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Bobbiesue Adams is the 'Teacher of the Year' at the Fowlerville Community Schools.

#### Junior High math instructor selected as Fowlerville 'Teacher of the Year'

#### **By Steve Horton**

Bobbiesue Adams, a junior high math instructor, has been selected as the Fowlerville Community Schools' 'Teacher of the Year.' This is her 14th year at the local school district and her eighth year of just teaching eighth grade math.

Both her path to becoming a teacher as well as her early years in this career were not straight and narrow. Perseverance would probably be an appropriate word to use in describing her life's journey.

It also underscores her approach to teaching math. "I try to focus on it as an exercise in problem solving and tell students that solving problems is something you have to do in life, Adams said. "I also try to show the students how to apply what they learn in math to everyday situations."

Bobbiesue grew up in Breckenridge, a small farming community located west of Saginaw. "There were around 1,300

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Becky Kottong was named as the 'Support Person of the Year' at the Fowlerville Community Schools. She has worked at the district in various capacities for 30 years.

#### Junior High administrative assistant named 'Support Staff Person of the Year'

#### **By Dawn Horton**

Becky Kottong, who is an administrative assistant at the junior high, has been named by her peers as this year's 'Support Staff Person of the Year' for the Fowlerville Community School

Becky has served in different capacities since first joining the staff in 1987. She noted that this start came due to her being a "good sister."

"I took a paper into the high school that my brother needed, and saw Gordon Weeks (the assistant principal) while there," she recalled. "At the time I was working at the pharmacy. He called later and asked if I would like to work at the school, overseeing the in-school suspension room.

"It paid \$8-an-hour," she added. "I took the job and started shortly afterwards and had that position for the next 22 years. I'd have from two to thirty students and over that time period I

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These members of the Livingston Centre Historic Society invited you to attend this coming Saturday's (Sept. 30) Fall Fest at the Fowlerville Fairgrounds. From left are Shirley and Herman Yost, Betty Cool, Lonna Foster, in back left David Thompson, Patty Dunn, Betty Forsyth, Marj Carlon, Bette Kelly, Dave Malcolm, and in back right Michael Dunn.

#### **Livingston Centre Historic Village to** hold Fall Fest on Saturday, Sept. 30

By Kathe Westbrook

The Livingston Centre Historic Village is holding the annual Fall Fest on Saturday, Sept. 30 inside the Fowlerville Fairgrounds. Many activities will be offered, including food and craft vendors, entertainment performances throughout the day, kids' games, tours of the historic buildings, a presentation by the Howell Nature Bus, vintage vehicles on display in the Car Corral and Punkin Chunkin'.

All the historic buildings will be open and docents will be on site to provide free tours and information. The Kirkland House can be toured after its three-year repair project. The model train that delighted so many during the Fowlerville Family Fair will again be running inside the Pere Marquette Depot. Even the Davis Barber Shop will be open, offering turns to little shavers.

Several local food vendors will be on the grounds with a variety of meals and snacks. Area crafters, meanwhile, will be

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displaying their creations and products.

And, once again the Punkin Chunkin' will take place; the trebuchet is ready to throw pumpkins. Stop by and see whose goes the farthest. There is an additional fee for those wanting to actually operate the trebuchet. The organizers could use a few strong volunteers to help with this event. Please see a society member if you wish to volunteer.

New this year is the Car Corral—a place to display your antique vehicle, be it a car, truck, tractor, or implement. Please call Mike Dunn at 734-673-1034 to reserve your space.

The Fall Fest will be the last opportunity to get tickets for the annual Raffle; the drawing will be held at 5:00 p.m. \$1.00 tickets will be sold during the day; attendance is not required to win. Prizes include a locally-made bed spread, a handcrafted quilt, a Kindle Fire Tablet, a portable car battery charger, a large bird feeder, a family pass for the Canton, MI water park, and a family pass to Castaway Cafe in Howell.

The Fall Fest will begin at 10:00 a.m. There is lots of free parking in the west parking lot and admission fees vary by age.









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By Audrey Glass, **Programming Assistant** 

#### Fowlerville Schools History Fun Facts

A new school year has begun! Here at the library we are getting ready for the new school year with our new Fall Newsletter outlining some of the library's valuable resources and programs for all ages! We also took a peek into our Fowlerville history books, Mastodons to Manufacturers: A History of Fowlerville, Michigan by Michael A. Grimm and The Fowlerville Chronicles by Marion L. Cornett, to learn a little about where and how the schools in our community were organized back in the day.

The first school in the Village of Fowlerville was called

the Red School and was built in 1851. It was located approximately where the parking lot of the future Library building is located today on the west side of South Grand Ave. The next school in Fowlerville was a white wooden building on North Collins Street, built in 1871. In 1891, it was accompanied by a 2-story brick schoolhouse, built just across the street.

Then in 1921, the white schoolhouse burned down. By 1923 a new schoolhouse was built to replace the one that burned. This was the three-story Collins Street School that likely many people in this community remember as it was still in use in the 1970's and was not torn down until 1996. In 1943 the last school to be built on Collins Street was constructed. the Collins Street Elementary School. This building still stands and is now the Senior Center.

In 1955 a new high school was constructed at the end of North Hibbard Street. This was the first to be built on what is now the present-day school campus. Currently, this building serves as the John S. Munn Early Childhood Center and also holds the Community Recreation Offices. In 1964 the Hibbard Elementary School, later renamed H. T. Smith Elementary was built on the new campus at the end of North

In 1973 the Carlson Elementary School was also opened to add more elementary classrooms. The Carlson building later served as a community education center, community recreation center, and Little Glads preschool center. In 2010 the Carlson building was closed, and just this month, September 2017, it was torn down.

In 1982 a new high school was built on Sharp Road and now currently serves as the Fowlerville Junior High School. In 1991 construction of the Natalie Kreeger Elementary School began and opened for classes in 1992. In 1997 construction began for a new junior high school and was completed in 1999. After an addition to the junior high in 2006, the junior high and high school switched buildings. This, the newest and largest of the schools, now serves as the Fowlerville High School, housing grades 9-12.

What school buildings do you remember attending classes in? This is only a fraction of the information available about the Fowlerville Schools and our village's history. To learn more, visit the library and ask to look at our historical reference books where many great stories and interesting facts about Fowlerville's history are told!

#### Fowlerville Varsity Tennis Team drops match to Haslett last Monday, 8-0

The Fowlerville Varsity Tennis Team dropped a hardfought match to Haslett on Monday night, Sept. 18, 8-0.

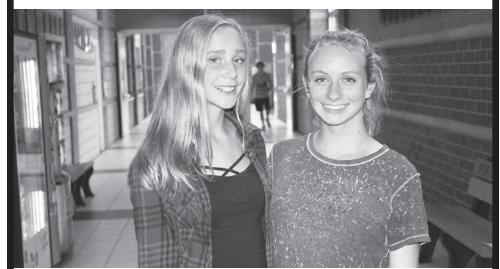
The 1 doubles team of Caden Flanery/Christian Montrose battled to the end but came up short 7-6(3) 7-6(5). Losing in 3 sets for the Glads were the teams of Hunter Wilson/Shane Sibo 6-2 2-6 6-2 and Sam Browne/Tyler Sladick 6-1 3-6 6-3. The team is now 3-1(1-1 CAAC White).







