORT in Michigan with several pari-mutuel tracks located in the state and races held at dozens of fairs. Over the past couple of decades, though, the industry has been on a downward slope in Michigan due to competition from casinos and legal restrictions on the kind of betting that can be done at the tracks. Other forms of entertainment, competing for people’s leisure time and recreational dollars, have also had an impact. As a result, all but one of the pari-mutuel tracks have closed and the fair dates have been reduced in number.

The Fowlerville area, which was once a center for raising and training the pacers and trotters, has mirrored that decline. And the fair, which once hosted three afternoons of racing, for a brief time didn’t have any races.

To reverse that trend, Claudia and others in the local harness racing fraternity have worked hard in recent years to promote the races at the fair and drum up interest. All of the extra entertainment, like the hat contest, is part of their promotional efforts. Their hard work has borne fruit as evidenced by last year’s successful twilight

meet.

The group has also joined other owners and trainers around the state to revitalize the industry, including backing legislation to allow different kinds of betting at the track. A bill to that effect is now working its way through the legislature.

Despite fewer venues to watch harness racing as compared to past years, Claudia pointed out there are still many opportunities to catch a race outside of the Fowlerville Fair. “This week they’re at the fair in Hastings,” she pointed out. “After the Fowlerville Fair they’ll go to Ludington and then Harrison and Hart. There is racing all over the state of Michigan to enjoy if you’re interested.”

Upcoming races can be found online through the Michigan Harness Horsemen Association.

She noted that the horse racing industry—despite facing challenges—is very important as an economic activity to the state of Michigan, particularly in rural towns with lots of farmland. “It’s an agricultural-based industry and it supports a lot of families,” she explained. “For many families, this is their livelihood and how they raise their kids. Often times it is a tradition that has been passed on from one generation to the next.”

Davidson also pointed out that the horses, while serving as a livelihood, for owners and trainers, are often part of the family. “They raise these babies and then at 2 years old they start to race them,” Claudia explained. “Those horses can race up until they’re 14 years old, so they’re in these families for a long time.”

Claudia Cary Davidson speaks from first-hand experience. She resides in Pinckney with her husband Dan, where she raises and trains race horses on their farm. She has been racing horses since the early 80’s and says she enjoys being able to win money doing what she loves.

Raising and training these horses compliments Claudia’s day job. Davidson started working part-time at the Fowlerville Veterinary Clinic in 1975 while still in high school. She attended Michigan State University and graduated in 1978 as a licensed veterinary technician. She currently manages

the large animal department at the clinic.

In addition to being a Secretary on the Fowlerville Fair Board and President of the Fowlerville Harness Horsemen, Claudia is also a board member of the Michigan Harness Horsemen Association where she helps coordinate harness racing events for the entire state of Michigan. In the community she helps promote harness racing through word of mouth and placing advertisements around town prior to an event. “We’ve had a billboard in the past for our promotions but this year we did road signs out in front of farms,” Claudia noted.

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Youth Police Academy inviting local kids to take part in upcoming program

The Youth Police Academy, led the Fowlerville Police Department Canine Unit, invites local youth to take part in the upcoming program. The Academy, which is free, is available to boys and girls who are sixth, seventh and eighth graders at Fowlerville Community Schools. It runs August 7-10 (Monday thru Thursday) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cadets will gain insight into a career in law enforcement through hands-on activities such as building searches, defensive tactics, and emergency response demonstrations. These activities focus on the development of character, discipline and team building skills. Cadets will learn about the ethical, physical and day-to-day operations of law enforcement.

An application can be picked up at the Fowlerville Police Department, 213 S. Grand Avenue, and must be returned by July 21.

Upcoming Programs at the Fowlerville District Library

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

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

Preschool Tuesdays with Mrs. D: Tools Tuesday, July 18th at 10am & 11am

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

Build Better Architecture Tuesday, July 18th at 2:30pm

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

Teen Tuesday Film Festival: Robots: Tuesday, July 18th at 3:30pm

Teens 6th-12th Grade. Join us after the Teen Summer Reading Program for a 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!*

Weekly Wednesdays: Construct Wednesday, July 19th at 10am, 11am, and 2pm

Kindergarten-5th grades. Discover how **Ordinary People Change the World** this summer! Read books, attend weekly programs, and have fun at the library! **This program is part of the Summer Reading Program. Must be pre-registered to attend.*

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

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

Our Fires Still Burn: The Native American Experience: Thursday, July 20th 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 6th and includes a refundable \$5 cash deposit.*

Summer Craft: Stone Totems: Thursday, July 27th at 7pm

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

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

All Ages. Join us at the library for an 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 and our Facebook page for updates closer to the program.*

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

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

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

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

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

“Reading to children from birth is essential – it’s the single most important activity parents can do to help a child prepare for reading and learning,” said Robin Schutz, coordinator of Great Start Livingston. “Your little one’s brain begins growing at lightning speed right from birth, so it’s important to create a habit of daily reading and stick with it. Reading aloud gets your child off to a healthy start for school and life: it forms the building blocks needed for reading and writing, boosts problem-solving skills, shapes a child’s imagination and sets the stage for future success in areas such as jobs, career and college readiness.”

As part of the Read Aloud campaign, representatives from Great Start Livingston have joined area families for play dates at local parks, library events and more to share the importance

of reading aloud for 15 minutes every day, for every child and every parent. For a list of upcoming events, visit <http://livingstonparentresources.com/read-aloud/>.

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


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

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

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

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

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



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Activities begin this coming week for 131st Annual Fowlerville Family Fair

By Steve Horton

Activities begin this coming week for the 131st Annual Fowlerville Family Fair. While the official start date of the fair is Monday, July 24, there'll be judging of non-livestock Open Class projects starting this Thursday under the Grandstand and continuing Friday and Saturday. The judging of 4-H non-livestock exhibits, meanwhile, takes place on Saturday (July 22) in the 4-H Building.

On Sunday, July 23, the 2017 Fowlerville Family Fair Queen Contest is scheduled to start at noon at the Finlan Gazebo. Young ladies who live or work in Livingston County, are between the ages of 17 and 24 years, can compete in this event.

Last year eight contestants appeared on the stage. The contest is sponsored by Tanger Outlets who gives the winner a \$500 shopping spree at the mall stores. In addition, the winner receives a tiara and sash to wear, plus the opportunity to appear in the 2018 Fowlerville Family Fair commercial.

Contestants appear at the event wearing formal attire. Each of them is interviewed by the judging panel. They also are asked a follow-up question by the judges while standing on stage, and take turns answering it in front of the audience.

"The contestants are judged on such qualities as poise, personality, public speaking, and overall appearance," said Tina Kupniewski, the chairperson of the contest.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

participation."

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

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

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

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

Tuesday, July 25, offers a variety of activities for fair-goers to enjoy.

4-H judging resumes with shows for swine, rabbits, horses, and dogs. There is also open class judging that day for swine.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The grown-ups aren't the only ones who get to drive a vehicle and entertain the audience. Kids Power Wheels Derby is another part of the show. In this event, up to 24 youngsters, ages three to ten, are picked from the audience as volunteer participants. They're given a protective helmet along with an electric-powered mini-car to drive around, both racing them and doing a little bumping of each other.

