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Jon & Mary Johnson are getting ready for the 'All Grown Up' Prom that will be held on Saturday, February 10th. They're shown here at Aleta's Flowers and Gifts, checking the corsages. Tickets are still available.

# Still time to attend the 'All Grown Up' Prom on Saturday, Feb. 10th

Fundraiser to Benefit Family Impact Centers KNOCK-KNOCK! 'Who's There?' ORANGE! 'Orange

ORANGE YOU GLAD THAT 'PROM' IS ALMOST HERE! Final Call to order your tickets for this one-of-a-kind fundraiser to benefit Family Impact Centers. YES, a "Prom Nite" for adults that includes music by DJ Ron Johnson, dancing, special entertainment by the 'Unfettered,' hors d'oeuvres, delectable desserts, punch and coffee. This event is being sponsored by the FHS Theater Tech Club and The Unfettered.

The "All Grown Up" Prom is being held on Saturday, February See you February 10th.

10th from 7-10 p.m. in the Fowlerville High School Cafeteria. (Enter Main Entrance of the Alverson Center for Performing Arts.) Dress in your choice of prom attire and bring a spouse, a friend, or a group for only \$15 per person.

It's still not too late. We will take reservations through Feb. 7 by email: sheilalarson67@yahoo.com or phone Sheila at 517-861-9139.

Consider bringing personal care items and/or paper products as a donation for the Family Impact Center's Food Pantry. Each item will count as a vote for your chance to be crowned the "Prom" Queen or King!

Questions may also be messaged on FACEBOOK @theunfettered or on TWITTER @TUnfettered.



# Popular children's author & illustrator visits Fowlerville **District Library**

By Beth Lowe,

**Library Events Coordinator** On Wednesday, Jan. 24, Fowlerville District Library was visited by the popular children's author and illustrator, Ruth McNally Barshaw; author of the Ellie McDoodle series. She was a generous and engaging presenter! She shared many personal stories, life lessons, drew drawings and told a story; all based on suggestions by the students who attended.

During her visit here, she shared her writing process which is based on her personal Ms. McNally journals. Barshaw generously passed around her personal journals; from her very first journal to a tiny journal with only doodles in it to more elaborate current journals. Her personal journals included short stories,

observations, doodles, and drawings detailing various parts of her life. One of the many life lessons she shared was that "YOU make the rules of your own journal! It's YOUR journal, it's YOUR life!"

She showed the students how they can make their own journals from paper and recycled cereal or snack boxes. Many of the participants were inspired by Ms. Ruth McNally Barshaw to make their own journals and start journaling through both text and art. She challenged the students to "keep all of their art. It is more important to show improvement than it is to be perfect."

During the drawing and storytelling part of the presentation Ms. McNally Barshaw had the students tell her an animal, and a couple of jobs to create a one-of-a-kind piece of art with them. The students chose a jaguar, a mechanic, musician and artist. No matter what a student shared with her, she included it in her story that she drew and told with the group. An important life lesson that she shared while drawing characters and storytelling is that "it's okay to make mistakes" because she claimed that jaguars and cars are both challenging subjects for her to draw. However, the audience, both adults and students, were impressed with her drumming, sculpting, oil-changing jaguar mechanic named Abby Rhodes!

Ms. McNally Barshaw stayed over the expected presentation time so that she could interact on a one-on-one basis with each student that participated. Not only did she personalize every book inscription that she signed, she drew each child a personalized picture with it!

All the art that Ruth McNally Barshaw created during this event, she donated to the Fowlerville District Library or gave to the students. Her art will be proudly displayed in the new home of the Fowlerville District Library. Ruth McNally Barshaw is an inspiring person as well as a stimulating presenter! We are looking forward to having her back in the future!



Ruth McNally Barshaw drew pictures and told a story during her presentation.

# Fowlerville Boys Varsity Basketball Teams splits games during past week

The Fowlerville Boys Varsity Basketball Team split the two games it played during the past week. The Glads lost a league game at Eaton Rapids on Friday night, Jan. 26, by a score of 67-50. Geofry Knaggs led the way with 22 points and 11 rebounds Caiden Collins scored 15 points and Brady Salter added 12

Last Tuesday, Jan. 30, the varsity boys traveled to Stockbridge and defeated the Panthers 63 to 57. Knaggs led the way with 22 points and 16 rebounds. Collins added 14 points with five assists and Salter had 12 points with 5 assists. Billy Hutchins added 10 points and Josh DuFore had six block shots.

The team is now 6-7 overall and 3-3 in CAAC White Division play. The Gladiators were at Portland this past Friday (past the newspaper deadline) for another conference

match-up and hosts Ionia this Friday in a league game.

# **Plainfield United Methodist to serve Chicken & Biscuit** Supper on Feb. 10

A Chicken and Biscuit Supper will be served at the Plainfield United Methodist Church, 17845 M-36, north of Gregory on Saturday, Feb. 10, starting at 5 pm. Free will donation. Take outs available. All are welcome.



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# **Smith Elementary School News**

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

February 8--Family Math Night 5:30-7:00

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February 14 – Student Count Day

February 14 - PTC meeting 6:00pm

February 19 – NO SCHOOL President's Day Recess





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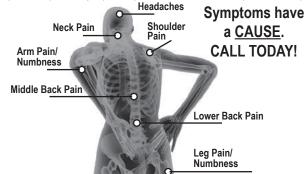
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February 20-DNR Science Assemblies

March 3- MOM2MOM Sale

March 9 – End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester for K-5<sup>th</sup>

March 15 – K-12<sup>th</sup> ½ Day of School - Also Conferences from

1:00-4:00 and 5:00-7:30

March 26 – 30 SPRING RECESS

April 11 & 12 – 2018/2019 Kindergarten Round Up (See Info Below)

2018/2019 Kindergarten Round Up - H.T. Smith Elementary will be holding Kindergarten Round Up for the 2018/2019 school year. There will be a 2-day event at Smith Elementary on Wednesday, April 11th and Thursday, April 12th. The hours are 8:00 - 10:30, 1:00 - 3:00 & 5:00 - 7:00 on both days. You can come either day, during any of the 6 sessions available. Please bring your soon to be Kindergartener with you for a brief screening session with teachers. Also 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 other pieces which can include 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 will be 2 sections of forms to complete, the 1st section must be printed before going to the 2<sup>nd</sup> section. There are approximately 14 total pages to print. Or if you prefer, wait until Round Up. Computers and printers will be available for you to use.

### 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.

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!

Family Math Night is an opportunity for you to bring your child and learn about our fabulous Bridges Math Program. This year it will be held in the cafeteria on Thursday, February 8 from 5:30-7:00. Those attending will leave with some materials and great ideas to work on math learning at home.

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!



# Michigan Senate Report

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

### Michigan Jobs, Michigan Prosperity

Michigan is now the leader in manufacturing job growth in the nation; job creation in other sectors is not far behind. Gov. Rick Snyder, in his State of the State address, noted that we've created more than 540,000 new jobs and that our unemployment is at near-record lows. This is not just an economic win for our state, it also means that more Michiganders are back to work and able to put food on the table for their families.

This turnaround is in no small part due to the financially responsible and business-friendly policies of Michigan's leadership. When we create a positive environment for business we see investment in growth and quality, and individuals are empowered with greater opportunities for jobs with good wages.

As a result of our healthier economy, Michigan unemployment has been cut by more than half and our state's population has actually grown for the last six years in a row. Our kids have always wanted to stay in Michigan and now there are more good jobs to keep them here. The jobs are paying better, too: Michigan is the sixth highest state for income growth.

These numbers should be impressive, but what's really important is that the lives of our friends and neighbors here in Michigan are slowly getting better, too. There are still lots of challenges that need to be addressed, but as our track record shows, you can trust your Michigan legislators in Lansing to do the right thing.

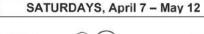
One challenge that Michigan homeowners can address themselves is appealing their property tax assessment. If you believe your assessment is in error, you may appeal to your local Board of Review in March and, if necessary, the Michigan Tax Tribunal. No attorney is necessary. Contact my office at 855-JOE-HUNE or at SenJHune@senate.michigan. gov if you'd like to receive a pamphlet with more information.

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. <u>SenatorJoeHune.com</u>, is also a good resource for information.

# St. John's Episcopal Church serving **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

St. John's Episcopal Church will be serving a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, Feb. 13, from 4-7:30pm. Free Will Offering. The church is located at 504 Prospect St. in Howell. Ouestions call 517-223-8433.

# Spring 2018 Classes at MSD!





aria's School of Dance, Inc. 105 E. Grand River Ave. Fowlerville, MI 48836



www.mariasschoolofdance.com Facebook: Marias Dance



Maria's School of Dance is offering four 6 week beginning classes which will give students a brief introduction to ballet, tap, jazz, and hip hop. The objective is to give the student an idea of what dance is like. It is designed to be a fun and educational experience. Classes will not participate in recital. There will be a 5 student minimum for each class to be held. To register for any of these classes contact Maria's School of Dance at 517-223-0036, mail in the bottom portion or register online at, www.mariasschoolofdance.com.

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  - \$57.00 for 40 minute classes
- Students should wear comfortable clothes they can move easily in.
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### Classes offered:

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# Pastor Tom Tarpley

### **Knowing God's Word**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1 NKJV).

This is the first verse in the Holy Bible. For the remainder of chapter one, the Bible explains how God spoke into existence the universe, the stars and sun, plant life, animal life, and the creation of humankind.

But before the creation there was the word of God which has no beginning and no end. Some people have a problem understanding this truth. They feel that everything has to have a beginning and an end. The reason behind this kind of thinking is because our human and limited way of thinking has no way to comprehend all the wonders of God. We will never be able to fully understand and appreciate the greatness of God until the day we meet Him face to face. Until then, we must rely on the scriptures and follow the traditions of our early ancestors who lived before and during the days of Jesus.

Through divine inspiration God has given us the scriptures found in the Holy Bible as a guide for living as we occupy our tiny miniscule space in the vast world that God created. God revealed his word to the world through over forty different God-fearing men over a period of fourteen hundred years.

The scriptures have been time tested and the words contained in scripture speak to us today as loudly as they did when they were first written. It says in the Bible that *Jesus is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow* (Hebrews 13:8). And we know from scripture that Jesus is the Word. *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God* (John 1:1 NIV). Jesus is the light that came into the world to overcome the darkness which has been created by sin.

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church, believed that everything we believe should begin with scripture. Wesley believed that the life of a Christian should be born out of a convicting knowledge and belief in the scripture, followed by the traditions of our ancestors who worshiped God with passion and zeal that we don't often see today. Wesley then felt that experience and reason were also necessary, if one is to have a well rounded view and understanding of what God requires of all people.

The Bible says: ...without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him (Hebrews 11:6). It also says: faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (Romans 10:17 NKJV).

Therefore, it is essential that we know our Bible and understand as much as our limited minds can comprehend if we want to walk the path that God has laid out for us.