**Jud Scott** 



#### **Girls Cross Country**

Jenna Rigotti - Jenna is a freshman runner on the girls cross country team. Jenna's hard work in the off season has already had an impact on the varsity team. Jenna recently placed 12th in the first CAAC White Jamboree with a time of 22:12 helping the team place second overall. Jenna has consistently crossed the line third for the Gladiators scoring in every meet this season. Jenna's personal best is currently from the Laingsburg meet where she completed the 5000m course in 20:32. Look for Jenna to set a new personal record shortly. She will be an exciting runner to watch throughout the season and her career at FHS.

Sara Spalding - Sara is a freshman runner on the girls cross country team. Sara's determination and hard work in the off season has her already contributing to the varsity team. Sara recently ran a great race in the first CAAC White Jamboree placing 20th overall and her fourth spot for the Gladiator helped the team clinch a 2nd place finish. Sara's personal record also comes from the Laingsburg meet with a time of 22:35. Sara's work ethic will help her continue to improve this season. Look for her to set a new personal record time in an upcoming race. Sara's impact this year has the FHS girls xc team off to a great start this season.

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#### 'Teacher of the Year' continued

residents in town," she recalled. "My dad worked in the grain elevator and my mom did various odd jobs, including working in the sugar beet factory during the harvest season."

She is the oldest of her parents' four children. "I have two sisters who are identical twins and a brother," Bobbiesue noted

She said that she focused on her studies in high school along with working as a waitress at the Ponderosa restaurant. Her studying paid off when she graduated in 1995 as the salutatorian. "There were around 70 kids in my class," Bobbiesue said.

She then went to the University of Michigan, majoring in aerospace engineering. But then a problem arose. "I had been at the U of M for two-and-a-half years when my parents were divorced," she said. "I needed to return home to take care of my siblings."

That obligation and her job occupied much of her time, but she did not give up on higher education. She eventually began taking classes on a part-time basis at Mid-Michigan Community College and went on to earn an Associate's degree. "I then transferred to Central Michigan University," Bobbiesue said. "I had a double major in science and math and now had the goal of becoming a teacher. It took me awhile to finish my studies since I was working fulltime as a waitress."

In 2004—nine years after high school graduation—she received her bachelor's degree. Attending classes at Central Michigan also had another major impact since that's where she met her future husband, Jamie Adams.

"I think I appreciate my degree more from overcoming the challenges than I would have if I'd gotten it a few years after high school," she pointed out.

Bobbiesue student taught for a year at a junior high school in Mt. Pleasant. Meanwhile, her husband, who is a financial analyst, was working in the Lansing area and commuting.

"Our plan was to move closer to where he was working, so I started subbing while I looked for a fulltime teaching position in the Lansing area," she said.

She applied for an opening in Fowlerville and, after being interviewed was hired. "The first four months I drove back and forth each school day before we finally moved," Bobbiesue recalled.

Among the realities of being a new teacher is the lack of seniority and the possibility of shifting assignments and even a layoff. That proved to be the case for Bobbiesue. "I started off teaching eighth grade science and then, due to staff realignment, I taught math and science for two years at the high school," she said.

At that point she was laid off due to the district needing to make budget cuts. "It was a nervous summer," she said. "Fortunately, for me, the district had more students than was

expected, and I was brought back prior to the start of the fall

Only she didn't have her own classroom. "I was assigned to teach the electives which meant I went from classroom to classroom when the regular teacher had their hour of prep time," Adams said. "Our principal back then decided to offer a variety of interesting courses. I taught Michigan wildlife, forensics, astronomy, computer animation, web design, and a couple of other topics. I also had one section of seventh grade math. I learned a lot that year."

A subsequent decision was made to have each of the staff teach an elective along with their main courses rather than have one teacher doing all of them. So her next assignment was seventh grade math and science, followed by eighth grade math and science, and for the past few years just math classes.

Of her two specialties, Bobbiesue said that she prefers math. "I've always felt good about math," she added. "In eighth grade we're mostly focused on algebra with a little geometry and some statistics. I enjoy teaching at the junior high. My sense of humor meshes with this age group. But I enjoyed teaching at the high school as well.

As for her approach, she said, "I tell my students to see it as a challenge and that they are maybe better at it than they thought they would be. I enjoy it when they succeed. With math you're either right or wrong, but I tell my students that you learn from mistakes.

"When a student leaves my class, I hope they are more confident, more willing to try, and more open to experiencing new challenges," she said. "I like seeing students become more comfortable with sharing their thoughts."

To reinforce that goal, she has what she calls 'Truth Signs' on one of the walls in her classroom. "I borrowed them from the internet and feel they're wonderful," she said.

They read:

We each learn in our own ways by our own time clocks. Everyone needs time to think and learn.

We can do more and learn more when we're willing to take a risk.

It's intelligent to ask for help. No one needs to do it all

It's OK to make mistakes. That's the way we learn.

Bobbiesue and Jamie have two children. Their son, Holden, is a sixth grader at Fowlerville Junior High, and their daughter, Zoelle, is a second grader at Smith Elementary.

"I read a lot, scrapbook, and we like to travel around Michigan and see interesting places," she said.

In addition to her classroom duties, she cosponsors the National Junior High Honor Society with fellow teacher Kelli Miller, sponsors the Gifted & Talented Program with fellow teacher Amy Maurer, and has just started working with the Robotics

As for being selected as the 'Teacher of the Year,' Bobbiesue described it as "incredible," adding that "It still feels surreal. I can't verbalize the feeling, and I'm a chatterer. But I will say that it's very meaningful. I'm very honored."

The principal at the junior high, Myriah Lillie, said that Bobbiesue is very worthy of this recogntion, noting that "Mrs. Adams is a teacher that pours her heart into teaching and cares very much for her students both in and out of the classroom. She is an incredibly hard worker that is always modifying her curriculum and teaching tools to try to reach her students and help them understand math in a number of different ways. She is such a deserving teacher!"

## Fowlerville Boys Tennis Team loses to Lansing Catholic last Tuesday

The Fowlerville Boys Tennis Team lost 6-2 to Lansing Catholic last Tuesday. The Glads are now 3-2 overall (1-1 CAAC White) and played Williamston on Thursday (past the newspaper deadline). Winning in singles for Fowlerville was Josh Leonard (4 singles) 6-0 6-4. Winning in doubles for the Glads was the 1st doubles team of Caden Flanery/Christian Montrose 6-4 6-4.



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#### The Thrifter Sisters event featured flea market & vintage camper show

The Thrifter Sisters had great weather for their autumn Flea Market and Vintage Camper Show held at the Fowlerville Fairgrounds last weekend. Many browsers came out to view the items for sale, partake of the food vendors, and enjoy the entertainment. They also checked out the vintage campers along with a number of classic cars and trucks.

Shown here are the organizers: Renee Sturos (second from left) and her daughters Cassandra, Isabella and Kirstie.



Steve Liabenow of Livonia placed fourth with his 1955 Trotwood camper.



Several vintage campers were on display for the event and also camped at the fairgrounds during the weekend. Show here is Karen and Paul Kunde of Fowlerville with their 1970 Frolic Camper which won second place.