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

Fair week continues through Saturday, July 29. See next week's issue for the rest of the schedule. Articles on the various special events and a centerfold with the Daily Schedule of Events are featured in the current Fowlerville Fair Book, available at area stores and at the fair office.

Fowlerville Nazarene Church Outlife Club holding cycling event on July 22

The Fowlerville Nazarene Church Outlife Club will be holding a cycling event at the Portland Riverwalk on Saturday, July 22, at 10:00 a.m. the group will meet at Portland High School for this nine-mile trail ride. To register and get directions either sign up at the church at 8040 Country Corner Drive in Fowlerville or go to our website at www.fowlervillenazarene.org and click on Outdoor Ministry. A luncheon will be served after the ride. Please register by July 20th. Hope to see you there.

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Caleb Jenkins Column



The Necessity of Frugality

I like to be frugal. I like living within my means and saving as much money as I can for security down the road and for future investments in what I think of as more important things than current desires. Keeping an eye on our finances is something that everyone must do since we all have to make sure that ends meet.

We have to live within a budget, and we have to use common sense and wisdom to decide how we are going to utilize the money that we have. Economics has been described as the process of figuring out how to most effectively use our limited resources on our unlimited desires, and that is indeed what we do on a daily basis. Every time we walk into the grocery store, we must choose how we are going to make good use of the money that we have earned.

Part of that is realizing that we might have to give up some immediate wants in order to properly provide for ourselves and others. We have to exercise restraint, and finding new ways to do that can actually be fun. Don't get me wrong, I'm not exactly thrilled when I have to postpone buying something that I really want, but when I remind myself why I am saving or bring into perspective the worth of that objective when compared to daily necessities, I feel much better about my decision.

I don't have to experience any guilt after purchasing or doing something that was outside of my financial capabilities. Surprisingly, I tend to get a lot of negative pressure because of my frugality. Many people that I come across seem outright upset that I want to save my money for future, bigger items while trying to avoid debt.

I can certainly understand their position in that they want to be able to enjoy life. Indeed, I think it is wise to allocate some of our money to whatever we find enjoyable, but the problem arises when it becomes excessive and we go forward blindly without taking into consideration how we are going to sustain ourselves. It can be easy to fall into the trap of demanding everything right now.

We tend to lose our patience, and we think that we deserve to have all of our wishes granted immediately. However, this is not practicable. Some of our dreams and goals must be pursued for the long-term, and we must be willing to sacrifice in the present to see them accomplished in the future.

Obviously, such excessive spending is not practically possible. We would quickly run out of money and drive ourselves into debt. There is, though, a second reason why saving and being patient is worthwhile. When we put in that extra effort and save our money, the achievement of the final goal feels all the better. Sure, we could work around the system and fulfill our desires right away, but it is far more satisfying to have patience and work toward the objective. It feels much better to be able to buy it in full when you don't have to worry about the negative impact on your standard of living in other areas. And this is why I say that I like being frugal. I know my goals and objectives, so I don't mind waiting and working toward them because I keep them in remembrance. Being wise with finances is something that we all must do, and it is fundamentally important for individuals, families, communities, and governments.

Baker College of Owosso offering adult education program

Too many adults in our community want to work but are not qualified to fill jobs that are available. At Pathways Adult Education we utilize curriculum which leads to high school diploma completion, GED attainment and increased basic literacy. These lay the groundwork to meet the basic skills required by employers.

To learn more about the Pathways Adult Education program or if you have questions about the GED test, please attend a free workshop on Tuesday, July 18, from 9:30 am -10:30 am. It will be in Room 1612 of the Center for Technical Studies on the main campus of Baker College (not at the Welcome Center).

The next General Equivalency Development (GED) test dates are September 13 and 27 at Baker College of Owosso Welcome Center on South M-52. Testing is available 8:30 am - 1:30 pm. To sign up for a test go to www.GED.com at least 24 hours before the date you wish to test.

Please contact Megan Garvin for further information at (989) 729-3615.

Habitat Day, Aug. 5, offers chance to learn wildlife management techniques

Landowners will have an opportunity to learn about managing their property for popular game species such as deer, pheasants, wild turkey and waterfowl during Habitat Day at Maple River State Game Area, near St. Johns, Michigan, Saturday, Aug. 5.

Partners sponsoring Habitat Day include Michigan United Conservation Clubs, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Pheasants Forever, the Quality Deer Management Association, Ducks Unlimited, the National Wild Turkey Federation, local conservation districts and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

This full-day workshop, beginning at 9 a.m., will include educational sessions, demonstrations and tours of grassland, wetland and forest wildlife habitat. Space is limited, and a \$10 pre-registration fee is required. Participants will walk close to 2 miles over the course of the day, so are asked to bring sunscreen, bug spray, water bottles, hiking boots and clothing appropriate for being outdoors.

Habitat Day will kick off with presentations covering a wide range of methods and techniques for sustaining and managing habitat. The keynote speaker, Dr. Craig Harper, is a professor at the University of Tennessee with a focus on wildlife and early successional management – grasslands and shrub vegetation.

Lunch will be available for purchase from food trucks set up at the site. Following lunch, participants will break into groups to tour a variety of habitat demonstration areas in the state game area. Visitors will discuss management implications with staff members from the Habitat Day sponsor organizations.

Topics covered on the wetland and upland habitat tours include managed water structures for waterfowl; food plots for deer, turkeys and pheasants; the equipment needed for establishing and managing food plots and habitat for wildlife; and fruit tree pruning. Grassland management methods discussed on the grassland habitat tour include burning, brush removal, herbicide treatments, mowing and inter-seeding.

Maple River State Game Area is home to a growing population of pheasants, thanks to intensive habitat management. These efforts have not only increased pheasant numbers but have improved the quality of habitat for deer, songbirds, pollinators and other wildlife.

For more information about this event, please contact Anna Mitterling at amitterling@mucc.org or 517-346-6454. The address and other event details will be provided after interested individuals pre-register at www.mucc.org/habitat_day

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Move In Condition! This charming 1 ½ story home in the Village of Fowlerville is located close schools, shopping and parks. Features many updates including furnace, windows, roof, siding, water heater and carpet. Attached 1 car garage, appliances and fenced in yard with mature trees, large deck, patio and nice shed for storage needs. \$134,900.



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Savvy Senior Column

By Jim Miller

Auto Safety Devices That Can Help Seniors with Older Cars

Dear Savvy Senior,
Do you know of any auto safety products that can help seniors with older cars? My 80-year-old father, who drives his beloved 2004 Toyota Avalon, is still a good pretty driver but he has limited range-of-motion, which makes looking over his shoulder to back-up or merge into traffic very difficult.

Inquiring Son

Dear Inquiring,
To help keep your dad safe and extend his driving years, there are a number of auto aids and new safety technology products that can be added to his car to help with various needs. Here are several to consider.

Backup Aids
To help your dad increase his visibility when backing up, a simple product that can be added to his car is an All View Mirror (\$60, AllviewMirror.com). This is an oversized rear view mirror that attaches to his existing mirror to widen his rear visibility and eliminate blind spots so he can see traffic without significant neck or body rotation. It also helps during parking.