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death (Proverbs 14:12). Trusting in our instincts and relying on our limited understanding without following the teachings found in scripture can lead us down a path that we do not want to follow. In the book of wisdom, known as Proverbs, it tells us not to trust in our own understanding, but in everything we are to put our trust in God and acknowledge his will for our lives (Proverbs 3:5-6). This has always been my "go to" passage when I run into situations and I find myself looking for answers. I know I can trust God and that as long as I do my part, God will do His.

Following Christ is no skip down the yellow brick road. Accepting Christ doesn't mean life is going to get easier and you're never going to have any problems. Quite the contrary. In fact Jesus warns those who will choose to follow him to count the cost before committing to him.

Don't miss this. Following Jesus will cost you some things you may not want to give up. It may cost you relationships, power, money, prestige, health or even your physical life. But not following him will cost you even more. Not following him will cost you everything, including your soul and your place in God's kingdom.

That is why it is important for us to know God's word. God's word contains the formula for daily living. There is power in the word. There is hope in the word. There is peace in the word. There is comfort in the word.

But the primary reason for reading and knowing God's word is because God is the author! We read books written by people on all subjects. Self-help books, mystery books, how-to-develop-wholesome-relationship books, how-to-make-more-money books, do-it-yourself books, books on astrology, science, philosophy, cook books, novels, business, entertainment and celebrities just to mention a few.

If we spent one third of the time reading the scriptures

as we do other books, we would see a change in our lives that surpasses all human understanding. The scripture tells us not to conform to the standards of this sinful world but to be transformed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:2 NIV)

Transformation begins on the inside and is something that God has to do within us. When we spend time in God's word, we are preparing ourselves for God to perform the miracle of transformation in us. It all begins with scripture. If you do not have a Bible, visit our church and we will give you one.

# Fowlerville 4th of July Committee looking for Chili Cook off Contestants

The Livingston County/Fowlerville Fireworks Committee is looking for chili cook- off contestants for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off being held on Saturday, March 10, from 4 to 7 pm. at VFW Post 6464, located at 215 Veterans Drive in Fowlerville. Chili entries will be judged for the following categories: Judges Choice, People's Choice, Spicy Hot, Best Presentation (of decorated table space), Best Business/Organization Entry and Most Unique Chili.

If you would like to enter a chili you can request an entry form by emailing bndbus@aol.com, please title your e-mail: Entry Form Request. Entry forms are also available at the Fowlerville Village Office located at 213 S. Grand Ave. in Fowlerville. Rules for entering are on the entry form and pre-registration is required. For more information call Bruce or Denise Brown at (517) 223-1927. All proceeds from this event go to the July 4th Fireworks Show

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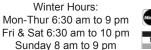
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The Conway Township Board is holding a special meeting February 13, 2018 at 7 pm at the Conway Township Hall located at 8015 N. Fowlerville Road.

The purpose of the meeting is to review the engineering bids for the proposed Internet project.

Todd Anderson Conway Township Clerk (2-4-18 FNV)

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# Fowlerville Junior High **Schools News**

**Important Dates:** 

CSI Store-- Fri. Feb. 9th Student Council Meeting after school-- Tues. Feb. 13th Student Count Day--Wed. Feb. 14th

Semi-Formal Dance-- Fri. Mar. 2nd

FJH WRESTLERS opened their 2018 season with a strong showing at their own invitational on Friday, Jan. 26. Seven schools were in attendance; Jimmy Buurma was the only Gladiator to go undefeated for the evening. Second place finishes were earned by Austin Wilbur, Dalton Daniel, Richard Davis, & Aiden Bradbury. Earning 3rd place honors were Houston Schloemp, Jonathen Davis, Chris Watiker, Clayton Minock, & Beau Baker. GREAT START WRESTLERS.

### **7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Both teams were victorious on Jan. 24th against the Mason Bulldogs.

The Gold (B) Team pulled out a victory, winning 24-23! Leading the Glads offensively was Ava Rajala with 14 points, while Teela Theibert and Gracie Hancock chipped in 4 points each and Ava Campbell added 2. Heidi Curd, Ava Rajala and Teela Theibert created many turnovers for the Bulldogs with their tenacious defense. Although they didn't score, Kaydence Culbertson and Alexis Horvorka helped their team by playing solid defense and boxing out under the boards, giving their team the opportunity to beat the dogs in transition.

The Purple (A) Team won by 2, beating the bulldogs 33-31. Leading the offensive charge was Julia Johnson with 18 points, while Brooke Simon added 7 points and had several assists to her teammates. Katie Bigos chipped in 4 points, while Katie Tait added 3 and Ava Kuch chipped in 1. Although they didn't score, Leyna Baumgartner and Zaylin Rinehart played solid defense for the team. Defensively the Glads were tough, creating several turnovers and beating the Bulldogs down the floor in transition.

### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL

Both teams lost games Wednesday night to Mason. The girls played better and hard but ended the night with losses. The B team score was 18-34, Raelynn Haan had 2 points, Janessa Kilpela had 6 points and Halle Dargie lead the Gladiator scorers with 10 points. The A team lost 15-47. Laela Sirrine had 1 point, Levee Clark had 14 points. The gladiator girls will be playing their home opener next Monday so come out and watch.

# MAKING THE GRADE NOMINATIONS

WHMI, our local radio station in Howell, wants to say a big Thank You to the best teachers in the Livingston County area with the "Making the Grade" contest. They would like to hear about your favorite educator and are seeking nominations of exceptional teachers that are currently working in the Livingston County Area. Name your favorite teacher for them to have a chance to win \$300, a special "Making the Grade" trophy, and a custom coffee mug floral bouquet! This contest is made possible by Hartland Electric, Michigan Educational Credit Union, Stines Family Dentistry, The Elder Care Firm in Brighton, Aubree's Pizzeria and Grill of Howell, and The Scherff Agency and Meemic Insurance. Go to www.whmi. <u>com</u> and click on the 'Making the Grade' icon to access the nomination form. Nominations must be in by February 9th.

# YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Young Scholars Program is a selective pre-college scholarship for high-performing 7th grade students with financial need. This program provides scholarship opportunity for extracurricular learning such as camps, art and music private lessons and more. Students who are accepted will be paired with an academic adviser to plan goals, seek opportunities and review potential colleges. This is a 5 year program.

Who: High achieving (A's and B's) 7th graders with family income less than \$95,000

When: Apply now through March 21 at noon.

For more information about the program and application instructions please go to http://www.jkcf.org/scholarshipprograms/young-scholars/

# YEARBOOK INFORMATION

Yearbook is underway- order yours today! Personalized books are available through March 2nd. 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.

If you have taken pictures that you would like considered for use in the yearbook. Upload them to our Imageshare app or email them to Mrs. Spisz at spiszm@fowlervilleschools. org. Search for "Balfour Image Share" at the App Store

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### **BOX TOPS**

Please clip and send in Box Tops to Mrs. Laesch (Room D1) or the main office. Money earned from box tops collected will be used for Math and Science supplies. Thank you!

### LET IT SNOW-SKI CLUB

The club is open to 5th through 12th grade students. We ski/board at Mt. Brighton every Wednesday throughout the month of February. For further information, please contact Ms. DeLuca 517-223-6250 or <a href="mailto:delucac@fowlervilleschools.">delucac@fowlervilleschools.</a>



### Student of the Week—Sydney Bush By Cassandra Cowger

Congratulations to FHS freshman, Sydney Bush, who is this week's Student of the Week! Sydney also has a sister at Fowlerville High School, Brittany, who is senior this year.

"I feel so honored and glad," she said.

Her school schedule consists of Band, American History, Algebra II, Physical Science, Honors Freshman Literature and Composition, and French II. When asked what her favorite class is, she listed "Algebra II and Physical Science because they involve math and they relate to what I want to

Her favorite teachers are Mrs. Tran, Miss Mossoian, Mrs. Mangan, and Mr. Vanhorn. "They are all wonderful and have pushed me to always be the best I can," she said.

Sydney is on the FHS dance team, and takes part in dance classes at Maria's. She takes ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, hip hop, and modern dance. In fact, one of her favorite memories is shared with her dance team. "It was a Christmas party with all of my friends from dance and we played minute-to-winit games." Sydney also enjoys ice skating and going cross country skiing with her family during her free time.

Sydney's favorite thing about Fowlerville High is the small class sizes. She says she looks forward to "learning life lessons" and "meeting new friends." When looking forward to college, Sydney says her plan after high school is to go to a college for engineering, and to become a mechanical engineer at Nike. She also says she wants to create a device to help people in any way it can.

Sydney's favorite movie is Wonder Woman, her favorite singer is Lorde, and her favorite book is "The Ends of the World". Her favorite quote is by Emma Watson, "Be who you want to be and prove them wrong".

Sydney says if she could go anywhere in the world, she would choose Ireland because "I think it will be beautiful to see and it has lots of history". Her favorite place she has ever visited was Italy. Her favorite memory from that trip she was going to Venice and finding an art store that had lots of interesting art.

Good luck to Sydney with the rest of her high school career, congratulations on being Student of the Week!

# Fowlerville JV Boys Basketball Team wins pair of games this past week

The Fowlerville JV Boys Basketball Team improved its record to 7-5 with a pair of wins this past week. On Thursday, Jan. 25, the Glads earned a conference victory over Eaton Rapids by the score of 52-39. Adam Simon led the scoring attack with 18 points. Josh Leonard added 14 points, while Wes Latson and Cole Deyo each had 8 points.

This past Tuesday the JVs defeated Stockbridge by the score of 45-30. The Gladiators used a balanced scoring attack for the victory. Josh Leonard and Adam Simon had 8 points each. Holdan Artibee added 7 points, while Cole Deyo and Wes Latson each had 6.

# Caleb **Jenkins Column**



### The Chaos of Russia

I have recently started watching a documentary on the history of Russia. Like most people, I could list off the major historical moments of Russia's past, but I realized that I didn't have a lot of knowledge when it came to the overall story of that country and people. So, I decided that this documentary would be a good way to give myself a better baseline understanding of this element of history, and I am happy to say that it has been very intriguing and informative. It just so happens to be a lengthier endeavor that starts way back with the original population movements and societal establishments.

As the film worked its way through Russia's early days, I was grasping a better understanding of just how depressing many of the tales really are, and I began to ponder what it was that made these stories so disheartening. I think the answer is found in the repeated and frequent turmoil that early Russia experienced when one ruler would die and others would rush in to take his place. The rulers were chosen in a dynastic fashion where the son would replace the father as leader of Russia, but there was for the most part little weight or loyalty assigned to the transition of power. Rather than rallying behind their new leader, the elites would try to undermine the new ruler and each other as they all scrambled to achieve that ultimate authority.

In turn, there was this constant fear and perceived need to demonstrate total strength and control, so this led to extreme oppression over the common people and ruthless domination over the elites. Needless to say, this was not a very beneficial system. I would certainly imagine that it is hard to improve as an individual or a society when you are constantly being crushed by your own rulers! The environment was ripe for this sort of hostility, though, since there was little to no order for rules, balance, or legitimacy.

It was rule by power rather than rule by right. It didn't matter if the people chose you or if you were the best suited for the job. All that mattered was whether or not you had the strength and ruthless political cunning to seize control.