Kris and Craig Biggleston of St. Clair Township brought their 1963 St. Clair Camper and placed sixth.

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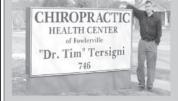
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- Bursitis
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#### **Fowlerville Girls Cross Country Team** competes at Spartan Invitational

The Fowlerville Girls Cross Country Team competed in the Bronze D2/D3 race at the Spartan Invitational on Friday, September 15. The girls competed against 35 teams and 256 individual runners.

The girls battled the heat, placing 19th with 471 points. The highlight of the day was a podium finish by Ollie Updike, placing 17th with a time of 20:30.7. Ollie had a strong finish as she consistently moved up places during the last mile of the race. Franny Updike was second to cross the line for the Gladiators in 63rd place overall with a time of 21:50.4.

Next for the Glads came Jenna Rigotti in 74th place overall with a time of 22:06.6. Sophia Spalding placed 158th with a time of 23:44.5 and Selena Lopez placed 168th with a time of 23:58.7 to round out the scoring for the Lady Gladiators. Josefine Lindberg came in on the heels of Selena, finishing the 5000m course in a time of 24:06.1 and Azhi Depa rounded out the Varsity squad with a time of 24:31.2.

The Junior Varsity Girls pushed through the heat, finishing 34th out of an astounding 57 teams and 784 individual runners. The JV girls were led by Sara Spalding running the 5000m course in 23:26.0, placing 88th overall. Emily Hutmacher (24:45.2) and Lily Copeland (24:46.2) battled for the 2nd and 3rd spot on the team, finishing with just a second between them. Jessica Davis ran the course in 27:07.7 and Ramsey Lukasik finished in 28:24.1 to round out the scoring for the JV girls.

Complete results can be found at: https://www.athletic.net



#### 'Support Staff Person of the Year' continued

worked in a portable classroom at Munn, the high school and the junior high."

Remembering those years, Becky said that "I loved my job."

"I felt like I could be someone the students could talk to when needed," she said. "My success in doing this job was, I believe, because I respected the kids and was consistent and treated everyone the same."

In 2007, however, she was laid off from that position due to budget decisions. Instead, she became the secretary for Grace Damerow in the Technology Department and also was a Media Specialist at the junior high and high school libraries.

That lasted a year. From 2008-2010 she was hired to again handle in-school suspension. In addition, she did the E-2020 Math Class, an on-line course offered to Fowlerville students. "I helped the students with their work," Becky said. "I liked doing it and as a bonus I learned a lot of math myself."

Her next position (from 2010-2011) was to handled student intervention at the junior high. "If a student didn't get their work done on time, I would help them get caught up during lunch," she said. "The program was called GLAD, meaning Getting Late Assignments Done."

During the following school year, Becky was assigned to be the attendance secretary at the high school. During that time frame she also volunteered to be a sponsor of the Class of 2011, starting when the students were freshman and ending on their graduation day.

She began her current position as an administrative assistant in 2012. One of her main duties is handling the attendance. "I also assist our vice principal, James Fitzgerald and our principal, Myriah Lillie, where needed," she noted. "I help with the fundraisers, the Candy Cane Conundrum Awards, answer the phone, make phone calls, and help the students and their parents with their various questions and needs."

Becky also helped with LATEC, a summer program at the school, teaching jobs skills to the kids. "The students came and worked at the school buildings and on the grounds doing various tasks," she said. "I did an evaluation on how each of them did with their summer job."

She has also taught Driver's Education.

"Getting to know the students, watching them change and mature is what I like about my work at the school," Becky noted. "Nowadays I see the kids of the kids I knew when I first started as well as the grandchildren of my classmates."

Becky is the daughter of Roger and Diana Brady of Fowlerville—and the eldest of their six children. Her younger brothers and sisters include Danny, Jill, Cindy, Jackie, and Matt.

"I attended the Fowlerville Community Schools for all 13 years, starting out with Julia Ruttman as my kindergarten teacher," she pointed out, adding that she graduated in 1983.

It was while in junior high that Becky met her future husband, Lyndon Kottong. "We started dating when I was 17 and have been married for 27 years," she said.

They have two children: daughter Chelcey, age 24, who was recently married to Caleb Windish, and son Garrett, age 21. "Chelcey works at the infant room of Learn & Grow of Fowlerville and is a medical biller for 98.6 Emergicenter in Haslett," Becky said. "Caleb is employed at Thai Summit's Howell plant in the tool & die department. Garrett is a pipe

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fitter welder with Lansing Local 333."

Through the years Becky has kept busy with various volunteer tasks. She assisted her mother, who was a member of the Fowlerville Women in Business, with the Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting when that group put on the holiday event. She was also the treasurer of the Fowlerville Junior Baseball Association for seven years and during that time helped the FJBA put on its games at the Countryway ball fields.

At their country home in Fowlerville, the Kottongs raise a few goats and pigs. "At present we have two pygmy goats— 'Clover' and 'Beatrice'," she said. "We also have a black lab we call 'Sprocket'.

"Working for the school was the perfect job for me when our kids were young," Becky said. "We had the same time off and I could be more involved in their activities."

She noted that the job has a broader dimension. "I feel I will always work with kids in some capacity," she explained. "I tell the current students that I've been going to Fowlerville School for 43 years—13 as a student and 30 as an employee.

"I've lived in this community for my entire life," she added. "I love it here. It's fun to run into former students and hear about them."

Myriah Lillie, the junior high school principal, applauded Becky's selection as the 'Support Staff Person of the Year' for the school district.

"I've watched her work in so many capacities with students and she has done an amazing job with all of them," said Lillie. "After I became the principal at this building, I knew when a secretarial position opened up that I wanted to hire her."

She described Becky "as a multi-tasker who makes it look easy," explaining that "She has a great calm about her in the presence of stress and is always very patient and helpful with the students and parents. Becky has a knack with kids who haven't had an easy time. She loves and cares about them and wants them to be as successful as her own kids. She is very caring, one of the most caring persons I have ever met."

#### **Fowlerville Varsity Tennis Team** earns 8-0 win over Eaton Rapids

The Fowlerville Varsity Tennis Team upped its record to 3-0 (1-0 CAAC White) with a 8-0 win over Eaton Rapids Thursday night, Sept. 14. Winning for the Glads in singles were Shaw Sova 6-4 5-7 6-4, Joey Quigley 6-2 6-2, Brady Salter 6-3 6-3 and Josh Leonard 6-0 6-0. Doubles team winners were Christian Montrose/Caden Flanery 6-1 6-1, Hunter Wilson/Shane Sova 6-0 6-1, Tyler Sladick/Sam Browne 6-1 6-1 and Ben Buxton/Mason Sova 6-1 6-1.