Another option is a backup camera. These come with a weatherproof, night vision camera, which attaches to the license plate on the rear of the car. When the car is in reverse, it sends live images wirelessly to a small monitor that mounts to the dash or windshield. The Yada Digital Wireless Backup Camera (\$140, [Amazon](http://Amazon.com)) with 4.3" Dash Monitor is a good option. Or, if your dad doesn't want a monitor in his car, the Auto Vox Wireless Backup Camera (\$140, Amazon.com) is one that displays the images in a rearview mirror.

Blind Spot Helpers
To help your dad see better when switching lanes or merging into traffic, purchase your dad some "blind spot mirrors." These are small convex mirrors that would stick to the corner of his side view mirrors to improve side

and rear vision. They can be purchased in any store that sells auto supplies for a few dollars.

Or, for a high-tech more comprehensive solution, there's the Goshen Blind Spot Detection System (\$239, Goshers.com). This system uses small sensors installed on each side of the rear bumper that monitor the sides of the vehicle, and will alert your dad with a light indicator, installed inside the car, if any object detected within 10 feet.

Safety Products
For extra safety, you may also want to consider a collision warning/lane departure device for your dad's vehicle like the Mobileye 630. This is a smart camera that attaches to the windshield and will alert your dad if he speeds, drifts out of his lane, gets too close to the car in front of him, or gets too close to a pedestrian or cyclist. Sold only through retailers (see Mobileye.com/en-us/find-a-retailer), this device can be purchased and installed by a Mobileye-certified technician for around \$1,100.

If you're interested in something a little less expensive, there are also dashboard cameras that can double as collision warning systems. Garmin's Dash Cam 35 (\$129, Amazon.com), for example, monitors up to 130 feet in front of the vehicle, so if your dad is going 30 mph or faster, it will issue audio and visual alerts of impending collisions.

Another product that can help keep your dad safe in emergency situations is the Hum (Hum.com). This nifty device will automatically call emergency services if your dad has been in an accident. It also sends alerts to drivers' phones if there's a mechanical problem and lets driver's press a button if they need roadside assistance. Hum works in cars built in 1996 or later, and costs \$10 per month with two-year required subscription, and one-time set-up and activation fees totaling \$50.

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.

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Michigan House Report

By Dr. Hank Vaupel,
47th District

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Congratulations to Fowlerville Downtown Development Authority Director Fred Dillingham on his retirement after many years as a public servant. Mr. Dillingham once held my current position as state representative and later went on to serve in the senate as well. His commitment to and passion for our community and the people who live in it is outstanding and he will certainly be missed. Thanks so much for your dedication, Fred!

I hope you’ll be able to join me for my in-district office hours on Friday, July 21 at the following times and locations:

- 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Fowlerville Farms, 941 S. Grand Ave. in Fowlerville
- 4 to 5 p.m. at Kahuna Coffee, 1836 Old U.S. Highway 23 in Hartland
- 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at All Star Coney Island, 934 Michigan Ave. in Howell

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

The Michigan Department of Treasury encourages Michigan residents to remain alert for aggressive and threatening phone calls made by criminals impersonating state tax officials.

Scammers make unsolicited calls claiming to be tax officials and ask for cash through a wire transfer, prepaid debit card or even gift card. Additionally, criminals may leave “urgent” callback requests through robo calls or phishing emails.

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 - Demand that taxes be paid without giving the taxpayer the opportunity to question or appeal the amount owed.
 - Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
- If you don’t believe you owe taxes, or are suspicious that you are being scammed, hang up immediately and report the call to the IRS at 800-366-4484.

Fowlerville Fire Department Report

At 4:34 a.m., Thursday, July 6th, the department responded to a medical emergency on Nicholson Road in Handy Township. Firefighters were called to Fowlerville Road in Handy Township at 4:41 p.m. to investigate a smoke alarm activation in a dwelling.

Arcing electrical wiring at a residence on Lange Road in Iosco Township was reported at 2:02 p.m., Friday, July 7th. At 2:32 p.m. the department was dispatched to S. Grand Ave. at I-96 in the Village for a fuel spill in the roadway from a tank that had come off a vehicle. Personnel responded to a medical emergency on S. Grand Ave. in the Village at 7:13 p.m.

Saturday, July 8th, at 12:53 p.m. firefighters responded to assist EMS on Ann Street in the Village. At 4:45 p.m. the department was dispatched to Owosso Road in Conway Township for a medical alarm activation. Upon arrival at the scene it was found that the alarm had been accidentally set off and the call was cancelled.

Personnel responded to an alarm in a commercial building on Garden Lane in the Village Tuesday, July 11th at 11:31 a.m. The department was called to assist at a medical emergency on Garden Lane in the Village at 1:25 p.m. Firefighters assisted at a medical emergency on Cass River Drive in Handy Township at 3:16 p.m. At 4:50 p.m. a medical emergency on Grand River Ave. in the Village was reported. The department responded to remove a tree blocking Mohrle Road in Conway Township at 11:51 p.m.

Wednesday, July 12th, at 11:12 a.m. firefighters were called for a smoke investigation on Iosco Road in Iosco Township caused by a lightning strike to a structure. Low hanging electrical lines over I-96 in Handy Township were reported at 12:24 p.m. The department was dispatched to a medical emergency on Fowlerville Road in Conway Township at 3:14 p.m. At 3:20 p.m. personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries on Grand River in Handy Township.

Correct Hours for Brideau’s Apparel & Gifts

In last week’s article spotlighting Brideau’s Apparel & Gifts, a new store locate in Downtown Fowlerville, the hours that were listed are no longer correct.

The store’s current hours are Tuesday and Thursday 4pm – 9pm, Wednesday and Friday 10am – 5pm, Saturday 10am – 3pm and closed Sunday and Monday

Beach Blanket Bingo being hosted by Brighton Senior Center July 21

The Brighton Senior Center is hosting Beach Blanket Bingo on Friday, July 21st at 6:30 pm. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Register for \$10 by calling 810-299-3817. \$12 at the door. Join them for an evening of fun and prizes. Concessions available. All proceeds benefit the senior center.

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'Sonic Freeway' to perform this Friday, July 21, at Concerts at the Courthouse

The next musical performance for the Concerts at the Courthouse will be ‘Sonic Freeway.’ The group will take the stage this Friday, July 21, from 7 to 9 p.m.

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

It’s not easy to stay in your seat when Sonic Freeway hits the stage. This band makes a point to play only the hottest dance hits, covering the decades from the 60s right up to the present. They pride themselves on performing with a high level of musicianship and enthusiasm that will get you moving in your seat and right on out to the dance floor. Come on out and see why there is no party like a Sonic Freeway party.

