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From left are Susan Hath, chaplain of the VFW Auxiliary, who gave the Invocation and Benediction; Kelly Lott, a veteran who served in the U.S. Air Force and gave the main address; and Tonya Ogden, the president of the VFW Auxiliary.

## Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony held last Monday in Fowlerville

The annual Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony was held last Monday, May 28, in Fowlerville. The event was organized by members of VFW Post 6464 and included the VFW Auxiliary and the American Legion Auxiliary. The parade was led by the Color Guard and included the high school band. It once again went along Grand River, starting at Veterans Drive and ending at Greenwood Cemetery. The traditional ceremony then took place. The National Anthem, prayers, a main address, the laying of the commemorative wreath, the rifle salute, and the playing of TAPS were highlights of the program.

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A rifle salute was done by, from left, Dan Thompson, Steve Whitney and Ed Thomas.

**Fowlerville Area Community Yard Sales**  
**June 7-9 - See page 6 for listings**



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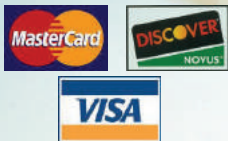
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## Fowlerville Village Council adopts budgets for upcoming fiscal year

*Revenue shortfall foreseen in 2019-20*

By Steve Horton

After a workshop held prior to last Monday's regular meeting and a required public hearing at the start of the session, the Fowlerville Village Council adopted the various budgets for the upcoming fiscal year, along with the property-tax millage rates.

The 2018-19 fiscal year begins on July 1.

John McCurdy, the Village's finance manager, a position he's held for the past 13 years, gave an overview of the different budgets during the workshop, including the projected revenues and expenditures. The amounts, he noted, were similar to the current fiscal year.

The budgets reflect a 2.1 percent increase in salary for the Village employees—Office, Police, and Department of Public Works. McCurdy noted the health insurance expenses are similar to the current year.

The millage rate will also be the same. The General Fund (the main budget for Village operations, including the police department) was set at 8.5048 mills, the Street Fund will be 3.4017 mills, the Garbage Fund will be 2.0409 mills, the Cemetery Fund will be 0.6802 of a mill, and the Mosquito Fund will be 0.4689 of a mill.

This totals 15.0974 mills.

The Council also adopted the budgets that had been presented by the LDFA (the Local Development Financing Authority) and the DDA (the Downtown Development Authority). Both of those Village entities capture a certain amount of property taxes in their respective districts, including those for the Village, Livingston County, and Handy Township. The two boards (appointed by council) use the money to fund their operations, service debt that's been incurred with past projects, and finance current improvement projects. Any extra revenues not used for budgeted expense are given to the Village, Township, and County.

The projected General Fund revenues for the next fiscal year are just over \$1.917 million, while the expenditures have been put at just over \$1.932 million, meaning that if these end up being actual figures the fund balance (surplus) will drop from around \$640,000 to \$620,000.

"Local taxes will cover 48 percent of the upcoming General Fund budget," McCurdy pointed out. "Revenue sharing money from the State of Michigan accounts for about 15 percent. We also receive transfers from other funds like streets and water and sewer for the administrative work the office staff does."

"Then we have four other sources that together make up 10 percent," he said. "They are the composting fees that are charged on the water-sewer bill, money from the cemetery, the money that the school and area townships contribute for school liaison officer, and money from the sale of property."

That latter source is the revenue that will be coming from the sale of the land where the Fowlerville Fire Department is located (\$102,000) and the sale of the land where the former Fowlerville District Library was located (\$50,500).

"We have a balanced budget for this next year that will allow the Village to do its normal operations as well as repairs and maintenance and that keeps our fund balance (the surplus) at 32 percent," noted McCurdy. "However, the land sales are one-time sources of income, so that money won't be available next year."

McCurdy pointed out that council will need to address this situation for the 2019-20 budget. "You can cut expenses," he said. "You could go for a Headlee Override. The Village (under state law) can levy up to 21 mills. You could do a special assessment for police operations. Or you could look at the money that goes to the entities (LDFA and DDA) that capture some of the Village's property taxes."

McCurdy said that Village's taxable value is \$88,709,260—up \$3 million from the current fiscal year. Of this amount, the Village gets around \$60 million.

Offering more details on these options, he noted that, based on the taxable value, an extra mill would generate around \$60,000, so three-to-four extra mills would make up the projected shortfall. He also pointed out that the police department uses up the lion's share of the General Fund money with expenses at around \$700,000 and revenues the department brings into totaling around \$100,000.

McCurdy said that the Village has a couple of structural challenges that impact General Fund revenues. He provided a handout sheet that shows the revenue generated by property taxes has gone from \$753,967 in 2006-07—just prior to the bursting of the housing bubble in this area—to \$675,143 in 2016-17.

The annual figures show a downward trend for most of those years, with a slight uptick occurring during the past two fiscal years. "This shows the property values are starting to go up," he said, "but it will take time before it reaches the earlier level."

The other list of figures details the loss in state revenue sharing loss since 2002. This is the amount of money the Village received from that source compared to what had been promised. The cumulative difference from 2002-03 to 2015-16 totaled over \$1.16 million. In 2016, for example, the Village received \$264,280, while full funding would have been \$387,113.60. The difference in the 2016-17 budget year between actual funding and the promised amount was \$122,832.

"The State is balancing its budget on the backs of local governments," McCurdy told council, adding "There's a lot of things we could have done with this money had we gotten it."

The Street Fund is separated into three separate accounts: Local Street, Major Street, and Municipal Street. "Most of the revenues for the Local and Major Street Funds come from the revenues we get from the state from gas taxes," he explained, "while the money generated by the local millage is put in the Municipal Street

Fund."

The three funds total \$377,000 in revenues which covers routine maintenance, some sidewalk repairs, and snow removal. McCurdy said that there is a fund balance of around \$700,000 set aside for the next street improvement project, but said much more money than this is needed.

"With our more recent street improvement projects, which included new water and sewer lines, we got anywhere from 50-to-70 percent of the cost covered by state grants," he said. "That grant money is not currently available. Hopefully, it will be in the future."

McCurdy also noted that since council typically incorporates new sewer and water lines into a street project, money is being set aside in those funds for this purpose.



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**Council votes 4-3 to not allow beer tent at planned event, reversing previous approval**  
By Steve Horton

At its May 29<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Fowlerville Village Council voted 4-3 to not allow a beer tent during a planned event at the Centennial Park, reversing their previous approval. The event is the ‘Wheels in the Ville Car & Bike Show’ that is being sponsored by the Village of Fowlerville on August 11th at the Centennial Park. The show will run from 2 to 10 p.m.

The four council members opposed to a beer tent included Kenneth Bielous, Mary Helfmann, Scott Schultheis, and Village President Carol Hill. Those who supported having a beer tent at this event were Jerry Bell, Kathryn Heath, and Theresa Mailloux.

The Village of Fowlerville has an ordinance regulating its two public parks that, amongst other things, prohibits the use of alcohol. However, the ordinance also has a provision that allows council to waive any of the restrictions.

Council did just that at its May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting when it approved a motion to waive the ban on alcohol. According to the

minutes of this meeting provided by Village Clerk Kathryn Arledge, this motion passed by a 5-2 vote with trustees Bell, Bielous, Heath, Helfmann, and Mailloux supporting it and Hill and Schultheis opposed.

However, the follow-up motion to apply for the liquor license passed by a 4-3 vote, with Bielous voting ‘no’.

During this meeting, a large number of people in support of having a beer tent were present.

The vote to reverse that decision came near the end of last Tuesday’s meeting and after council had discussed the matter during an agenda item on whether to change the existing ordinance, allowing the use of alcohol for approved community events and creating a formal application process.

However, because this specific matter (to vote on reconsidering the waiver) was not on the agenda that had been approved earlier in the meeting, the council’s rules required that four or more votes were needed to allow this to happen.

By the same 4-3 alignment, council did that and then passed two other motions that had the effect of denying a beer tent at the event.

Mailloux, who had first proposed the event last year and chaired an organizing committee, said during the discussion

that a beer tent was always part of what was being proposed. She also stated her opinion that there seemed to be a misconception by some people about the event, noting that it was a car show along with motorcycles and not just a motorcycle event and was intended to be family friendly.

A flyer put out by the committee, seeking sponsors to help defray operational costs, noted that “Wheels in the Ville is a community enrichment event brought to you by the Village of Fowlerville. Our goal is to hold a family friendly event to benefit the community.”