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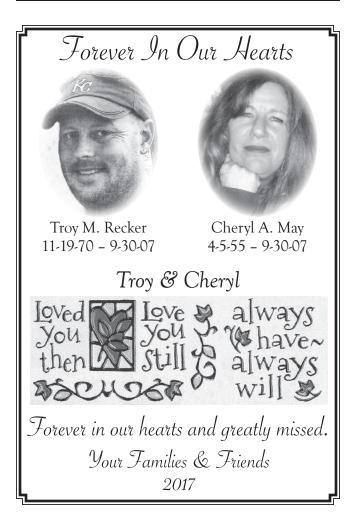


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## Fowlerville Junior High School News

#### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Picture Day--Tues. Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> Homecoming--Fri. Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> Picture Retakes--Fri. Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>

#### **FJH SPORTS**

SPORTS FOR WEEK OF SEPT. 25:

Mon., 9/25: VB vs Charlotte-4:30; 7A,8H; bus-3:00 XC @ Holt & 5 other schools-5:00; bus-3:15 Wed., 9/27: VB vs Eaton Rapids-4:30; 7A,8H; bus-3:00

Sat., 9/30: XC @ Stockbridge Invite-10:30; bus-8:45 Spectators, plan to pay admission at all athletic events. At

some invitationals there are also t-shirts for sale.

Feed your athlete on game day! Order a bag lunch; choice

Feed your athlete on game day! Order a bag lunch; choice of 2 entrees; order must be in by end of 1st hour on game day. ENJOYSPIRITWEEK as we all prepare for Homecoming-'17! THANK YOU to everyone who helped in some capacity at the XC opening meet on Wed., Sept. 13. FJH hosted over

400 athletes from 9 different schools. Spectators numbered well over 1000.

#### **CROSS COUNTRY NEWS**

Over 400 runners came to Fowlerville on Sept. 13th for the cross country teams first meet! Every runner pushed themselves as hard as they could and did so well! We had 4 personal bests, Zach Curd, Brock Howard, Calvin Dowker, & Ben Showerman! Honorable mention to Tori Briggs who placed 9th place in her race! The coaches and the runners families are so impressed with everyone's hard work!

What an amazing night of racing in East Lansing on Sept. 18th! The boys team came in 2nd place out of 5 teams! Leading the boys, Jack Shrader, Tyler Perras, Zachary Curd and Brock Howard--all came in the top 10 overall!

Six boys had a personal best! Congratulations Zachary Curd, Brock Howard, Brett Marschall, Aidan Brake, Ryder Lukasik and Oliver Farmer!

Five girls had their personal best times as well! Kaitlyn Seiter, Allie Davis, Annie Beach, Gabby Meersma and Janessa Kilpela. Congrats girls!!

Great job to all our runners

#### 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 spism@fowlervilleschools. org Search for "Balfour Image Share" at the App Store on iTunes or on Google Play. It's SO easy! Students or parents simply download the iOS or Android app, enter your yearbook's information and they're ready to go. Photos can be selected from an existing gallery or taken using the app itself. Each submitted photo includes contributor information, photo identifications and a caption. Our Project number is 823649.

#### **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!

#### HOMECOMING SPIRIT DAYS

We have Spirit – Yes we do!

Student Council will be hosting spirit days for homecoming (Sept. 25 - 29). Homecoming is Friday, September 29.

M: Superhero Shirt Day

T: Crazy Sock Day

W: Twin Day

T: Michigan Sports Team Day- Lions, Tigers, Red Wings, Pistons

F: Purple and Gold Day

Student Council will also be selling spirit beads (gold and purple) 50 Cents a strand and Spirit Fingers for \$3.00.

#### A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDANT ROEDEL:

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students who WALK to school. I want to take a moment to remind you that the District and Village have placed signs and painted crosswalks in various high traffic areas around the District, especially on Grand River, North Grand and Hibbard Street in an effort to provide safe crossing to the school campus in high traffic areas. Local residents who live around the schools are appreciative when students and parents/guardians use the Village sidewalks to get to school rather than using their yards as shortcuts. This is especially true at the North end of Maple Street where some new home construction will begin this fall. Thank you for being a good neighbor by respecting their property by using sidewalks and crossing the busy streets via the crossing guards and crosswalks. Let's have a fabulous and safe 2017-18 school year.

## Fowlerville Boys Cross Country Team places 4th in CAAC White Jamboree

The Fowlerville Boys Cross Country Team placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the first of three CAAC White Jamborees. The meet was held last Tuesday. The Gladiators were led by senior captain Chris Davis, who completed the double loop 5000m course in 17:13 and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. Junior Blake Howard crossed the finish line in 12<sup>th</sup> place (18:01) and sophomore Bryson Scott was 16<sup>th</sup> running an 18:37. All three runners are in early position for All-Conference honors, the most for the program in 10 years.

Rounding out the scoring for the Gladiators were Jacob Nabozny (26th; 19:10), Garett Shermoe (45th; 20:22), Trevor Peterson (47th; 20:26) and Aaron Pieper (59th; 21:22). In the Junior Varsity run, the Gladiators showed grit as Brian Hubert just missed his personal best with a 21:36 followed by Collin Smar (21:54), Josh Harper (21:57) and Brenden Harman (23:23).

The Gladiators look to improve on the season at the Jackson Invitational this Saturday, Sept. 23.

## Fowlerville Boys Varsity Soccer Team loses 4-0 match to Williamston last week

The Fowlerville Boys Varsity Soccer Team gave a valiant effort against Williamston this past Tuesday night, but came away losing 4-0. The game was played at home. The Hornets controlled the pace early and scored two first-half goals about one-third of the way through the game. The Glads came right back with a few solid chances of their own, but could not find the back of the net.

Williamston scored twice more in the second half, once on a PK, and Fowlerville again could not capitalize on some opportunities despite playing hard all the way through. The Glads are now 4-9 on the season.

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#### German choir & jazz band performs at Fowlerville High School

The Fowlerville High School Music Department played host this last weekend to a group of student musicians from Muellheim, Germany. The student choir and jazz band came from the Markgrafler Gymnasium in Muellheim and toured the Midwest for two weeks. Fowlerville was the final stop on their tour before

returning home. Their stay, which started with the home football game against Portland on Friday, Sept. 15, culminated with a concert on Sunday the 17th in the Alverson Center. Audience members were treated to a mix of traditional German folk songs and American jazz. A huge "thank you" goes out to all of the families who opened their homes and served as hosts to these amazing young musicians!

#### **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

#### Register for From A to Z with Mrs. D Spaces are still available!

Kids 2-4 yrs and their adult helper. From A-Z with Mrs. D is a pre-school program, each group meets once a week for the entire fall season. Groups start Tuesday, September 26th and Wednesday, September 27th at 10am and 11am. Spaces are limited and are filled on a first come, first served basis. \*Register in person only.

#### Fowlerville Library Writers Group Begins Wednesday, Sept. 27th at 2:30pm

Adults. Do you want feedback on your writing projects? Are you interested in exploring different writing exercises? If so, then join our self-led Fall 2017 session. You are invited to bring a 1-2 page sample for feedback from the group. This group will meet weekly until November 15th. \*Register in person to attend the entire series. No late entries. Registration begins September 13th.

#### Travel Series: What If? -Thursday, October 5th at 7pm

Adults. Highlighting the sights, sounds, life-changing encounters, and humorous stories of world travel while at the library! Start the journey with an inexperienced firsttime traveler to learn about what you do when your plans get cancelled at the last minute and you end up winging it on a wholenew vacation! \*Register in person to attend. Registration began September 21st and includes a refundable \$5 cash deposit.

Beyond the Book: Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar **Children** -Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> 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 September 21st. Books will be given while supplies last.