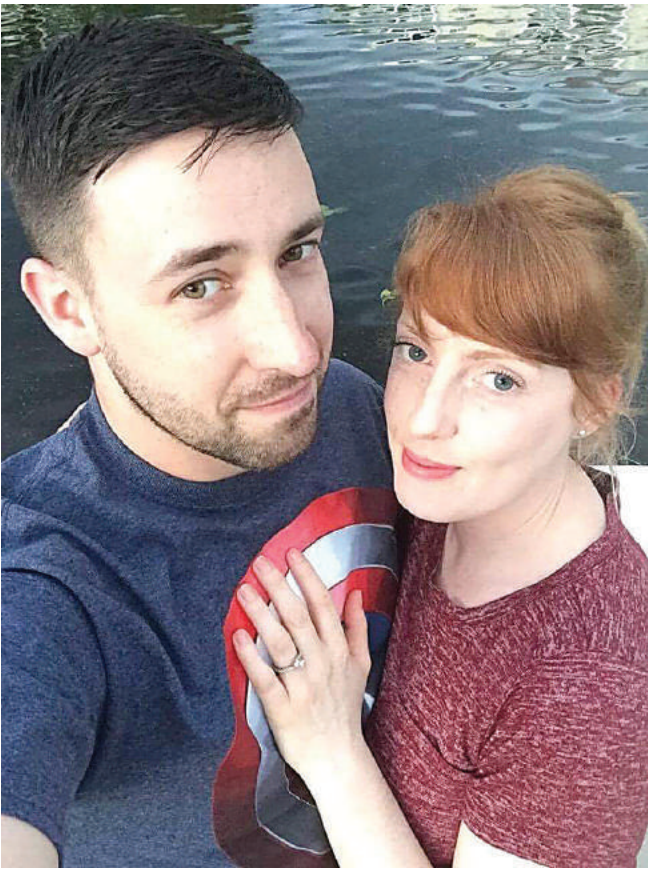
The Concerts at the Courthouse program runs every Friday night from June 30th – August 25th. In the event of inclement weather, concerts may be cancelled – listen to WHMI 93.5 for updates. No alcoholic beverages are permitted.

Fowlerville 1st United Methodist Church hosting Vacation Bible School July 16-20

Are you ready for construction? Grab your tools and discover what it takes to rebuild a house from disaster to “WOW!” Join us as we let God transform our lives and build kids UP by attending Vacation Bible School at the 1st United Methodist Church on July 16-20 from 5:30-8pm.

Our construction themed VBS includes stories, music, games and crafts. Each day we’ll start with a simple dinner at 5:30pm with the program beginning at 6pm. We will be collecting Laundry Soap (20-21 load size) for the Family Impact Center as our mission project. If the kids can fill the wheel barrow they’ll be able to cover Pastor Scott with Silly String.

The church is located at 201 S Second St, Fowlerville. To pre-register please call the church office 517-223-8824. All are invited preschool – teen.



Cathryn Walpole & Andrew Burton announce their wedding engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Burton of Hastings, Michigan, formerly of Fowlerville, have the honor of announcing the engagement of their son, Andrew Burton, to Ms. Cathryn Walpole of Suffolk, England. Andrew, a 2003 graduate of Fowlerville High School, is in the U.S. Air Force and is currently stationed by McConnell AFB in Wichita, Kansas. His fiancée, Cathryn “Kate”, is currently employed on the frontline of the East of England Ambulance Service. The couple was engaged in the Spring at Disney World in Florida. A September 2018 wedding is being planned in Hastings.



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**Michigan lawmakers announce
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Michigan Senate Majority Floor Leader Mike Kowall and Sen. Joe Hune have announced a formal Vietnam veteran lapel pinning ceremony on Saturday, July 22 during the Vetstock music festival in commemoration of the 50-year anniversary of the war.

Kowall, R-White Lake, is hosting the “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Event to Thank and Honor Vietnam Veterans and Their Families” in Fowlerville to give recognition to Vietnam War era veterans and their families. A representative from Hune’s office also will be in attendance. Kowall encourages all interested residents and veterans to join him in paying tribute to the men and women who, he said, “were too often forgotten when they returned home.”

Kowall said the event, made possible in part by the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration and in conjunction with the Agent Orange Riders, will be held at 2

p.m. on Saturday, July 22, at 10520 Iosco Road, in Fowlerville.

RSVP is preferred but not mandatory. Email Gregor at waynewn6@gmail.com or call 248-904-3500.

The Agent Orange Riders are based out of the Heart of the Lakes VFW Post 1008 in Waterford. They conduct research on the possible generational effects of Agent Orange used in Vietnam. Vetstock is the organization’s inaugural music festival held to support veterans.

Kowall will provide a Vietnam War Commemorative Lapel Pin to U.S. veterans who served on active duty at any time from Nov. 1, 1955 – May 15, 1975, regardless of location. Danielle Blanchard will perform the national anthem.

The symbolism attached to the lapel pin is significant, Kowall said.

“The Commemoration honors all Vietnam veterans, whether they served in-country, in-theater, or were stationed elsewhere during the Vietnam War period,” he said. “All were called to serve and the overwhelming majority of these veterans served honorably and admirably.”

The Commemoration was authorized by Congress and established under the secretary of defense, and then formally launched in 2012. It was designed to thank and honor Vietnam veterans and their families in hometown America, in light of the 50th anniversary of the war. Recognition is given to these heroes when commemorative partners, such as Kowall, hold events for the veterans and their families.

“Michigan’s Vietnam veterans, whether drafted or enlisted, served our country with honor. Too many returned home with little thanks for their service and not much help transitioning to civilian life,” Kowall said. “This ceremony is a way to recognize veterans of the Vietnam War era and their families for their service and sacrifice on behalf of a grateful nation and the Michigan Legislature.”

Hune, who represents the Fowlerville area, agreed.

“It is an honor and a privilege for my office to be able to help host a ceremony honoring these heroes who risked all for our country in Vietnam,” said Hune. “The pins we present them are but a small token of our gratitude for their sacrifice on behalf of our nation.”

Kowall has held numerous events, in both Lansing and throughout the state. The ceremonies are held in a variety of locations, including Veterans of Foreign Wars/American Legion posts, veteran memorial parks and banquet halls. Kowall often partners with the senator of the district where the event is being held.

“It is always a moving time for me when I am able to present the lapel pins and personally thank each veteran for their service,” Kowall said.

‘Livingston Paint Out’ being held July 22-23 with open air works created

The Brighton Art Guild and the Livingston Arts Council are co-hosting the two-day Livingston Paint Out 2017, an open air competition in which artists complete a painting(s) outdoors within a specific time period, on July 22 and 23 Saturday 8 am to Sunday 5 pm.

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These problems facing our state’s nurses are problems also facing our state’s patients. This is why I, along with several of my senate colleagues, introduced Senate Bill 389 earlier this year. SB 389 is a bipartisan piece of legislation that would create an accurate record of actual direct care provided to individuals by our nurses. The bill would achieve this by requiring hospitals to record the duty hours of each nurse and who they are caring for at all times. Such a list would provide valuable information to both hospitals seeking to better their practice internally and legislators seeking to enact appropriate nurse protections externally.

Michigan nurses and patients deserve a high quality system. I will continue to stand up for our nurses and patients to ensure that our health care system is the best it can possibly be.

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.

—Area Deaths—



Joseph Veto Buccellato
1944-2017

A Memorial Service will be held for Joseph Veto Buccellato at Lynch and Sons Funeral Home in Milford, Michigan at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 22, 2017.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly “Brennan Henderson”; sister, Mary; cousins, Mary and Annette; step-sons, Bill, Mike, Bob and Tom Henderson; and 11 grandchildren.

Joe was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during the Viet Nam conflict. He was a jet mechanic in Beeville, Texas. He then joined Pontiac Motors and eventually became a test driver at the General Motors Proving Grounds in Milford.

