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Ready to go in dodgeball, along with other competitions in the upcoming Gladiator Olympics are staff and students at the Fowlerville Jr. High School, including (from left) Griffin Gonzalez, a sixth grader; Carrie DeLuca, a sixth grade teacher; Avery Copeland, a seventh grader; and Matt Copeland, the junior high computer teacher.

Fowlerville Jr. High School students & staff to compete in Gladiator Olympics

Fowlerville Jr. High School students and staff will be competing in the annual Gladiator Olympics this coming Friday, April 27 from 6:00 until 8:00 pm. The Gladiator Olympics is a fun-filled evening that the entire family can enjoy.

The competitions include basketball, sideline soccer, musical chairs, dodgeball, a heads & tails coin toss, and an obstacle course. The evening will also feature the sale of themed gift baskets and a bike raffle. Admission is free and concessions will be sold. Proceeds from the event will be used to purchase desks and chairs.

4-H Therapeutic Riding Program holding Scrap Metal Fundraiser

The Livingston County 4-H Therapeutic Riding Program is holding its 7th Annual Scrap Metal Fundraiser at the Fowlerville Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 28, from 10 am to 3 pm. The fairgrounds are located at 8800 W. Grand River, Fowlerville.

Bring your OLD SCRAP METAL (anything large or small) to donate for recycling. NO refrigerators, freezers, or air conditioners please!

All proceeds benefit the Livingston County Grand Equestrians Therapeutic Riding Program. A special thanks to Advance Metal Alloys for their dumpster donation and recycling services.

Questions? Contact Dorothea Bugard at 517-521-357.

Fowlerville Village Council votes 3-2 to turn down lone applicant for vacant seat

Application deadline extended to April 30th
Fowlerville Village Council voted 3-2 at its meeting last Monday, April 16, to turn down the lone applicant to fill a vacant council seat and to extend the timeline for accepting applications.

The initial deadline had been April 4, with two residents submitting applications. They were Mary Helfmann and Jim Mayhew. Mayhew, however, had withdrawn his name in favor of Helfmann.

The motion to appoint Helfmann, who had previously served on council, was supported by trustee Ken Bielous and Village President Carol Hill. Voting against the motion were trustees Jerry Bell, Kathryn Heath, and Theresa Mailloux. The other council member, Scott Schultheis, was absent.

After this vote was taken, the motion to extend the deadline until the end of the month was supported by Bell, Heath, and Mailloux, while Bielous and Hill voted against it.

The agenda for the April 16th meeting stated that “With the resignation of Trustee Everett DeGrush, this left a vacancy until November 20, 2018, (so) the Village Council published a notice for 10 days (from March 25-April 4) asking for applications for filling the vacancy. This was not only published in the paper (the *Fowlerville News & Views*), it was also placed on the Village of Fowlerville webpage and Facebook page. Two applications were received: Mary Helfmann and James Mayhew. When James Mayhew discovered that there were only two applicants, he respectfully withdrew his application.”

Helfmann had served on council for several years. She left council when she decided to run for a seat on the Livingston County Board of Commissioners in the 2016 election. She was unsuccessful in this bid, losing in the Republican Primary. She currently serves as the Deputy Register of Deeds for Livingston County and prior to that she was on the office staff for State Senator Joe Hune. She is also co-owner of A-1 Rent-All.

Fowlerville Varsity Softball Team splits doubleheader with Corunna last week

The Fowlerville Varsity Softball Team split a doubleheader with Corunna last Thursday. The Gladiators won the opener 8-2 with Leah Ash throwing a completed game with eight strikeouts and no walks. Sarah Matlock led the offense with three hits and two RBIs. Lindsey Darby also had a hit that brought in two runs.

The Glads led 2-0 after the first inning, then scored three runs in the fourth inning and three more in the seventh. The team had a total of 10 hits in the game.

In the nightcap, the teams went back and forth before the Cavaliers scored four runs in the seventh inning to earn a 6-4 win. Corunna had a 2-0 lead early on, but the Glads tied the game in the third inning. Fowlerville then scored two more run in the fifth inning to take a 4-2 lead.

Ginelle Leslie went 3 for 4 with two doubles and three RBIs, while Lindsey Darby and Abrianna Stevens each hit a double.

Fowlerville Fire Department Report

Thursday, April 12th, at 12:33 a.m. a medical emergency on Second Street in the Village was reported. Personnel responded to a second medical call on Converse Road in Handy Township at 3:04 p.m.

The department was dispatched to a request for mutual aid with a tanker from Leroy Township at 9:56 p.m., Friday, April 13th. This call was cancelled prior to our arrival on scene and units were returned in service.

Firefighters responded to remove a tree blocking Gregory Road in Iosco Township at 7:53 p.m., Saturday, April 14th.

Sunday, April 15th, at 2:08 a.m. the department assisted EMS on Meadow Lane in the Village. A tree blocking Gregory Road in Iosco Township was reported at 12:00 noon, then at 12:36 p.m. the department responded to a tree blocking Nicholson Road in Handy Township. Personnel assisted a medical emergency on Saddle Drive in Conway Township at 4:08 p.m. Firefighters were called to I-96 in Handy Township to investigate low hanging electrical lines over the highway. No low lines were found. The department responded to investigate a fire alarm activation on N. Grand Ave. in the Village at 6:18 p.m. Personnel assisted EMS on Sherwood Road in Conway Township at 6:58 p.m.

Firefighters were dispatched to investigate a fire alarm activation on N. Grand Ave. in the Village at 2:37 p.m., Monday, April 16th.

Tuesday, April 17th, at 11:45 a.m. firefighters responded to a car fire on I-96 in Handy Township. The department was dispatched to standby with the ambulance at a medical call on Stow Road in Handy Township at 2:32 p.m. Another medical emergency on Rifle River Drive in Handy Township, was reported at 7:13 p.m. and then at 9:45 p.m. personnel assisted at a medical on Layton Road in Handy Township.

At 4:34 p.m., Wednesday, April 18th, the department assisted at a medical emergency on Saddle Drive in Conway Township.

Community Theatre of Howell to present re-created radio show April 29

WCTH Radio Hour is a free live stage re-creation of radio shows from the 1930s to 1950s. Transport back to the golden age of radio from our audience with this show on Sunday, April 29, at 2 p.m. This show will “Fibber McGee and Molly: Fibber’s Closet” & 2 Episodes of “Captain Midnight.” The Community Theatre of Howell is located at the Howell High School Freshman Campus, 1400 W. Grand River Ave.



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Higher millage rate prompts Conway board to put proposal on Nov. ballot

When a special meeting was held on April 10 that detailed the costs of installing fiber optic lines throughout Conway Township for the purpose of providing high-speed internet, board members were given an estimated cost of around \$5.7 million needed to pay for the project. This money would need to be raised by selling bonds, payable over a 20-year period. Board members also had a ballpark millage rate of 2.517 mills that would need to be levied to make the annual payments. The plan at that point was to put a bond proposal, requesting voters approve an amount not to exceed \$5.7 million, on the Michigan Primary ballot in August.

At last Tuesday’s regular meeting of the Conway Township Board, those plans changed when the bonding counselor, Jeff Aronoff, presented a millage figure of 3.5395 mills. In his remarks to the board, Aronoff pointed out that the proposal that would be put before voters was to sell bonds to finance the project, not set a millage rate. He added that an exact levy would be determined after the bonds were sold for. The board was told that the 3.5395 mill amount was based on conservative assumption, including the assumption that the bonds will not be tax exempt. Aronoff also said that it was better to change the estimated millage rate now to a higher figure, rather than having to increase the millage rate later on. The change prompted three members of the board—Mike Rife, the supervisor, and trustees Rick Kreeger and Larry Parson—to support a motion to put the ballot proposal on the November General Election ballot rather than on the August ballot.

Kreeger, who was the lone dissenting vote at the April 10th special meeting when the motion was made to put the proposal up for a vote, noted that more people usually take part in a general election than in a primary. One of the reasons that had been given for having a vote in August was that the project could move forward at an earlier date if approved. During the discussion at last week’s meeting, it was noted that the township is applying for a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant available to rural communities seeking to install high-speed internet. The grant amounts can range from \$100,000 to \$3 million, but are “highly competitive.” If the township were to receive a grant, this would affect the amount that needs to be borrowed. However, the township will not know if any money is forthcoming for another four-to-ten months.

Since the news on the township’s application is unlikely to come until after November, Todd Anderson, the clerk, and Debra Grubb, the treasurer, favored having the proposal voted on in August. Anderson, in a later comment, noted that the township is also seeking a USDA Farm Home Loan for the full amount. Such loans are normally offered at a lower interest to qualified municipalities. If the township were to receive this loan, it would not change the amount that is needed for the project, but might lower the millage rate needed to make annual payments.

Kreeger Elementary School News

- 4-23-18: MAP Testing BEGINS for 5th Grade- Parents please make sure your student(s) goes to bed at a reasonable hour and have them eat a nutritious breakfast.
- 4-24-18: Spring Pictures for all Kreeger Students. 9:00 a.m.-12 p.m.
- 4-26-18: 3rd Grade Musical- Alverson Center for the Performing Arts at the Fowlerville High School -6:30 p.m.
- 5-28-18: Memorial Day Recess-NO SCHOOL
- 6-5-18: 3rd Grade Field Day: 9:15-11:45 a.m.
- 6-5-18: 4th Grade Field Day: 12:30-3:00 p.m.
- 6-6-18: 5th Grade Field Day: 12 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
- 6-11-18: Full Day of school
- 6-12-18: Full Day of school
- 6-13-18: Half day of school. Dismissal 12 p.m.
- 6-14-18: Half day of school. Dismissal 12 p.m.
- 6-15-18: Summer Break begins

Fowlerville Varsity Soccer Team loses close game to Eaton Rapids, 3-2

The Fowlerville Varsity Soccer Team lost a close game by a 3-2 score in some interesting weather conditions to Eaton Rapids in a CAAC White showdown played last Wednesday. Fighting through the weather, injuries and a new formation the girls worked well together to create a lot of opportunities offensively. Jacie Devota scored the first goal of the game and what was the first goal of our season on an Audrey Trinkka assist. Going up 1-0 boosted their confidence and created even more opportunities for the offense. Jackie Jarvis scored the second goal off an assist by Chelsea O’Donnell. Eaton Rapids countered with a goal to end the first half and then were able to capitalize in the second half, scoring one goal to tie the game and then another to win with only a few minutes remaining. Kelsi Meinecke, Quinn Soerries, Lilly Glass and Tayshia Theibert all had strong nights defensively and Emily Conn made some key saves to keep the score close the entire game. Katrina Tersigni, Jackie Jarvis, Chelsea O’Donnell, and Emily Goetz all had great games in the midfield and Lilly Smith provided the offense with some great minutes creating a lot of opportunities for others by playing unselfishly the entire game.

Hygienic Goods Drive will benefit the Family Impact Center

The Fowlerville Interact Club is asking the community to help them with their efforts to collect personal hygiene items now through April 27th. The items collected will be donated to the Family Impact Center. The following items are needed: shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine products, Q-tips, hand sanitizer, deodorant, hand soap and body soap. Please consider purchasing a few of these items to donate. Donations may be dropped off at the State Farm Insurance office at 215 E. Grand River, Fowlerville. Fowlerville Boys Golf Team finishes in 4th place at recent Eaton Rapids outing Tough conditions plagued the golfers at Bonnie View Golf Course in Eaton Rapids last Thursday, April 12 Fowlerville finished 4th in the six-team tournament with 200 points. Shaw Sova led the Glads with the low score of 44 to take 6th overall. Mason Sova shot a 47 and Logan Flanery came in at 50. Lansing Catholic won the outing with 171 points, followed by Williamston in second at 178, and Portland in third at 178. Ionia placed fifth and the host team was sixth.