Profits from the event are being donated to the Family Impact Center which provides assistance to local families in need and to the Parks and Rec Scholarship Program which provides financial assistance to families who cannot afford to pay for their children to play community sports.

“We are looking for sponsors who are willing to donate any dollar amount to assist in covering our major expenses such as live bands, trophies, kid’s activities, and administrative costs.”

At a Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, council voted to sponsor the event.

This sponsorship and the liability the Village might be exposed to by having a beer tent was the reason Hill gave for her opposition. Both Schultheis and Helfmann asked Village Attorney David Stoker about it. He replied that there is a difference between council oking an organization’s request to have a beer tent at their event, and being the actual sponsor. “You have insurance (to cover a lawsuit), but ‘yes, there is some liability’,” he added.

Helfmann, who had just been appointed to the council in late April, said her change-of-mind was caused, in part, by the negative comments she heard during the past two weeks about allowing alcohol, along with having asked questions and learned more about the situation.

Helfmann had also been hesitant about the request at the previous meeting. According to the April 14<sup>th</sup> council minutes, during the Members Comments that take place at the end of the meeting, she said that she “voted for the liquor application with reservation,” adding that “I am for local businesses and if this is a way to help the businesses I am all for it.” She also expressed concerns about allowing alcohol at special events, in particular the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Bielous and Schultheis, in their comments, both said their votes against the beer tent reflected the opinions they’d heard from residents.

Bielous said that he felt it was his responsibility to represent what the village residents want. “This has caused quite a stir,” he noted. “They don’t want a beer tent.”

Bell, among his remarks in support of a beer tent, pointed out that council had voted to sponsor the event at its Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. “Everyone agreed back then that this would be good for the community and we were looking at putting on a family-oriented event. She (Mailloux) has given us a report on this every two weeks at our meetings.”

Bell also pointed out that Brighton and Howell have events where the main street is closed down and where both kids’ activities and beer tents take place. “They don’t seem to have a problem,” he said. “Why can’t we have one of these kind of events in our community?”

Mailloux said that she hasn’t heard the “negativity” about the event that other council members mentioned, adding that people she’s talked with, including business owners, are excited about the event.

After the vote was taken, Mailloux said that she would be returning the money donated by sponsors and would not work any longer on the event.

Heath, in her comment, said, “I’m disappointed we won’t be raising money for the Family Impact Center and to provide scholarships so children can play sports.”

During the Call to the Public that was held at the start of the meeting, council heard from three area residents who spoke against allowing a beer tent and asked council to reconsider. Another resident asked about the liability that the Village might be exposed to by serving alcohol at a Village-sponsored event.

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Hannah Crouch of Howell is the featured performer for this Thursday's 'Concert in the Park' at the Fowlerville Centennial Park.

### Young singer-songwriter to entertain at 'Music at the Park' summer series

*Performance scheduled this Thursday, June 7*

Hannah Crouch, a young singer-songwriter from Howell, will be the entertainer at the second session of the 'Music at the Park' summer concert series. Hannah's performance will be this Thursday, June 7, at 7 p.m. at the Fowlerville Centennial Park (next to the Fire Hall). Those attending are urged to bring a lawn chair or blanket. There is no charge to attend.

This summer concert series—with future performances scheduled for July 4 and August 2—is being sponsored by the Fowlerville Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

Hannah, who is 14, said that she developed a passion for music at a young age. "At the age of eight I started voice and piano lessons, and later went on to learn guitar," she said.

Currently, she is living in Brighton and working on her album as a follow up to her EP. Her EP is available on all major music providers (the easiest way to find it is by searching "By the Riverbank") and on her website at [www.hannahcrouch.com](http://www.hannahcrouch.com) where you can also find all of her social media links.

Hannah, who decided to start writing her own music a few years ago, is now performing live, solo shows doing cover music and originals. She is being mentored by Joshua Bertrand, lead guitarist for 'Random Hero.'

"Joshua is a talented artist and producer who is helping me to gain amazing experience as I continue to grow musically and work to develop my sound as an indie rock/pop artist," Hannah said, adding that some of her influences in the music industry are Katy Perry, Selena Gomez, Demi Lovato, and Ariana Grande to name a few.

One of Hannah's main goals is to inspire people through her music. Along with her passion for music, Hannah has also developed an interest in volleyball and continues to grow in the sport.

Steve MacDermaid, chairman of the DDA, invited the public to attend the concert. "The Centennial Park is a great venue for this type of entertainment," he said. "Families can bring their kids with the playground nearby. There's convenient parking, but it's also within walking distance for many residents. Plus, it's near the downtown businesses and restaurants, giving concert-goers a chance to dine out, enjoy a refreshment or snack, or do some shopping before and after the performance."



Tara Pearson

### Howell attorney, longtime resident seeking Circuit Court judicial seat

Tara Pearson, a practicing attorney and longtime Livingston County resident, has entered the field of candidates seeking the newly created judicial seat on the county's 44<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court bench.

Tara and her husband are Livingston County natives and both of their families have resided in Livingston County for over 70 years. The families are both small business owners and have numerous Veterans within their ranks.

After graduating from Howell High School, Tara attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She finished her Corporate Accounting degree Summa Cum Laude from Cleary University and later attended Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing.

Tara has been employed within the legal field at the offices of various local attorneys since 1989 and, as a licensed attorney at the Law Offices of Parker and Parker for the past 12 years, she has handled many Civil, Business, Real Estate, Probate, Will, Trust, Contract and Family Law cases in trial courts and the Court of Appeals.

Tara's said that her experience and perspective, and her commitment to Livingston County, will serve her well as the next Circuit Judge.

"I love this community. This is where I will always want to be and these are the people I want to help and serve," she said. "I intend to restore faith in our system. I intend to apply the law equally, to be efficient in case management, and to maintain honesty, respect and dignity in the judicial process. This is what the Community deserves of its elected officials."

Tara feels that she is the right choice for Livingston County's residents.

She is one of four candidates who are running for this judicial seat and are on the August 7<sup>th</sup> Michigan Primary Election ballot.

You can learn more at: [www.pearson4judge.com](http://www.pearson4judge.com) or [www.facebook.com/TaraPearsonForCircuitJudge](https://www.facebook.com/TaraPearsonForCircuitJudge).



### Yoga classes being offered at the Howell Opera House on Mondays

Local instructor Bracha Roy is now offering yoga classes every Monday morning at the Howell Opera House. Now through August 27. The class is hosted by the Livingston Arts Council.

Bracha's yoga journey began over 11 years ago, when she was struggling to breathe and to do any of her usually numerous physical activities. During her first yoga class, she finally felt her body relax and her breathing return to normal; she was inspired to learn all she could and to share her life-changing experience with others, and in 2011 she began teaching in a manner that shares both the relaxing and energizing qualities of yoga.

"My yoga classes offer something for everyone," says Bracha. "Whether you are new to yoga or your practice is a dear old friend, you will find something beneficial and uplifting in every class. I am over the moon to bring yoga to the Howell Opera House. I love the atmosphere it provides with that beautiful, old wood floor and brick walls. I think doing yoga inside those walls will be a wonderful way to connect to Howell's history, support the arts and do something good for yourself all at the same time!"

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**GARAGE SALE:** Thursday, Friday & Saturday, June 7, 8 & 9, 9am to 5pm. 207 Garden Lane, Fowlerville. Toys, collectibles, household and more.

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**YARD SALE:** First United Methodist Church, 201 S. Second Street. Thursday and Friday, June 7 & 8, 9am to 4pm. Most items are free will donation.

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**MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE:** Thursday, Friday & Saturday, June 7, 8 & 9 from 8am to 5pm. 137 N. Hibbard Street. Something for Everyone.

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**HUGE MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE:** June 7–9, from 8am to 4pm. 710 Pinegate Drive in Pinegate Village. Adult and kids clothes, toys, Barbies, stamps, books, kitchenware, jewelry and more!

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**MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE:** June 7–9, from 8am to 4pm. 721 Village Drive in Pinegate Village. Variety of kid and adult items.

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**GARAGE SALE:** Friday and Saturday, June 8 & 9, 9am to 4pm. 7200 Owosso Road, Fowlerville. Wide variety of items.

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**ECLECTIC YARD SALE** at Miss P’s, 411 E. North Street, Fowlerville. June 7, 8 & 9 from 9am to 4pm.

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**YARD SALE:** Thursday, Friday & Saturday, June 7-9 from 9am to 5pm. 824 E. Grand River. Some antiques and household items.