Joe was a faithful servant of Jesus Christ. He was always there to help others and was generous in so many ways. He was a loving and faithful husband who loved his family and best friends. He had his close friends that he knew most of his life. They are Al Poole, Bill Culhan, Jack Epley and Jim Yant. They were always there when Joe needed them.

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Crossroads UMC to offer basic sewing class for kids this summer

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

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

NOTICE TO LEROY TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

A special meeting of the Leroy Township Board of Review will be held Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at Leroy Township Hall located at 1685 N. M-52, Webberville at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of correcting any mutual mistakes of fact or clerical errors in the description on the 2017 assessment and tax rolls and principal residence exemptions. No public appeals will be heard at this meeting.

Earl Griffes
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Webberville Report

Capital Area Library Events

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Howell Nature Center--Lords of the Sky (All ages)
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 July 18, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Impression 5 Science Center--Build It Challenge (Ages 8–12)
 Build with cups and straws to see how type of material makes a difference in a structure.
 July 25, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
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***Lemonade Day--Start Your First Business (Ages 8–18)**
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 City Hall Council Chambers: Thursdays, July 20 & 27 • 2–3:30 p.m.
 Williamston Farmers Market: Sunday, July 30 • 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Spoon Man (Held at Williamston Discovery Elementary School)
 You won't believe your ears when Spoon Man makes music from spoons.
 July 19, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Annual LEGO Building Challenge (Ages up to 18)
 Make a LEGO creation inspired by the theme, “Build a Better World”, then drop it off between July 24-28.
 July 24, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Webberville Community Schools Report

The American Red Cross is facing a critical blood shortage and needs our help! The Webberville Chapter of the National Honor Society is hosting a blood drive on Thursday, July 20, from 10:00 AM to 3:45 PM. Schedule an appointment at redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code Webberville HS, or drop into the gym at Webberville Middle and High School on the day of the blood drive. For more information, please call 517-521-3422 x7906.
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The Class of 2019 is sponsoring a rummage sale, car wash and bake sale at Webberville High School on Saturday, July 22. Purchase treasures, get your car washed and enjoy some goodies between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM.
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Webberville student/athletes can get their sports physicals completed in the Spartan Center on Tuesday, August 1. Stay tuned for more details.
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High school registration is Tuesday, August 8, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM and 2:00 to 7:00 PM. Registration packets are being mailed home with documents that need to be completed and brought to registration. If you have not received the packet for your student(s), please contact the high school office at 517-521-3447.
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Webberville School of Choice applications are available for the 2017-2018 school year. They are available from the homepage of the website and in the district office, and are due by Friday, August 25, 2017.

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Senior Spotlight--Tiffani Rodriguez
 By Arin Elzerman and Emily Wisuri
 Tiffani Rodriguez is the daughter of Debora Rodriguez and of Paul Rodriguez and Sheryl Beauchamp. She is the younger sister to Keith and Derek Hart and Anthony Rodriguez. Tiffani came to Webberville, from Swartz Creek. She attended Webberville since the beginning of the second semester of this year, and was able to jump right in.

“Even though I have only known Tiffani for three months,” said senior Alex Leclerc. “She became one of my best friends. She is fun, entertaining, and makes things more interesting.”

Rodriguez has been a part of the Webberville High School Choir. She also participated in the high school musical, *The Music Man*, playing the part of the Governor’s daughter. Rodriguez has enjoyed being a part of Webberville’s choir program.

“I’ve enjoyed having Mrs. Filipiak as a teacher,” said Rodriguez. “She is always happy and greets us at the door and asks us how we are. She truly cares about her students.”

As a child, Rodriguez dreamed of being a singer, musician or performer. While attending Swartz Creek, she participated in many dance recitals. Her favorites being ballet, tap and hip hop. Rodriguez also enjoys listening to music, and reading.

“She has been a great asset to our class, especially during the musical because she has 13 years of dancing in her background,” said Choir Teacher Jennifer Filipiak. “I appreciate how she was able to change school districts in the middle of the school year and jump right into what we were doing.”

After high school, Rodriguez plans to move back to Swartz Creek and begin working. Rodriguez will miss choir and the people that she met while attending Webberville the most. She will also miss Consumers Math as she will take the skills she learned in that class with her in her future.

“Tiffani is always upbeat, and on-task,” said High School Math Teacher Tracey Kocik. “She is definitely a role model.”

“Always find time to do your work, no matter what is going on, otherwise, you won’t do well,” said Rodriguez to underclassmen. “I wish I would’ve taken school more seriously, and I wouldn’t have had to work as hard now.”

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

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

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



From left are Roberta Hamlin, Neil West, and Faye Hargrove. They, along with Lanny Lake, Linsay Utz and Jeff West are members of a committee that is overseeing improvements to this park in Leroy Township.



The Steve & Ruth Simmons Memorial Park is named in honor of the Webberville area couple who donated the land to Leroy Township that is being used to expand the cemetery and for a park.

New park in Leroy Township beginning to take shape with several improvements

By Steve Horton

The Steven & Ruth Simmons Memorial Park, located on Webberville Road south of the cemetery, is beginning to take shape. The park is owned by Leroy Township and is being developed under the guidance of a park committee that was appointed by the township board.

Earlier tasks that have been completed include seeding the parcel to grass, installing a driveway and parking lot, putting up a chain link fence in the front and on two sides, and installing the park sign. Last fall a more noticeable improvement was done when a 30 x 40 foot pavilion was built.

Roberta Hamlin, the treasurer of the Leroy Township Board and a member of the park committee, noted that six picnic tables will arrive by the end of the month, providing patrons with a place to sit or gather for a picnic. “The park has been open for residents to use, but you had to bring your own table and chairs,” she said. A portable restroom will also eventually be available for visitors to use.

Others on the committee include former supervisor Neil West, Faye Hargrove of the Leroy Township office, and residents Lanny Lake, Linsay Utz, and Jeff West. West is the son-in-law of the Simmons who donated the land to the township several years ago. Steven and Ruth have since passed away.

Earl Griffes, the current supervisor, noted that future improvements will occur “as funds are available.” He added that the costs of developing the park, thus far, have come from the General Fund. “We’ll also be looking for any grant money that might be available and for private donations,” he said.

On the list, which is part of a five-year plan, are planting trees, putting in bar-b-que grills, installing playground equipment, a softball field, and a basketball court, and creating nature area with a walking trail.

“We did a survey of township residents and the playground and a nature area with a walkway topped the list,” said Hamlin.

The park is 14 acres, which Griffes pointed out, is larger than many community parks in the area. “The park next to White Oak Township is about six acres and the supervisor there felt that it provided plenty of room for activities,” he said. “We have space for a nature area in the back end.”

Griffes noted that one of those activities that is popular at the White Oak Township facility is youth soccer and that the Leroy park, with its large grassy area, would offer a good location for a local program.

Hamlin said that the committee is working with the Ingham County Trails & Parks Department on possibly connecting the walking trail to a planned extension by the county just north of the park. “If this happens, then the walking path would be part of a longer trail that might possibly go through Webberville to the county line,” she said.

The name of the park is part of an agreement that the Simmons reached with the Leroy Board, then led by Supervisor Neil West.