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Girls Varsity Softball

Miranda Prochnow - Miranda a senior is in her second year on the Varsity Softball team and is the team’s starting right fielder. She has tremendous leadership skills that the team and coaches look to her for on and off of the field. Miranda’s athleticism, determination and leadership make her a very important part of the team. Keep up the good work, Miranda, and good luck this season!

Sarah Matlock - Sarah is a senior in her fourth year on the Varsity Softball team and is the team’s starting center fielder. Her knowledge of the game of softball is something that continues to help the team improve each and every day. Sarah’s drive, positivity and leadership make her a vital role in this team’s success this season. Keep up the good work, Sarah, and good luck this season!

Ginelle Leslie - Ginelle is a junior in her second year on the Varsity Softball team and is the team’s starting second baseman. Her work-ethic is one that coaches wish all athletes had and has helped bring success to the team so far this season. Ginelle’s “nothing can stop me” attitude and her drive to be the best make her a key player to our team this season. Keep up the good work, Ginelle, and good luck this season!


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Judith Minton enters race for Howell Township Trustee

Judith Minton, family life educator and former U of M and MSU fundraiser, had announced her candidacy for Howell Township Trustee.

“I have spent my professional career helping companies, families and research universities bring people together to improve quality of life,” said Minton. “I feel my years of experience as a group facilitator and strong communicator can be put to good use in service to the Howell Township community.

“Over 10 years ago, the Howell Township Board made a commitment to grow the community through the expansion of REU’s or sewer hook ups,” she said. “Bonds totaling \$25 million were issued. Today we are still paying off over \$17 million of outstanding bonds. It is time to be more proactive and promote development in Howell Township by highlighting our community as a great place to live and raise a family.

“I am concerned the current Board does not represent all members of our community, especially those who live in subdivisions and are interested in expanding township services through prudent investment of excess operating budget and leveraging partnerships such as the proposed Howell Recreation Center,” Minton said. “It is one thing to keep our taxes low but another to do it at the expense of needed services. We can strike a balance and I want to work towards that end.”

Minton is running as a Democrat. She said that she hopes to bring diverse ideas and creative approaches to a narrowly focused board. She joins a current field of candidates that include an additional Democrat and two Libertarians. These candidates are vying for two partial-term positions.

The candidate is a Spring Arbor University graduate and recently retired director of philanthropy. She and her husband, Mike Tipton, have four adult children and two adorable granddaughters.

Follow her on Facebook athttps://facebook.com/Judith-Minton-for-Howell-Twp-Trustee-2053073288241277/?ref=py_cor email her campaign at minton4trustee@gmail.com

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*****Weekday Communion Service Schedule:** Monday and Tuesday morning at 9:00am in the Chapel.

*****Knights of Columbus ‘End of the Month’ Rosary:** Sunday, April 29 at 9:45am in the Church.

*****Fit Club:** FREE workout class, open to anyone who desires to add more fitness to their life. Upcoming dates: 7:00-8:15pm April 23, 25, 27, 30 and May 1, 4. Classes meet in LPC A/B.

*****Men’s Bible Study:** May 3 at 7:00-8:30pm in the LPC Youth Room.

*****Adoration:** A great opportunity to thank Jesus for the blessings in your life! Monday at 6:30pm, Tuesday at 6:00pm, and Wednesday at 7:00pm.

*****His Merciful Heart Prayer Group:** Praise the Lord every Tuesday evening at 7:30pm in RE 6.

*****Reconciliation:** Every Wednesday at 7:00pm-8:00pm. Every Saturday at 3:00-3:45pm.**PLUS** on First Friday (May 4) at 8:30am.

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By: Doug Helzerman,
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Commissioner

This water is the best I’ve ever tasted” was an often-heard remark by visitors to the first house in which we lived after we moved to Fowlerville. This wonderful water came from our pump that was on the side porch of our “new” house. It was a hand pump that the former owner had adapted with an electric motor so we didn’t have to do the pumping. We only had to carry the pail into the house so we could use the water. In the next years we were able to retire our outhouse,

because dad plumbed the house and put in a toilet to connect to the unused septic tank in the back yard. Before I was in Junior High, the plans for I-96 put the expressway boundary fence through one corner of our house. We had to move, and our amazing well was left when they burned our house. As the road construction crew excavated our back yard, they removed the hard surface clay in which we had gardened, and we saw the bank of sand that had filtered our water for that great taste. The corroded well pipe is most likely still in that soil.

“Progress” took away not only our home, but also that special well that was very valuable to our family. Nobody who now uses I-96 worries about our “loss”.

I don’t say this to discourage the progress that is happening in our neck of Livingston County, but to add a touch of reality. Handy Township is taking important steps to regulate and eventually welcome a new power plant in our southeast corner. Conway Township is finalizing plans to ask for a millage vote to bring high-speed internet to their residents. Both of these projects have the potential for great good in

our community at large and our state. While we all hope for progress, we must know with each step forward, some will lose things important to them.

While advocating for or against these projects, remember that we are Americans, we are neighbors, and I hope at the end of the day, we will be friends. There are many things from that 1950’s era that I do not miss: outhouses, phone party lines with six families, our 1938 Desoto with a leaky gas tank, and going outside for water.

On the other hand, I wish I could go back to a simpler, safer community (as I perceived it then), but I think that also is beyond our reach.

In other recent events, we just had one of our annually-required meetings. (Each County Board of Commissioners by law must meet at least two times a year --- obviously we meet many more times than that.) These statutory gatherings are held the second Tuesday of April and October. At this April’s meeting the Equalization Department gave us a detailed report. It examines the assessment rolls of the sixteen townships and three cities within Livingston County to ascertain whether the real and personal property in the respective townships and cities have been equally and uniformly assessed at their true cash value.

The responsibility of the county board is to review the information assembled by the Equalization Department to approve and adopt their findings. The total county equalized value increased 4.05 % from 2017 to 2018. The taxable values also went up 4.91% over 2017 amounts. After review by the State, these values will be finalized in May. In the October meeting, the county board must approve the actual millage rates that are collected by each taxing unit in Livingston.

At the county, we are moving forward to update policy statements and ordinances. It is always a challenge to keep words on paper equal to what is actually present practice, as new technology also makes it possible to be more efficient. State law and court cases also make certain changes necessary. I am pleased that there is a genuine effort at the county to increase the county’s ability to serve citizens, to keep expenses as low as possible, and at the same time protect the liberties that are so important to a free society. I feel very blessed to be part of the whole process and to represent you.

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Sec. 86-29. Growth of certain weeds and brush prohibited.

Poisonous or injurious weeds.

Other weeds or grasses of any species or variety exceeding six inches in height.

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Failure to comply with section 86-29 will result in the village causing the abatement, cutting, destruction or removal of the weeds or brush in violation of section 86-29, and the cost thereof charged against the person responsible for the property. The village may abate, cut, destroy or remove the weeds or brush in violation of section 86-29 as many times as are necessary during the months of May thru October of the notice year and charge the cost to the person responsible for the property.

Kathryn M. Arledge, CMMC
Village Clerk/Manager
(4-8, 4-15, 4-22-18 FNV)



Michigan Senate Report

By Joe Hune,
22nd District

Rule of Law and the Individual

America is the most free and prosperous country in the world. It’s no coincidence that we are also self-governed by the rule of law. A beautiful system where everyone is subject to the same rules and everyone is endowed with the same liberties.

Being equal before the law is the greatest gift of civilization that the West has bestowed upon the world. But unfortunately, some people are working to dismantle this progress: sacrificing justice for political gain, and due process for convenience.

Government officials in some states are impeding the process of federal law enforcement, in some cases through gross criminal negligence. These aren’t brave mavericks rejecting unjust laws, they are dangerous reactionaries willing to sacrifice their citizens’ lives and pollute our sacred system of justice with political underhandedness.

Allowing a breach of the law for specific people or groups is called *corruption*, and corruption is the main source of injustice and suffering that keeps developing nations in a state of destitution. Nobody should want that for America.

It’s fine to show compassion for those who have broken the law – indeed it is a very good thing to do – but as a society we must still recognize that a law was broken and that justice demands resolution.

Self-governance by the rule of law depends on our maturity to accept restrictions on ourselves in the interest of public order. Some people are fine with speed limits until they get pulled over for speeding. This kind of exceptionalism is not the attitude that we should have of ourselves.

If a law is found to be unjust or detrimental to the wellbeing of our nation, then we can use the process of democracy to change it, but undermining the law through nefarious means is completely unacceptable.

Furthermore, maligning the character of our law

enforcement officers is equally bad. These are brave, skilled public servants who risk their lives every day to enforce the laws that keep our citizens safe and keep our communities nice places to live. Harassing them and sabotaging their efforts can only endanger those they are tasked to protect.

Our mutual inheritance as Americans is the peace and justice that comes with the rule of law. Let’s not discard it for the sake of political grandstanding.

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 and my staff will be happy to assist you. My website, www.SenatorJoeHune.com, is also a good resource.

Crossroads United Methodist Church collecting hygiene kits for UMCOR

Everyone can be a part of helping disaster survivors in this country by joining with Crossroads United Methodist Church in a new mission outreach project.

Starting now and continuing through mid-May, the church will collect items for hygiene kits to be shipped to distribution centers and sent to disaster sites in the nation by the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Those sites include areas recovering from recent hurricanes, floods and wildfires. Supplies also will be built up ready for use in coming storm and fire seasons.

Crossroads is collecting the items prior to a work bee at the church at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 19, when they will be assembled and packaged for shipment to UMCOR. The church is located at the corner of Haslett and Zimmer roads, east of Haslett and north of Williamston.

Very specific, but inexpensive items are needed. To participate, please contact the church for the items requested, and for drop-off days and times. Donations also are welcome for the project.

You may call the church at 517/655-1466, email at office.umccrossroads@gmail.com, or find the church on Facebook.

St. John’s Episcopal Church to hold rummage sale on May 4 & 5 in Howell

St. John’s Episcopal Church is holding a rummage sale on Friday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday, May 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The church is located at 504 Prospect Street, Howell. Questions, call 517-223-8433



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VOTING PRECINCT LOCATIONS:
Handy Township:
Precincts 1, 2 & 3, will all vote at Woodshire Place Banquet Facility, 6520 W. Grand River (located on the corner of W. Grand River and Hogback Roads)

Conway Township:
All Precincts will vote at the Conway Township Hall, 8015 N. Fowlerville Rd.

Iosco Township:
Precinct 1 will vote at the Iosco Township Hall, 2050 Bradley Rd.
Precinct 2 will vote at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 8201 Iosco Rd.

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Nice 4 bedroom, 2 bath home on one acre in the Stockbridge schools. Features hardwood floors in some of the rooms, ceramic tile in the baths, spacious living room with natural stone fireplace. Newer kitchen counters, large deck to entertain and 2 car detached garage for lots of storage space. All appliances included. \$137,500.



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Fowlerville High School News

OFFICE HOURS

Administration Office 7:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Counseling Office 6:30 – 2:30 p.m.
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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

April 23 Testing out forms 2018/19
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Testing out forms for 2018/19 school year are available in the HS counseling office. The testing out form **MUST** be completed and returned by **Friday, May 11th to the FHS Counseling Office**. Testing out packets will be available in the Counseling Office the last week of school.