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**YARD SALE:** Thursday, Friday & Saturday, June 7-9 from 8am to 6pm. Tools, tools, tools. 6650 N. Fowlerville Road, between Allen & Chase Lake.

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**DOLLAR SALE:** Large variety of items, more added daily. June 7–9. Thursday 9-6, Friday 10-6 & Saturday 9-2. 10799 Converse Road, Fowlerville.

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**YARD SALE:** Thursday, Friday & Saturday, June 7-9 from 9am to 5pm. 10127 Alans Drive, off of S. Nicholson in Alan’s Mobile Home Park. Lots of good stuff.

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**GARAGE SALE:** Thursday, Friday & Saturday, June 7-9 from 9am to 4pm. 5184 S. Gregory Road, Gregory, between Roberts and Wasson Road. Lot of kids toys & clothes.

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## Michigan Senate Report

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

### U.S. Trade Negotiations with China

After months of negotiations with Beijing, President Trump announced last week that China has agreed to purchase massive amounts of additional agricultural products from the United States. According to a *Wall Street Journal* article, China has not committed to a specific amount of purchases, but the agreements will include drastically increased U.S. agricultural exports.

This is a great step to reduce the long-standing trade imbalance between the United States and China, and the new agreement could mean a substantial windfall for U.S. farmers. This is a complicated issue and the details are still developing, but I applaud President Trump’s efforts to help American farmers stay competitive.

These negotiations may sound like distant politics, but their results could have significant benefits close to home. In Michigan, agriculture accounts for over \$100 billion of the state’s annual economy and 22 percent of our workforce. Michigan has over 52,000 farms: over 730 in Livingston County alone. If trade negotiations increase exports, Michigan farms and everyone employed in the agriculture industry could benefit “big-league” (to borrow a phrase).

Michigan already exports over \$2 billion in food and agricultural products annually, and increased demand would help our economy to grow. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin estimates that exports could increase by 35-40 percent depending on the commodity. Economic indicators for many crops such as soybeans and wheat have shown positive trends in response to the news.

As a farmer, I share many of the concerns that my peers in the agriculture industry have expressed: uncertainty about subsidies, the need for reasonable access to labor, worries about tariffs and trade deals. However, what I’ve seen so far from the President and his administration is a concerted, America-First effort which includes and celebrates farmers.

It’s too early to say where these international deals will lead, but I’m glad President Trump is tackling the long-standing issues that no one else wanted to deal with, and I’m glad that he’s doing it with the good of the American people in mind.

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

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- 3381 Fleming Road
- 4696 N. Nicholson Road
- 11474 Fowlerville Road
- 137 N. Hibbard Street

- 710 Pinegate Drive - Pinegate Village
- 721 Village Drive - Pinegate Village
- 7200 Owosso Road
- 411 E. North Street
- 824 E. Grand River
- 9585 W. Grand River
- 9799 Chase Lake Road
- 1925 N. Cedar Road
- 6650 N. Fowlerville Road
- 10799 Converse Road
- 10127 Alans Drive
- 5184 S. Gregory Road, Gregory

See individual yard sale listings on  
this page for times and other information.





# Michigan House Report

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

This week I introduced a bill increasing penalties for harming medical personnel. This measure would be similar to laws that institute penalties for harming a police officer or other law enforcement officer. I was disturbed to hear of a number of violent events occurring in our state’s medical facilities where hospital employees are assaulted by a patient, family member, or friend. This is not just a regional problem as reports of such occurrences are happening throughout our state. I have so much respect for our selfless and hardworking medical personnel, and that’s why I am so passionate about this legislation. If you have any questions about this legislation, or any other state legislation, please contact my office.

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State Rep. Hank Vaupel recognizes members of the Marine Corps League along with Congressman Mike Bishop (left) and Sen. Joe Hune (right).

I was pleased to join Congressman Mike Bishop and Senator Joe Hune in honoring the Livingston County Marine Corps League Honor Guard this week. These individuals selflessly serve the community by attending events and funerals throughout mid and southeast Michigan to honor our fallen heroes. Their support for veterans and their families cannot be overstated and I appreciate their dedication to our local heroes. Thank you to all members for your continued service to your country and community.

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Studies show that summer reading helps with learning retention so there is less need for review during the following school year. That’s why I am happy to announce I will be hosting another Summer Reading Contest. To enter, students between 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades will need to fill out a special contest bookmark with 10 books they have read over the summer. The winners will be randomly drawn and receive the opportunity to serve with me as “Rep. for a Day.” This is a great opportunity for a young student to be invited to Lansing to learn about the state Legislature and what it’s like to be a representative.

The bookmarks can be picked up and returned when completed at the Howell and Hartland libraries, the Village of Fowlerville municipal office and the Fowlerville library when it reopens at its new facility. The contest will run from June 1 to Sept. 1. Best of luck to all who enter!

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Great job by all the volunteers across the county who made each Memorial Day service and parade such a success. I appreciate the hard work that goes into this important event recognizing and remembering the ultimate sacrifices made by those who protected our freedom. Thank you to everyone who participated in honoring the fallen.

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

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# Fowlerville Junior High News

## IMPORTANT DATES:

6<sup>th</sup> grade Field Trip-- Mon. June 4th  
CSI Carnival-- Fri. June 8  
½ **day of school**--Wed. June 13th  
Last Day of School-1/2 day-- Thur. June 14<sup>th</sup>  
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## YEARBOOK INFORMATION

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**THE ARCHERY TEAMS COMPETED IN REGIONALS**  
this past weekend. Both teams shot well. The JH A team took 3rd place and qualified for the national tournament in May. They were lead by Daniel Peterson, Alex Fountain, Parker Freeman and Lindsay LeMieuz. The JH B team, lead by Lane Perkins and Jenna Bailey who both shot personal bests, took 4th place. Congratulations to all the archers on a fantastic tournament. Upcoming tournaments for our archers include Portage, Chatfield (Lapeer), Whitko Invitational (Indiana), and Nationals (Louisville, KY)  
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## SPORTS FOR WEEK OF JUNE 5:

Sports for the 2017-18 school year have now concluded. THANKS YOU to everyone who contributed to our program. Lots of hours, sweat, tears, and work go into every season. And now we look forward to the 2018-19 school year.

Here are the interscholastic sports offered at FJH:

FALL--7th & 8th (Girls’) VOLLEYBALL  
6th, 7th, & 8th B/G CROSS COUNTRY  
LATE FALL- 7th & 8th BOYS’ BASKETBALL  
WINTER--7th & 8th COMPETITIVE CHEER  
7th & 8th GIRLS’ BASKETBALL  
6th, 7th & 8th WRESTLING  
SPRING--6th, 7th & 8th TRACK & FIELD

PHYSICALS are REQUIRED before trying out/ participating in athletics at FJH.

GRADE CHECKS are done weekly during the sports’ seasons.

MONDAY, JULY 31--Athletic physicals available at FHS- -6-7:30; \$25 fee. Forms available on line or on site; parents must sign. MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

FJH COACHES NEEDED FOR 2018-19  
Coaching vacancies have occurred in both girls & boys’ basketball at FJH. If interested, please contact FHS Athletic Director Brian Osborn @ 223-6070 for more information.

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Quality construction to be started in Emerald Estates with accepted Offer to Purchase. Beautiful Colonial home with 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, large open kitchen, dining room and family room. Full basement, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor laundry, spacious great room and 2 car attached garage. Prime location on paved roads with walking paths, playground and basketball court. Close to Fowlerville school campus and shopping. \$265,000.

Beautiful private setting on 10 acres with woods and river front in the Howell schools for this 4 bedroom 2.2 bath home. Features over 3400sq.ft. of finished living space with 1<sup>st</sup> floor laundry, 6 panel doors, nice hardwood in kitchen, dining & living room and natural fireplace for the cool nights. Finished w/o basement to entertain with door leading to large patio and deck to relax and enjoy nature and wildlife. Attached 3 car garage, plus 40 x 60 mechanics dream pole barn with heat & 200amp service. A must see home! \$499,900.

Desirable location in Addison Farms for this spacious 3 bedroom and 2 1/2 bath condominium. Features include beautiful hardwood floors in the kitchen and dining room, enclosed Florida room, large master suite on the entry level with 2 bedrooms, full bath and spacious setting area on upper level. Full daylight basement, 2 car attached garage, 1<sup>st</sup> floor laundry and all appliances included. Move in ready. \$199,900.