“I approached the couple several years ago about obtaining land that their company, Omega Cattle Farm, owned next to the Webberville Cemetery,” he said. “At that time the cemetery was 3.5 acres and we needed more room. Steve and Ruth said they would donate 17.5 acres to the township in exchange for receiving several burial sites and that the township develop a park that would be named in their honor.”

West noted that it took awhile to finalize the agreement and transfer the property to the township. “We took 3.5 acres to add to the cemetery, doubling its size, and are using the rest of the land for the park,” he said.

Steven and Ruth Simmons are not the only ones who are being honored at the park. In recognition for his many years of service to Leroy Township as its supervisor, the board named the new pavilion after Neil West.

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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The little barn with the silo were the first structures in what became the Livingston Centre Historic Village.

Livingston Centre Historic Village began in 1987 with a barn & silo

By Kathe Westbrook
Livingston Centre Historic Society

The Livingston Centre Historic Village began when a barn and silo (sometimes referred to as the Fowlerville Village Farm) were moved from Conway Township to the Fowlerville Fairgrounds in June of 1987. These small-farm structures date to the 1880's, and are examples of the size and design of 19th century local farms. The arrival of the Village Farm highlighted the Fowlerville Fair's centennial anniversary. Spearheading this relocation project was the Fowlerville FFA Chapter that was then at the high school, with Mike Martindale serving as the advisor and as the vocational agriculture teacher. At the time that these buildings were constructed, small

farms were commonplace in this agriculture-based community. But in this modern day of industry and technology many seldom see live farm animals in person. For the past several years, the barn has been used for demonstration of current farming activities and local agricultural practices. Occasionally, small animals are on-site to delight children and adults alike. And local FFA chapters display information of farming traditions passing to the next generation of agriculture students. This was the beginning of development into the eight-building historic village that welcomes visitors each summer at the Fowlerville Family Fair. Community residents dedicated to the preservation of this county's history, operating under the umbrella of the Fowlerville Agricultural Society, began the process of building the village. The site inside the fairgrounds, just to the west of the animal show barns, was prepared when the Coughran School was donated in 1989. Other donations

and acquisitions followed with the help of a grant from the State of Michigan.

All of the elements to create and maintain a historic village needed to happen simultaneously:

- a collective desire by dedicated local individuals wanting to develop such a site,
- identification of historic buildings, with a willingness to be donated by current owners,
- financial support necessary for relocation expenses.

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

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

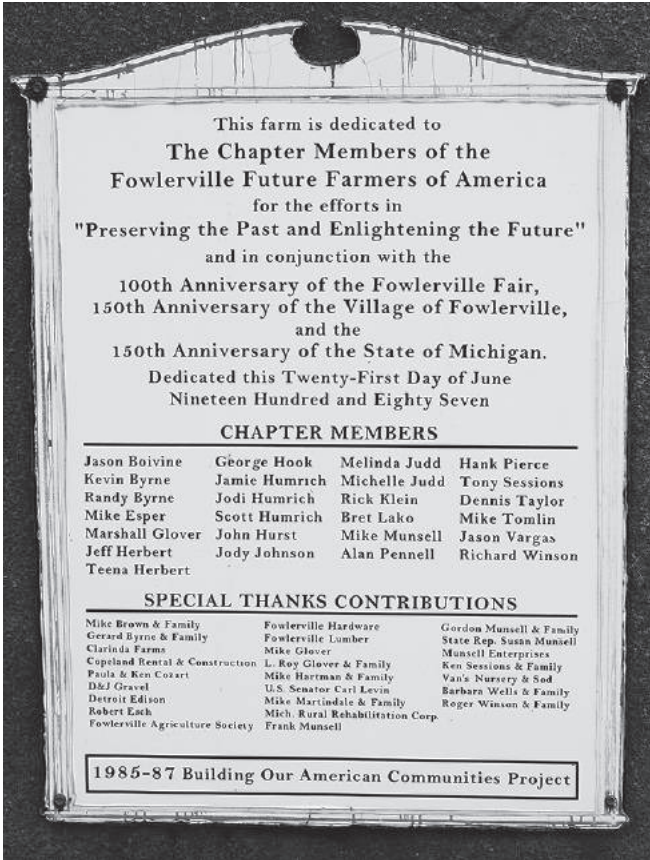


The Ag Society formed the Livingston Centre Historic Society to meld these elements into the village that exists today. One of the factors that motivated this effort was the often-repeated loss of structures not only to time and decay, but to transfer to other parts of the state for other historic displays. Current members work year-round to maintain them, and to improve conditions of the buildings so they will remain in place for future generations to learn and appreciate the history of their county.

Other buildings were donated over a period of nine years; all will be open to the public except for the Bradley Blacksmith Shop. The blacksmith shop remains to be renovated when funds are available. Plans for its future include an operational forge.

The Historic Village will be open each day of the Fowlerville Family Fair, July 24 – 29, with docents offering free tours beginning at 1:00 p.m.

It will also be open at the Fall Festival on Saturday, September 30. This modern version of a fall festival was commonplace in early days of Fowlerville; it was re-invented the same year the Historic Village opened to the public. Be sure to plan a visit in July during the Fair, and again in September when there will be many additional activities for the entire family.



This plaque, attached to a stone in front of the barn provides details of all those involved in the project.

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Steve Horton Column

Appearance of toilet inspires business idea
Last week someone from the local Relay for Life group “Country Cousins” dropped off this toilet in the front yard of our *Fowlerville News & Views* office. It was a rather attractive bathroom fixture and got me to thinking that perhaps I ought to go into a sideline business since newspaper advertising can be an ‘up and down’ business, impacted by economic and social circumstances beyond my control, whereas the demand for this item is constant.
Since this toilet is obviously portable, I am considering renting it out for social occasions. I realize this would put me in competition with my good friends, Rick and Mary Fraley of Rick’s Portables, but I’m hoping they won’t mind my joining their business. Maybe we could form a trade organization and have meetings to discuss our prospects and how we can better market the product.



The staff at the *Fowlerville News & Views*, Dawn Horton, Lisa Tomczyk and Tarah Wasilenski, consider the pros and cons of my business idea.

I also realize this would intrude into the current efforts of the American Cancer Society who use this as a fundraiser for their very worthy cause. They could still do this, whereas I’d put my portable toilet to a more practical use. It’s really apples and oranges.
One logistic problem I’ll have to deal with is privacy. The normal portable john, like those rented out by the Fraleys, is patterned after the old-fashioned outhouse. You open a door, go inside, shut the door, and you’re all set.
This version would require having some sort of portable walls around it. Maybe I could market it as a ‘back to nature’ variety, telling folks they can enjoy the view around them since there’d not be a roof as opposed to having to stare at “four bare walls around them.” Since rain or snow might pose a problem, I could include an umbrella.
The other obvious challenge is what to do with the (forgive me, I hate to discuss such matters in polite company)... well, you know, what to do with the xxxxx.
The current portable toilets have a storage container underneath—again like an outhouse. Perhaps I could have a container, sort of like a honey pot, and have a platform atop it and then have this toilet perched on the platform. It would be up above ground level and could be fashioned in a way to resemble a throne.
Here’s another idea...The owners of the portables use toilet paper—which is not cheap. I, meanwhile, have all of these extra newspapers that are left over at the end of the week. As I recall the old timers used the Sears catalogue in their out houses before the advent of indoor plumbing. They seemed to remember the experience with fondness, so maybe using a newspaper would provide a similar experience.
Well, anyway, there’s a lot to consider.
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On a more serious side, this toilet (as I mentioned) is a fundraiser for the ‘Country Cousins’ group that is part of the Relay for Life. They’ve raised quite of bit of money with

the “fun” idea. The ‘Plumbing Policies’ are to pay \$10 to remove it, \$20 to have it moved to a person or business of your choosing (a kindly act of revenge if you will), and \$30 to have it moved to another location with the caveat that it never be returned to your place.
While we enjoyed discovering this decorated, purple-

THE CONVERSATION

When—and Why—Did People First Start Using Money?