That is why I am so very thankful for the rule of law and peaceful transition of power with which we are blessed here in America. When we look over the course of human existence, this peaceful, regulated order that we enjoy and often take for granted today is a very rare occurrence. It is a special miracle that, despite our myriad of differences, we are able to live together peacefully and adhere to the same rules and proper order. There is not a bloodbath every time someone gets elected, and there are not people simply killing everyone above them in order to get to the top. With the blessings of God and the remarkable American governmental and societal system, we are able to experience unprecedented order while still maintaining our freedoms.

And that is something truly remarkable.

# **Kreeger Elementary School News**

Feb. 15, 2018: Please join us for FAMILY FITNESS NIGHT at Kreeger- 5:30-7:30 P.M. Karate, Rockwall, Jazzercise and Healthy Snacks. Any student attending will be eligible to enter the drawing for 1 new girls bicycle and 1 new boys bicycle. The student and parent/guardian must be present to enter drawing and to win.

Feb. 19: Presidents' Day Recess-NO SCHOOL March 13, 14, 15: Vision Screening 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades March 15: HALF DAY/DISMISSAL 12 noon CONFERENCES

1:00-2:00 P.M. SCHEDULED CONFERENCES BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

2:00-4:00 P.M. PORTFOLIO CONFERENCES/OPEN HOUSE

4:00-5:00 P.M. TEACHER'S DINNER HOUR 5:00-6:30 P.M. PORTFOLIO CONFERENCES/OPEN **HOUSE** 

6:30-7:30 P.M.CONFERENCES BY APPOINTMENT March 26-30: SPRING RECESS

**March 24:** Spring Picture Day

### Please call 517.223.6330:

\*If you do not want your child screened for vision. Leave your child's name and teacher.

\*You have a concern for your child and your child is not in the above grades.

### VALENTINE'S DAY HAPPENINGS

Kreeger Student Council will be selling Candy Grams for Valentine's Day this year! They will be sold for 50 cents each from February 5<sup>th</sup> through February 9<sup>th</sup>. They will be delivered on February 14, 2018.

Kreeger will also be selling LARGE heart shaped candy suckers and LARGE red lip suckers this year. These will be sold for \$2.00 each. They will be sold during lunches February 8-February 14.

FYI: Each school building in the Fowlerville Community School District has a Child Study Team/ Response to Intervention process in place, which is a vehicle for staff members to review student performance, concerns, and collaboratively develop interventions. If you have concerns about your child's development and are interested in more information on special services, contact his/her building Principal.

## **Fowlerville Gymnastics Team competes** at 21-team Lakeland meet on Jan. 27

On Saturday, Jan. 27, the Fowlerville Gymnastics Team competed against 21 teams and nearly 200 gymnasts at Lakeland High School, finishing in 9th place. They also helped raise a record amount of money for cancer research.

In Division II, Izzy Litz placed 8th on floor, 8th on beam, 7th on vault & 3rd all around. Bekah Leonard placed 5th on floor. Kenzie Brigham, Lani Burnie, Maddie Moran and Kallie Beauchamp also contributed.

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# **Upcoming Programs at the** Fowlerville District Library

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

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

### **Pop-Up Library** – During All Lunches Tuesday, February 6th at the Fowlerville High School Wednesday, February 7th at the Fowlerville Junior High

At the Pop-up Library, you can get a library card; check in and out FDL books; get help with the Axis 360 app and eBooks; register to attend FDL Teen Programs; get your library questions answered; and talk about books, movies, technology, and games with some cool librarians. And you can tell us your ideas for FDL Teen Programs-We're listening!

### Beyond the Book: Winter's Bone - Thursday, February 8th at 7pm

Adults. Featuring a book and its film adaptation, and some great discussion! Movie-style refreshments will be served. \*Register in person to attend. Registration begins January 18th. Books will be given while supplies last.

Pop-Up Library - Monday, February 12th 10am at Rolling Meadows 11am at Livingston Greene

12pm at Glenwood Apartments

We bring the library to you! You can get a library card; check in and out large print or audio books; get help with the Axis 360 app and eBooks; get your library questions answered; and get one-on-one technology help with your tablet or other small device. You can also visit with Lola, our Therapy Dog.

# Midwinter Coloring Event - Thursday, February 15th at

Adults. Brighten up the night and join your friends at the library to add some color to your life with coloring and conversation at our mid-winter adult coloring event. Light refreshments will be served.\*Register in person to attend. Registration begins February 1st and includes a refundable \$5 cash deposit.

# Share the Love: Card Making - Wednesday, February 21st

Families. Have some card-making fun with your family and friends! We provide the cardstock, stickers, and envelopes, and you provide the designs! We will deliver the cards to seniors throughout the community at our Pop-up Library visits. \*Participation is limited. Register in person to attend. Registration begins February 7th.

# at 5:30-6:30pm



# Area Church Listings



# **Fowlerville Church of** the Nazarene

8040 Country Corner Drive. Fowlerville, MI 48836

9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service

> Rev. Gary Griffin (517) 223-7111

www.fowlervillenazarene.org

# **Calvary Bible** Church

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201 S. Second St., Fowlerville 517-223-8824 www.fowlervillefumc.org Pastor Scott Herald

**Sunday Worship Service** Nusery available

> 10:30am **Sunday School** September - May

> > 9:30am

# **Trinity United Methodist** Church

8201 losco Rd, Fowlerville (Corner of Bull Run & losco Rd) 517-223-3803

Pastor Mark Huff

**Sunday Worship Service** 9:30am

Sunday School 9:30am Youth Group (6-12 grade)

Visit us on Facebook Trinity United Methodist Church



### St. John's Lutheran ELCA 132 S. Benjamin, Fowlerville PO Box 218 517-223-9108

**Pastor Diane Greble** Sunday Worship at 9:30 am Sunday School at 10:30 am Coffee Time at 10:30 am

More information available:

www.stjohnsfowlerville.org All are welcome here in Jesus Christ!

# Place of Refuge **Ministries**

6909 Grand River, Fowlerville (across from Greenwood Cemetery) Pastor Bob Storey

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# **Webberville United Methodist Church**

4215 E. Holt Rd., Webberville

Pastor Martin Johnston

All Ages Sunday School 9:30am

Worship Service 11:00am Church: **521-3631** 

www.webbervilleumc.church

# **Wayside Baptist** Church

2567 Elm Rd. Webberville

**Sunday School** 10:00am **Sunday Morning Service** 11am **Sunday Evening Service** 

Wednesday Bible Study 7pm

# **Antrim Baptist** Church

4509 E. Lovejoy Rd., Byron Youth Pastor Josh Middaugh 517-223-3126

www.antrimbc.org

Sunday School 10:00am **Sunday Morning** Service 11am Sunday Evening Service 6pm Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7pm All services interpreted for

the deaf

# **St. Agnes Catholic** Church

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> Fr. Nathaniel Sokol Sacrament of

Reconciliation: Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00pm

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45pm

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# **Memorial** Lutheran Church & **School**

1022 W. Grand River Williamston 655-2294

**Sunday Worship:** 8:00 & 10:30 am

2070 E. Sherwood Rd. Williamston

## Fowlerville Fire Department Report

Thursday, January 25th, at 9:33 a.m. the department responded to investigate an open burning complaint on Stow Road in Conway Township.

At 11:09 a.m., Saturday, January 27th, personnel assisted EMS on Grand River Ave. in the Village. Firefighters were called to a motor vehicle accident on I-96 in Handy Township

Sunday, January 28th, at 11:22 a.m. a medical emergency on Chase Lake Road in Conway Township was reported. Personnel assisted at a medical emergency on Bull Run Road in Iosco Township at 12:50 p.m. A medical on Meadowlawn Drive in Handy Township was reported at 2:52 p.m. At 4:29 p.m. the department responded to a medical emergency on Hazelnut Street in the Village. Firefighters were dispatched to a medical emergency on I-96 in Handy Township at 4:44 p.m.

The department responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries on Bull Run Road in Iosco Township at 4:30 a.m., Monday, January 29th. At 4:17 p.m. firefighters were dispatched to a medical emergency on Grand River in Handy Township. A motor vehicle accident on Bull Run Road in Iosco Township was reported at 5:32 p.m. At 7:52 p.m. the department was called to a medical emergency on Nicholson Road in Handy Township.

At 6:56 a.m. Tuesday, January 30th, a medical emergency on Samantha Drive in Handy Township was reported. Firefighters were called to West Fork River Drive in Handy Township to standby at a natural gas leak at 10:39 a.m. Personnel assisted EMS on Grand Avenue in the Village at 11:18 a.m. The department responded to remove a tree blocking Gregory Road in Iosco Township at 5:36 p.m. At 7:21 p.m. a medical emergency on Garden Lane in the Village was reported.

The department was dispatched to a medical emergency on Eagle Ridge in Handy Township at 3:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 31st. At 11:21 a.m. personnel responded to Cass River Drive in Handy Township to assist at a medical emergency. Firefighters were called to a medical emergency on Cass River Drive in Handy Township at 3:57 p.m. A medical emergency on Meadow Lane in the Village was reported at 4:51 p.m. and a fifth medical emergency, on Manistee River Drive in Handy Township, was at 10:01 p.m.

# Baker College offers GED info at Pathways Adult Education Workshop

Many adults want to work but are not qualified to fill the jobs that are available because they lack a high school diploma or GED certificate. At Pathways Adult Education we use books and online courses which lead to increased literacy, high school diploma completion, and GED attainment. Combined with the workforce skills we teach, the groundwork is laid to meet the basic skills required by employers.

Learn more about the Pathways Adult Education program or to answer your questions about the GED test, please attend a free workshop on Tuesday, March 13, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. It will be held in room 1421 which is on the second floor of the Curwood Building on the main campus of Baker College of Owosso. No reservation is necessary.

The next GED testing dates are February 7 and 21 at the Baker College of Owosso Welcome Center on south M-52. Testing is available from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. To sign up for a test go to www.GED.com at least 24 hours in advance. Please call (989) 729-3620 for more information.



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# —Area Deaths—



Todd Menard Fowlerville, Michigan

The son of Joann and Richard Menard, Todd Menard was born September 8, 1976 in Detroit, Michigan and passed away January 28, 2018 in Lansing Michigan at the young age of 41.

If you knew Todd, you knew how much he loved golf, playing on the Michigan Amateur Tour and playing all over the country. He enjoyed all types of sports.

Todd will be treasured in memory by his parents: Joann and Richard Menard, stepchildren: Joseph and Cecilia Highouse, step-grandson: Declan Buckley, brother: Scott (Tabitha) Menard, sister: Karen LaCombe (Menard), nieces and nephews: Martin and Mara Menard, Tyler and Logan Greer, Blake and Peyton Menard, Max LaCombe, and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Preceding Todd in death are his grandparents: Henry and Marion Parent, and Herbert and Eileen Menard.

The funeral mass took place Friday February 2, 2018 at St. Mary Catholic Church, Williamston. For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to: Making the Turn Against Parkinson's, 1861 Rowley Road, Williamston, MI 48895. www.makingtheturngolf.com

The family is being served by Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, Williamston Chapel.