----- **VACANT LAND** -----

- Nice county 1+ acre parcel on a paved road in the Morrice schools. Located just 2 ½ miles to town . \$19,900.
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Fowlerville Fire Department Report

Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, at 12:32 p.m. the department assisted at a medical emergency on Sharpe Road in Handy Township and at 2:30 p.m. personnel assisted EMS on Sargent Road in Handy Township.

A medical emergency on Sargent Road in Handy Township

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was reported at 7:17 a.m., Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. The department assisted the ambulance on Saddle Drive in Conway Township at 10:15 a.m.

At 7:57 p.m., Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, the department responded to a medical emergency on Meadow Lane in the Village and at 9:51 p.m. firefighters were dispatched to a report of a tree blocking Dutcher Road in Iosco Township.

Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, at 4:36 p.m. firefighters extinguished a small grass fire on Rafferty Drive in Iosco Township. A medical emergency on Gregory Road in Conway Township was reported at 5:07 p.m. At 7:51 p.m. personnel assisted EMS on Grand River Ave. Firefighters investigated a fire alarm activation in a manufacturing facility on Van Riper Road in the Village at 8:02 p.m. At 8:53 p.m. the department responded to standby at the Howell Area Fire Department for coverage while they were on the scene of a structure fire.

A structure fire on Garden Lane in the Village was reported at 1:07 p.m., Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Mutual Aid assistance was received from the Howell Area Fire Department, Leroy Township, the Williamston Fire Department, and the Livingston County Ambulance Department. The Livingston County Disaster Relief Team also responded to the scene. A medical emergency on Grand Ave. in the Village was reported at 6:21 p.m.

The department was dispatched to a possible structure fire on Greenbriar Lane in the Village at 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Firefighters arriving on scene found an electrical wiring problem in a wall.

Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, at 4:11 p.m. a medical emergency on Sober Road in Conway Township was reported. A second medical call, on Grand River Ave. in Handy Township was reported at 7:09 p.m.

Firefighters extinguished a small mulch fire on Van Riper Road in the Village at 8:00 p.m. The department was dispatched to a transformer fire with power lines down on Fowlerville Road in Conway Township at 10:24 p.m. and at 11:05 p.m. responded to standby for down power lines on Mohrle Road in Conway Township.



## Fowlerville High School's "ATHLETES" OF THE WEEK



Jud Scott



### Boys Golf

**Shaw Sov**a - Junior Shaw Sov is a three year member of the golf team and has been a top Gladiator for Coach Sperry this season. More importantly, Shaw has been a great teammate and captain to all incoming players and has been a very coachable player, making him a joy to have on the team. His personality and growth as an individual in the classroom and on the course has led him to become a captain of the Gladiator team and a top golfer in the CAAC. He was selected a second year in a row as CAAC White All-Conference 1st team. Next year as we move to the CAAC Red Division, his leadership will be a strength for us as a program.

**Mason Sov**a - Sophomore Mason has been working hard on his golf game all season and his growth has been a welcome surprise to the team. In Mason's first full season playing for the Gladiator Varsity team, he earned All-Conference 1st team honors. Mason has become a strong and valuable presence on the roster and a player that his teammates enjoy being around. His academic excellence and desire to compete has made him a true student-athlete. With his experience from this year he will be a valuable member of next year's team as we move conferences to the CAAC Red Division.

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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## Fowlerville High School News

### OFFICE HOURS

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Counseling Office 6:30 – 2:30 p.m.  
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### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Summer School forms available  
June 11 Full day of school  
June 12 Full day of school, altered schedule, exams 1 & 2  
June 13 ½ day of school hours 3 & 4  
June 14 ½ day of school hours 5 & 6  
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**Time is running out to buy your 2018 yearbook!** The yearbook staff still has a FEW Extra yearbooks left. Yearbooks will be sold for \$65.00 cash or checks can be made out to Fowlerville Community Schools. You can buy them from Mrs. Hardenbrook in D-214 or stop by the main office.

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### FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

DATES: June 25 - July 19 Monday – Thursday  
Except week of July 4 No school Wednesday 7/4, to extend the week there will be school Friday 7/6  
LOCATION: Fowlerville High School Computer Labs A and B  
TIMES: 7:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
COSTS: 50 Deposit per ½ credit, deposit is refunded upon successful completion.  
REGISTRATION: May 2nd summer school registrations begins, after you have met with your counselor to confirm your course, you can turn your money and form into the counseling office. Registration ends once seats are all occupied.

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**The band program will be hosting** it's first annual mattress sale on Sunday, June 10th, from 11am-5pm in the high school competition gym. Name brand mattresses will be marked as much as 50% off retail!! All profits will be used to help with increased instrument repair costs as our band program continues to grow. Come get a great product at a fraction of the cost, all while helping our band program!!

### Michigan DNR Fishing Tip--

#### Catching a muskellunge is a premier challenge

Known as “the fish of 10,000 casts,” muskellunge are a tremendous game fish native to the lakes and streams of Michigan. They are a prized catch to many anglers, but present many challenges when trying to do so. But if you do your research and are patient - you too could possibly land a big one!

Muskie anglers can choose from a variety of methods such as trolling, casting or still fishing with live bait. Tackle requirements for muskellunge are stouter than equipment generally used for walleyes and bass. Larger, bulkier lures and fish that exceed 30 pounds or more call for heavier lines and stronger rods. It should be noted that muskie fishing success usually requires more dedication and persistence than for other species.

For more information on muskellunge in Michigan, visit [Michigan.gov/muskie](http://Michigan.gov/muskie).

## Area realtors spearheading food drive for Family Impact Center

Paul Harmon of Harmon Real Estate and Sally Witt of Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Heritage Real Estate and all of their Sales Agents are spearheading a food drive to support the Family Impact Center in Fowlerville.

Barb Dine, director of the Family Impact Center, said, “The children need a food drive more urgently in the summer than in the winter because there is no school and no lunches for some of the boys and girls.”

Beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>, the drop-off points will be BHHS Heritage Real Estate at 621 S. Grand Avenue, and Harmon Real Estate at 101 W. Grand River.

“Everyone in the general public is encouraged to join in to provide non-perishable food for the children and their families in need,” said Harmon and Witt. “Livingston County is a strong, supportive county in which to live but there are always people in need.

“Here is an opportunity to help others,” they added. “Thank you in advance for your generosity.”



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--June 15, 2018 is the last day Kreeger will be open to the public. We will reopen on August 6, 2018.

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**6-5-18:** 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day: 12:30-3:00 p.m.  
**6-6-18:** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day: 12 p.m.-2:30 p.m.  
**6-11-18:** Full Day of school  
**6-12-18:** Full Day of school  
**6-13-18:** Half day of school. Dismissal 12 p.m.  
**6-14-18:** Half day of school. Dismissal 12 p.m.  
**6-15-18:** *Summer Break begins*

# Community-Wide Women's Bible Studies Summer Sessions offered

**Unglued: Making Wise Choices in the Midst of Raw Emotions**, a 6-week video-based study by Lysa TerKeurst, is being offered this summer by Family Impact Centers. Filmed in Florence, Italy, and filled with personal examples and strong biblical teaching, Lysa shows us how we can process our emotions and resolve conflicts in ways that lead to a much more peaceful life.

Two different options are available for participants: Monday evenings from 6:00 – 7:30 starting on June 18<sup>th</sup> and ending July 30<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday mornings from 9:30 – 11:00 beginning on June 20 and ending August 1<sup>st</sup>. Classes will not be held during the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>. Location is the Family Impact Wellness Center at 9430 W. Grand River Ave., west of Fowlerville.

Cost for this class is \$18. This fee covers both the participant's guide (for notetaking during the DVD's and discussion times as well as for each week's personal studies) and her 192-page book, also entitled Unglued, which will be referred to during sessions. Scholarships are available if needed.

To reserve your seat in this exciting and relevant Bible study, please call Barb at 517-223-4428 as soon as possible.

# The Breathers' Club to meet June 12 at St. Joseph Livingston Hospital

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

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

Our next Breathers Club is scheduled for Tuesday, Noon: June 12, 2018. Our Pulmonary Rehabilitation Therapist is available to assist and answer questions. For recorded meeting information call: (517) 545-6020.

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# Caleb Jenkins Column

**A Brief Look at Civic Duty**

As American citizens, we all have a civic duty to uphold. I'm sure you have heard that at some point in your life. In fact, it is such a common saying that I would imagine most of us don't even take the time to understand its meaning. It's one of those phrases that is said so often we tend to let it go in one ear and out the other without realizing its true impact. So, I began wondering what it really means to perform one's civic duty.