By Chapurukha Kusimba
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Sometimes you run across a grimy, tattered dollar bill that seems like it’s been around since the beginning of time. Assuredly it hasn’t, but the history of human beings using cash currency does go back a long time – 40,000 years.

Scientists have tracked exchange and trade through the archaeological record, starting in Upper Paleolithic when groups of hunters traded for the best flint weapons and other tools. First, people bartered, making direct deals between two parties of desirable objects.
Money came a bit later. Its form has evolved over the millennia – from natural objects to coins to paper to digital versions. But whatever the format, human beings have long used currency as a means of exchange, a method of payment, a standard of value, a store of wealth and a unit of account.
As an anthropologist who’s made discoveries of ancient currency in the field, I’m interested in how money evolved in human civilization – and what these archaeological finds can tell us about trade and interaction between far-flung groups.

Why do people need currency?
There are many theories about the origin of money, in part because money has many functions: It facilitates exchange as a measure of value; it brings diverse societies together by enabling gift-giving and reciprocity; it perpetuates social hierarchies; and finally, it is a medium of state power. It’s hard to accurately date interactions involving currency of various kinds, but evidence suggests they emerged from gift exchanges and debt repayments.

Objects that occurred rarely in nature and whose circulation could be efficiently controlled emerged as units of value for interactions and exchange. These included shells such as mother-of-pearl that were widely circulated in the Americas and cowry shells that were used in Africa, Europe, Asia and Australia. Native copper, meteorites or native iron, obsidian, amber, beads, copper, gold, silver and lead ingots have variously served as currency. People even used live animals such as cows until relatively recent times as a form of currency.
The Mesopotamian shekel – the first known form of currency – emerged nearly 5,000 years ago. The earliest known mints date to 650 and 600 B.C. in Asia Minor, where the elites of Lydia and Ionia used stamped silver and gold coins to pay armies.

The discovery of hordes of coins of lead, copper, silver and gold all over the globe suggests that coinage – especially in Europe, Asia and North Africa – was recognized as a medium of commodity money at the beginning of the first millennium A.D. The wide circulation of Roman, Islamic, Indian and Chinese coins points to pre-modern commerce (1250 B.C. - A.D. 1450).
Coinage as commodity money owes its success largely to its portability, durability, transportability and inherent value. Additionally, political leaders could control the production of coins – from mining, smelting, minting - as well as their circulation and use. Other forms of wealth and money, such as cows, successfully served pastoral societies, but weren’t easy to transport – and of course were susceptible to ecological disasters.

Money soon became an instrument of political control. Taxes could be extracted to support the elite and armies could be raised. However, money could also act as a stabilizing force that fostered nonviolent exchanges of goods, information and services within and between groups.
Throughout history money has acted as a record, a memory of transactions and interactions. For instance, medieval Europeans widely used tally sticks as evidence for remembering debt.

Follow the money to see the trade routes
In the past, as today, no society was completely self-sustaining, and money allowed people to interact with other groups. People used different forms of currency to mobilize resources, reduce risks and create alliances and friendships in response to specific social and political conditions. The abundance and nearly universal evidence of movement of exotic goods over diverse regions inhabited by people who were independent of each other – from hunter-gatherers to pastoralists, to farmers and city dwellers – points to the significance of currency as a uniting principle. It’s like a common language everyone could speak.

colored toilet in front of our business, we have chosen to cough up the 30 bucks. This time around its appearance inspired me to write this column. But who knows? Having it return at a future date might find me in such circumstances that I just might go ahead with my idea of this “new” kind of portable toilet.



For example, Americans who lived in the Early Formative Period dating from 1450 to 500 B.C. used obsidian, mother-of-pearl shell, iron ore and two kinds of pottery as currency to trade across the Americas in one of the earliest examples of a successful global trade. The Maritime Silk Road trade, which occurred between A.D. 700 to 1450, connected Europeans, Asians and Africans in a global trade that was both transformational and foundational.

In my own excavation work in 2012, I recovered a 600-year-old Chinese Yongle Tongbao coin at the ancient Kenyan trade port Manda, in the Indian Ocean. Chinese coins were small disks of copper and silver with a hole in the center so they could be worn on a belt. This coin was issued by Emperor Yongle of the Ming Dynasty. He was interested in political and trade missions to the lands beyond the South China Sea and sent Admiral Zheng He to explore those shores, nearly 80 years before Vasco da Gama reached India from Portugal.

Archaeological discoveries like this one illustrate Africa’s integration into trade interactions in the Indian Ocean. They also show evidence that market economies based on cash money were developing at this time. On the East African coast, there were local merchants and kings of the local Swahili who followed Islam and cultivated these external contacts with other Indian Ocean traders. They wanted to facilitate business dealings, while merchants from the Near East and South Asia had their own Rolodexes of business contacts. Coinage was not just a local affair but also a way of leaving a calling card, a signature and a symbolic token of connections.

As the history of money has shown, currency’s impact is double-edged: It enabled the movement of goods and services, migration and settlement amongst strangers. It brought wealth to some, while hastening the development of socioeconomic and other distinctions. The same patterns unfold today with the modern relationship between China and Africa, now more intertwined and unequal than when Admiral Zheng He first brought coins from China in a diplomatic gesture, as a symbolic extension of friendship across the distance separating the two.

In our time, possession of cash currency differentiates the rich from the poor, the developed from the developing, the global north from the emerging global south. Money is both personal and impersonal and global inequality today is linked to the formalization of money as a measure of societal well-being and sustainability. Even as currency continues to evolve in our digital age, its uses today would still be familiar to our ancient predecessors.

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

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

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Lee Hamilton Column

Encourage Good Media

I'll be the first to admit that when it comes to journalism, I'm a traditionalist. Old-fashioned, even. But I don't think it's a coincidence that even while confidence in the media drops to new lows and *Time* magazine feels moved to wonder "Is Truth Dead?" on its cover, huge numbers of Americans have come to believe the media is not as authoritative as it once was.

Straightforward, responsible journalism is an indispensable public asset, a cornerstone of democratic life. This is threatened by the trends reshaping the media landscape. With less consensus around information and data, the cohesiveness of our society is diminished.

I'm not just talking about the rise of deliberately "reported" misinformation and disinformation. Some news outlets may not be as egregiously destructive of democratic values, but their urge to chase viewership and clicks at the expense of solid, fact-based reporting is doing us no favors. Indeed, I think a lot of people want what I do and feel they're not getting it: more facts and fewer opinions; more investigative reporters and fewer pundits; more substance and less fluff; more policy exploration and less politics; more respect for consumers and fewer efforts to manipulate them.