# The Breathers' Club meeting Feb. 13 at St. Joseph Livingston Hospital

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

Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at noon (12:00 p.m.) in the Board Room (2nd Floor: January only) at St. Joseph Livingston Hospital in Howell. An informational speaker and pertinent topic are featured each month. Our next Breathers Club is scheduled for Tuesday, Noon: February 13, 2018. Our Pulmonary Rehabilitation Therapist is available to assist and answer questions. For recorded meeting information call: (517) 545-6020.



### Jennifer Marie Kellev

Jennifer Marie Kelley died peacefully in her sleep early Saturday, January 20, 2018. She was born December 17, 1947 in Howell, Michigan, and spent her early life in Lansing, graduating from Everett High School. She later moved to Fowlerville, where her mother was originally from, with her parents. Jennifer worked for Quality Dairy Offices in Lansing and Citizens Insurance in Howell.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Norma Louise Davis Kelley in 1996 and several aunts, uncles and cousins. Jennifer is survived by her father, Howard Kelley of Paw Paw, Michigan and two brothers, James of Vanderbilt, Michigan and Michael of Fowlerville; three nephews, four great nephews and two great nieces, who were the loves of her life. Watching them play sports was the highlight of her days. She also leaves to mourn her three aunts, two uncles and many cousins.

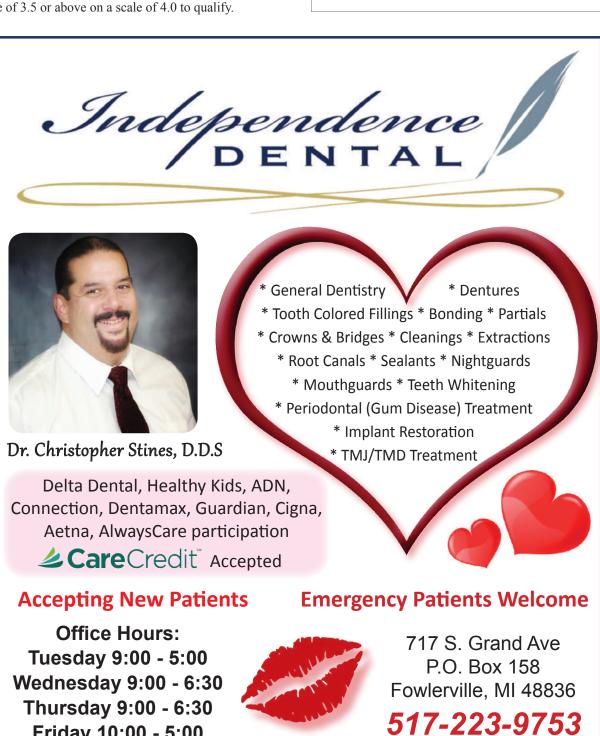
Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 3, 2018 at St. John's Lutheran Church of Fowlerville at 3:00 p.m. Arrangements by: Herrmann Funeral Home. Please leave the family a condolence at pjherrmannfuneralhome.com

# Two Fowlerville students named to Dean's List at Western Michigan

Two Fowlerville students were named to the Dean's List at Western Michigan University.

Charlotte Newstead was on the Dean's List for the 2017 Fall Semester at Western Michigan University with a 4.0 GPA. Bryant Martin was also on the Dean's List for 2017 Fall Semester at Western Michigan. Students must have a class load of 12 credits or more and have a grade point average of 3.5 or above on a scale of 4.0 to qualify.





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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.

SMART ART AT MSU IS BACK FOR THE WINTER/SPRING SESSION. Do you or your child want more art in their life? MSU Smart Art Program is for you. It is open for 7- 18 year olds, starting February 10th through April 21st from 9-11 am. The cost is \$70.00 and covers all supplies. It is taught by students wanting to be Art Teachers. Please access art.msu.edu for more information and enrollment forms. Applications are due Friday, January 19th. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Hesch at 223-6245 or email at <a href="mailto:hescho@fowlervilleschools.org">hescho@fowlervilleschools.org</a>. This is a great program for budding young artists!

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

**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.



**Time is running out to buy your high school yearbook** for the low price of \$55. After Jan. 1st, the price will go to \$65. Go to smart-pay.com and order yours online.

Febreze Air Care Recycling Fundraising Opportunity. The Fowlerville High School Life Skills class is proud to announce our partnership with terricycle that will pay us for recycling! The items that we will be collecting are air freshener cartridges and plugs, Air freshener packaging and flexible film, Air Freshener plastic trigger heads, Febreze One bottles with trigger heads and Frebreze ONE refills. We will be paid \$1/lb of waste we send to terricycle. What I love about this is we do not have to sell anything and we can expand our recycling efforts that my class is already highly involved in. The money that we make will go toward more community based instruction opportunities, and cooking supplies for our life skills class. We have drop boxes at the high school in room C201, at Little Glads, UB church in the student center and at the Fowlerville Library. If you have a business or organization that would be willing to promote and have a drop box added to your location, please contact Deanna Ragland at 223-6145 or e-mail raglandd@

## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Splash & Dash Indoor Triathlon to be held Feb. 11 in Howell

The 8th Annual Splash & Dash Indoor Triathlon will be held Sunday, February 11. Heats begin at 8:30am. This indoor triathlon takes place entirely inside the Howell Area Aquatic Center.

Whether you are new to triathlons, or you are a seasoned veteran this event is for you, so come swim, bike and run indoors with us. Scoring will be determined by the number of laps swam, miles biked and ran during each discipline which are timed for 20 minutes. Awards will be given to the top 3 finishers in each men's and women's age group, and to the overall fastest man and woman.

Competing age groups will be:

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7-8; 9-10; 11-12; 13-14; 15-18; 19-24; 25-29; 30-34; 35-39; 40-44; 45-49; 50-54; 55-59; 60-64; 65-69; 70+.

Howell Area Aquatic Center is located at 1224 W. Grand River. Cost: \$30 for early registration, \$35 day of the race. Contact us: <a href="mailto:parksandrec@howellrecreation.org">parksandrec@howellrecreation.org</a>

517-546-0693 ext. 0 fax: 517-546-6018

# Fowlerville Girls Varsity Team loses to Eaton Rapids, beats Stockbridge

Fowlerville dropped a tough road game against Eaton Rapids 44-39 on Friday, Jan. 26. The Gladiators fell behind early when the Greyhounds opened the game with a 12-0 run. Fowlerville slowly chipped away at that lead, scoring four points in the opening period to trail 12-4 and outscoring their conference foes 12-5 in the second period to enter the half down 17-16.

Fowlerville played a solid second half but was down 31-27 after three quarters of play and was unable to catch up in the final stanza. The loss put the Glads at 4-2 in conference play. Jackie Jarvis had 20 points, while Grace Wallace and Peyton Boden each scored 8 points.

In a non-league game this past Tuesday, Fowlerville started off slowly in the first half, but then played a strong second half to win at home against Stockbridge 48-30. Leading scorers were Jackie Jarvis with 14 points, Elie Smith with 8 points, Ollie Updike with 7 points, and Grace Wallace and Taylor Patterson with 5 points each. A total of eight players scored for Fowlerville. Chelsey Asquith had 13 points for Stockbridge.

In the game, the Glads led 16-9 after the first period and were up 22-13 at halftime. They added to their lead in the third quarter by outscoring the Panthers, 12-15, going into the final stanza ahead 34-18.

Fowlerville was at Portland in a CAAC White game this past Friday (past the newspaper deadline). They host Pioneer this Tuesday and Ionia on Friday. The Glads are now 9-4 for the season.

# Livingston Acoustic Music Society to gather for jam session on Feb. 10

The Livingston Acoustic Music Society (LAMS) Jam Sessions are open to interested musicians, singers and listeners. We include many different instruments, styles of music and levels from beginners to accomplished.

Location: Fowlerville Church of the Nazarene; 8040 Country Corner Dr.; Fowlerville, MI: In the strip mall just south of the I-96 (overpass) bridge on Fowlerville Rd. We are a fun, no obligation, family friendly, music sharing, relaxed, informal group. Open to the public.

Our next LAMS Jam Session is: Saturday, February 10, 2018. Starts: 7 p.m.





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# Savvy Senior Column

By Jim Miller

# How to Find Volunteer Opportunities in Retirement

### Dear Savvy Senior,

What resources can you recommend for locating interesting volunteer opportunities? Since I retired, I've been doing some volunteer work but most of the opportunities I've tried haven't been very satisfying.

Unsatisfied Volunteer

Dear Volunteer,

For many retirees, finding a volunteer opportunity that satisfies your interests, utilizes your talents and matches your availability can be challenging. To help you find an interesting and satisfying volunteer opportunity, here are some tips and online tools that can help you search.

Getting Started

Volunteering is a great way for retirees to make a positive contribution to their community and stay actively engaged, not to mention it's good for your health too. But how can you find the right opportunity for you? Start by asking yourself some basic questions like: What types of organizations or activities are you interested in? What kind of skills can you offer a volunteer organization? How much time are you willing to give? What do you want to gain from your experience (for example, meet new people, learn new skills, help those in need, exposure to a particular issue)?

Once you get a general idea of what you'd like to do, there are dozens of volunteer websites that can help you search for different opportunities in your area.

Most sites work like search engines that let you choose an area of interest and type in your ZIP code or city and state. The sites will then give you a list of opportunities that you can check into. Depending on your interest and expertise, here are some top websites to help you get started.

General volunteer matching sites: To find a wide variety of volunteer opportunities in your community, check out *VolunteerMatch.org*, *IdeaList.org* and *AllForGood.org* – a Point of Light website (the world's leading volunteer service organization) that lets you search for local volunteer opportunities or start your own project and invite others to help you. Also see *HandsOnNetwork.org*, another Point of Light enterprise that connects volunteers to opportunities through more than 250 volunteer centers throughout the U.S.

**Retiree volunteer sites:** If you're interested in opportunities targeting older adults and retirees, some good options include AARP's *CreateTheGood.org*, along with *SeniorCorps. gov*, which matches retirees with community projects and organizations that need experienced volunteer help.

Senior Corps offers three different programs: RSVP, which has a variety of volunteer activities with flexible

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time commitments; the Senior Companion Program that brings together volunteers with homebound seniors who have difficulty with day-to-day living tasks; and the Foster Grandparent Program that matchers volunteers with kids in the community that have exceptional needs.

Government-sponsored sites: There are also a number of government-sponsored websites that can help you look for different volunteer opportunities. To locate dozens of general options in your area visit *Serve.gov*. To find natural and cultural volunteer opportunities in places like national and state parks, see *Volunteer.gov*. If you're interested in emergency preparedness and disaster response volunteer services go to *Ready.gov*. Or, if you're interested in longer-term volunteer opportunities check out *AmeriCorps.gov* and *PeaceCorps.gov/50plus*, which offers a bevvy of three-month

# Gov. Snyder offers plan to improve access to broadband services in state

A comprehensive plan to improve access to broadband services in Michigan will be developed under an Executive Order signed last Monday, Jan. 26, by Gov. Rick Snyder. The Executive Order creates the Michigan Consortium for Advanced Networks, which is directed to establish a roadmap to help strengthen statewide broadband access and connectivity.