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Senior Parents - If you would like to help with the senior lock-in, please contact Mrs. Collins (collinsn@fowlervilleschools.org) or Ms. Hart (hartn@fowlervilleschools.org). Parents are needed to provide both your time or your resources to help make our lock-in after graduation a success! Thank you!

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Doors at FHS will be open at 6:30 a.m. on school days. After school hours if your student is not participating in a sport, math lab, credit recovery or meeting with a teacher they should make arrangements to leave the building by 3 p.m.

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Caleb Jenkins Column



A Consistent Positive

Since I first started writing these columns, I have discussed numerous times the importance of making a positive impact on the people and situations around you. These calls to action have ranged from saying “thank you” more often to taking a stand for what you know is right. It’s easy for me to sit behind a laptop and write this sort of thing, but I realize it can indeed be a challenge in practical application. It’s not as simple as it sounds on paper, and I get it. To me, these things seem like they should already be common practice, but unfortunately, they are usually the exception rather than the rule.

With that being the current environment, it can require a lot of courage to resist the trend of mediocrity and self-fulfillment and instead strive for a better culture. Some have no desire to take that step. They prefer to blend into the crowd and accept the norms around them whether they are positive or not, and if that is what they truly want to do, then so be it. That is their right and prerogative. In other circumstances, someone wants to be a better example and a light to those around them, but then they come up against the pressure and resistance. When they realize how difficult it is, they take a step back and let things just float along once again.

That is why I challenge you today to not only be one who makes a positive impact, but to also be one who makes a *consistent* positive impact. Don’t allow a bad day to tarnish your ability to make a difference. When you’re having a rough day or things aren’t looking so great, don’t let it negatively affect your outlook and goals. It can be tempting in such situations to become bitter and change the way we view the world and the circumstances around us, or perhaps even worse, we might see that as an excuse to let ourselves slip and damage our reputations.

If we are striving to be blessings and positive examples to those around us, then people will take notice, and they will be watching to see if we mean it. We don’t have to be obnoxious about it. If we are humbly but sincerely doing our best, then that will be enough for people to be interested. It is a perfect opportunity to give them, through your example, the inspiration they might need to join you in making a positive difference. However, if we allow ourselves to fall and give up, then it’s an open excuse for them to say it’s unrealistic and not worth the effort to be better.

As I said before, I realize this is very hard, and none of us are perfect. We are not robots that can always say and do what is right and never show signs of discouragement. Certainly, we’ll have our low days, but when we do, those around us will be all the more impressed if we pick ourselves back up and continue moving forward. Consistency doesn’t mean perfection. It means we just remain faithful to doing our best and never stay down.

Howell United Methodist Women hosting spring salad luncheon May 16

The United Methodist Women of the First United Methodist Church of Howell will host a spring salad luncheon on Wednesday, May 16. Lunch will feature a buffet including homemade hot chicken salad and an array of fresh salads and pastas. Beverage and dessert are included. Lunch will be served from 11:00A.M. - 1:00 P.M. with take-outs available. Free will donations accepted. The church is located at 1230 Bower Street, Howell, across from Northwest School.



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Fowlerville Junior High School News

Important Dates:

Talent Show- Thurs. April 26th 6:30 pm
Gladiator Olympics- Fri. April 27th 5:30-8:30pm
Parent/Chaperone meeting for 7th grade FT- Wed. Apr. 25th 4:30pm

SPORTS FOR WEEK OF APRIL 23:

Mon., 4/23: TRACK @ Bath Relays-3:00; bus-2:00; limited entries

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Wed., 4/25: TRACK @ Williamston-4:30; bus-3:30
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Athletes need to dress appropriately for the "crazy Michigan weather." An extra shirt, gloves, hat, tights....



CSI winners for April 13th
Nolan Smith, Brooke Krueger, Hallie Dargie, Alexis Young (not pictured)

Junior High School to Hold Gladiator Olympics
Fowlerville Junior High School will hold its annual Gladiator Olympics on Friday, April 27 from 6:00 until 8:00 pm. The FJHS Gladiator Olympics is a fun-filled evening that the entire family can enjoy. Students are busily signing up for Staff-Student Competitions - the highlight of the evening. Staff members and students will compete in events like basketball, sideline soccer, musical chairs, dodgeball, heads & tails, and an obstacle course. The evening will also feature a Silent Auction for themed gift baskets and a bike give-away. Admission is free and concessions will be sold.
Students wishing to sign up for Staff-Student Competitions will find the sign-up sheet in the Commons. Tickets for the bike-give-away will be on sale for \$1.00 a pop during all lunches prior to the Olympics.
Mark your calendars so you can join the fun!

YEARBOOK INFORMATION

Yearbook is underway- order yours today!. We only have 50 left so do not delay!! Order on our website under order yearbooks here and it will take you to the smart pay site. You may also send a check made out to Fowlerville Community Schools with name and grade of your child on memo line. A basic yearbook is \$32.

Talent Show coming April 26

Our very own Fowlerville Junior High School contains a beautiful array of talents. From singers to dancers, gymnasts, poets, and more surprises in store! Please come support our brave young performers at the Talent Show. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$5 per person. Thursday, April 26th at 6:30 PM in our very own FJHS auditorium. See you there!

Law saves the lives of newborns in danger of infant abandonment or death

Parents with an unexpected pregnancy who believe they are unable to raise their newborn child have options to safely, legally and anonymously leave an infant no more than 72 hours old in safe places. Parents can surrender their infant to an emergency service provider. An emergency service provider is a uniformed or otherwise identified employee or contractor of a fire department, hospital or police station that is inside the building and on duty, or a paramedic or emergency medical technician who responds to a 911 call.
The law allows a parent to surrender an infant without breaking any laws or giving any identifying information. Although the parent remains anonymous, he or she is encouraged to provide family and medical background that could be useful to the child in the future. After the newborn is placed in the temporary protective custody of the emergency service provider, the infant is examined at a hospital and if no signs of abuse or neglect are found, the infant is released to the temporary protective custody of an adoption agency for placement with an approved prospective adoptive family.
Since 2001, the Safe Delivery of Newborns Law has helped save 155 infants from being abandoned in unsafe locations.
Parents, professionals and the general public can visit www.michigan.gov/safedelivery for more information or call the toll-free 24-hour hotline at 866-733-7733. Free resources are available to promote public and professional awareness.

Area Church Listings

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Sunday School
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From left are State Senator Joe Hune, Adam Coon, and State Rep. Hank Vaupel. The two lawmakers presented the All-American wrestler with a Special Tribute, given in the Senate chambers last Thursday.

Adam Coon recognized on the Senate floor for outstanding career

Adam Coon, who recently finished his college wrestling career at the University of Michigan, was recognized on the floor of the Michigan State Senate this past Thursday for his “outstanding record of achievement in collegiate athletics and for his commitment to academic excellence.”

State Senator Joe Hune and State Rep. Hank Vaupel both presented him with a State of the Michigan Special Tribute signed by the two men along with Gov. Rick Snyder. Coon, Hune, and Vaupel are all Fowlerville natives.

Hune, speaking from the rostrum in the Senate chambers, with Coon and Vaupel standing on either side of him, introduced the All-American wrestler who finished second in the heavyweight division at last month’s NCAA finals.

Hune began by noting that Fowlerville is famous for native son Charlie Gehringer, a Hall of Fame baseball player who was a member of the Detroit Tigers, but, with Coon, has

another hometown athlete approaching that level of ability and renown. He went on to detail the young man’s many accomplishments both as a wrestler and student. Coon, he pointed out managed to maintain a 4.0 GPA in his aerospace engineering program while at the U of M, in addition to the demands of being a Division One wrestler.

“It’s a rare pleasure to be able to honor a local hero like Adam,” Hune said. “This young man has a bright future ahead of him; I look forward to hearing about his future success.”

The Special Tribute presented to Coon read as follows:

LET IT BE KNOWN, That it is a pleasure and a privilege to congratulate Adam Coon, of Fowlerville, a wrestler at the University of Michigan, in recognition of his outstanding college wrestling career. Indeed, this dedicated athlete earned second place in the NCAA Championship. He has brought great pride to his school, his community, and to his parents, Daniel and Dana.

Adam’s college wrestling career culminated with a 116-15

record and a .885 winning percentage, earning him a place in school history. Adam aspires to compete at the Olympic wrestling level and we wish him luck competing in the world trials this coming spring and summer in pursuit of making the national team. Wrestling is a demanding sport that requires much hard work, vast skills, and tremendous determination. Adam possesses these traits, and he demonstrated them throughout his unforgettable season. Along with athletics, Adam is studying aerospace engineering and has shown true character in balancing his academic and wrestling responsibilities.

Clearly, Adam is most deserving of these prestigious accolades, as well as our highest praise. We join with his many admirers in honoring this athlete and in extending our best wishes for his continued success. He has obviously learned what it takes to excel—a valuable lesson that will serve him well in his future endeavors.



Shown here at the State Capitol are, from left, State Senator Joe Hune, Cindy Denby, a legislative aid for Rep. Hank Vaupel; Adam Coon, Dana Coon, Adam’s mother; Kim Hune, Dave Hune, and State Rep. Hank Vaupel. Along with being honored in the Senate by Hune, Adam Coon was introduced in the House chambers by Vaupel.



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Livingston Sheriff Department part of effort to revamp STOPPED program

By Steve Horton

A law-enforcement program that notifies parents when their son or daughter has been pulled over for a traffic infraction, is being revamped and re-emphasized.

The program is called STOPPED, which stands for ‘Sheriffs Telling Our Parents and Promoting Educated Drivers.’ It is administered by the Michigan Sheriffs’ Association with “the goal of reducing the number of young drivers who are injured or killed in motor vehicle crashes each year.”

That effort will involve changing over from notifying parents with written reports, a means that has proven time consuming, to an easier, more streamlined method of using computers and cell phones. Livingston County and Mason County are launching the changeover as a pilot program, and the expense is being paid for by a donation from State Farm Insurance.

Details of that new plan were unveiled at a press conference held on April 12 at the Livingston County Sheriff Department in Howell. Mike Murphy, the Livingston County Sheriff; Blaine Koops, the CEO-Executive Director of the Michigan Sheriffs’ Association; and Kim Cole, the Mason County Sheriff, took turns offering information. A short video was also shown.

In addition, a ceremonial check for \$25,895 was presented by State Farm Insurance officials to the Association.

Sheriff Murphy offered background information about the program, which was started in 2005, and how it works. He also detailed the planned improvements.

“It’s a voluntary program,” he said, explaining that a STOPPED sticker with an ID number is placed on the back



State Farm Insurance donated money to the Michigan Sheriff’s Association to assist its effort to revamp and re-emphasize STOPPED, a voluntary program that notifies parents when their teen-aged son or daughter has been pulled over by a law-enforcement officer. From left were Geof Gelina, a State Farm Insurance agent from Howell; Mike Murphy, the Livingston County Sheriff; Kim Cole, the Mason County Sheriff; Blaine Koops, the CEO-Executive Director of the Sheriffs’ Association; and Jeff Warder, the Livingston County Undersheriff.

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windshield of the driver’s side of a vehicle.”

What will happen with the new reporting procedure is that the officer, seeing the sticker and determining the driver is under the age of 21, prepares a report (using a computer) with the time and location of the stop, the reason for the stop, the number of occupants in the vehicle, and whether a citation was issued.