Is it really behind the times to expect journalists to seek accuracy above all? To pay attention to fairness? To strive to keep government honest and the voters informed? To check facts, use multiple sources, and welcome rigorous editing? I don't think so.

Nor do I believe that infusing the news with a political

agenda serves our society or news consumers. There may be no such thing as absolute objectivity, but you can sure strive to get as close as possible. Some news organizations do this. Too many don't.

This is not to say that editorializing and expressing opinion have no place in journalism. But opinions should be separated from reporting. Too many journalists want to be pundits and not reporters. I've had any number tell me they're in the business to express their own opinion rather than report the truth. When I turn on the television and find five or six pundits vociferously sharing their views, it's diverting, but in the end I'm not that interested in what they think. I'd rather have someone tell me the facts so that I can form my own opinions.

In a media world in which opinion serves as the chief currency, rather than straight-ahead reporting of hard truths, politicians face less scrutiny of their statements and less accountability. They are succeeding at manipulating the media by using Twitter, refusing to hold press conferences, restricting questions and cameras, employing set speeches, and refusing to conduct a free-wheeling discussion of their opinions in front of the press.

The result is that significant policy decisions affecting millions of Americans are being drawn up with less scrutiny and promoted as beneficial without the clarifying debate that a representative democracy depends upon. Without it, we know less about our officials and legislators, what they think about the issues and what they do.

The picture is not entirely bleak. We are fortunate to retain a number of high-quality news organizations with first-rate reporters. *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Financial Times*, *The Economist*, *CNN*, *PBS*, *ProPublica*, *Politico*, and other news organizations continue to dig deep and uphold high journalistic standards even in the face of the tsunami of media disruption that has taken place over the past decade. They and others have stepped up their games in recent months, partly in response to citizens desperate for hard-nosed and accurate reporting. And where they've gone astray, they've usually owned up to it quickly.

This is crucial, because we live in an era when solid reporting rooted in high standards of accuracy is not just a goal, but a vital, small-d democratic necessity. As consumers of news, we need to encourage the media to

undertake it and hold its members to account when they stray.

And we need to shoulder our responsibility for helping news organizations improve. After all, we're the ones who turn to fluff rather than substance and consume only stories that reflect our own perspectives. As citizens, we need to step up our own game, too.

Lee Hamilton is a Senior Advisor for the Indiana University Center on Representative Government; a Distinguished Scholar, IU School of Global and International Studies; and a Professor of Practice, IU School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

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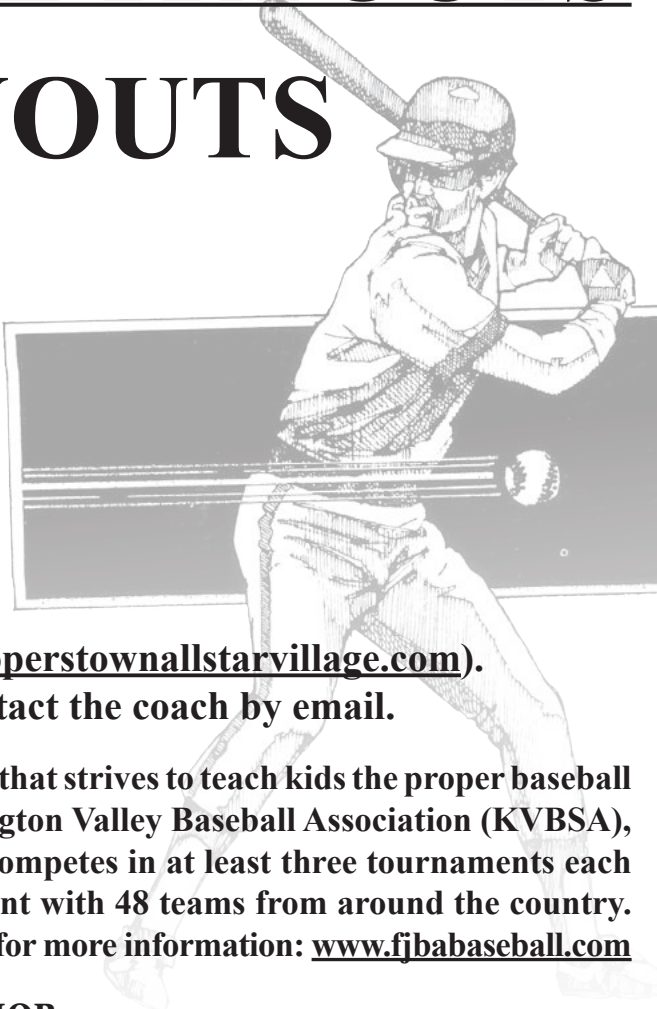
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From left were State Representative Hank Vaupel, State Senator Joe Hune, Fred Dillingham (who is retiring after a long career in government and as an economic development consultant), and Cindy Denby, who serves in Vaupel's office and is a former state representative. They were on hand to thank Dillingham for his service to the community.

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Retiring economic development consultant thanked by area legislators

Fred Dillingham, who has retired after a long career in government and as an economic development consultant, was thanked by area legislators during a special presentation at last week's Fowlerville Downtown Development Authority meeting.

Making the tribute were State Representative Hank Vaupel, State Senator Joe Hune, and Cindy Denby serves in Vaupel's office and is a former area state representative.

"It is with mixed emotions we are writing this letter to recognize and thank you for your years of excellent work in encouraging and promoting economic development and employment opportunities for Fowlerville as well as the Livingston County area," stated Vaupel and Hune. "Congratulations to you on a well deserved retirement."

The letter, which was read aloud, continued: "As fellow Fowlerville residents for most of our lives, we want to add our voices to the list of many who thank you for the years of service and dedication you have devoted to help promote and assist our community residents. While we congratulate you on your recent retirement, your years of service will continue to assist others in many ways."

"Whether it was during the period you were a County Commissioner, State Representative, State Senator, Economic Development Executive Director or a Fowlerville community and Livingston

County resident, your diligence and genuine interest in helping our neighbors and families in each capacity was evident as you were always willing to go beyond what would be expected. Today as we look around our community, your efforts have made significant changes and opportunities for Livingston County residents as well as our local and county municipalities.

"In closing," Vaupel and Hune stated, "we want to thank you for many jobs well done. Please accept our wishes to both you and Diane for a happy and healthy retirement for many years to come."

Dillingham's career as an elected official included four years on the Livingston County Board of Commissioners, eight years in the Michigan House of Representatives, and eight years in the Michigan Senate.

A little over a year after leaving the Senate, he was hired as the Executive Director of the Livingston County Economic Development Council. He held that position for 16 years. As the head of the EDC office, Dillingham worked on various projects with the Village of Fowlerville, including its DDA and the LDFA (which administers the two industrial parks) and with Handy Township.

About four years ago he partnered with Jennifer Balyeat, who had worked with him at the EDC office, to form Livingston Business Development Associates, Inc.—a private business. The company worked with companies throughout Michigan, but also continued as consultants with the Villages of Fowlerville and Webberville and the Townships of Handy and Howell and also as administrators for the Fowlerville DDA and LDFA.

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