"Ensuring all Michiganders have access to secure, reliable and affordable broadband services is an important step in our work to maximize Michigan's momentum long into the future," Snyder said. "Connectivity is a critical component for economic development, academic growth and stronger communities—particularly rural communities. I'm confident that this Consortium will create an innovative roadmap to help strengthen Michigan's foundation for the future by enhancing broadband access statewide."

Executive Order 2018-2 directs the Michigan Consortium for Advanced Networks to identify gaps in broadband service coverage and capacity, current efforts underway to address connectivity issues, and key strategies and recommendations for the state and private sector to pursue to achieve enhanced connectivity. The Consortium will consider recommendations provided by Gov. Snyder's 21st Century Infrastructure Commission's report and must present a plan by August 1, 2018.

Consortium members will represent government entities, the private sector, academia, and stakeholders. Five members will be appointed by the Governor and two individuals will be nominated by the Michigan Speaker of the House and Senate Majority Leader. Six additional non-voting members will include:

- --The Director of the Department of Technology, Management and Budget, or his or her designee;
- --The Director of the Michigan State Police, or his or her designee;
- -- The Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, or his or her designee;
- --The Chief Executive Officer of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, or his or her designee;
- --The Chairman of the Michigan Public Service Commission, or his or her designee; and
- --The Director of the Department of Transportation, or his or her designee.

to two-year programs in the U.S and abroad.

**Professional and executive sites:** If you have expertise in areas like business planning and development, marketing, communications, finance, fund raising, web and graphic design, or writing and editing there are sites – like *Catchafire*. *org*, *TaprootPlus.org* and *ESCUS.org* – that can link you to volunteer opportunities with nonprofit organizations in need. Or, you can help entrepreneurs and small business owners through the *SCORE.org* volunteer mentoring program.

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# The possibility of an electric plant in Handy Township draws opposition

Planning Commission postpones decision on rezoning request & ordinance amendment till Feb. 14

**By Steve Horton** 

Should a gas-fired power generation plant be located on a 145-acre parcel in southeast Handy Township? That was the question that approximately 40 people who attended a recent meeting of the Handy Township Planning Commission were interested in answering.

For most of those who took turns addressing planning commission members during a scheduled public hearing on Thursday, Jan. 25, the answer was a resounding "No."

After the hearing was finally closed, commission member Bob Redinger made a motion to postpone.

Their objections centered on possible environmental problems they felt might occur, the adverse effect on nearby home values, and their opinion that a large electrical plant would alter the "rural character" of the area.

The actual purpose of the hearing was not to consider the merits of this kind of facility locating in this particular area of the township—although that possibility was understandably on the public's mind— but rather to make a recommendation on three proposals:

--whether the Handy Township Master Plan should include this area north of Mason Road and east of Truhn Road, which is next to the Fowlerville Proving Grounds, as Research & Development,

--whether to then rezone the area from Agriculture-Residential to R&D,

--and to make a recommendation on a zoning ordinance amendment, presented to them by the township board, that would regulate a gas-fired power generation plant if one were to located within the township.

Under the process that the township uses, the planning commission can approve the changes to the Master Plan. As for the rezoning request and new ordinance, the commission can approve or reject, but the decisions are recommendations. The county planning commission then does a review and

makes its recommendations. Then the two matters go to the Handy Board for its approval.

After the hearing was finally closed, commission member Bob Redinger made a motion to postpone a decision. He indicated that this would allow for more information to be obtained from both sides. The postponement also addressed complaints by some residents who said that they'd only learned recently about the proposed development.

The commission will take up the matter again at a special meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 7:30 p.m. Because the Handy Township boardroom is small and a sizeable crowd is expected, it will be held at the Fowlerville Junior High Auditorium at 7677 Sharpe Rd

Larry Hummel, the chair of the commission, said that having a sizable number of people show up to the hearing, opposed to the project, was not an unexpected occurrence.

"You expect that," he said. "People who are in favor or who don't live nearby, don't tend to show up."

Hummel said that most of the

people who spoke "wanted to discuss the use of the property," adding, "That's not what we're considering at this stage of the process. We've been asked by the property owners and company to make a recommendation on rezoning the land which also involves the Master Plan. The township board also gave us a Zoning Ordinance Amendment to consider. The use of the property, if it gets that far, comes when a site plan is presented."

He also noted that comments were made about potential air pollution and other environmental matters that don't involve the township, but rather state and federal agencies like the Michigan Dept. of Environmental Quality and the EPA.

Laura Eisele, who is the township board representative on the planning commission along with being the Handy clerk, also pointed out that the commission is making a recommendation, but the rezoning request and zoning ordinance amendment move onto the county and then come back to the township board for an actual decision.

She added that the planning commission does make the decision on a site plan that is presented as well as a special use permit.

Eisele added that the township cannot legally exclude a use, whether it is a gas-fired power plant or a mobile home park or a marijuana dispensary. "If you don't zone for that use, it might still go in someplace," she said.

Eisele also stressed that having the appropriate zoning ordinance to regulate this type of land use (or development) is essential—whether you support the project or oppose it.

"It's important to have language in place to deal with this kind of facility," she said. "If you don't, and the plant ends up in the township, then there's no control. Also, we want it to require a special use permit, not a 'use by right'. That allows us to have some control over the development; to include certain stipulations."

Eisele noted that a zoning ordinance is "a living, working document," adding that, "It's never completed. Times change, so you're constantly changing the ordinance to deal with new circumstances. One of the things that has changed is that there are now gas-fired power plants, owned by private companies who sell to third parties. So we need to have our zoning ordinance ready to deal with that."

She said that at this point a rezoning request has been presented, adding that this is what's being considered.

As far as what prompted the public hearings, Competitive Power Ventures (CPV), an energy company headquartered in Maryland, has taken an option on 145 acres in Section 36 of the township, with frontage on Mason Road. That property is now owned by the Munsell and Krebs families. The parcels are located next to the Fowlerville Proving Grounds which is zoned R&D.

John Hafner, a CPV official, explained in an earlier interview that the company is in the beginning of a two-year due diligence phase to decide if this location is feasible.

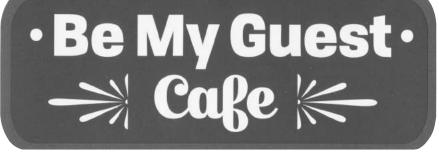
Close proximity to nearby natural gas pipe lines and a high-power electrical transmission line is a key reason the company is interested in building a plant in this location. Those gas lines intersect at the south end of the acreage with a valve station planned at that spot, while the electrical transmission line runs in a north-south direction adjacent to the east boundary.

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# NOTICE TO PUBLIC HANDY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 14, 2018 AT 7:30 P.M. CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION

The Handy Township Regular Planning Commission meeting scheduled for February 14, 2018 will be held at the Fowlerville Junior High School Auditorium, located at 7677 Sharpe Road, Fowlerville, Ml. Please enter through the Auditorium doors. A quorum of the Handy Township Board of Trustees may be present at all Planning Commission meetings. The Public is welcome to attend.

Laura A. Eisele, Handy Township Clerk (2-4 & 2-11-18 FNV)



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# Tuesday, February 13, 2018 - 6:30pm

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- Brief Business meeting.
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"We've done a lot of research and this is a great location," said Hafner. "The Vector gas line is nearby and the Rover line has just been installed. Those sources of natural gas along with the nearby power line made this an excellent site for a generation plant. This is a great community as well."

The company would need to connect to both the gas supply and to the power lines, so a shorter distance would mean less infrastructure cost.

While the properties under option total 145 acres, Hafner said that the permanent impact from the facility and parking area would be between 20 to 30 acres, while the temporary construction impact would use a large portion of additional property. The rest of the land would be available for expansion and also serve as a buffer area.

The potential investment, if the project were to be undertaken, was put at "up to \$1 billion." The company would sell the electricity on the grid to any large user of electricity potentially including investor-owned utilities, municipalities, or co-operatives. It was reported that the amount of power generated would be equivalent to over a million homes.

The plant, if it ends up being located at this site and finds sufficient customers for the power, would employ 24 to 28 workers. The time frame from the start of construction to having the plant operational was ballparked at around three years.

The construction jobs have been estimated at between 300 and 500 people. Revenue-wise, the township would receive the property taxes created by this development. The two other beneficiaries at the local level from this increase in the taxable value would be Livingston County and the Howell Public Schools.

The property owners and the company requested the rezoning to accommodate this type of development. While that is an important step the company has a number of other ones that will need to be taken, studies done, and necessary permits obtained at the township, county, state, and federal levels.

"Part of our due diligence is to make sure our project meets all of the requirements," Hafner explained "There are a number of permits we'd need to get from the Michigan Dept. of Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency as well as from the county involving such matters as air quality, wetlands, wildlife, and drainage."

Hafner noted that the company has been in business since 1999. "During the past five years we've been very active," he said. "We have two of these generation plants that are now in operation in New Jersey and Maryland and three others that are under construction in Connecticut, New York, and Pennsylvania."

Earlier projects included a gas-fired generation facility in Southern California and wind-power projects in Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas.

# Electric plant being considered is in close proximity to residents from four townships

The electric plant being considered at the 145-acre parcel in southeast Handy Township, north of Mason Road and east of Truhn Road would be in close proximity residents in three adjacent townships as well as Handy. The corners of these four townships—Handy, Howell, Marion and Iosco—meet near the intersection of the two roads. A number of the people attending the Handy Township Planning Commission public hearing were residents from those neighboring municipalities.

# Runway Repurposed holding 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fundraiser on Feb. 25

Runway Repurposed, the annual fundraiser that combines the art of fashion design with the creative use of donated clothing and fabric, will be held on Sunday, February 25, 1:00 p.m. at Oak Pointe Country Club, 4500 Club Drive, Brighton. Runway Repurposed is hosted by Grassroots Arts Initiative, a non-profit corporation dedicated to supporting the arts and individual artists of all mediums.

Registration and clothing selection for participating designers was held on January 13, 15, and 20 at Oak Point County Club. At that time, registered designers of all ages selected their choice of donated clothing to create an original garment that will be showcased on the runway at the 10<sup>th</sup> annual competition. Doors will open at 12:00 for guests to enjoy the silent auction, refreshments, and a cash bar followed by the runway show at 1:00 p.m.

There are six competition categories: Young Beginner (up to age 11); Student (12-18); College Design Student; Adult; Avant Garde; and Advanced. The College Design category is new for 2018. All category winners will receive a cash prize and a trophy designed by local

artists.

Contestant designs are

critiqued by a panel of judges.

Tickets for the event on February 23 are available on line at www.grassrootsarts.org or at Bink & Babs, Brighton; J.J. Jinkelheimer, Howell; and Finding Roots, Howell. Ticket price is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

Proceeds from the event provide scholarships for students of all ages in a variety of art disciplines.

For more information, visit Facebook.com/RunwayRepurposed or www.grassrootsarts.org.