One of the most common examples I have heard concerning civic duty is the act of voting. It is not unusual to be asked on election day "Did you do your civic duty and vote?" Civic duty, by definition, is the responsibility of citizens, so I suppose one could argue voting fits this description. I could go along with that, but voting is not just a responsibility but also a right. We are privileged to have the opportunity to vote. When I go to the polls, I indeed feel a sense of fulfillment knowing I did my part by being a responsible citizen, but I also feel very blessed to have a voice in shaping the future of the country.

So, while I fully support being at the polls any time they're open, it seems apparent to me that civic duty involves more than just voting. What then is the responsibility of a citizen? In simple terms, I think it is just as the definition implies: being a good citizen. In fact, I will go a little further to assert it means being a good citizen who gives back to country and community. Being a good citizen does not really need an explanation at this time. It is the baseline we should all be upholding already. We should be decent people who treat each other with respect and take proper care of what has been entrusted to us. That's being a good citizen.

As such, we should also be giving back. That is a broad concept which can be accomplished in many different ways, and it makes it difficult to nail down a specific description of civic duty. There are so many opportunities to give back and make a difference whether big or small. You could serve your country in the armed forces, or you could support your community through service in a local church. Or anything in between. The possibilities are near endless, but the idea is one of fellow citizens working hand-in-hand to make positive impacts wherever they may be.

Don't get me wrong; we are not North Korea where the people are compelled to work until nearly dead for civic service to the Kim regime. No, we are decent people who want to put others first and be a blessing as individuals. We don't need the government or a dictator to tell us how to fulfill our civic duty. We can each find our own way to give. And in the end, when we all fulfill our civic duty willingly and selflessly, our communities are better than anywhere else in the world.









Present at the ceremony were, from left, first row: Ed Lorenz, Glenn Delorey, Steven Sheldon, Richard N. Watters; second row: Rep. Hank Vaupel, Larry Gulick, James Thompson, Ritchie Bennett, Frederick Koski, Donald J. Sucher, Forest Malott; third row: Congressman Mike Bishop, William Brown, Robert Peal, Ronald Brooks, Edwin Dessori, Stanley Cooke, David J. Mester, Charlie Brock, and Sen. Joe Hune. Not Pictured: Raymond Rayl, William Ulman, Joseph Zasa, Duane Brown, Stanley Frymark, William Downs, and Jeff Hinton.



Congressman Mike Bishop shows the Marine Corps emblem given to him by members of the Marine Corps League Honor Guard.

**Marine Corps League Honor Guard received challenge coins at ceremony**

Members of the Livingston County Marine Corps League Honor Guard were applauded for their dedication during a special ceremony held on Friday, May 25, at the American Legion Hall in Howell. During the event, Congressman Mike Bishop of the 8<sup>th</sup> District presented these volunteers with challenge coins.

Members take turns serving on the Guard, which provides military honors at the funerals or memorial services of veterans.

A challenge coin is a small coin or medallion, bearing an organization's insignia or emblem and carried by the organization's members. Traditionally, they are given to prove membership when challenged and to enhance morale. In addition, they are also collected by service members, prompting greetings and fellowship with one another.

"I was extremely honored to recognize the Livingston County Marine Corps League Honor Guard volunteer service," said Bishop. "What these people do for our



Ed Lorenz served as the master of ceremonies for the special ceremony honoring the members of the Marine Corps League Honor Guard.

community is so important – and we are grateful for their service honoring and appreciating those who gave so much. They make ceremonies memorable and special for the families of our fallen veterans and remind us again that our freedom is not free."

Dave Mester, a Fowlerville veteran who serves on the Honor Guard and organized the event, described the group as "a family of brotherhood that will never forget their fellow

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## Two area athletes recognized in ‘Lansing State Journal’ feature

Two area athletes were recognized in a feature published recently by the *Lansing State Journal*. Nathan Lott of Webberville was named the Middle School Athlete of the Week, while Dalton Sweet of Fowlerville was cited as the Field Athlete of the Week.



Nathan Lott

Lott, an eighth grader, cleared the pole vault at 10 feet and completed the 1600 Run in 5:10.2 during a middle school meet. Sweet, a senior, finished a pole-vault event with a height of 14 feet-six inches in one of his competitions. The *State Journal* feature is entitled ‘Playmakers Track and Field Athletes of the Week’ and is sponsored by New Balance. Each week during the month of May, track and field athletes who turned in outstanding performances were spotlighted.

## Challenge Coin, continued

soldiers,” noting that members volunteer their time to provide this honor to “our fallen veterans whether it be in the local area or at the National Cemetery located in Mt. Holly. “Our Honor Guard has traveled to funerals and memorial services all over Livingston County as well as to surrounding communities including Holt, Southfield and Chelsea,” said Mester. “We also travel to the Mt. Holly National Cemetery one day each month to serve as the Honor Guard at funerals scheduled that day. We do this regardless of the veteran’s branch of service. It is our distinct pleasure to provide the Military Honors for all veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces. “Today was very special to our veterans,” he added, “because this event was not about political differences, but about all of us being Americans. And it was done as a sign of respect for all who have honorably served our country.”

The group, after receiving their coins, presented Bishop with a memento depicting the eagle, globe and anchor that has long stood as the Marine Corps’ emblem. It is designed to hang on a wall. Also attending the ceremony were State Senator Joe Hune and State Representative Hank Vaupel.





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# Webberville High School holds Commencement Exercises

The Webberville High School Class of 2018 graduated on Thursday, May 24. The Commencement Exercises took place at the Spartan Center, starting at 7 p.m. Thirty-three seniors received their diplomas.

The evening program began with the Fanfare and Processional, with the high school band—led by Gary Franks—playing *Pomp and Circumstance*.

A Welcome Address was given by the high school principal Dr. Rebecca Batteen. The High School Choir Selection, led by Alex Ellul, performed *The Star-Spangled Banner*. An Opening Presentation was then offered by Kelsey Mayville, the class president. The band then performed *Concert Suite From 'Dances with Wolves'*, the final selection played by senior members.

Benjamin Theriault gave the Salutatorian's address, followed by the guest speaker, Robert Hoffman—a 1988 Webberville High alumnus, founder of Pay It Forward, and the voice of Wharton Center at Michigan State University.

Cassandra Jones then offered the Valedictorian's Address, followed by the Recognition of Seniors by Andrew Smith, the Secondary Principal. Next up was the high school choir, who sang *A Blessing*.

The program then concluded with the Presentation of Diplomas by Amy Coe, the school board president; Brian Friddle, the superintendent; and Dr. Rebecca Batteen.

See next page for more photos.



Robert Hoffman, Guest Speaker, and Tanja Scifers, Class Advisor.



Dylan Diederich and Spencer Crandall.



Lauren Ross and Bret Parisian.



Cassandra Jones, Valedictorian, and Benjamin Theriault, Salutatorian.



Brianna Pease and Nicollete Gilmore.



Gracelyn Hull and Kelsey Mayville.



Maci Kubiak and Caleb Kubiak.



Emma Grossbauer and Austin Wakeman.



Kelsey Mayville, Class President, gave the Opening Presentation at the ceremony.



Gennifer Ammerman and Jonah Sparkia.



Konner Featherly and Curtis Robertson.



Allyson Ziegler and Jason Morse.



Heather Chick and Charles Sicher.





Xavier Pressel and Joseph Stanley.



Nicolas Gutierrez and Mckenna Stubbett.



Cassandra Jones and Savannah Tennant.



Elizabeth Kowall, William Sarin and Cailey Crabtree.



Senior Choir members; Heather Chick, Jonah Sparkia and Austin Wakeman.



Senior Band members; Austin Wakeman and Jonah Sparkia.



Senior Band member Emma Grossbauer, on right.



Benjamin Theriault and Maddison Stowe.



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**Movies at the Williamston Senior Center** – On, Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 12:30 pm. Open to all Seniors.

**The Culpepper & Merriweather Circus Advance Clown** is coming to the Williamston Area Senior Center on, Friday, June 8, 2018 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. There will be a presentation and skits about the history of the circus and what life on the road is like. Free coffee, donuts and popcorn for those in attendance. All ages are welcomed to join us and learn about the circus and clowning.