#### Candy Jar Stands -Thursday, October 19th at 7pm

Adults. Join Cindy and Beth to create a distinctive holiday candy jar that you can display at home or give as a gift. An easy craft for beginners or experienced crafters!\*Register in person to attend. Registration begins October 5th and includes a refundable \$5 cash deposit.

#### Family Pumpkin Carving Event - Wednesday, October 25th at 5:30-6:30pm

Families. Have some holiday fun with your family and friends! We provide the pumpkins, carving tools, and you provide the designs and fun! You are welcome to wear your costume! \*Participation is limited. Register in person to attend. Registration begins October 11th

#### Fowlerville Varsity Boys Soccer Team beats tough Lansing Catholic squad

The Fowlerville Boys Varsity Soccer Team beat a tough Lansing Catholic squad on Thursday night (Sept. 15) at home by a 2-1 score. Although Catholic possessed the ball most of the first half, the Glads went up 1-0 on a quick counter attack goal by Griffin Robertson, assisted by Elias Kaijasilta to hold the lead at half.

Both teams had their opportunities in the second half, but

Fowlerville capitalized when Kaijasilta found Hunter Maddox who put the Glads up 2-0. The Cougars scored a late goal to cut the lead to 2-1, but Fowlerville held on for the win. Alex Bowers had another solid game in net for the Glads, leading a tough defensive front with 9 saves. Fowlerville is 4-8 on the season.

#### Letter to the Editor

The First Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees public school students the right to read their Bibles, to pray, and to talk about God during free time at

This year, "Bring Your Bible to School Day" is scheduled for Thursday, October 5. For details, see Focus on the Family's website at BringYourBible.org.

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Olivia Verfaillie







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## Steve **Horton Column**

#### The Story of a Fellow Walker

This coming Thursday morning, weather permitting, Ron Harris will arrive at the track that circles the Williamston High School football field and start walking. Otherwise he'll be at the indoor track at the high school.

If he's at the outdoors facility, he'll walk for at least two hours and will go around the 400 meter oval at least 24 laps, although (he noted) in two hours it usually results in additional laps. On average he does about seven miles. It's a minimum goal he's established for himself. At the indoor track he needs to do 10 laps to finish a mile.

He does this every day and the reason I mentioned Thursday is because on that date (Sept. 28th) he'll complete his 1000th straight day of walking. He's 69 and started his daily walk on Jan. 3, 2015—a few weeks after he'd retired.

I also use the track in the early mornings, only my routine is less ambitious. I do eight laps (or two miles) which at my pace takes about forty minutes. Due to work, I walk on average four or five times a week.

I got to know Ron last summer when I started using the track which is near where we live. Before that I had a route of about a mile that started at the front door and, using the sidewalks, circled through the nearby neighborhood, and finished at that

I soon recognized him and his young grandson, who I surmised he was babysitting, along with other regulars. I noticed that he seemed to know many of the other walkers, waving hello or good-by to them or at times walking sideby-side with one of them and visiting. He made a point one morning of learning my name and I became one of those he

Eventually, one morning either he caught up to me or I caught up to him and for the next several laps we visited, exchanging some personal information about ourselves and commenting on other matters. We did so a couple more times.

When winter arrived, he headed to the high school's indoor track while I drove to the Meridian Mall and joined the walkers there. This spring, once the temperature warmed up, both of us were back at the football complex.

Most days it's a "hello" or "have a good day," but about a week ago he caught up to me (his pace being brisker than mine on that outing), and we chatted. That's when he mentioned he'd be completing his 1000th straight day on Sept. 28. I asked him a day later "Do you plan to celebrate?"

"No," he replied. "I'll just re-focus on reaching 1,100 days." I mulled over the idea of doing an article on his feat, a little hesitant since he's from Williamston which is just outside the newspaper's coverage area. But I thought what he was about to accomplish was worth taking note of and decided his story would make for a good column. So, one morning last week I hastened my pace and caught up to him. I pitched the idea of doing an article. He agreed and later that day, late in the afternoon, we met at the track for an interview and photo.

As it turned out, the rest of the story—of why he started this daily walk and his personal background--was even more interesting... even inspiring.

I made a New Year's resolution to walk one hour a day for a full year," Ron said. "I put it off until Jan. 3 because there were a couple of college football bowl games I wanted to

As for his 'why'—as is often the case with many folks—he

wanted to lose weight. But in his case, it wasn't just dropping a few pounds.

"I weighed about 300 pounds when I started," Ron pointed out. "Prior to that there were times when I had gotten as high as 330 pounds."

One of the dangers of being overweight and not exercising enough is heart disease. For Ron, though, that was not a hypothetical threat to his well-being. "I had done some walking before, although not as disciplined as I'm now doing," he said. "I was out on this track on May 1, 2011 when I had a heart attack. I wanted to see if I could jog, so I'd gone about 70 meters when I had the attack. I denied it, went to work the next day, but not feeling right I called the doctor and went to see her. I was sent straight from the office to the hospital."

What he learned was that a clog had occurred in the main artery known as "the widow maker." Fortunately, or maybe in the category of a small miracle, the clog didn't stay stuck and passed on. "I had 15 percent damage. The cardiologist didn't need to put in a stent. The damage was already done, so a week later I went back to work."

In telling of this episode, he added that his father had died from a heart attack.

Ron said that he resumed walking after the attack, but was unable to lose much weight. "I had a desk job and was working a lot of overtime, so it was hard to motivate myself," he said.

Finally, having retired on Nov. 30, 2014, and after the holiday season, he made his resolution. Initially, he bought a treadmill and placed it in front of a big screen TV. And walked at least an hour.

"I started coming to this track and then for the past two winters to the indoor track at the high school," he said. "I wasn't losing enough weight and decided to increase my time to two hours. I didn't feel I could last that long on the treadmill."

Ron added that last summer he began slowly pushing up his minimum. Aiding his effort is a phone app that his wife got him that keeps a tally on how many times he's gone around the track, and how fast he's going. "My average pace is about 17 minutes per mile," he said.

His phone also plays music and that, he noted, helps pass

As for why he's chose the track at the football field, he replied, "The surface is a little softer than asphalt and concrete so it's easier on the joints, there isn't as many bugs, and often there's a little breeze which helps when it gets hot out."

Ron said that he purposely starts at around 7:30 each morning since, when it gets hot out, his pace slows down. Another benefit of both the outdoor and indoor sites, he said, is visiting with the other walkers, but added that he also enjoys the solitude. "Truthfully, I like a little privacy at times," he said. "It's nice to have time to think. Even though I'm retired, I keep busy most days. These two hours are the time I have during the day that's just for me."

As for his original reason for walking each and every day and then upping the amount of time and distance, namely losing weight, he's now at 227 pounds. While that's reason to applaud, Ron pointed out that, given his height he's still obese by BMI (Body Mass Index) standards. "Even 215 pounds is considered being just overweight," he said. "A good weight according to the Index is 179 pounds, so that's been my target."

Exercise is not the only part of the equation. Diet is also a key factor. To that end, Ron said that he's a vegetarian and tries to only eat twice a day—the first meal no earlier than 11 a.m. and the second one before 7 p.m. "That doesn't always happen," he confessed. "If I do have a snack in the afternoon, I try to have a healthy one."