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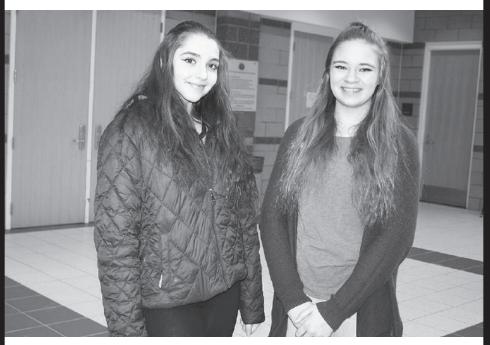
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**Madison Reinhold** - Maddie is another strong leader on our junior varsity cheer team. She leads the rest of her team by example. Each practice and competition Maddie gives 110% and this pushes her teammates to give all they can too. Her desire for perfection is just what this sport calls for. Even when she hits a skill correctly, she does a few more just to make sure. With Maddie's drive and determination, she can do anything she puts her mind to.

Every week through the season two Fowlerville H.S. athletes will be saluted for their efforts. Athletes will be selected by the coaching staff and Athletic Dept. For that "Winning Deal" on a new or used car or truck, see Dick Scott Motor Mall.



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# Legal Notice Fowlerville Community Schools PROCEDURE FOR FILLING SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY

The Fowlerville Board of Education will accept letters of interest and resumes for a vacant board position. The term will last from the date appointed until December 31, 2018. Letters of interest and resumes should be mailed to the address below and must be received no later than Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 4:00 p.m:

Fowlerville Board of Education Sheila Burkhardt, Secretary 7677 Sharpe Road, Suite A Fowlerville, MI 48836

All applicants for this position will receive an interview. Interviews will take place on Monday, February 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the media center at Fowlerville High School.

To be eligible, a candidate must be a registered voter in the Fowlerville School District. In addition, a candidate must be 18 years of age; a citizen of the United States, a resident of the State of Michigan for at least 30 days; and a resident of the Fowlerville School District on or before the 30th day prior to the date of appointment.

For additional information please call Wayne Roedel, Superintendent, at (517) 223-6015.

(1-28, 2-4-18 FNV)

# Webberville Elementary School holding **Kindergarten Round-up on March 2**

Webberville Elementary School is holding Kindergarten Round-up on Friday, March 2. Please call the Elementary Office at 521-3071, extension 7935 between 9:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. to register and get more information!

Children turning 5 years old on or before Sept. 1 are invited to enroll. We look forward to meeting our newest STARS.







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# Webberville Report

# Webberville Community **School News**

A Parent Information Night for Webberville Middle and High School parents is Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 6:00 PM in the high school library. Among the agenda topics: growth vs. proficiency; tardy and attendance policies; vaping and E-cigarettes. There will also be a question and answer period.

The Webberville Daddy/Daughter Dance is Friday, February 9 at 6:30 PM in the elementary multi-purpose room. The cost is \$12 per couple and \$3 for each additional child. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door.

The Webberville High School Choir will perform in the District VIII Michigan School Vocal Music Association Choral Festival. The festival is on Wednesday, February 14 at Holt High School. Webberville's performance is scheduled for 9:45 AM.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Casino Bus Trip to the Greektown Casino is Saturday, February 24. The cost is \$45 per person and includes \$20 in free slot play. Proceeds help fund activities for the Webberville Varsity Boys' Basketball team. For more information or to purchase tickets please contact Sandy Judd at 517-521-3447 x 7969 or Nate Lott at 517-712-3381.

Support Webberville High School artists at the MSUFCU 2018 Student Art Exhibit! Area high school artwork will be on display from January 25 through February 28 at the MSUFCU headquarters on 3777 West Rd in East Lansing. You can also see the artwork and vote for your favorite at www.msufcuart.com. Spartans Mckenna Stubbert, Alyssa McGalliard and Nicolas Gutierrez III have entries in the exhibit.

Prepare for a clash between the Spartans and Gladiators! You are invited to support the Webberville and Fowlerville Athletic Boosters at Trivia Night on Saturday, March 10. The event will be at Munsell Farms, 6850 Mason Rd, Fowlerville. The doors will open at 6:00 PM and trivia begins at 7:00 PM. The cost is \$100/team of up to 8 members. A taco bar and desserts are included. A silent auction, bonus rounds and raffle is also scheduled for the evening. Pre-registration is now through Friday, March 2, as limited seating is available. Contact Martha Munsell 810-599-4891 or Katie Petty 517-

304-4693 for more information or to register.

Webberville Junior **Athletic** Association commissioners are challenging those who are interested in baseball and softball this spring. The first team to fill a roster with a minimum of 12 registered and paid in full players by March 2 will win a pizza party at the last home game of the 2018 season. Additionally, each child registered will automatically be entered for an individual prize per program. Go to www.leaguelineup.com/wjaasportsfor more information and to register.

The Lady Spartan Basketball Program is sponsoring a Dodgeball Tournament on Saturday, March 17. A team entrance fee of \$70/team must be submitted by the registration deadline of March 11. There are three competition divisions beginning as young as 3rd grade. Visit the Athletics tab at register.

# Webberville United Methodist Church to serve Chicken Dinner on Feb. 17

The Webberville United Methodist Church is having its monthly chicken dinner on Saturday, Feb. 17, with oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, vegetables and biscuits. The meal will include coffee, lemonade, and dessert. The dinner will be served 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$9 per adult, \$4 for children 12 and under; pre-schoolers eat free. Webberville United Methodist Church is located on the corner of Holt Road and M-52.

# Williamston Eagles Club hosting **Euchre Tournament on Feb. 16**

Williamston Eagles Club is hosting a Euchre Tournament on February 16th. Show your skills and break the winter doldrums! Registration begins at 6:30 and play starts at 7pm. Cost is \$10.00 per player. Prizes for first, second and third, plus the 'set cup' giveaway and booby prize! Jello shots, 50/50 raffles and food available to purchase. Club is located at 835 High St. Call 655-6510 after 3pm for more information.



### Senior Spotlight—Nicolas Gutierrez, III By Zach Cook

Since enrolling at Webberville five years ago, Nicolas Gutierrez has had many unforgettable memories and made lasting friendships.

"Nico is one unique individual," said fellow senior Curtis Robertson. "He is one of my closest friends. He's a great guy."

Gutierrez is the son of Nicholas Gutierrez, Jr. and Wendy Norris. He has six siblings, and his youngest sister Emily Norris is in the ninth grade at Webberville High School.

Gutierrez is glad to have returned to Webberville Community Schools to finish his high school career.

"Smaller schools are much more comforting, and the staff and friends I have made along the way have made it feel like home," Gutierrez said.

Gutierrez was part of the varsity track team which helped him to keep up with his grades. Gutierrez is a strong student whose favorite class was zoology, because it allowed him to learn more about insects and animals.

After graduation, Gutierrez would like enter the field of entomology because he has always had a love and fondness of insects. He intends to do this by studying at Michigan State University.

He plans to explore the world as much as he can to learn about existing insect species and to try to discover new ones.

As Gutierrez's time in Webberville Community Schools concludes, he would like to leave some final parting advice for the underclassmen that he will be leaving behind."Don't fall behind-- just do your work," he said.

# Williamston Eagles Club hosting night of dancing & fun on Feb. 24

Cabin Fever? Williamston Eagles Club invites you to join us February 24th for a night of dancing and fun! Random Finger Band, a local Howell band, will be our entertainment for the evening. Random Finger Band plays a variety of New Age and Classic Rock music. Club opens at 3pm, with dinner special at 5:30. The band plays 8pm to midnight. Jello shots, 50/50 raffles, Card board game! Bring your friends for a night out! For more info call the club at 655-6510. Club is located at 835 High St. Open to the public and no cover charge.

# Williamston Masonic Lodge to serve farm breakfast this Sunday, Feb. 4

The Williamston Masonic Lodge will hold its next Family Style Farm Breakfast this Sunday, February 4th, from 8 am - noon. The all-you-can-eat breakfast includes eggs, bacon, pancakes, hash browns, toast, applesauce, coffee and milk. Prices are: adults \$8; children ages 5-12 are \$3, and children under 5 are free. The Lodge is located at 141 East Grand River Avenue in Williamston.

Additional dates this season are March 4 and April 8.

# **Dansville Community Center holding Euchre Night on Feb. 17**

Do you like to play Euchre? The Dansville Community Center at 1317 Mason Street in Dansville will be having Euchre Night on Saturday, February 17th starting at 7pm. A donation of \$5 per person is asked to help pay for expenses for the night. Prizes will be awarded. Beginners are welcome. For more information contact 517-521-4547.

# Williamston Area Senior Center

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### **February Events**

Please mark your calendars for this upcoming events – Sunday, February 11, 2018 7:00 pm at the Williamston Theatre a fundraiser for the Williamston Area Senior Center. "The Last Man in Merrinsville", Tickets \$15.00, including the show and light refreshment at the afterglow immediately following at the Red Cedar Grill (cash bar). For tickets, contact Susan Cockerill 517-881-9861 or Karen Bollman 517-290-1317 or John Roy Castillo at the Center or call 517-655-5173.

Senior Citizen Potluck—come join us at the Williamston Area Senior Center Monday, February 5, 2018 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm. Please bring a dish or dessert to pass and a nonperishable item that we will donate to the food bank. If you forget to bring a dish to share that is OK just bring your check book for a donation to the Center.

Free Basic Computer Class for Seniors – Thanks for a grant from the Capital Area Community Foundation we will be conducting two free computer classes in February for seniors. The first one will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2018 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm and the second one will be on Saturday, February 24, 2018 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. During both these sessions we will conduct an open computer activity in which you can bring your I-pads, lap tops, phones and we will provide assistance on their use.

**Valentine Days Holiday--** Wednesday, February 14, 2018. Lunch sponsored by Dr. Robert Watts, DDS. Entertainment, Root Beer Floats, Fish Luncheon and lots of good will.

**Sing Along with Dewey Longuski-** Monday, February 19, 2018, from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the Williamston Area Senior Center. No registration, no fee, just the magical music of Dewey.

**Movies at the Williamston Senior Center** – Grandparents and parents bring your grand kids or children to the screening of a family comedy "*The Secret Life of Pets*." This event will be held on, Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 1:00 pm at the Senior Center. Free popcorn and pop will be provided for any one 12 years and younger or anyone over 60 years.

*"The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel--* Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 12:30 pm. The movie stars Judy Dench, Maggie Smith, Bill Nighy and Dev Patel. Open to all Seniors.

Other February Activities at the Senior Center – On, Thursday, February 1, 2018 have your blood pressure checked by the Willows of Okemos. On Wednesday, February 21, 2018 the County Register of Deeds, Derrick Quinney will be making a presentation on Real Estate Planning. The following presentation will be held at 12:30 pm at the Senior Center; Beating the Winter Blues by Heart to Heart Hospice on Tuesday, February 6, 2018; Home Care by Brookdale

Meridian on Wednesday, February 7, 2018; Elder Abuse by the Tri-County Office on Aging on Thursday, February 15, 2018; and Senior Safety by Chief Yanz from NIESA on Wednesday, February 28, 2018.

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

On any February 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.