The officer will also notify the driver that they have 48 hours to inform their parent or parents. The officer then sends the report via the internet to the Michigan Sheriff’s Association and this agency forwards it to the parents after 48 hours with either a phone text or an email.

“We haven’t promoted it as well as we could have with our deputies and with parents.”

He explained that while there have been thousands of stickers distributed in the county and, in fact, have been issued by the high schools to student drivers as parking passes, not that many parents were being notified.

The problem, he pointed out, is that the additional paperwork can be time consuming and burdensome for the deputies, on top of all of their other tasks, and they weren’t following through with a written report.

Murphy also said that some parents were confused about the purpose of the stickers and how the information is being used, feeling it was compulsory and even had an aspect of “Big Brother is Watching” to it.

Making it easier for officers by switching to computer reports and better explaining the program to parents are the main aims of this renewed initiative.

“The money that’s been donated will allow the Association to use our department and Mason County as a pilot program,” Murphy explained. “The necessary equipment and software will be installed and any start-up problems that might occur will be fixed. The two departments will work with area school districts and pursue other means to notify and inform parents. They’ll also encourage other sheriff departments to use the system if a young driver is pulled over in their jurisdiction and has a STOPPED sticker on the vehicle.

“We see this as an educational tool,” said Murphy. “Believe it or not, many kids get stopped by the police and don’t notify

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Fowlerville Board recognizes retirees at meeting

Teachers and staff of the Fowlerville Community School who will be retiring at the end to the current school year were recognized at the board of education meeting held on last Tuesday, April 17. Present at the meeting were, from left, Nancy Paternoster, Smith Elementary Paraprofessional; Mike Grimm, Fowlerville High School Teacher; Diane Ososkie, Kreeger Elementary Teacher, and Patricia



Dennis, Junior High School Teacher. Not pictured were Dan Coon, Fowlerville High School Teacher; Chris Forbush, Fowlerville High School Teacher' and Donna Klender, Food & Nutrition Manager.

STOPPED Program, continued

Mom and Dad. This will change that and give the parents an opportunity to discuss the incident with their child.

"We'd love to reduce the number of crashes involving young drivers," he added.

Koops, in his remarks, noted that the STOPPED Program has been around for over 10 years, but was "paper driven."

"This pilot program will allow us to utilize the internet," he pointed out, adding that the plan is to have it operational in the two counties later this year.

"If this works, and I think it will, it will change how we do traffic enforcement in all 83 counties once everyone is hooked up," Koops said. "It will build communications between the deputy and parents and as well as with the young driver in a non-threatening way."

Sheriff Cole, noting that he worked in traffic-accident reconstruction for several years as a deputy, pointed out that fatal accidents are "usually the outcome of bad decisions made over time" rather than a "spur of the moment mistake."

A benefit of the STOPPED program, he said, is that it helps "correct bad driving choices before they become habit forming."

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Compost Brush:

EVERY SECOND TUESDAY of the month, beginning April 10 through November 13, 2018. This service is for trimming of brush, shrubs and trees and branches that may fall in a storm. The Village is not able to take tree trunks and root balls. Brush must be stacked in the same direction, parallel to the curb. Branches must be no longer than 4 feet and between 1 and 6 inches in diameter. Twigs and smaller branches need to be bagged and put out in brown yard/compost bags for regularly scheduled pick-up on Mondays. Brush must be out by the residence curb by 7:00 a.m., no sooner than three (3) days prior to the scheduled pick-up date. The Village will not remove brush from clearing of lots or from tree removal.

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Oak Grove United Methodist Church serving pancake dinner Friday, April 27

Come join us for a delicious pancake dinner on Friday, April 27, 5-7 p.m., that includes French Toast (pecan praline & blueberry toppings), sausage, scrambled eggs & applesauce. All for a free-will donation. The dinner is served from 5:00-7:00pm at Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 6686 Oak Grove Road in Howell, located five miles north of M-59.



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‘Love & Logic’ Parenting Mini-Sessions being offered on May 3 & 10 at Kreeger

Thursday, May 3: Topics – Taking the Mayhem Out of Mornings & Ending the Bedtime Blues

Thursday, May 10: Topics – When Your Spouse Has a Different Parenting Style & Healthy Step-Parenting

These free-of-charge “stand alone” sessions will be held at Kreeger Elementary Media Center from 6 – 7:30 p.m. You may attend one or both of them!

If you have ever taken a Love and Logic class, this will be an excellent opportunity to come back and refresh your skills. If not, it is a great chance to check out this highly acclaimed parenting method and see how it might help your family dynamics. Either way, you will be able to share challenges and ideas with other parents of children from infancy through teenage!

Elementary counselor Pete Wedesky and Kreeger teacher Sandra Gill will serve as facilitators for these sessions, which are being sponsored by Family Impact Centers. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED, so please call either Pete at 517-223-6360 or Barb at 517-223-4428 as soon as possible.

Livingston County Genealogical Society to meet May 10 in Howell

The Livingston County Genealogical Society will be meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 10, at the First United Methodist Church in Howell. The guest speaker, Jessica Trotter, will talk on “Topics in British Canadian Research.”

The Society is also holding its annual meeting on that date.

The event is open to the public and free of charge. For questions, call 810-227-7745.

Arbor Day is Friday April 27

To help honor this day, Cindy Dickerson and Heather Mahon of KW in Fowlerville will be offering a tree giveaway while supplies last.

The trees are 2 year old saplings, Norway spruce and Red Maple.

The giveaway is from 2 pm – 6 pm on Friday.

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Laurin Dawn VanDike

Laurin Dawn VanDike, age 22 of Fowlerville, passed away Sunday, April 15, 2018. She was born on Feb. 27, 1996, the daughter of Robert and Linda VanDike of Fowlerville.

She is survived by her parents; a brother, Kyle VanDike of Fowlerville; a sister, Deirdre VanDike of Chesterfield Township; her grandmothers, Patricia VanDike of Livonia and Sharon Smith of Howell; a niece, Peyton VanDike; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Laurin was loved by everyone she came in contact with and tried to save every injured animal on this earth.

On behalf of the VanDike family, we would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers. Laurin will be greatly missed by all. Rest in peace our beautiful baby girl.

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Shown here with PAWS are Emmett and Sophia May. The Detroit Tigers’ mascot helped the two youngsters celebrate their respective birthdays.

Detroit Tigers’ mascot PAWS helps celebrate birthdays at school

PAWS, the Detroit Tigers’ mascot, helped Sophia May celebrate her 10th birthday and Emmett May celebrate his 13th birthday when he made an appearance at the St. Joseph Catholic School’s ‘Spring Fling’ on Thursday, April 12.

Emmett and Sophia escorted PAWS to the after-school party in the gym. Once there, PAWS danced, signed autographs, and had his picture taken with the youngsters in attendance. Emmett, a seventh grader, and Sophia, a fourth grader, are students at the school and the children of Jimi and Trudy (Recker) May.

Games, crafts, face painting, and music by Ron Johnson, a DJ, kept the party goers busy.

Letter to the Editor

I read Senator Joe Hune’s letter in the paper regarding Socialism. The first thing you do if you want support for your arguments is demean your subject. If I wanted a review of what I learned in high school, I would have hired an instructor, not an elected representative, whichever house he or she is in. When I have blown a tire and my rim is bent from a pothole, I am not going to debate democratic socialism with the tow truck driver or my representative.

I expect my representatives to work on issues of public concern that are in the “here and now” and find a solution for the constituent’s interests, not lecture to us about the definition of socialism. I don’t feel that I am represented at all anymore, as private and business interests have “trumped” genuine public interests.

I may be willing to pay more in gas or other taxes for better roads and better government instead of wasting my time waiting for road side assistance, and a possible raise in insurance due to the bad conditions of our roads, public education, infrastructure, prisons, etc., etc., etc. And no, I do not believe that profit-motivated businesses serve the public interests better. Private businesses are good for providing innovation, and elective interest, like building the homes we want and need. Our country has always been most successful when a marriage of these two separate philosophies worked side by side.

Respectfully submitted,
John C. Cox

SPRING CLEAN-UP

This year the date for the cleanup is Saturday, May 12th. **Watch for the signs!!** As it has been more and more difficult to get rid of unwanted items, this event has been well received by township residents. The collection center will be located at the Conway Township Hall, between 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Only **CONWAY TOWNSHIP** residents may use this collection site. **Bring your ID!**

Residents pay 50% of the stated fee; Conway Township pays the other 50%.

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Gubernatorial candidate Gretchen Whitmer to speak at Winans Dinner

Livingston County Democrats will host their biggest event of the year next month with special guest Gretchen Whitmer, former Senate Democratic leader and a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, said party spokeswoman Judy Daubenmier.

Whitmer will be the special guest at the party's 35th annual Winans Dinner on Friday, May 18, at Lakelands Golf and Country Club, 8760 Chilson Road, in Hamburg Township. Also appearing will be the two candidates for the Democratic nomination for 8th District Congress—Christopher Smith of East Lansing and Elissa Slotkin of Holly.

"The theme of the evening is, 'Build the Blue Wave,'" highlighting the local party's commitment to talk to thousands of voters this campaign season to make sure the streak of Democratic victories throughout the rest of the nation includes Livingston County as well," said Daubenmier.

The evening begins with a social hour at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. The event includes snacks, music, a sit-down dinner, dessert, silent auction, a raffle – and conversation with like-minded friends.

Tickets are \$70 per person through April 27 and \$80 per person after that. Student tickets are \$25, but a limited number of free tickets for high school students are available through the generosity of the Michigan Education Association Unit 8-D, Howell.

To reserve a seat, mail a check made out to Livingston County Democratic Party to party headquarters at 8028 Grand River, Woodland Plaza Suite 7, Brighton, MI 48114. Please include the names of the attendees so that nametags can be prepared. Tickets also may be ordered on-line at: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/2018winans>

To have your name included in the program as a patron for the evening, please add \$15 per name.

"Whitmer is a lifelong Michigander, a champion for working families, and a candidate for governor of Michigan," noted Daubenmier. "As Senate Democratic Leader, Whitmer was the first woman to lead a caucus in the Michigan Senate where she brokered the deal to expand Medicaid in Michigan to 680,000 people, and when the Governor and Republicans locked the people out to pass anti-worker 'right to work' laws in secret, Whitmer threw open the doors of the Capitol and led the protest from her office.

"Following her service to the state, Whitmer taught at the University of Michigan and Michigan State University," Daubenmier noted. "In 2016, she stepped up to serve as the prosecuting attorney of Ingham County, restoring integrity to the office after a scandal forced the elected prosecutor to resign. Gretchen Whitmer is a mom, prosecutor, former legislator and union member who is a proven fighter and has been on the front lines of the fight to unrig the economy for our working families. Whitmer is running for governor to fix our roads, create good-paying jobs, and protect health care."

Daubenmier said that the annual dinner is "a crucial way the local party raises funds to support party operations through the fall campaign," adding that "The event is named in honor of Edwin B. Winans, a Democrat from Hamburg Township who served in Congress and later as Michigan governor from 1891 to 1893."

For more information, call 810-229- 4212 or email livcodems@gmail.com.

Fowlerville Varsity Girls Tennis Team beats Charlotte by 6-2 score

The Fowlerville Varsity Girls Tennis Team beat Charlotte last Thursday by a 6-2 score. Winning in singles were Emma Arnot 6-3 7-6(2) and Chloe Mills 6-4 6-2. The Glads swept the doubles. Winning were the teams of Olivia Olmsted/Michaela Walker 6-3 6-3, Shelby Durbin/Maddie Allen 6-1 6-0, Grace Shea/Emily Radenbaugh 6-4 6-0, and Bre Earls/Makayla Miller 6-3 6-3

The Glads are now 2-1.