RON LIVED IN THE FLINT AREA UNTIL HIS **EIGHTH GRADE YEAR** when the family moved to nearby Swartz Creek. "During high school I played football and baseball and I still love sports," he said.

After graduating from high school in 1966, he attended Michigan State University and, while there, majored in psychology and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1973.

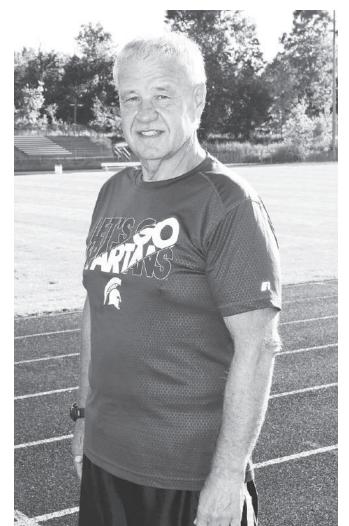
"After my freshman year I took some time off to earn money," he said. "I worked at General Motors in their parts department in Flint. That proved to be a good move because, after I returned to college I was able to go back to GM for a summer job due to that earlier employment."

Nine months after his college graduation, Ron got a job with the State of Michigan's Community Mental Health Department. "I worked at the Clinton Valley Center which is located in Pontiac in the Fairlawn facility where the kids stayed."

He subsequently began working on and earned a Masters degree in Guidance and Counseling at Eastern Michigan University.

Ron remained at Fairlawn for seven years and then transferred to the state's Social Security office, handling disability claims in the Detroit office. Among the upsides to that transfer was that he met his future wife, Dawn, who was a state employee with the Michigan Rehabilitation Services, and worked at that office building.

"We were married in May of 1987 and lived in Pontiac,"



Ron Harris is a regular walker at the track that circles the football field in Williamston.

he recalled. "My father-in-law, though, talked us into leaving the city. There were only three other Social Security offices in Michigan-Lansing, Kalamazoo, and Traverse City-so we transferred to Lansing. We started looking for a place to live and found a home on Harris Road in Williamston. We moved here in December of 1988—over 28 years ago."

Ron added that re-locating to the Lansing area was not a hard decision. Since 1977, coinciding with Earvin 'Magic' Johnson's arrival on campus, he's had season tickets to the MSU basketball games. For many years he also had season football tickets.

Ron and Dawn have four children: Stacey, now 29; Todd, almost 27; Alexandria, almost 24; and Tara, almost 23.

Ron pointed out that the first letter of their first names spell out STAT. "We didn't have a child with E," he said. "Alex and Tara were born 13 months apart and my wife said that's enough."

When his children were growing up Ron coached several of their sports teams in the Red Cedar Recreation Association including football, baseball, softball, and basketball. He and his wife were also active in various school activities, although he said, "Dawn was the more active one, and I did what she told me to do to be of assistance."

Retirement has been equally active. "A few months ago I was appointed to the board for the Williamston Area Senior Center that's located in The Commons building," he said. "I volunteer at the Food Bank that's located at the same site. I also tape the varsity football games. I've known the coach a long time, and he asked me last year if I'd do that."

In addition, a typical day includes driving his 89-year-old father-in-law to the Senior Center and other appointments as well as taking his oldest grandson, Kason (now a first grader), to St. Mary School in the morning and picking him up in the afternoon. He has four other grandchildren as well.

He noted that his wife is still working and is employed with the Michigan Dept. of Education. They are members of the local St. Mary Catholic Church.

When I left my interview with Ron Harris I was glad I'd decided to do this story. I joked that you never know what you're going to learn when going for a walk. He agreed.

In first making my pitch to him to do this story, I said that I thought walking 1000 straight days was quite an accomplishment and that his example might encourage others to take up walking or do more of it. But learning his real motivations -- of wishing to lose weight, of avoiding another heart attack, and of having gone from 300 pounds to a weight of 227 -- I found even more noteworthy.

As he told me, "I did not start doing this to walk 1000 straight days. I did it to reach 179 pounds."

"It's taken a lot longer than I thought it would," he added.

I detected just a note of discouragement in that comment, but overall a continued determination. I have no doubt, after learning of his story, that he'll reach his goal. It takes a lot of discipline and perseverance to get up every morning and meet that challenge. What the number 1000 tells me, the reason why I found it impressive, is that Ron has both. There's a lesson, in his example, for the rest of us.

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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.

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES TO NOTE:

**Homecoming vs. Lansing Catholic** September 29 Financial Aid Night October 17

STUDENT WALKERS: Message from Superintendent, Wayne Roedel

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students who WALK to school. I want to take a moment to remind you that the District and Village have placed signs and painted crosswalks in various high traffic areas around the District, especially on Grand River, North Grand and Hibbard Street in an effort to provide safe crossing to the school campus in high traffic areas. Local residents who live around the schools are appreciative when students and parents/ guardians use the Village sidewalks to get to school rather than using their yards as shortcuts. This is especially true at the North end of Maple Street where some new home construction will begin this fall. Thank you for being a good neighbor by respecting their property by using sidewalks and crossing the

> busy streets via the crossing guards and crosswalks. Let's have a fabulous and safe 17-18 school year.

> Fowlerville High School Financial Aid Night! Do you have questions about how to apply for financial aid for your senior? Then this seminar is for you!

> When: Tuesday, October 17, 6:00pm

Where: FHS Media Center What: An Eastern Michigan representative will discuss the Financial Aid process and explain how to prepare your materials for completing the FREE Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for your college bound senior.

RSVP: Contact Mary Stuible, FHS Counselor at 517-223-6111 or stuiblem@fowlervilleschools.org by October 10.

Ordering Transcripts (Michigan eTranscripts) please visit the Fowlerville High School website for more information.

Parents having trouble using Zangle to view grades, e-mail questions to <a href="mailto:connect@fowlervilleschools.org">connect@fowlervilleschools.org</a>

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Fowlerville High School 2017 Homecoming King and Queen candidates. In back from left, Caden Collins, Hannah Kubick, Hannah Brock and Mitchell Bishop. In front from left, Alex Brownlee, Sarah Matlock, Erica Fox and Andrew Goodwin.



The Fowlerville High School Foreign Exchange Students are, from left, Clarisse Boujon from France and Elias Kaijasilta from Finlan. They will also be a part of this year's Homecoming Court.

## Fowlerville High School to celebrate Homecoming this week

It's Homecoming Week at the Fowlerville High School. The theme for the class floats is 'Video Games.' Among the highlights will be the Homecoming Parade on Friday that goes through Downtown Fowlerville and starts at 5:30 p.m., followed by the varsity football game against Lansing Catholic. The naming of this year's King and Queen will take place at halftime.

The Homecoming Dance, meanwhile, takes place at the high school's auxiliary gym on Saturday, September 30 from 7 to 10 p.m.

Another 'fun' part of this annual celebration is the 'Dress Up' Days. They will be:

**Monday ---NEON DAY -** Find all those bright colors and wear them today!!

**Tuesday --- CAMO DAY!** Our most popular dress up day is BACK!

**Wednesday --- Video Game Day -** Dress like a character from your favorite video game!

Thursday --- Lions, Tigers & Bears Day - Animal Print, Animal Mascots or Animal Costumes will all be great today! (NO MASKS!)