# Acoustic Café features Jill Jack & the American Songbook Band on Feb. 9

The Acoustic Café will feature Jill Jack and the American Songbook Band on Friday, Feb. 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. The performance is part of an annual music series held at the historic Howell Opera House that features outstanding Michigan performers and is now celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> year. It's sponsored by the Livingston Arts Council.

Jill Jack's magical connection to her audience is the result of her generous artistry. By combining her gifts as a conceptual visionary with a warm gathering of musical influences, Jill touches that secret heart of ours with her melodies and lyrics.

In her hometown of Detroit, Jill needs no further explanation. She's been lauded in equal measure to her talents. Since 1997 she's won 38 Detroit Music Awards in every conceivable category that applies to a singer-songwriter.

Jill and longtime drummer Ron Pangborn often talked about putting together a project that celebrates the music they both love - The Jazz Standards of the American Songbook. Selecting some of the best musicians in Detroit (Dale Grisa, Takashi Iio, John Barron, and Kris Kurzawa), they have captured the beautiful essence of the music of an era long ago with the American Songbook Band.

The Acoustic Café series runs every Friday night from January 5<sup>th</sup> – March 9<sup>th</sup>. Doors will open at 7:00 pm and the show will begin at 7:30 pm. Open to the public, the cost is \$8.00 at the door, \$6.00 for Livingston Arts Council members.

### **Letter to the Editor**

Livingston Acoustic Music Society (LAMS) is a wonderful group of people who get together the third Saturday of every month and have jam sessions in Fowlerville. (The February jam is February 10, though, due to previous arrangements)

There is a wide assortment of instruments that are played at this jam: fiddles, mandolins, guitars, dulcimers, accordions, harmonicas, banjoes, etc. This group is open to beginner through advanced musicians, singers, and listeners.

I started going to these jam sessions a bit over a year ago, playing the fiddle as well as mandolin. My first time going to LAMS, I was as much of a beginner as possible for the genre of music that is played and only having three years of violin lessons at that point. Before I went to my first Jam, I learned my first fiddle song "Boil Them Cabbage Down" (Mark O'Connor), but now I have a wider music knowledge and can play a growing number of fiddle songs.

That all being said, don't be scared or nervous if you want to go, or afraid that you don't know that genre of music. Everyone there is really receptive and encouraging, especially to beginners and the younger generation "jam musicians." I highly encourage you if you enjoy listening to music or play an acoustic instrument to check this group out.

LAMS meets at the Fowlerville Church of the Nazarene 8040 Country Corner Dr., Fowlerville, MI at 7:00 P.M and ends when the last player drops. I hope to see you at the next jam!

Sincerely, Sarah Kaake



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# VILLAGE OF WEBBERVILLE

	<u> 2018 WC</u>	DA Meeting Schedule	
January	22	July	16
February	26	August	20
March	19	September	17
April	16	October	15
May	21	November	19
June	18	December	17

All starting at 5:30 p.m.

2018 Village Council Meeting Schedule			<u>ıle</u>
January	9	July	10
February	13	August	14
March	13	September	11
April	10	October	9
May	15	November	13
June	12	December	11

Strategic Planning Committee
2018 First Meeting is February 28. Starts at 5:30 p.m.

### Scheduled Community Events

June 8, 2018	Community Picnic
September 21 & 22, 2018	Fireman's Field Days
December 8, 2018	Tree Lighting & Parade

### 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting Schedule

January	23	July	24
February	27	August	21
March	27	September	25
April	24	October	23
May	22	November	27
June	26	December	27

Council & Committee of the Whole meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. All meetings may have a quorum of Council or DDA Members present. All meetings are held in the Village Council Chambers located at 115 S. Main Street. Questions or Concerns? Call/email Jaymee Hord Clerk/Treasurer at 517-521-3984 or jhord@villageofwebberville.com

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# **Capital Area Library Events**

\*Registration required.

WEBBERVILLE

Family Storytime (Ages up to 6)

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

Feb. 7, 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### **Drop-in Last Minute Valentines (All ages)**

Drop in and use our supplies to create your own one-of-akind Valentine.

Feb. 14, 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

### Drop-in LEGO Club (Age 4 & up)

Imaginative play helps develop skills used for reading. Feb. 15, 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

### WILLIAMSTON

### Family Storytime (Ages up to 6)

Engaging stories, songs and activities to help build early

Feb. 7, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

### Harry Potter Book Club (Ages 8-13)

Harry Potter-themed Reader's Theater, quizzes, games

Feb. 5, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### \*Winter Pomanders (Ages 10–17)

Use cloves to create a beautiful winter pomander decoration. \*Registration: 517-655-1191.

Feb. 12, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### Light-up Circuit Valentines (Age 13 & up)

Make light-up versions of the classic candy heart using fun, unique supplies.

Feb. 13, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

### SYSTEM WIDE

### **Black History Month--Sports Columnist Jemele Hill** (Held at Kellogg Center)

Free lecture with Jemele Hill, sports columnist who gained attention when she was suspended by ESPN following social media comments.

Feb. 9, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

### Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center Partnership Celebration (Held at Alfreda Schmidt **Southside Community Center)**

Join us for cake and punch, visits to the new CADL Book Nook and the Mobile Library, photos with Linc, and more. Feb. 12, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

# **Social Security Questions**

# Answered

By Vonda Vantil

### **Social Security Public Affairs Specialist**

Question: If I call 1-800-772-1213, can a Social Security representative take my application for Medicare prescription drug help over the phone?

**Answer:** If an interviewer is available when you call the 800 number, he or she can take your application over the phone. If an interviewer is not immediately available, we can schedule a telephone appointment for you. For the fastest and most convenient way to apply for Medicare prescription drug help, go online to www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp.

Question: I want to apply for Medicare Part B medical insurance this year. When is the deadline to apply?

**Answer:** If you didn't sign up for Medicare Part B medical insurance when you first became eligible for Medicare, you have an opportunity to apply during the general enrollment period, which runs from January 1 through March 31 each year. If you miss the deadline, you may have to wait until next year to apply. Medicare Part B covers some medical expenses not covered by Medicare Part A (hospital insurance), such as doctors' fees, outpatient hospital visits, and other medical supplies. You can learn more about Medicare by reading our electronic booklet, Medicare at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10043.html.

Question: If I have a question about my Medicare bill, who should I contact?

Answer: First, contact your provider. If you are unable to get your question answered or the problem resolved, then contact 1-800 MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). For more information about Medicare benefits, visit www.medicare.gov.

Question: I'm going to visit relatives outside the country for two weeks. Can I still get Supplemental Security Insurance (SSI) payments while I'm there?

Answer: Your SSI usually will stop if you leave the United States for 30 consecutive days or more. Since you are going to be away for only two weeks, your SSI should not be affected. However, it's important that you tell Social Security the date you plan to leave and the date you plan to come back. Then we can let you know whether your SSI will be affected. For more information, visit www.socialsecurity.gov or call our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).



# Steve Horton **Column**

### **General Douglas MacArthur Visits Fowlerville**

"General Douglas MacArthur Will Visit Fowlerville Friday" was the headline at the top of the front page of *The* Fowlerville Review dated Wednesday, May 14, 1952. The sub-head added "Will Speak at Centennial Field."

During that visit, which did not last too long, the General received the keys to the village, gave a brief speech to a large crowd that had assembled, and greeted as many people as possible before leaving town for his next stop. Among those in attendance at this event was Wayne Copeland.

"I shook his hand," Wayne said. "A bunch of us young fellows happened to be at the south end of the football field, next to Hall's Grain Mill where he spoke. He was trying to shake as many hands as possible before leaving."

On that day Wayne was a senior at Fowlerville High School, finishing up his school career, and was set to graduate the following month. A few days later he would become the first recipient of the Fowlerville Rotary Athletic Award. So it was a memorable month for this local lad.

As for General MacArthur, in May of 1952 he was still popular with wide swaths of the American public. More so than President Harry Truman who had relieved him of his command of American and Allied forces in the Korean War on Dec. 6, 1950, in part for going around the president and communicating directly with members of Congress.

MacArthur was still famous, and held in high regard, for his leadership during World War II in defeating the Japanese, including vowing "I shall return" when forced to leave The Philippines early in the conflict and then doing just that. He'd also overseen the American occupation of Japan after the war ended.

Shortly after losing his command and deciding to retire from his military career, MacArthur had made his last official appearance in a farewell address to the U.S. Congress. During that appearance, interrupted by numerous ovations. he presented and defended his side in his disagreement with Truman over the conduct of the war. It was on this occasion that he closed with the words from a barrack ballad popular when he was a cadet at West Point 52 years earlier-"old soldiers never die, they just fade away," adding "And like the old soldier of that ballad, I now close my military career and just fade away, an old soldier who tried to do his duty as God gave him the light to see that duty."

But afterwards, the now retired general did not "fade away." Instead he embarked on a speaking tour that took him around the nation over the next several months.

At that point MacArthur was riding high in public esteem. His removal had caused a storm of public outcry, with polls showing that the majority of Americans disapproved of his removal. As for President Truman, his approval rating had dropped like a falling rock.

In his speeches, the general criticized the Truman administration for its policy in Asia, calling it "appeasement,"

and for its handling of the economy, which he described as "mismanagement."

That barnstorming tour—which many supporters hoped was a prelude to his becoming a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination in the upcoming election—brought him to Michigan in May of 1952.

His itinerary started with an address before the joint session of the Michigan Legislature on May 15.

"Our threat is from the insidious forces working from within which have already so drastically altered the character of our free institutions," he told the legislators.

Wisconsin Senator Joseph McCarthy and others in Congress had, for some time, been leveling charges (usually unfounded) that Communists had infiltrated the American government and other institutions. This conspiracy theory was usually aimed at the Truman administration and other Democrats, so presumably MacArthur shared this view.

The next day, in campaign style, he and his wife, Jean, along with others in his entourage, left East Lansing in a caravan that headed east on Grand River (at that time US-16) with scheduled stops at Webberville, Fowlerville, Howell, Brighton, Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Wayne, Dearborn, and finally ending at the steps of City Hall in Detroit.

The Fowlerville Review, along with announcing that General McArthur would arrive at 8 a.m., said that "Village officials are asking the cooperation of businessmen and residents to display the American Flag that day."

The news report also noted that MacArthur "will be welcomed at each of the stops by the mayor or village president. He and his wife would then become a part of the official party to proceed with the caravan to the Detroit celebration."

Having this honor in Fowlerville would be the village president, J. Gordon Harmon, and his wife, Gladys.

A NEWS STORY IN THE FOLLOWING WEEK'S EDITION reported that "an estimated crowd of 5,000 people" were on hand when General MacArthur arrived in Fowlerville.

"The Fowlerville Band escorted the General and his motorcade to the Centennial Field where a welcome and presentation of the key to the Village was given by President J. Gordon Harmon," the report continued, adding that,

"General MacArthur expressed his appreciation of the reception given him and his thanks for the loyalty of his fellow Americans, expressing his regrets that his stay in Fowlerville was so very brief."

Among those in attendance at the event was Wayne Copeland. At the time Wayne was a senior at Fowlerville High School and would be graduating the following month.