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Material Limits Raised beginning Saturday, April 21st

In preparation of moving to our new home, we are increasing the number of items a patron can check out. Each patron will be allowed to check out up to 50 items; 12 of which may be DVDs. Each household will be allowed to check out a total of 24 DVDs. We are also extending the due dates of these items until June 15th. We are requesting that patrons keep items checked out during this time until June 15th. **Patrons will be responsible for any materials damaged if left outside of either building.*

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Library Move Update

The Adult Fiction and Nonfiction room will be closed beginning Monday, April 23rd. While this section of the library is closed, staff members will be happy to retrieve books for you. Beginning Friday, May 4th there will be no tables available in the library.

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Last Day to Order MeL Books - Monday, April 23rd

Ordering MeL books for Fowlerville Library patrons will be suspended during our moving process. The last day to order books through MeL is Monday, April 23rd. MeL books can be returned during the first 2 weeks that the library is closed, May 7th-May 18th. Please return books to the library at 131 Mill Street on WEEK DAYS ONLY between 9:30am-3:30pm, by placing them in the designated drop box located inside the front entrance.

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The Library will be closed Friday, May 4th from 9:30am-12pm for a Staff Meeting. The Library will be closed for the move beginning Monday, May 7th.

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Registration for the Summer Reading Program begins Wednesday, May 30th at 9:30am

The library staff will be set up with tables in front of the new library at 130 Grand Ave. on Wednesday, May 30th for Summer Reading Program Registration! Spaces in the Summer Reading Programs are limited, so come early to claim your spot! Keep an eye on the *Fowlerville News & Views* for information about more possible registration days as we get closer to summer.

‘Scouting for Food’ Thank You

Thanks to the generosity of the citizens of Fowlerville the members of Boy Scout Troop 336 collected about 1,425 pounds of food during the ‘Scouting for Food’ collection on April 14. Scouts delivered about 1,400 door hangers on April 7th, advertising the event, and then returned on April 14th to pick up the food donations. Everyone in the community should be proud of this accomplishment and we would like to thank all who donated to this worthwhile effort.

A special thanks to all of the Scouts that worked on the collection from Boy Scout Troop 336: Alex Allen, Martin Daniel, George Daniel, Lucas Dominowski, Clayton Dominowski, Josh Fairfield, Dillon Foss, Michael Fraley, Garrison Greer, Kalob Kuehling, Jayden Miller, Matthew Spurrell, Jason Szilagyi, Joseph Walsh, Garrett Wilson, Jacob Yarbrough.

Thank you very much to all of the Scout Leaders and Parents that drove the routes with the Scouts and hauled the food as well. We would also like to acknowledge the work done by Barb Dine, the Executive Director of the Fowlerville Impact Center, not only for her and the rest of the Center volunteers help with this food drive, but for their work every day that helps support our community.

Oak Grove United Methodist Church to serve pancake dinner April 27

Come join us for a delicious pancake dinner on Friday, April 27, 5-7 p.m., that includes French Toast (pecan praline & blueberry toppings), sausage, scrambled eggs & applesauce. All for a free-will donation. The dinner is served from 5:00-7:00pm at Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 6686 Oak Grove Road in Howell, located 5 miles north of M-59.

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Webberville Report

Webberville Community School News

An Early Release Day is scheduled on Wednesday, April 25. Students are released at 1:00 PM in the secondary and elementary buildings.

The Webberville High School Prom is Saturday, May 5, at Eagle Eye Golf Club. The dance is 7:30 to 11:00 PM. Tickets will be sold in advance and students should listen for the announcements on how to purchase.

The monthly MS/HS Informational Parent Meeting is on Tuesday, April 24 from 6:00 to 7:00 PM in the high school cafeteria. The first half of the meeting will consist of current and upcoming MS/HS information and reminders. The second half will focus on district safety/security measures. Elementary parents are also invited to join in this discussion.

Agstravaganza is Friday, April 27 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM! High School FFA members present information to children on food, fuel and fiber, and the importance of agriculture in our community. High school students will be driving tractors to school that morning so please drive with caution on the roads. For more information about Agstravaganza, contact the FFA program at 517-521-3447 x 7964.

The Webberville High School Academic Awards Night is Wednesday, May 2 in the high school cafeteria. The ceremony begins at 6:30 PM.

The Webberville Elementary Student Council is sponsoring a fundraiser called Pennies for Pasta benefiting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The class that collects the most money (coins and bills) will win a lunch donated by Olive Garden. Past fundraisers have collected between \$1,100 and \$1,200 and this year's goal is \$1,500. Friends and families may make donations to the classroom of their choice through April 27th.

The National Honor Society is sponsoring a Blood Drive for the American Red Cross on Tuesday, May 1, from 8:30 AM to 2:15 PM. To make an appointment, please call 517-521-3422 ext. 7906, or log onto www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code WebbervilleHS.

Williamston Area Senior Center

201 School Street Williamston - 517-655-5173
APRIL 2018 EVENTS

Enhance Fitness Class on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Class fee is \$2.00 a month if paid all at one time or \$3.00 drop in fee for each class. Enhance Fitness is an evidence-based fitness class designed to improve endurance, flexibility, strength and balance. The class contains an aerobic portion, strength exercise using ankle weights, flexibility and balance exercises. Registration is required. To register call: The Williamston Community Programming Office at 517-655-7510 3939 Vanneter Rd. Williamston, MI. (The Enhance Fitness Class benefits not only your health but also the Senior Center)

Other April Activities at the Senior Center – Crosaires will talk about senior issues on Wednesday, April 25. The following presentation will be held at 12:30 pm at the Senior Center.

Reminder any Williamston Area Senior can take advantage of using our computer lab any time the Center is open.

Free coffee for all seniors Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm.

On any April Wednesday at the Senior Center join us for the following activities:

EUCHRE – 9:30 am to 11:30 am.
NEEDLE CRAFT GROUP meets after lunch between 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Millville United Methodist Women to host supper & bake sale on April 28

The Millville United Methodist Women will be hosting a Pork Loin Supper and Bake Sale on Saturday, April 28 from 5 to 7pm at Millville UMC. We will be serving Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes and gravy, homemade dressing, cole slaw, rolls and pies and cakes for dessert. This meal will be for a free will offering with take outs available. The proceeds are designated for Kids Camp Scholarships. We look forward to seeing you!

Millville UMC is located at 1932 N. M-52, which is 9 miles south of I-96 On M-52.



Senior Spotlight—Jonah Sparkia

By Haley McDonnell

The outstanding support of his family has shaped senior Jonah Sparkia into a student with a driven-mind for success and a kind heart.

His parents are Jane and Scott Sparkia and his brother is Sam who graduated 2009 and his sister is Emily who graduated 2015.

Attending Webberville Community Schools since preschool, he has thrived in his schooling and performed exceptionally well in math and science, taking advanced courses. He also attended the Capital Area Career Center his sophomore year for the aviation program.

“In middle school, I was ahead by two years in both math and science,” said Sparkia.

Today, he attends the Lansing Community College’s Early College Program.

Sparkia’s favorite teacher was former teacher, Mrs. Jenn Anderchek, because she inspired him to pursue a career in engineering and science.

“She was a great teacher who really just inspired me to take on that career path and to love science,” he said.

After high school and completing the Early College program, Sparkia plans on transferring to the University of Michigan or Western Michigan University to study aerospace engineering.

“These two colleges are the only colleges in Michigan that provide aerospace engineering classes,” said Sparkia.

Outside of school he was in track his freshman and sophomore years and competed in the pole vault. In addition, he has been in band four years, choir three years, and robotics seven years.

“I am very thankful to Jonah for his contributions to the choral music program at Webberville Schools,” said Alex Ellul, the choir director. “Jonah regularly attends choral rehearsals as his dual-enrolled schedule at LCC allows him. This year, ten minutes prior to the final performance of our musical, Jonah stepped up and performed an additional role when a cast member was really sick and couldn’t perform. The audience loved his performance and Jonah really helped out to make the ‘show go on!’”

Sparkia appreciates his education from Webberville because you get to know the staff and the students really well.

“I know people who only know a handful of people at their school and that’s crazy to me,” Sparkia said. “You know everyone at Webberville. I’m going to miss my friends that I’ve grown up with every day.”

Williamston Eagles to host Country Western entertainment April 28

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 28th at the Williamston Eagles Club for a night of food and fun! The Eagles are hosting a Country Western Night, featuring Potts Road (formerly known as the Dawson Rayne Band.) Dinner is \$10 for smoked chicken and ribs, potato, beans, slaw and roll.

Start out the night with dinner beginning at 5:30pm until sold out. Potts Road takes the stage from 8pm to midnight for your listening and dancing pleasure. The band features local artists and is sure to please with their modern country songs. Wear your favorite country outfit. Doors open at 3pm.Open to the Public. Club is located at 835 High Street. Call 517-655-6510 after 3pm for more info.



Lee Hamilton Column

The Indispensable Craft of the Politician

For the most part, we Americans value expertise. We want our physicians to possess knowledge and experience. We want our lawyers to know the law inside out. We want our clergymen, our engineers, our farmers to bring the kind of proficiency and skill to their work that comes only with familiarity and practice.

So here's a question. Why is it that the more expertise politicians' gain in their field, the more we deride them?

I've been involved in politics, in one way or another, for most of my life. That makes me a politician. And I've had more than a few people refuse to shake my hand because they believed that might somehow taint them. Politicians, many Americans think, are looking out for themselves, beholden to special interests and party leaders, and incapable of working for the common good.

Politicians may disappoint us, frustrate us, or even anger us. They certainly make mistakes. But here's the thing: we cannot solve our problems at any level — local, state or federal — without skilled politicians. They're indispensable to the system. I've had a good vantage point to observe successful

American politicians over the decades, and I've come to believe the craft of politics requires certain characteristics. Not every politician possesses them, but the good ones — and there are plenty of good politicians — strive for them.

First, they're attuned to the moods of the people and to shifts in public opinion. This is not a bad thing — their job, after all, is to represent us. At the same time, they adhere to certain beliefs: they have faith in this country and its future, and they often hold a vision for what its success will look like. They believe it can make progress.

They also know that progress will not come easily. They understand they'll face setbacks, failure, and hardship, but they persevere in the American way of governing because it can make a lot of things possible. They search for a path forward, and for a remedy to a problem.

They tend to be articulate, adept at influencing others, and at times inspirational. But they are also pragmatic, and prepared to adjust, compromise, and improvise in order to move policy in the direction they'd like to see it go. They may pursue the perfect, but most of them know they won't get there, and will have to be satisfied with incremental progress. Very rarely do we advance in leaps and bounds.

They're comfortable holding authority and responsibility, and because they recognize that they share these burdens with others, they respect their colleagues. They try to be civil with them, since they understand the dynamic nature of politics — that you don't have permanent enemies or allies and that your foe one day may be a comrade the next.

And while they know the value of coming together in unity and may even strive for it, they understand that it's rarely achievable. Indeed, they expect criticism, appreciating that it comes with the territory and is one sign of the vitality of the democracy we live in.

Finally, good politicians understand that politics consists of a lot more than running for election. It has to be practiced every day in a democracy. We don't live in a perfect world, and we can't attain one. But in the end, politics is about striving to get there — to make the world, or at least this country, better.