#### Friday --- PURPLE & GOLD DAY!

Students will also have the Annual Homecoming Tailgate Lunch on Friday and the Pep Assembly later that afternoon.



Fowlerville High School Homecoming class representatives are, from left, freshman Nick Atkinson, sophomore Kinner Philburn, sophomore Brenden Gildon and junior Christian Montrose. Not pictured: freshman Lauren Murphy and junior Madi Allen.







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## Michigan House Report

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

It was a pleasure to have Livingston County Clerk Elizabeth Hundly and retired Livingston County Elections Coordinator Joan Runyon at the Capitol for a bill signing ceremony this week. These women played a key role in helping develop the legislation that removes outdated political party icons from ballots in Michigan. These icons, called vignettes, were doing more harm than good as some voters thought they could circle the icons to cast their votes. If a voter makes that mistake, their vote doesn't count, and that's a serious problem. I'm so glad these ladies were able to join me for the bill-signing ceremony with the governor. I always enjoy



working with our local officials to solve problems that affect our entire state.

The Disabled American Veterans tribute to veterans and the Vietnam Moving Wall at Island Lake was great. Thanks to

From left, retired **Livingston County Elections** Coordinator Joan Runyon Livingston County Clerk Elizabeth Hundley joined Gov. Rick Snyder, state Rep. Hank Vaupel and Legislative Director Cindy Denby in Lansing last Tuesday for a ceremonial bill-signing event. Hundley and Runyon helped Vaupel craft legislation to eliminate a source of confusion for voters in Michigan

Action Trackchair, the creator of the all-terrain wheelchair, for being there and for all you do for disabled veterans. The Trackchair is a definite game changer.

Thank you to Pastor Tim Christoson from Baptist Bible Church in Howell and Pastor Ryan Gunther from Victory Baptist in Hartland along with church members who shared with us that they are keeping us in their prayers. It is always great to have the support of our local community and churches.

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 <u>HankVaupel@house.mi.gov</u>. We are happy to hear from you!



## Michigan Senate Report

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

#### **Fall Farming**

Michigan farms grow a wide variety of crops each year, and our farmers take great pride in producing high-quality fruits and vegetables. Our state leads the nation in the production of several crops; in fact, our food and agriculture industry is a major contributor to income and employment, contributing more than \$101 billion to Michigan's economy annually.

This fall, many Michigan crops — including apples, pumpkins and more — will be ready for harvesting, storage, and shipment

Did you know that apples are one of the largest and most valuable crops grown in the state? And did you know that roughly 55 percent of all Michigan apples are processed into other products, including pies, applesauce and apple cider? In 2016, more than 1.1 billion pounds of apples were harvested in Michigan, making us the third largest apple producer in the nation. While Michigan is best recognized for its fresh apples in autumn, our state's apples are typically shipped from mid-August through the following June, thanks to atmosphere storage technology. So be sure to make a trip out to your local apple orchard this fall to enjoy the great experience of the apple harvest and enjoy some delicious apple cider.

Other popular fall crops are pumpkins and squash. Pumpkins account for nearly \$10 million in revenue and nearly 79 million pounds of pumpkins are produced each year. Squash accounts for nearly \$23 million from the production of 146 million pounds of squash. It's no secret that both pumpkins and squash are important crops for many Michigan farmers. Don't forget to visit your local pumpkin patch and enjoy a great Michigan-grown pumpkin.

As chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee and a member of the Livingston County 4-H, the success of Michigan's agricultural industry in our state and community is very important to me. It is an honor to work on behalf of, and alongside, our farming communities to move legislation forward that strengthens and protects our agricultural production and promotes the general welfare of all Michigan families. I will continue to stand up for our farmers and ensure that Michigan is an agricultural powerhouse year round.

As always, if you have any questions, or would like to receive a 2017 Michigan Agricultural Tourism Directory, which contains a list of farm tours across Michigan, please contact my office toll-free at 855-JOE-HUNE or email my office at SenJHune@ senate.michigan.gov and my staff will be happy to assist you. My website, www.SenatorJoeHune.com, is also a good resource for

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#### —Area Deaths—



Helen Muriel (Vogt) Higby March 9, 1935 – September 16, 2017

Helen, the creative, vibrant, and beloved wife of Thomas F. Higby, M.D., of Fowlerville, Michigan, passed away in her home with her family on September 16, the day before their 62nd wedding anniversary. She radiated feisty independence and energy, qualities that were mirrored by her flame red hair and bright emerald green eyes.

As a very young child, Helen was positioned in a playpen next to the wood stove in a one-room school house where her mother taught; she grew up on a gentleman's farm in rural, Tuscola County, MI, with 2 school teachers as parents, the late Gertrude and John Vogt. Helen attended nursing school at University of Michigan (U-M) in Ann Arbor for 2 years and then graduated from the U-M School of Education. She was a school teacher, a full-time mother of 4, a medical records specialist, and partner in Ready Care, a walk-in, urgent care facility in Howell.

Helen enrolled in numerous cooking classes of which her family benefited greatly, becoming proficient in a variety of cooking and baking techniques, including Chinese, German and French. Helen's annual holiday baking was legendary; she prepared more than 60 different cookie and pastry types that were served to her children on dinner plates (her children were blissfully ignorant that dessert plates were the small ones in the back of the cupboard). Additionally, she was an avid student of botany, a proficient gardener, and she maintained an extensive collection of orchids.

Helen created a relaxed home where the neighborhood children would play with hers, snack on home baked cookies, and come for special attention on important issues, such as the removal of slivers. Her family home was where she would later entertain and care for her grandchildren, sneaking them brown sugar "lumps," reading stories, and creating lavish doll houses and original, sewn costumes for play. She was the ready foster mother and nurse for orphaned sparrows, discarded or lost cats and dogs, an injured pigeon, and other creatures too numerous to mention. Helen and Tom organized several epic 1-month family camping and hiking trips to the western states (where she would tender her resignation as the voyage's co-captain by the time the family reached Arizona over a skillet of Hamburger Helper).

Helen is survived by her husband and dearest friend, Tom; her sister Ruth (Vogt) Curry; her son Daniel T. Higby of Adrian, MI, and his partner Sarah Byrd; her daughter Susan M. Higby of Barre, VT, and her partner Mark S. Waskow; her son David B. Higby of Gaines, MI, and his spouse Kelly and children Makenzie, Alexandra and Dorian; and her daughter Carolyn (Higby) Violetta of Fowlerville, MI, and her spouse Scott and children Dominick and Ian.

We always expected our Helen to live to be nearly 100 years old like her mother; Parkinson's disease and dementia robbed us of this added life adventure. Nevertheless, our memories of Helen, a magnificent spouse and mom, will endure.

The family would appreciate cards and letters; please do not send flowers. You may make contributions in Helen's name to a conservation organization of your choice. There will be a private gathering in the spring of 2018 with her immediate family as the flowers are unfurling their new growth. Arrangements by Herrmann Funeral Home. Please leave the family a condolence at pjherrmannfuneralhome.com

## Oak Grove United Methodist Church serving Swiss Steak Dinner on Oct. 7

A Swiss Steak Dinner is being served on Saturday, October 7, 4:30-7 p.m. at the Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 6686 Oak Grove Road, Howell (5 miles north of M-59). We will be serving Swiss Steak (no mushrooms), mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, green beans, coleslaw, rolls & pies. No reservations necessary. A free-will donation will be taken at the door. For information, please call the church office 517-546-3942 or 810-923-8546.