"I shook his hand," Wayne said when asked what he remembered about the visit. "A bunch of us young fellows happened to be at the south end of the football field, next to Hall's Grain Mill where he spoke. He was trying to shake as many hands as he could."

The motorcade then headed along US-16 to Howell, with Mr. Harmon riding with the General and his party and Mrs. Harmon with Mrs. MacArthur. Upon their arrival in Howell, the Harmons were escorted to other cars and continued with the rest of the traveling party to Brighton.

Once in Detroit, the parade had grown to 50 cars with 18 motor police escorting the group to the City Hall. Once there, MacArthur gave a speech that was broadcast on radio and television.

After a luncheon additional stops were made at Highland Park, Ferndale, Royal Oak, Birmingham and Pontiac. The day ended when General and Mrs. MacArthur arrived at the



General Douglas MacArthur.

Willow Run Airport at around 8 p.m. where a chartered DC-6 plane flew them back to their home in New York City.

Like an old soldier, MacArthur's presidential chances, and the size of the crowds, began to fade. Criticizing the president and extolling his accomplishments, while initially well received, did not cause any groundswell of support. The historical accounts indicate that he was not comfortable as a campaigner and not coming out and declaring for office hurt his chances. He apparently pinned his hopes on being a compromise choice if the Republican Convention deadlocked between General Dwight Eisenhower and Senator Robert

In the end he endorsed Taft and gave the convention's keynote address. And, as we know, it was Eisenhower who prevailed.

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\*Set up for sale will be Friday, March 16 starting at 2pm. At that point we can still take in items until 10pm. If these dates and times do not work for you, please contact us and we can work out a time to meet. Maylene Turnbo 517-304-3976 or Amy Jarvis 517-223-6225.

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# Governor announces plan to renew the environment & protect public health

Calls for \$79 million annual investment

Gov. Rick Snyder announced last Tuesday, Jan. 27, a proposal to invest \$79 million annually to help renew Michigan's environment and protect public health. The proposal serves as a replacement to the expired Clean Michigan Initiative Bond; thousands of contaminated sites still exist statewide.

"Michiganders deserve a smart and safe plan to ensure the protection of our environment and public health—today, tomorrow and for generations to come," Gov. Snyder said. "This proposal implements a comprehensive approach to cleaning up contaminated sites while addressing best practices for managing waste and recycling efforts, taking us another step forward in our work to build a stronger environmental foundation for Michigan's future."

Gov. Snyder's proposal is a bold plan to address Michigan's critical environmental needs for brownfield site clean-up, waste management and recycling. Currently, Michigan only recycles 15 percent of our waste—one of the lowest recycling rates in the nation. Michigan also has the lowest fee for disposing of waste in landfills in the Great Lakes basin, which has resulted in 17 million tons of trash being disposed of annually in our state. Further, 25.5 percent of waste disposed in Michigan comes from other states and Canada.

To reduce waste in Michigan landfills, Gov. Snyder is proposing an increase to the current landfill dumping fee from \$0.36 per ton to \$4.75 per ton. This increase would generate \$79 million annually to fund critical environmental

protection needs while enhancing Michigan's recycling efforts and waste management planning initiatives. Other Midwest states charge as much as \$13.00/ton.

The cost of Gov. Snyder's proposal would be, on average, \$4.75 per household annually. Revenue generated from this fee would bolster critical environmental protection programs, including:

- --Remediate and Redevelop Existing and Future Contaminated Sites (\$45 million)
  - --Clean up 300 sites annually, across all 83 counties
- --Address emerging contaminants (PFAS, vapor intrusion)
- --Solid Waste Management (\$9 million)
- --Enhance solid waste planning for local governments.
- --Recycling Grants to triple Michigan's Recycling Rate (\$15 million)
- --Provide recycling grants to local entities for recycling infrastructure, market development and education
  - --Water Quality Monitoring Grants (\$5 million)
- --Monitor beaches to keep them clean.
- --Reduce phosphorus in Lake Erie.
- --Remove contamination in rivers, lakes and streams.
- --State Park Infrastructure (\$5 million)
- --Address critical infrastructure needs to serve the parks system's 27 million visitors annually.

# VILLAGE OF FOWLERVILLE 213 SOUTH GRAND AVENUE FOWLERVILLE, MI 48836 517-223-3771 REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES \*SYNOPSIS

MINUTES \*SYNOPSIS MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 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 <a href="https://www.fowlerville.org">www.fowlerville.org</a>

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, DeGrush, Heath, Mailloux and Schultheis. Absent: Bielous. Also present: Village Clerk/Manager, Kathryn Arledge, Chief of Police, John Tyler and Village Attorney, David Stoker and Courtney Gabbara.

MOTION BELL, SECOND DEGRUSH, TO ADD ITEM 9.f. *Discussion of a Manager Evaluation* TO THE AGENDA, AND APPROVE AS AMENDED. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BELL, SECOND DEGRUSH, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, CONSISTING OF ITEMS 6.a. THROUGH 6.g., AS PRESENTED. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION SCHULTHEIS, SECOND HEATH, TO EXTEND THE REMOVAL OF THE SIGN UNTIL MAY 1, 2018. THE SIGN/POLE IS TO BE REMOVED BY OWNER OF PROPERTY BY MAY 1, 2018. THE VILLAGE OF FOWLERVILLE WILL REMOVE THE CEMENT PILLAR THAT THE POLE SETS ON AFTER OWNER REMOVES THE POLE. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: SCHULTHEIS, HEATH, MAILLOUX, DEGRUSH, BELL AND HILL. NAY: NONE. ABSENT: BIELOUS. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION DEGRUSH, SECOND HEATH, TO APPROVE RES-OLUTION NO. 18-01, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE FOWLERVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: DEGRUSH, HEATH, MAILLOUX, SCHULTHEIS, BELL AND HILL. NAY: NONE. ABSENT: BIELOUS. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION DEGRUSH, SECOND BELL, TO ELECT TRUSTEE KATHRYN HEATH AS PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE, UNTIL NO-VEMBER 20, 2018. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BELL, SECOND DEGRUSH, TO FORM A COMMITTEE TO EXPLORE THE FEASABILITY AND INTEREST FOR THE "WHEELS IN THE VILLE" EVENT. COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF TRUSTEES: MAILLOUX, HEATH AND DEGRUSH. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION DEGRUSH, SECOND SCHULTHEIS, TO ADOPT OR-DINANCE NO. 464, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FOWL-ERVILLE VILLAGE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY REPEALING SEC.10-26 THROUGH 10-189, AMUSEMENTS AND ENTER-TAINMENTS. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: DEGRUSH, SCHUL-THEIS, HEATH, MAILLOUX, BELL AND HILL. NAY: NONE. AB-SENT: BIELOUS. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BELL, SECOND DEGRUSH, TO REQUEST THE CLERK TO GATHER EVALUATION FORMS TO CONDUCT AN EVALUATION FOR THE MANAGER WITHIN 60 DAYS. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION DEGRUSH, SECOND BELL, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:36 P.M. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathryn M. Arledge, CMMC Village Clerk/Manager (2-4-18 FNV)

# Howell Nature Center offering Preschool Program on Feb. 13

A special program for nature lovers ages 3-5 in being offered by the Howell Nature Center on Tuesday, Feb. 13. Children will enjoy nature-themed craft activities, stories, songs and playtime, plus a live appearance from a Great Horned Owl. \$6/child, 10am or 11:30am. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Limit of 4 children per adult.

# 'Pancakes with Purpose' being held on Feb. 13 at Oak Grove Methodist Church

'Pancakes with Purpose' is a Pancake Dinner on Tuesday February, 13th 5-7pm. Enjoy pancakes, french toast, scrambled eggs, sausage & applesauce. This is a free will donation. Oak Grove United Methodist Church 6686 Oak Grove Rd. Howell, MI 48855 (517)546-3942

# Plans Underway for Fowlerville High School's 125<sup>th</sup> Alumni Banquet on June 9th

Plans are well underway for the 125th annual Fowlerville High School Alumni gathering and banquet. The event will be held on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at Fowlerville High School. According to president Judy Recker, the alumni will pretty much follow the format of past years. A social hour will begin about 4pm followed by pictures of the "honored classes" and dinner at 6:30. Rooms will be available for the honored classes to meet and socialize. Tickets will be available after May 1st at local businesses to be announced.

The FHS Alumni Association plans to continue presenting scholarships to graduating seniors who will be recognized at the banquet. Anyone wishing to make a donation may send the donation to Ed Helzerman, 701 Devonshire, Fowlerville, MI 48836. More information will also be available soon. Classes planning to gather are encouraged to contact Cindy Ruttman Krebs, ASAP.

Recently the FHS Alumni Association lost one of its oldest living grads, Helen Eckhart Reyhl, Class of 1938. "We know of at least one living graduate from the Class of 1937 and a few from the Class of 1938," commented Recker. "It will be a really special occasion for the Classes of 1938, 1943, 1948, 1958 and 1993," continued the president. So mark your calendar and make plans to attend the 125th annual FHS alumni gathering this year.

# • Friday, April 20, 2018 • Friday, April 20, 2018 • Livingston County EMS Building, 1911 Tooley Rd, Howell MI. 48855 • 9:00 - 3:00 p.m. MAIN SPEAKERS • Local Update: William Vailliencourt, Jr., Prosecuting Attorney Scott Ehlfeldt, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

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# Michigan House Report

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

It was a pleasure to speak to the Michigan Podiatric Medical Association Conference regarding health policy issues currently being considered by the Michigan Legislature. We also discussed opioid and mental health legislation that I have been developing in coordination with the C.A.R.E.S. Task Force.

A special congratulations to Pat Convery for being selected as the Howell Area Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year. Pat is chamber director and a longtime advocate of the Howell Area Chamber of Commerce. Her passion for our community is undeniable. I look forward to seeing her further accomplishments.

It was great to see families enjoying the festivities at this year's Hartland Family Winterfest. In spite of there being no snow this year, the event was a success and I appreciate all of the work by volunteers who help put it together. I hope everyone had as good of a time attending as I did.

The C.A.R.E.S. Task Force report has inspired much legislation over the past month. This week I introduced bipartisan legislation along with my colleague Rep. Patrick Green to require drug overdose training for peace officers and medical first responders and paramedics to combat the exponentially growth in instances of opioid overdose in the state. Other bills inspired by the task force recommendations include:

House Bills 5450-52 combat the growing shortage of mental health care professionals by expanding Michigan's talent pool. The bills allow for employment of professionals who have previously been convicted of certain minor felonies and misdemeanors. Those convicted of serious crimes will still be excluded from consideration. It's time to make use of the many qualified individuals who are currently being

discarded because of past mistakes unrelated to their ability to care for patients.

**HB 5085** helps local agencies fight substance abuse in Michigan by dedicating a portion of the revenues raised through state liquor taxes to local community mental health agencies. Funding could provide millions of dollars annually to combat addiction.

HB 5439 identifies availability of psychiatric beds for those experiencing mental health crisis by developing a state

database that includes the number and location of available beds at health care facilities throughout the state. The bill aims to care for patients efficiently and effectively.

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



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