**Sing Along with Dewey Longuski** on Monday, June 18, 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.

**Thursday, June 28, 2018** the Senior Center will conduct a Computer 101 workshop at 12:30 pm.

**Other June Activities at the Senior Center** –

**Thursday, June 7, 2018** have your blood pressure checked by Willows of Okemos;

**Wednesday, June 20, 2018** a representative from the Capital Area Community Services will speak on Michigan Medicare;

**Wednesday, June 13, 2018** the Williamston Area Library will conduct a new program called Mind Games for Seniors;

**Tuesday, June 26, 2018** a presentation on Prescription Cost Savings will be conducted;

**Wednesday, June 27, 2018** the AARP will conduct a presentation of services AARP provide to seniors;

**During the Williamston Jubilee Week** the Senior Center will continue its Jubilee Luncheon on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 and its Alumni Luncheon on Thursday, June 21, 2018 with music provided by DJ Clarinet.

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

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

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

**On any June 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.

## Fowlerville junior high student captures 2<sup>nd</sup> place in gymnastic championships

Landen Blixt, a student at Fowlerville Junior High School and gymnast at Infinity Gymnastics Academy in Brighton, captured second place at National Championships in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on May 9-13. This feat has now made Blixt a member of the USA Gymnastics Junior National Team, the only gymnast in the State of Michigan to do so. With this title he will be attending several national elite camps, including one in Columbia, South America this summer, and anticipates competing in international competitions.

At the National Championships he placed first on floor, second on Rings, third on Vault and High Bar, fourth on Parallel Bars and tenth on Pommel Horse.

This Junior National Team Member title did not come without much hard work. Blixt won first place at State Championships in March. He then went on to win first place at Regional Championships in April, making the Regional Elite Team. He competed on the Region 5 team at Windy City and the 2018 Elite Team Cup in Chicago. The Elite Cup is a team event featuring the country’s best junior elite male gymnasts.

Stay tuned as Blixt continues to make his way to the top. His dream to compete in the Olympics someday may be just a matter of time.

## Smith Elementary School News

### IMPORTANT DATES:

June 6- Field trip: Burke & Barton

June 7- Mobile Dentist here

June 7-Field Day

June 8- Field trip: Dodd, Gerecke, King, Wolff

June 8-Field trip: Devota & Sweet

June 8- End of Year Kindergarten Celebration (see teacher’s notes for the time)

June 8 – Family Fun End of Year Party 5:30-7:30

June 13 – Early Dismissal 12:00

June 14 – Early Dismissal: 12:00- Last Day of 2017-2018 School Year

August 23- Open House 5:00-7:30

August 27- First day for Grades 1 and 2 / Orientation for Kindergarten

August 28-First full day for Kindergarten

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**Medication Reminder** – Just a reminder to parents that your children’s medications must be picked up in the office by the end of the day June 15<sup>th</sup>! Any medications not picked up by the time the office closes for the summer will be disposed of and not kept for next school year.

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

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

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

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**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!

## St. John’s Episcopal Church serving Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, June 15

The St. John’s Episcopal Church is serving a Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, June 15, from 5-7pm. Free will offering. Takeout is available for \$8. The church is located at 504 Prospect Street, Howell.



## Livingston Acoustic Music Society to gather for jam session June 16

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 on Saturday, June 16, 2018. Starts: 7 p.m. For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/LivingstonJAM/>



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

All applicants for this position will receive an interview. Interviews will take place on Monday, June 25, 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.

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# Webberville Report



**Webberville Teachers’ Association names 2018 Scholarship Winners**  
Two Webberville High School seniors were each awarded \$500 scholarships from the Webberville Education Association (WEA). The annual award is funded by 27 Webberville Teachers who are members of the WEA. Seniors Grace Hull, left, and Emma Grossbauer received the WEA Scholarships and were selected by teachers. Since 1990, the association has awarded \$12,800 in scholarships.

**Fundraising event planned for Eastern Ingham Farmers Market on June 8**

The newly created Eastern Ingham Farmers Market will host its first fundraising event which will be the Food Truck ThrowDown on Friday, June 8, from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The event will be held at the Williamston Roadhouse, located west of Webberville near the intersection of East Grand River and North M-52. Eleven food vendors are scheduled to be at the ThrowDown. Music will be provided by The Jonestown Crows and beer and wine will be available for purchase.

The Eastern Ingham Farmers Market was formed as a result of the Williamston City Council directing the Interim City Manager to end its contract with Marlene Epley, who has been the Director of the Williamston Farmers Market since 2013.

After that decision was made, a group of eight community individuals took action and over the course of the next six weeks created a new non-profit organization named Sowing Growth, Inc. Under the umbrella of Sowing Growth, Inc., the new farmers market was created, with Epley appointed executive director of Sowing Growth, Inc. and director of Eastern Ingham Farmers Market.

Through an agreement between Sowing Growth, Inc. and the City of Williamston, the 2018 Eastern Ingham Farmers Market will continue to be held in McCormick Parking Lot on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through October 14.

The new market opened as originally scheduled on Sunday, May 20, with an opening day record number of 23 vendors and over 300 visitors/shoppers. Sowing Growth, Inc. received a grant from Williamston Sunrise Rotary which helped tremendously with start-up costs of the new organization and farmers market.

Epley had been the Director of the Williamston Farmers Market since 2013.

**‘Lost Paws’ to meet at Plainfield United Methodist Church on June 14**

The pet loss grief support group “Lost Paws” is for animal lovers:

- Whose pet has passed away (recently or years ago).
- Whose pet is missing.
- Who has a pet that is in poor health, or is getting on in years.
- Who wants to connect with other animal lovers in the community.
- Who thinks of their pets as family, which includes any and all pets, whether they have hooves, talons, paws, fins, fur, or feathers, and may range from a mouse to an elephant.

The purpose of this support group is to reach out into the community and offer comfort and companionship to those who are grieving or suffering, or anticipate that they will be due to the loss of a pet.

The next session of the “LOST PAWS” Pet Loss support group will be at Plainfield United Methodist Church on Thursday June 14th at 7:00 pm. The church is located at 17845 M-36, west of Bradley Road. Everyone is welcome. You may wish to bring a photo of or an item that belonged to your pet to the meeting. Questions: Contact Terry Melton at (517) 468-0113 (leave message) or visit us on Face Book (<https://www.facebook.com/umcplainfield/>)



**Friends of the Webberville Library selling book baskets & bagged books**  
The Friends of the Webberville Library will be selling book baskets and bagged books during the Webberville Community Picnic being held from 5:30 to 8:30pm on Friday, June 8, at 115 S. Main St. A variety of bagged books will be available for \$5.00 per grocery bag.

There will also be a selection of gently used books in an attractive basket plus each basket will contain a themed accent. The prices for the baskets will range from \$2.00 to \$10.00 and will include many different types of books such as romance, fiction, mystery, gardening, cookbooks, children’s books and more. If you don’t find the selection you want, we may to be able to make a basket for you.

There will also be a variety of book baskets available in the Webberville branch of the Capital Area District Library during regular library hours. These baskets will be available before and after the picnic. All proceeds from these sales will support programs at the Webberville Library. Thanks for your support.



## Webberville Elementary students take part in Field Day activities

Webberville Elementary Field Day activities took place on Thursday, May 24, under the direction of Physical Education teacher, Mrs. Danielle Berger. Multiple volunteers helped with the statistics, timing and measurements at this event.

The weather was perfect, as students competed in the long jump, sack and wheelbarrow races, softball throw, and running races.

The day ended with the tug-o-war completion between the classes and staff. Mrs. Berger presented ribbons to first, second, third and fourth place competitors. Congratulations to all the STARS who participated! Great job.



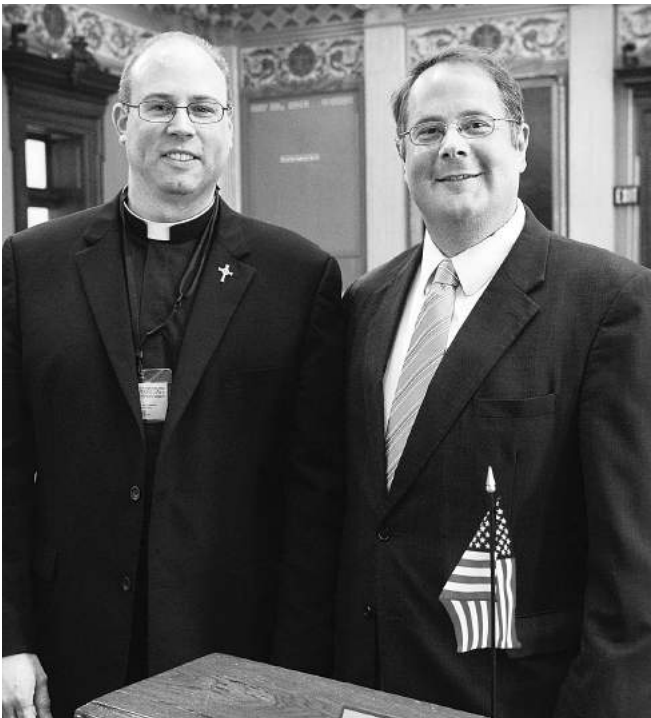
Mrs. Cloudman's fifth graders won their tug-o-war competition!