The best politicians understand that this requires inclusivity, that all groups in every part of the nation have to be taken into account, that many interests have to be balanced, if the U.S. is going to succeed and be secure. They retain a fundamental faith in the people of the country. They do not give up on America.

I don't want to suggest either that I think all politicians possess these qualities, or that any politician enjoys them all. Yet these characteristics are what mastery of the craft of politics demands, and they come only with time and experience. In my book, any politician who displays them deserves the same respect we'd give any specialist who has acquired the knowledge, skill, and insight demanded by a complicated, demanding, and meaningful profession.

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Morning Sun

Our morning sun shines on with a glow,
With each new day it puts on a show.
With rays of light this majestic sight,
Reflects off the sea for you and me.

Millions of miles away with the speed of light,
It takes seven minutes to reach our life.
This morning quest that delivers with ease,
Is for all to have and can surely please.

Above all the clouds even when it rains,
It shines with a glance and feels no pain.
As gases explode and recycle their might,
Flares shoot up and cover the night.

As warmth radiates and descends to Earth,
No money or gold can pay its worth.
A gift from above that separates night,
Lift up your spirits and live for what's right.

This big fire ball that descends out of view,
Helps our world to float with a sky so blue.
In time it shines on part of this land,
It heats up the beach with an abundance of sand.

When risen in the East and sets in the West,
Remember each day and be at your best.

Scott Finney
February 2006

Plainfield United Methodist to serve Chicken & Biscuit Supper on May 5

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

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF IOSCO TOWNSHIP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the May 8th, 2018 Fowlerville Schools Special Election has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 25th, 2018 at 2:00 P.M. at the Township Hall located at 2050 Bradley Rd., Webberville, MI 48892.

The Public Accuracy test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Dan Delmerico
Iosco Township Clerk
(4-22-18 FNV)

Capital Area Library Events

*Registration required.

WEBBERVILLE

Book Discussion Group (Adults)

This month: *Sourdough* by Robin Sloan
April 24, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Family Storytime (Ages up to 6)

Engaging stories, songs and activities to help build early literacy skills
April 25, 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Family Storytime (Ages up to 6)

Engaging stories, songs and activities to help build early literacy skills
May 2, 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
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WILLIAMSTON

Maker Monday (All ages)

Stop by our Maker Space to use crafting supplies, a button maker, Little Bits circuit projects and more.
April 23, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Early Literacy Playtime (Ages up to 5)

Read stories, play games, create projects, and learn early literacy techniques.
April 24, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

*May the 4th Be with You--Drawing with Droids (Age 8 & up)

Celebrate Star Wars Day with snap-together circuit technology that creates masterful pieces of art. *Registration: 517-655-1191.
May 4, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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SYSTEM WIDE

*Meet “Behold the Dreamers” Author Imbolo Mbue (Held at the Lansing Center)

Behold the Dreamers author Imbolo Mbue will be here for a candid conversation with WILX TV's Lora Painter about her own experiences and the themes of family, immigration and the American Dream. *Registration: 517-367-6348 or cadl.org/events.

April 28, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

CADL at Greater Lansing Baby Fair (Held at the Lansing Center)

Stop by CADL's booth to meet our mascot Lexi, get fun giveaways, and hear about great resources for your parenting journey.

April 22, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*CADL Business Librarian at LCC: Google Workshop (LCC West Campus Auditorium)



Google experts discuss consumer trends related to local searches and share best practices for using posts and reviews. *Registration: cadl.org/events.

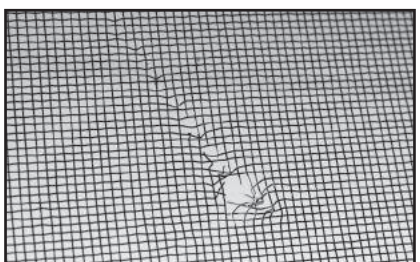
May 2, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

LPD 125th Anniversary Celebration (Held at the Lansing Center)

CADL is partnering with LPD on an event that features the honor guard, dive team, and Police K-9 unit, plus kid's activities, historical displays and more.

May 5, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.


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Pastor Tom Tarpley

Seeking After Jesus

My primary goal in life is to help as many people as I can to come to the realization that developing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ should be their main objective in life. There is no other accomplishment we can achieve that will be as rewarding and as beneficial to us. Jesus says, *“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.”* (John 14:6).

Jesus *is* the way! He is the *only* way! Any priority or goal we have in life that supersedes our desire to follow Christ, will only lead to disappointment. People everywhere are crawling all over each other trying to be the best, or trying to achieve the most wealth. But mark this. We are living in the terrible times that the Bible speaks about in 2 Timothy, chapter 3. *People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people* (2 Tim. 1:2-5).

Open your eyes! This is another biblical prophecy unfolding right in front of us, but as sad as it may be, millions of people will ignore it because their goals in life are derived from lust, greed and pride. Jesus is not the center of their world, therefore, they have allowed the insignificant things

in life to become the most important for them.

Jesus is also the truth! He is the only truth. When we use the Bible as our *absolute authority* for living our lives, everything we learn from spending time in the Holy Scriptures will guide us to Jesus and the truth. For instance, Jesus tells us in John 15:5 *that if we will remain in him, he will remain in us.* The only way for Christ to remain in us is if we surrender our human will to him and live by his heavenly Will. We cannot have it both ways. We must choose whom we will serve, Jesus or ourselves!

For many years I was like what it says in the scripture above, “having a form of godliness but denying its power.” I was living for Jesus on the outside where people could see, but on the inside I still held onto my secret ambitions of finding pleasure and happiness in what I could achieve through my own effort. I did not find the peace I have been searching for my entire life until I let go of my insignificant dreams and turned my full attention to following the example that Jesus lived when he walked the earth.

Jesus is the life. He is the life I have been trying to find in alcohol and drugs. He is the life I have been trying to find in the accumulation of wealth and success. He is the life I tried to find in pleasing others and trying to make a good impression. He is the life that avoided me, as he will others who choose to place the insignificant things in life above the pursuit of a Jesus Christ relationship.

When we allow the insignificant things in life, the things the world views as important, to become our main focus, we may fool ourselves into believing that as long as we do some good things and attend a worship service (when we don’t have anything else to do), every now and then, we are living pretty good lives. But what people fail to understand is that what we do in life doesn’t matter nearly as much as why we do it. Going through the motions of being a follower of Jesus will not benefit us anything. It is only when our hearts are filled with the love, acceptance and forgiveness of Jesus, that we can truly experience the real joy of living that does not fade or diminish when we face the trials and tribulations of this world.

The condition of our world today is proof positive of what can happen when we allow ourselves to drift away from the teachings in the Holy Scriptures. The world has been compromising God’s Word since sin entered the world. The result is a world of self-indulgent people who live only to please themselves. Whatever makes them happy is the most important thing to them. People have replaced God with their own mini-gods.

I watched the movie, *The Passion*, the other day as a reminder of what our dear Lord and Savior suffered so that I might have life and a future with him in eternity. When I see what he endured because he loved me, and I think about the way I lived my life, it is hard to hold back the tears. I owe Jesus a debt that I will never be able to repay. But what I can do is spend the rest of my life helping others to see the truth and to help lead them to Jesus.

My life verse of scripture comes out of the Old Testament from the book of Proverbs. *Trust in the Lord God with all your heart and do not rely on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your path.* (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Relying on our understanding, based on our human feelings and fleshly desires, will lead us away from Jesus. The things we see as important today are far from what the Bible tells us we need to be seeking after.

Serving Christ in a world that wants to make him invisible is not easy. It will not make you the most popular person in your peer group, because sometimes the things that you value as a faithful follower of Christ will not be the same as it is with your peers. But I encourage you to remain faithful to Jesus. You may be the only Bible that someone in your peer group will ever read. Let your love for Jesus be your guide, and you will always be on the right path.

***NOTE:** My book, “From Gutter to Grace” is now available on Amazon.com. You can also purchase a copy directly from me by calling 313-407-4744.*

Smith Elementary School News

IMPORTANT DATES:

- April 25- Field Trip: Grafstein, Hart, See
- May 4 – PTC Popcorn .50/bag
- May 4- H. T. Smith Night at the Lansing Lugnuts Game
- May 9 – PTC General Membership Meeting 6:00 pm
- May 10- Family Fun Fitness Night 5:30-7:00
- May 16- Kindergarten to First Grade Transition Night 5:30-6:30
- May 28- Memorial Day – NO School
- May 29 – Second Grade Musical 2:00pm
- May 30-Second Grade Musical 10:00am & 7:00pm
- June 1 – Fun Run
- June 8 – Family Fun End of Year Party
- June 13 – Early Dismissal
- June 14 – Early Dismissal: Last Day of 2017-2018 School

Year

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The 2nd Graders will present their spring concert - “The Musical World of Disney” on Wednesday, May 30th at 7:00pm in the Alverson Center for Performing Arts. They will also have two performances during school hours, which parents are welcome to attend. These will take place on Tuesday, May 29th at 2:00pm, and Wednesday, May 30th at 10:00am.

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Kindergarten to First Grade Transition Night- Would you like to learn more about first grade from our first grade teachers here at Smith? If so, come to K-1 Transition Night on Wednesday, May 16th from 5:30-6:30! Our first grade teachers will be discussing first grade expectations as well as providing free goodies for you to take home with your student! Please look for the flyer to RSVP. We hope to see you there!

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2018/2019 “Round Up” Continues – H.T. Smith Elementary continues to “Round Up” Kindergarteners for the 2018/2019 school year. Please stop by the Smith Office to register your child. Monday – Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm every day. Please bring required enrollment items with you which include state issued birth certificate, current immunization record, vision screening (after age 3), and proof of residency (Driver License and 2 pieces of mail, a utility/phone bill, voter registration card, lease/purchase agreement, etc.) that shows your name and address together. You can pre enroll online at fowlervilleschools.org, click on the “New Student Enrollment” link. There is nothing to print off, just make sure that you have “submitted” the enrollment.

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Calling in to Pick Up Your Child Early – If you are on your way to the school to pick up your child early and need your child in the office, wait to call the office, until you are about 10 minutes away from the school. That gives us enough time to call classrooms and get your child ready to leave. Thank You So Much!

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Head Start and Great Start - Enroll now for the 2018-2019 school year!

Enroll now for the 2018-2019 school year! Livingston Educational Service Agency Early Childhood Programs are enrolling for the 2018-2019 school year. Head Start and Great Start Readiness Programs offer no cost/low cost preschool to income eligible or children “at risk” who qualify under federal and state guidelines. Families meeting eligibility guidelines have access to learning opportunities, health and wellness, social and disability services, and other community resources. Children of all abilities are encouraged to apply. To find out more information about applying and to see if you are eligible, call 517-548-2100 or go to www.LivingstonESA.org.

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The Championing Futures Road Rally Event Is Coming Up in just a little over 3 weeks. Livingston Career and College Access Network has had a huge hand in creating this event, with generous sponsorship from many of our members as well as focusing our priority areas on helping students find a clear postsecondary plan. Designed to help expand Livingston County’s skilled workforce and grow our economy.

Bring your best thinkers for this county-wide, team scavenger hunt!! \$20 per person, you can register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/championing-futures-road-rally-tickets-42094172804> This event will take place on Thursday, April 26, 2018 (rain date 5-3-18) from 5:30-8 pm (check-in starts at 4:30). It will start and end at Champion Chevrolet, 5000 Grand River, Howell. Call 810-225-7178 for details. Money raised will fund scholarships for Livingston County students entering a skilled trade program in 2018.