The fourth grade boys ran a competitive race!

## Webberville United Methodist Church to serve Chicken Dinner on June 16

The Webberville United Methodist Church is having its monthly chicken dinner on Saturday, June 16, 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.



## Senator Hune welcomes St. Agnes Catholic pastor to State Capitol

Sen. Joe Hune, R-Fowlerville, welcomed the Rev. Nathaniel Sokol to the Michigan Capitol Wednesday to give the invocation before session. Sokol serves as pastor at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Fowlerville.



Mr. Weaver instructs eager second graders for the wheel barrow race.



Third grader Haydin, gets some 'air' on the long jump!

## Webberville Woman's Advance Club meeting was held on May 21

By Betty Dodge

The Woman's Advance Club of Webberville met on May 21, 2018 at the Commons of Williamston. Tim Baise, co-owner and CEO, and his wife Tracie have been refurbishing the old Williamston High School that was built in 1874. The first phase opened about one year ago and was completed enough to rent a few spaces. They also have a business, First Flight Financial, in Williamston. This year Tim became president of Homeless Angels in Lansing.

The walking tour of the building was very impressive and informative. There were photos of Williamston graduates on the walls in the beautiful hallways. The refinished gym, some rooms with original flooring and a blackboard were on the tour. You could almost hear the laughter and chatter of students again.

We thanked Mr. Tim Baise for taking the time out of his busy schedule to share what has been done and his ongoing future goals.

Following the tour, we went to the home of Kathy Ward for our regular meeting. We enjoyed a delicious dessert, tea and coffee.

Our roll call was used to share ideas of repurposing an item. If I'm correct, it means an original item can be used for other things. We had many good ideas: we could use wool clothes to cut strips and use them for rug hooking; an old ashtray can be used to put jelly in and attract Orioles; old license plates can mend a roof; we could use old plastic bread tags to keep a roll of tape from sticking to itself; we could put an old 55 gallon barrel under a down spout and collect nice soft rain water; we could use large empty coffee cans, label them and use them to store garage items; crushed egg shells will prevent slugs and snails in the garden and many more responses were given.

President Nancy Webb gave a brief history of Poppy Day, celebrated this month to honor the fallen veterans of many wars. The red poppy was recognized by the American Legion in 1924 and is celebrated worldwide. When you give money for the poppy, it is used to help veterans.

The Woman's Advance Club felt it a joy to donate for many causes this past year. The Ronald McDonald House, the Homeless Angels in Lansing, Christmas cards for the High School Journalism Class to use for nursing home patients. Scarves, hats, mittens and paper products were donated for

the Webberville Food and Clothing Bank. We had a sing-a-long for the residents of Marsh Pointe, with gifts, ice cream and cookies; survival kits for UMCOR used for hurricane victims; books for the elementary school; weekend survival kits for children to take home – No Child Goes Hungry.

The new officers for our 125<sup>th</sup> year (founded in August of 1893) are as follows for 2018-2019:

President – Nancy Ann Webb

Vice President – Jill Moon

Secretary – Sallie Brodie

Treasurer – Rosemary Cahaney

Executive Committee – Pat Jennings

Trustee to Marsh Pointe

Rosemary Cahaney 2019 – 2022, Jill Moon 2017 – 2021

Our last meeting until fall will be at the home of Rosemary Cahaney on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 12 noon, for a salad luncheon and fun games after the lunch. Bring 5 dimes for a Bingo game.

## Capital Area Library Events WEBBERVILLE

### Illusions with Baffling Bill (All ages)

This show takes magic to the next level as Bill's assistant Kym magically disappears, and doves are transformed into a rabbit.

June 5, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

### Music with Finvarra's Wren (All ages)

An exciting Irish quartet featuring beautiful vocals and melodies with guitar, dulcimer, bodhran, fiddle and more.

June 8, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

### Merry Music Maker Storytime (Ages up to 6)

Kids will rock out to the rhythm of music, movement, sign language, puppets and more.

June 13, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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## WILLIAMSTON

### Summer Reading Kick-off with Cameron Zvara (Held at Williamston Discovery Elementary Cafeteria)

A hilarious variety show for all ages, jam packed with music, magic, comedy, juggling and thrills.

June 13, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

### Senior Book Chat (Held at Williamston Senior Center)

Visit with library staff to hear about some of our favorite books and what we're reading now.

June 13, 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

### Senior Mind Benders (Held at Williamston Senior Center)

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Essentials for a Christian Home  
Part 3 of 3

“Listen, O Israel! The LORD IS OUR GOD, THE LORD ALONE. And you must love the LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, ALL YOUR SOUL, AND ALL YOUR STRENGTH. And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates”(Deuteronomy 6:4-9).

The third essential for a Christian home is to have the truth

of God’s Word governing the home. The parents must teach their children the truth of God’s revelation. God’s truths must govern the parent’s habits and conduct, both privately and publicly.

When we commit our lives to Christ and surrender the will of our human nature to Him, we will begin to look at life from a different perspective. First of all, the things that used to occupy so much of our time and energy will lose their appeal to us, and we will begin to seek after the things that help us grow in our relationship with the Holy Spirit. Our thoughts and dreams will climb to a much higher level. Our focus will turn to God and doing what pleases Him.

If the truth of God’s Word is to govern our homes, then God’s Word has to be the motivating force behind everything we do. We must be as diligent and persistent as the apostle Paul when he said: “Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ” (Philippians 3:8).

We come to know Christ by spending time in the Bible, allowing the words of God to transform us from the inside out. Romans 12:2 tells us that we should not conform to the standards that the world has accepted as normal, instead we are to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. In other words, as we spend time in the presence of God, our hearts and minds will be drawn away from what the world sees as important and directed toward what God says is important.

The greatest commandment says we are to love God with ALL of our hearts. I think we fail here because most of us care more about what we want, rather than what God wants. We put our agenda ahead of God’s agenda.

Here’s something to think about. Most people work hard all week. Therefore, when the weekend comes, they are looking for some fun time and relaxation. The question is, “Does your weekend activities include worship and quality time with God?” So many times we plan our fun time at the expense of our God time. This is not a good example to be setting for our children. Remember, they will imitate you more than they will listen to you.

We have lost several generations of young people because we have not followed closely the teaching in today’s text. We do not take the time to teach our children about the salvation which Jesus purchased with His blood. We do not talk about the things of God with them as often as we should. As a result, most young people see studying the scriptures as boring and unnecessary, because their belief system is not grounded on the foundation of Scripture but on the temporary wants and needs that bring them fun and excitement.

There is no provision in the family of God for part-time Christians; but that is what many of us have become. Our homes are governed by the desires and wants of the flesh, and our children are watching us and repeating what we do. If following Jesus is not everything to us, it will not be everything to them.

I remember a scene in a Bible study video I once taught where the Preacher had helped a young boy turn his life around. The young man was on fire for Christ, and everything he did evidenced that he was a follower of Jesus. This upset the mother and she called the pastor and asked if he would tell her son to tone it down a bit. She said, “Tell him it’s okay to be a Christian but he doesn’t have to be a fanatic about it. Can’t he do it in moderation?”


I would have told that mother that she needed to take a lesson from her son, because he had it right. Jesus wants us to be fanatics. He wants us to be obsessive when it comes to loving Him and serving our brothers and sisters.

He does not want part of our love, He wants all of it. This means we must live our lives in total surrender to Him.


Some of us try to have it both ways, but God says that we can’t stay in the middle of the road, we have to choose sides. Either we surrender all to Him or we may as well surrender nothing to Him.

I understand that what I am saying may sound out of touch with the way the world operates today. I also understand that to do what the Bible tells us will take a committed heart and a great love for Jesus. Some will call us old fashion or worse. But we must not give in to public opinion. We must stand firm if we want our homes to be Christian homes. We must start today, and teach our children that the most important thing in life is a relationship with Jesus Christ. We cannot afford to lose any more of our children by allowing them to dictate to us what they want. Instead we must tell them what they need.

I realize that times have changed since I was a child, and church and Bible studies are not popular with our young people. That is because somewhere along the way we stopped teaching and started compromising to win our children’s approval. We wanted them to like us, so we gave in to their demands. Now they are controlling us. Don’t think so? Check out your schedule for last week.



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Letter to the Editor

Businesses thanked for supporting Work Readiness Assessment Program

As another school year winds down, I would like to thank the many businesses in Fowlerville who are consistently supporting our schools, teachers, and students. For the past five years several businesses have specifically worked with the Work Readiness Assessment Program, (WRAP), at FHS, to support student learning for employability skills. Two days a week students are in the classroom addressing a variety of independent living and work competencies. The other three days a week, students are placed with employers in the community to work on those \*soft\* skills that make or break good employees such as: communication, decision making, self-motivation, time management, and conflict resolution; just to name a few.

I’d personally like to thank the following businesses who continue to support WRAP at FHS year after year. Thank you for your work, energy, thoughtfulness, and willingness to give a young adult the opportunity to learn to be a good employee: Camper Trailer Sales and Service, Dick Scott Motor Mall, Fowlerville Feed and Pet Supply, Fowlerville Public Library, Fowlerville Senior Center, Grampy’s Auto Parts, Great Lakes Restaurant, Jane’s Garage, Kern Road Veterinary Clinic, Little Glad Center, Maximus Gym, Mayhew’s Tree Farm and Nursery, Curtis Grocery (we miss you), Paw’s Place, and Kodet True Value Hardware. Without you, more than 27 students would not have had the opportunity to get support and guidance in learning to be a good employee.

If any additional businesses are interested in learning more about WRAP and how we support students, please contact me at 517.223.6058.

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The former Parkers Corners School has been closed for around 14 years and is in need of renovations and upgrades.

**Former Parkers Corners School has new owner with plans for a unique business**  
**By Steve Horton**

Lori (Daymon) Cook has had two goals in mind. One of them has been to purchase the former Parkers Corners School in Iosco Township and save it from demolition. She accomplished that last month (in early May) when she took ownership of the building along with the 5.28 acres that surrounds it.

The second goal, which still lies ahead, is to begin renovation—a formidable task since the building has not been used since 2004 and needs extensive repairs and updating and then use the facility and property as a combination goat farm and goat-themed business.

“I’m calling it the ‘Goat Farm @ Parkers Corners...Goat Nirvana’,” said Cook.

So, what’s the background to this idea?

Well, it starts with the fact that Lori grew up in the township, the daughter of Robert and Ruth Daymon. She has an older brother, Bob.

“I attended Parkers Corners School for a couple of years,” she explained. “I remember I had Mrs. Risch as a teacher when President Kennedy was shot in 1963.”

While that was a memorable experience, her more lasting memory of the school was that of happiness. “The classrooms had these big windows on one wall and windows along the roofline of the other wall, so there was always a lot of sunshine,” Lori said. “Going to school there was among my happiest times.”

Parkers Corners School was built in 1955 (the same year Lori was born), replacing an older building at the location. The 5,000-square-foot concrete-block facility included three large classrooms with the large windows facing the north, as well as two bathrooms, a mechanical room, and a small storage room.

It was part of the Fowlerville Community Schools and used to educate the younger elementary students living in that part of the district. The board of education decided to close the school in 1981, citing cost savings. It was the last country school to operate in the district.

The building got a second lease on life when it was used for several years as an alternative high school. After being closed, the building and property were owned by members of the Driver-Huffine family.

Lori, meanwhile, graduated from Fowlerville High School in 1973 and eventually married John Cook.

“His family owned a large, local, commercial roofing business that he was part of,” she noted. “It had an international branch that he was in charge of and he traveled around the world, including replacing roofs or constructing new ones on American embassies for the State Department.”



Lori (Daymon) Cook has plans to renovate the building and use it and the surrounding property for a combination goat farm and goat-themed business.

The couple lived in Florida, then moved to Hilton Head, South Carolina. They also had a summer cottage on Little Crooked Lake in Brighton.

She noted that during her trips back to Michigan, she’d often drive by Parkers Corners and daydream of owning it.

The idea of what to do with the place, if she did buy it, began to take shape during a trip the couple took “out west”. “John had cancer years before and it had been in remission, but it came back in 2012,” Lori explained, adding that the long-term prognosis for him wasn’t good.

“We decided to do some traveling while we could and in 2014 we rented a car, after flying out west, and drove around, visiting different places and sites like Mount Rushmore,” she said.

One of the places they stopped at was Carthage, Missouri where her niece, Jennie and her family lived. “We rented a small stone cottage on a goat farm,” she recalled. “The kids had a ball petting the goats, and milking and feeding them,” she recalled. “How can you not smile watching baby goats and their antics? And when you’re dealing with cancer, it’s nice to smile. Being on the farm, I started thinking that maybe this could work for Parkers Corners.”

The next couple of years, though, were spent driving from their Hilton Head home to Duke University for John’s cancer treatments, with much of Lori’s focus and energy spent on assisting her husband.

If this wasn’t hard enough, their home was damaged by a hurricane in 2016, requiring a new roof. Then came 2017—“the year from hell” as she described it.

In April, John passed away. Prior to his death, the couple had been trying to sell their South Carolina home, but without success. Then in September another hurricane hit the area and caused extensive damage to the place, necessitating another round of repairs.

The house, though, was finally sold a couple of months later and this past November she moved to the cottage in Brighton.

During that same time frame she made inquiries about buying the former school. “Last June, when I was in Michigan, I drove out to (the owner) Randy Huffine’s place,” she said. “He wasn’t there, and I was leaving him a note when he drove in. We talked, and I made an offer which he didn’t accept. Earlier this year, I learned that he someone wanted to buy the property, but it was contingent on the buyer being able to sell his home. I made my offer, which he accepted.”

So, what had been a daydream, maybe even a little wishful thinking, was now a reality.

**Lori, in offering details**, has lots of ideas and possibilities. First of all, the goat farm would be designed as a family attraction where young children can pet the animals and watch their activities and antics. This would be free.

The first classroom will be converted into a store with a farm-to-table aspect. “I’m calling it Cecil’s Market and we could serve entrees such as goat burgers and tacos,” she said. “We’d offer ice cream and cheese made from goat’s milk, along with by-products like soap, oils, and shampoo. Souvenirs would be available as well, including hats, tee-shirts and mugs.”

Lori would use the second classroom, if possible, as a place for the goats to come inside the building and where they can interact with the public. The third classroom would house equipment and supplies, and the storage area would be used as an office area.

She noted that she’s already presented her idea to Iosco Township officials for their reaction and to see what the zoning requirements are.

Before any to these plans can materialize, though, she has to fix up the building. “The foundation and walls are in good shape,” Lori said. “But it needs a new roof and roof deck and the plumbing and electric needs to be updated.”

She’s set up a Go Fund Me account to seek financial assistance from others who, like her, want to “save the former school” and give it a new purpose. To handle those funds, a non-profit entity has been established that will have three directors on the board.

The operation of the business, which she said will be based on “when it makes a profit, not if,” will be a private enterprise.

“I think this will be a fun thing to do with the rest of my life,” Lori said. “I like the idea of creating something that’s sustainable and giving back to the community. I feel this could be a great family attraction.”

“I chose the name ‘Goat Nirvana’ because I want the farm to be a place of peace and tranquility; a place where families can visit and have fun.”

For more details, go to her web site: [www.goatnirvana.com](http://www.goatnirvana.com). The fundraising account is: GoFundMe—“Save Parkers Corners”. She can also be contacted via email at: [lori@goatnirvana.com](mailto:lori@goatnirvana.com)



Lori (Daymon) Cook is shown, at left, with her teacher, Mrs. Risch, at Parkers Corners during the 1963-64 school year.



From left are Lori Daymon, Renee Huffine, and Debbie at Parkers Corners Elementary.

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Playing ‘Taps’ was David Paruszkiewicz, left, and Ben Dix.

Carl Morgan, at 91, is the oldest living veteran who took part in the parade and ceremony. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.



The Fowlerville High School and Junior High Bands took part in the parade, playing the songs of the different branches of the American Armed Services. At Greenwood Cemetery, the bands played the National Anthem.



Laying the wreath were, from left, Jacob Berman, Sophia May, Emmet May, Tonya Ogden, president of the VFW Auxiliary; and in the background, Judy Recker of the American Legion Auxiliary.

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