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

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

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

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Social Security Questions & Answers

By Vonda Vantil,
Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Question: I have been getting Social Security disability benefits for many years. I’m about to hit my full retirement age. What will happen to my disability benefits?

Answer: When you reach “full retirement age” we will switch you from disability to retirement benefits. But you won’t even notice the change because your benefit amount will stay the same. It’s just that when you reach retirement age, we consider you to be a “retiree” and not a disability beneficiary. To learn more, visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov.

Question: I get Social Security because of a disability. How often will my case be reviewed to determine if I’m still eligible?

Answer: How often we review your medical condition depends on how severe it is and the likelihood it will improve. Your award notice tells you when you can expect your first review using the following terminology:

* Medical improvement expected — If your condition is expected to improve within a specific time, your first review will be six to 18 months after you started getting disability benefits.

* Medical improvement possible — If improvement in your medical condition is possible, your case will be reviewed about every three years.

* Medical improvement not expected—If your medical condition is unlikely to improve, your case will be reviewed about once every five to seven years. For more information, visit www.socialsecurity.gov.

Question: Is there a time limit on how long you can get Social Security disability benefits?

Answer: No. Your disability benefits will continue as long as your medical condition has not improved, and you cannot work. We will periodically review your case to determine if you continue to be eligible. If you are still receiving disability benefits when you reach your full retirement age, your disability benefits will automatically be converted to retirement benefits. The amount you receive will remain the same. Learn more about disability benefits at www.socialsecurity.gov/disability.

Question: How do I report a change of address if I’m

getting Supplemental Security Income (SSI)?

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Vonda VanTil is the Public Affairs Specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 3045 Knapp NE, Grand Rapids MI 49525 or via email at vonda.vantil@ssa.gov

Fowlerville Alumni Association seeking donations for scholarship fund

In 1974, officers of the Fowlerville Alumni Association established the FHS Alumni Scholarship Program. Monies are raised yearly to enable the organization to present scholarships to members of the current high school graduating class.

Over the past 40 plus years of the program, well over 150 young people have been recipients of this scholarship. The organization hopes to continue this tradition. Again this year, the alumni association will present four scholarships at the 2018 Senior Awards Night in May. Recipients are also recognized at the annual FHS Alumni Banquet. This year the 125th annual banquet is Saturday, June 9, at 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

The scholarship fund is maintained through the many donations received in memory of loved ones who either were graduates of Fowlerville High School or who maintained strong connections to the school, including teachers, coaches, bus drivers, and friends of the school.

Please feel free to make donations in any amount at any time during the year. Some send donations annually, while for others it is a one-time gift.

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Michigan Out-of Doors—

The Differences Between Rabbits & Hares

Rabbits and hares look very similar and both are quite recognizable with their long hind legs and long ears. However, hares tend to weigh more and have larger hind feet than rabbits. Two species are found in Michigan, the cottontail rabbit and the snowshoe hare.

Both rabbits and hares are species adapted to being food for predators, such as hawks, owls, coyote, and foxes. They are able to reproduce at a fast rate and early age so their populations can tolerate a high level of predation.

Cottontails are a species best adapted to southern Michigan’s landscape and weather. Snowshoe hares are best adapted to the higher snowfall and dense forests of northern Michigan.

Cottontail rabbit

--Cottontail rabbits can be found throughout most of Michigan but are less common in the northern portions of the state.

--Cottontail’s prefer areas with ample vegetation and hiding places such as brush piles and thickets.

--Summertime foods include grasses, clover, and garden vegetables.

--In the winter, cottontails eat twigs, buds, and bark of many shrubs.

--Breeding can take place between March and September and adult females could have up to three litters in a year. Rabbits can breed at 2-3 months old. Females from the first spring litter can breed that same summer.

--Baby rabbits are born about a month later with little hair and their eyes closed. A cottontail’s litter is usually 3 to 8 babies. The mother only visits her nest once or twice a day to nurse her young. After about three weeks the young rabbits are weaned and on their own.

--Many predators seek cottontails as prey such as coyote, fox, hawks and owls.

Snowshoe hare

--Snowshoe hares are primarily found in the northern two-thirds of Michigan.

--Snowshoe’s prefer forests with thick understory and are often found in places like coniferous forests, cedar bogs, and spruce swamps.

--Snowshoe hares are well adapted for snow with their large hind feet, which help the animal travel over the snow. Snowshoes also lose their brown summer fur and get a white coat for the winter, giving it excellent camouflage.

--Hares eat grasses, buds of woody plants, and needles from conifers. Snowshoe hares may even eat meat and scavenge a meal from a carcass!

--Breeding takes place between March and September and adult females may have 2 to 4 litters a year. Young are born after about a month and the female simply hides them under a log or shrub. Young snowshoe hares are born fully furred and their eyes are open (unlike cottontails). Young snowshoes also will hide in separate places and only come together once a day for feeding and they are weaned after about four weeks.

--Predators like large owls and coyotes will prey on snowshoes.

Rabbit/Hare hunting

--Small game hunting for species such as rabbits and hares is a great way to recreate and put wild game on the table. Rabbit and hare seasons are based on principles of wildlife management that allow for the harvest of animals from the population sustainably. Populations can be monitored through harvest surveys and other data to ensure harvest regulations are appropriate and that populations are managed appropriately.

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Michigan House Report

By Dr. Hank Vaupel,
47th District

I recently introduced a House Resolution to declare May 2018 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Michigan. While the C.A.R.E.S. mental health task force I co-chaired has submitted its findings, the work is just beginning. Eleven bills designed to help those with mental health issues have already been approved by the House of Representatives, and 23 more are currently under consideration by committees. I continue working to find solutions to mental health challenges, and public awareness of the issue is a big part of moving forward.

I was honored to help recognize local 911 emergency telecommunication dispatchers at a ceremony last Friday. These selfless men and women provide professional service and dedication while facing great stress. They deserve our appreciation for all they do. Congratulations to Dan Stevens for winning Employee of the Year, Meghan Kautman on receiving the Award of Excellence and Appreciation, and Lori Bourbeau for her 15 years of service!

It was another busy week attending events throughout the county. I was present for The Arc of Livingston's Stepping Stones for a Successful Transition program co-hosted by the Livingston Educational Service Agency. The program offers assistance for adults with developmental disabilities. Thank you to all who participated and helped with this important event and opportunity.

I presented a state tribute to Clay McKenzie at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Eagle Scouts provide tremendous community leadership and service, and achieving the rank of Eagle Scout is a major accomplishment. Clay's work with the Connection Youth Services is commendable, and I know he has a bright future ahead.

I also had the chance to see the Fowlerville Community Players perform "Annie." It was a great performance that highlighted some of our tremendous local talent.

On Thursday, I was pleased to welcome Adam Coon to the House floor to present him with a state tribute. Adam is a Fowlerville High School graduate and senior at the University of Michigan. He is one of the top college wrestlers in the country, and he is currently training to qualify for the 2020 Olympics in addition to maintaining his 4.0 grade point average. Adam has accomplished amazing things, and I look forward to seeing his future successes.

I was humbled to be presented the 2018 Jean Chabot Health Policy Champion Award as part of National Public Health Week. I am honored to take a leadership role in working toward a healthier and safer Michigan and am proud of what we have accomplished. I will remain committed to this important cause.

It was another successful year for the Livingston County Home Show and Taste of Livingston. Well done to the Howell Chamber of Commerce for putting together such a

great event. I enjoyed seeing everyone, and I look forward to next year!

Thank you to all who attended my April office hours. I hope you'll be able to join me again next month on Friday, May 18 at the following times and locations:

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

--4 to 5 p.m. at Biggby Coffee, 11325 W. Highland Road in Hartland; and

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

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

Fowlerville FFA invites public to Annual Chapter Banquet on May 6

You are invited to the Fowlerville FFA annual chapter banquet. This opportunity allows us to honor all members of the chapter and the hard work they have completed this past year, alongside recognizing our sponsors. FFA has given us many opportunities throughout the year that we look forward to recognizing. This event will be held on May 6 at 4 p.m. in the Fowlerville High School Cafeteria. A meal will be provided by our chapter members and if you would like to bring a dish to pass you are welcome to! Please RSVP for the event by April 31, 2018. You may RSVP by phone at (517)223-6054 or by email at fowlervilleffa@gmail.com.

We are also seeking donations for our silent auction, which will be held during the banquet. All proceeds from the silent auction will go to benefit the chapter development. If you would like to donate a gift certificate, basket or other item, please contact us at (517) 802-8454.

Lastly, we are searching for Fowlerville FFA jackets from 1988 and earlier. Our members would like to use them as decorations at our banquet and would like to recognize the past members who own them. If you have a jacket you would be willing to lend us for the banquet, please email us at fowlervilleffa@gmail.com. Thank you!

Card of Thanks

'Team for Destiny' wishes to thank everyone who volunteered, donated, came out, and otherwise showed your support for our benefit dinner on behalf of Destiny Coselman that was held on April 7th at the VFW Post in Fowlerville.

Vaupel announces re-election bid for third term as state representative

State Rep. Hank Vaupel, R-Fowlerville, has filed to maintain his position representing the people of Livingston County.

The second-term lawmaker currently serves as chairman of the House Health Policy Committee where he has advanced legislation to combat the state's rising opioid crisis, improve mental health care, and increase access to resources for parents of children with Spina Bifida, among many other efforts.

In addition to his work on health policy matters, the former Handy Township supervisor has supported recent House measures to decrease taxes, increase road funding appropriations, eliminate driver responsibility fees, reform the state's auto insurance system, give more control to local governments and stand up for his fellow veterans.

"I'm proud of what's been accomplished throughout my first two terms in office," Vaupel said. "There's a lot more to be done, and I intend to continue working my absolute hardest to represent the interests of my friends and neighbors in Livingston County."

Vaupel was a veterinarian for over 40 years and has been an active member of the Livingston County community, formerly holding such positions as Secretary for the Village of Fowlerville DDA, Board Member of the Fowlerville Area Fire Authority, service and Church Council President at St. John's Lutheran Church.

During his time as state representative, Vaupel has invited community members to join him for local office hours three times a month every month, without failure.

"The most important thing I can do is listen to the people who elected me to stand up for their interests, and I will certainly continue that practice if entrusted with a third term," the representative said.



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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES *SYNOPSIS MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2018

*A synopsis is a brief summary of the motions that were made at the meeting. The complete set of minutes can be viewed on the web site at www.fowlerville.org

The Regular Village of Fowlerville Council Meeting was called to order by President Hill, at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers.

Trustees present: Bell, Bielous, Heath, Mailloux and Schultheis. Absent: None. Also present: Village Clerk/Manager, Kathryn Arledge, Chief of Police, John Tyler and Village Attorney, David Stoker.

MOTION HEATH, SECOND MAILLOUX, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS PRESENTED. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION HEATH, SECOND BIELOUS, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, CONSISTING OF ITEMS 6.a. THROUGH 6.f., AS PRESENTED. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION HEATH, SECOND MAILLOUX, TO SCHEDULE PRESENTATIONS FROM 4 OF THE 6 APPLICANTS. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION SCHULTHEIS, SECOND MAILLOUX, TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FOWLERVILLE AND THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL 243. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

Each Village Council Trustee evaluated the Village Manager using a scale of 0 to 4; the rating description is as follows:

RATING		
Points	Category	Description
0	No Opinion	Evaluator cannot make a judgment, question does not count for or against, not included in the average score.
1	Below Expectation	Makes effort, but does not exhibit quality or performance up to minimum expectations. Needs improvement
2	Meets Expectations	Exhibits this quality or meets minimum expectations. Acceptable.
3	Exceeds Expectations	Exceeds minimum expectations and requirements. Good Effort.
4	Outstanding Performance	Consistently performs in an exceptional manner and exceeds minimum expectations. Exceeds Expectations

Village Council Name	Average Score
President Hill	3.9
Trustee Bell	3.8
Trustee Bielous	3.8
Trustee Heath	3.2
Trustee Mailloux	3.2
Trustee Schultheis	3.9
	3.6 Overall Average Score

Village Manager, Arledge thanked the Village Council Trustees for their feedback and kind comments regarding the evaluation and stated there is always room for improvement, I am proud to represent the Village Council and look forward into moving the Village forward with them.

MOTION BELL, SECOND HEATH, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:55 P.M., VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathryn M. Arledge, CMMC
Village Clerk/Manager
(4-22-18 FNV)

Livingston County Catholic Charities holding charity golf outing May 19

A charity golf outing being held on May 19 to raise money for the Livingston County Catholic Charities, with proceeds going to foster children. The outing will be at the Chemung Hills Golf Club, 3125 Golf Club Rd, Howell.

Registration is at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Cost is \$90 per person or \$360 per foursome. The event includes continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, hole in one and other prizes, silent auction, dinner and more!

The golf outing is sponsored by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Sarah Regan Division Livingston County.

Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/golf-charity-outing-registration-45069103903> or contact Ann Lezotte at atlezotte@yahoo.com. You can also find the link on LCCC's website at www.livingstoncatholiccharities.org.

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World Tai Chi Day being held Saturday

The World Tai Chi Day is being held on Saturday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bennett Recreation Center in Howell. This annual event aims to promote and educate the world about the benefits of practicing Tai Chi. The relaxed, slow, graceful, balanced, and coordinated movements increase the flow of chi (energy) and reduce anxiety, depression, and pain. This celebration is the perfect opportunity for practitioners of all skill levels to meet others and become more aware of the benefits of Tai Chi.

Site: Bennett Recreation Center, 925 W. Grand River Ave. Cost: FREE.



Steve Horton Column

Interesting News for the Fowlerville Area

As a newsman, the past few weeks have proven interesting. I think others in the Fowlerville community would say the same.

It began in early January with the public announcement that a company was looking at the possibility of building a gas-fired electric generation plant in the southeast corner of Handy Township. The scope of this project, if it eventually occurs, would have significant economic development benefits, but also poses environmental implications.

It would also have an impact on the surrounding neighborhood—or little impact at all—depending on who you talk to.

However, before the company could move ahead with much vigor on this proposed facility, the land had to be rezoned. And in order for that to happen, the Handy Township Planning Commission needed to hold a public hearing and offer a recommendation, followed by the Livingston County Planning Board doing the same, and finally the township board making a final decision.

All of that process has occurred, with the rezoning being approved earlier this month. But, meanwhile, there was much comment—both pro and con—on the merits of the project. I reported on two of those hearings, attempting to portray the points made by different speakers. In addition to these meetings, I covered a presentation given by the company's project manager to members of the Fowlerville Business Association, outlining what the plant would look like and how it would operate.

Over the years, I've attended a number of public meetings where residents spoke passionately about a given matter. When there's a sharp difference of opinion, the debate between the differing sides has often become quite spirited. These recent hearings were similar in emotional intensity, with only the details of what was being argued differing.

But while the debate had a familiar echo, I have learned a lot more about how a gas-generated electric plant operates than I thought possible. This occurred for the simple reason that, in order for me to adequately explain to readers how the plant would operate, I first had to grasp the details—no small feat. Hopefully, I did this in an adequate fashion. Now all I have to do is remember what I learned.

WHILE THE NEWS ABOUT THE ELECTRIC PLANT was not something I had foreseen, or had any inkling of until being told, the decision by the Fowlerville Board of Education to seek a bond issue for the purpose of funding various improvements and renovations to the existing facilities and grounds was anticipated.

The board and administration do not pull such proposals "out of the hat," but rather build slowly to a final vote. Studies are done, reports are given, and discussions are held.

Still, once the decision is made and the specifics outlined, it becomes a matter of major importance for area residents.

It's been awhile since school officials have gone to the public seeking approval of a bond issue—the last time being to add onto what was then the junior high school and turn it into the high school. The project had other features, involving other buildings, but this was the major thrust of the proposal. Part of the enhancement for this new high school included a Center for the Performing Arts.

Obviously, the request passed, and the high school students and staff have enjoyed a very nice building in the years since its completion. And the larger community has this modern educational facility to show for its support and investment.

The bond issue of \$17.5 million that will be on the May 8th ballot does not offer a new schoolhouse, but is more about "taking care of what you have"—of not letting equipment or infrastructure deteriorate, of making prudent upgrades in such areas as lighting and furnace boilers, and of creating a safer school environment by installing security systems at the entrances of each of the buildings to monitor access. This access includes keeping the doors locked, a visual camera and intercom that allows school staff to identify who's at the door and the reason for their visit, and then (and only then) releasing the lock.

Given what's occurred at schools around the nation, the tragic killing of students and staff, no school official worth his or her salt would advocate continuing "the good old days" of people having unfettered access.

But the last bond issue came in response to a growing

student population and with the community, like the rest of Michigan and the nation at that time, enjoying economic good times. A bursting of the housing bubble and an economic recession have taken place during the intervening years, and the area has only recently been experiencing a rebound in new housing starts and the fruits of an improved job market and low unemployment.

I point this out because a bond issue is, in essence, a judgment by residents of what direction they wish to see the school district go—whether to invest in those improvements or stand pat with the status quo, along with whether they see a need or not. It is also, to some degree, a measure of the importance and worth a community puts on education as a social good.

And, finally, it is an expression of people’s view of the future—an optimistic one or less so.

STILL ANOTHER DECISION ABOUT THE FUTURE will be made by residents of Conway Township later this year. This decision is the result of a study done by an advisory panel on the costs of installing fiber-optic lines to residences, with the intent of providing high-speed internet to this rural area. After hearing the report and the costs, the township board has voted to put the proposal before the voters.

Figures at this point are “conservative estimates”, meaning officials want to error on the side of caution, but what the board will be seeking on the November General Election ballot is an amount not to exceed \$5.7 million. This would equate as an annual levy of 3.395 mills over a period of 20 years.

An increase in property-tax revenues is about the only means a rural township (like Conway) has to pay for major capital improvements, be they roads, sewer and water services, or in this case, the infrastructure needed for high-speed internet.

Bonding for the improvement and making the payment from the General Fund is one way; however, Conway doesn’t have that much money available to cover the yearly payments for this size of project. Establishing a special assessment district whereby the people within that district pay extra taxes to obtain a desired service or improvement is another alternative. But those wanting high-speed internet are scattered throughout the township, negating this option.

In the short-term, if you want or need this service, then the proposal is a great idea. If you don’t have a need or want, then you’re likely saying “Why should I pay for it?” If your property assessment is low, then the extra taxes will be modest and less burdensome. However, if you own a lot of acres, then you end up paying more than your fair share.

But the same is true of the school bond millage. Or, for that matter, any property tax levy.

So, like the proposal being put forth by the school with its bond issue, this special internet bond issue presents longer-term considerations for Conway Township residents. These include judgments on future direction and the priorities of public funds.

And questions such as: Is this a prudent investment to make over 20 years, given the changing technology? and Will it bring both the tangible and intangible benefits to the area in terms of economic development and quality-of-life, similar to what occurred with the electrification of rural areas during the 1930’s?

Do we invest in the future, even if we don’t personally benefit from it or might not be around to enjoy the potential rewards? Do we embrace the utilitarian view of “the greatest good for the greatest number”? Or is this a ‘bridge too far’?

An electric plant, security systems at the school, and fiber optic lines that provide high-speed internet... the times are changing, or might change in Fowlerville.

Much to consider, which makes for interesting news—both for the newsman and others in the community.

Donations being accepted for upcoming Gramma’s Attic Sale at fairgrounds

There’s still plenty of time to get your donations in for the annual Spring Gramma’s Attic Sale, benefitting the Livingston Centre Historic Village. Drop-off will at the Fairgrounds on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 15 and 16, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Your generosity is appreciated.

For those needing to donate items earlier or needing assistance and transportation, please let us help you help us. Contact Marj Carlon at 517-223-3831 or Mike Dunn at 734-673-1034 to make arrangements or to schedule a pick-up. Now’s a great time to continue organizing your home and complete your spring cleaning!

Most all of your good-condition items are accepted and welcome! Please make sure everything is in working order and nothing is broken. We accept almost all household, hardware, pet, and personal items. Remember: NO electronics such as TVs, computer towers or monitors.

All profits from the Sale, (Thurs., May 17 through Sat., May 19; 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) are used in the restoration and maintenance of the eight historic buildings in the Village near the back of the Fowlerville Fairgrounds.

Livingston County Habitat for Humanity holding fundraiser April 28

“Home is the Key” is the theme of Livingston County Habitat for Humanity’s signature event on Saturday, April 28. The event begins at 6PM at Cleary University Johnson Center, 3750 Cleary Drive in Howell.

The evening will include a cocktail hour, an excellent dinner, entertainment by “THREE MEN and a TENOR”, and a live and silent auction. Emcee and auctioneer for the evening is the fabulous Chris Swanson; author, motivational speaker and Iron Man triathlete. During the cocktail hour, guests will enjoy inspecting outstanding work of local artists who have created superb examples of a variety of re-purposed and re-finished items acquired from the Habitat ReStore. Local experts will judge the items and guests will choose a “people’s choice” winner. All pieces will be auctioned at the end of the evening. Cash bar available.

Some of the items available on our silent auction are: African safari, Jewelry, Weekend getaway experience packages, Restaurants, Golf packages, Sporting and fitness packages, Car care package with a full automotive detail, and much more.

Tickets for the event are \$50 per person and are available online at www.livingstonhabitat.org or at the Habitat ReStore, 7198 Grand River Road, Brighton. For more information on the event, please contact Karla Macelli, Resource Development Director at 810-220-9986 ext. 114.

Livingston County Habitat for Humanity helps local families build strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter. This is done in a partnership with families to provide “a hand up, not a hand out” and allow the purchase of a home they would otherwise be unable to afford. It is life changing for the partner families. All the proceeds from this event go

toward housing affordable housing for partner families. Livingston County Habitat for Humanity, serving Livingston County since 1992, is a nonprofit, ecumenical, non-denominational Christian-based housing ministry dedicated to making adequate, affordable shelter a matter of conscience and action in Livingston County

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
OF HANDY TOWNSHIP
TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
DATE CHANGE
FROM MAY 8, 2018
TO MAY 2, 2018**

The Handy Township Board has **re-scheduled their regular meeting date of Tuesday, May 8, 2018 to Wednesday, May 2, 2018. The meeting will begin at 4 p.m.** in the Handy Township Board Room, located at 137 N. Grand Avenue, Fowlerville, (please use rear entrance). The Public is always welcome to attend.

Laura A. Eisele, Handy Township Clerk
(4-15, 4-22 & 4-29-18 FNV)



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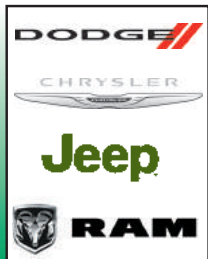
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