#### Norine M. Bradley

Norine M. Bradley, age 88, passed away quietly in her home, and joined her beloved husband John S. Bradley, Friday, September 15, 2017. She was born August 12, 1929 in Lansing, Michigan to Clayton and Marcella (Wagner) Driver. Norine graduated from Fowlerville High School in 1947, and attended Central Michigan University, graduating with a teaching certificate in 1949. She taught in 3 different country schools in the area, and Howell Public Schools. Then in 1970 she graduated from Eastern Michigan University with her Bachelor's degree in Education. She went on to teach for almost 20 more years in Fowlerville Community Schools, retiring in 1987. She was a devoted wife of 40 years, and a loving Mother and Grandmother.

Norine is survived by a son J. Scott (Suzanne) Bradley, daughters Jill (Jim) Bemis of Oregon, and Jocelyn Bradley. Grandchildren: John, Alan, and Alyssa Bradley of Fowlerville, Michigan; Adam, Bradley, and Audra Bemis of Redmond, Oregon. Sisters: June (Gene) Lintemuth, and Virginia (Terry) Butler, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband John S. Bradley; parents Clayton and Marcella Driver; brothers and sister in law Wilbur Driver, and Max and Mariam Driver.

Visitation took place at Herrmann Funeral Home in Fowlerville on Thursday, September 21st from 4-8 PM, and Friday, September 22nd from 9-11 AM. The funeral was held at 11 AM, with internment at Greenwood Cemetery, followed by a luncheon at Fowlerville First Baptist Church. Please leave the family a condolence at pjherrmannfuneralhome.com



#### Mary Claire Markell

Mary Claire Markell, age 55, of Fowlerville, Michigan, passed away Sept. 13, 2017 at St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital in Howell after a short battle with lung cancer.

A memorial service will take place at a later date.

Mary was born August 15, 1962, in Owosso, to the late Donald Lee Markell and Theresa (Tkaczyk) Markell. She attended Morrice High School with the class of 1980. Mary had three children: Jaime Pardee, Ryan (Amy) Craven, and Ethan Craven.

Mary was a kind, gentle soul who loved her children and three grandchildren: Sean, Jacob, and Oceana. She loved spending time visiting with her grandchildren.

She is also survived by brothers Andrew (Kelly) Markell of Farwell, Allan (Belinda) Markell of Morrice, Adam (Jenny) Markell of Morrice and Aaron (Dawn) Markell of Lansing; sister Wendy (Herb Confer) of Perry; and special friends Carl Chafy of Fowlerville and Charles Lodge of Fowlerville.

She was preceded in death by parents Don and Theresa Markel; sister Diane Allen, brother David Markell, and grandparents Ella and Ralph Markell.

## St. Mary's Annual Christmas Bazaar on Dec. 2; crafters & vendors needed

Crafters and Vendors are needed for the St. Mary's Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The church is located at 10601 Dexter-Pinckney Rd, Pinckney. The Bazaar is sponsored by Rosary Altar Society Call Mary Press for information 734-878-6563.



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Motions:

- 1. Approve consent agenda.
- 2. Approve meeting agenda with amendments.
- 3. Approve letter of agency with Gracon Services, Inc.
- 4. Receive auditor's report.
- 5. Approve auditor's recommendation to continue with payroll service.
- 6. Approve change in payroll check procedure.
- 7. Approve purchase of additional election equipment.
- 8. Resolution to approve the Livingston County Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- 9. Approve an addition to the fee schedule.
- 10. Approve purchase of mobile phone for the zoning administrator.
- 11. Approve purchase of a laptop computer for the Planning Secretary.
- 12. Approve the granting of access to the building outside of business hours to the cleaning service.
- 13. Approve appointment of township engineer.
- 14. Approve replacement of interior lights with LED bulbs.
- 15. Approve advertisement for snow removal bids.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm. Complete minutes are available at the Conway Township Hall during regular office hours, 8015 N Fowlerville Road, Fowlerville, MI 48836 517-223-0358

Next Board meeting is on October 17, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

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## Webberville Report

#### **Cliff Dodson** family served as **Grand Marshals** of Webberville parade

The family of the late Cliff Dodson served as the Grand Marshals of this Saturday's (Sept. 23) Leroy Township Fire & Rescue Field Days Parade. The parade went through Downtown Webberville at 2 p.m. and is part of the 71st annual celebration that started on Friday, continued on Saturday and concludes today, Sunday, Sept. 24, with the Webberville FFA Chicken BBQ at the fire hall from 12 noon to 3 p.m. and the Garden Tractor Pull on

North Main Street during the morning and afternoon

From left are Cliff's mother, Janet Dodson; and in back his wife, Katrina Dodson; daughter Kallie Holmes; son Christopher Dodson; and father, John Dodson. Not pictured is his son-in-law, Eric Holmes.



Cliff served on Leroy Township Fire Department for 37 years—from 1980 until his death earlier this year. He was the assistant chief from 1989-1993 and the fire chief from 1993-2004. His father, John, is a former member of the department, while his son, Christopher, is a current member.

#### **Capital Area Library Events**

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Sept. 28, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

\*Creepy Crafts (Ages 8–12)

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Oct. 4, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Drop-in LEGO Club (Age 4 & up)

Imaginative play helps develop skills used for reading. Oct. 5, 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

#### SYSTEM WIDE

#### \*CADL Business Librarian at SBDC: Beginning Facebook for Small Business (Held off-site)

This seminar for beginners includes creating a social media plan, ideas of what to post, social media etiquette, Facebook lingo and more.

Sept. 27, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

#### Flick's Family Film Festival at Celebration Cinema (Held

Family movies at Celebration Cinema in Lansing - kids 12 & under get in free; adult price is \$5. Visit celebrationcinema. com for details. Sept. 29, All day

#### \*CADL Business Librarian at SBDC: Get Your Business Found on Google Maps (Held off-site)

Learn about Google business listings, how to manage a listing and how to get information about your business online. \*Registration required.

Oct. 3, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

#### WILLIAMSTON

#### Maker Monday (All ages)

Use crafting supplies, computers, the Raspberry Pi, and the Makey Makey.

Sept. 25, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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

Have fun with Harry Potter-themed Reader's Theater, quizzes, games and snacks. Oct. 2, 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Family Storytime (Ages up to 6)

Engaging stories, songs and activities to help build early literacy skills. Oct. 4, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

#### Williamston Masonic Lodge to hold Farm Breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 1

The Williamston Masonic Lodge will hold its next Family Style Farm Breakfast on Sunday, October 1st, 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.

#### **Webberville Community School News**

The American Red Cross is facing a critical blood shortage and needs our help! The Webberville Chapter of the National Honor Society is hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, September 26, from 8:15 AM to 2:15 PM. Schedule an appointment at redcrossblood. org and enter sponsor code Webberville HS, or drop into the gym at Webberville Middle and High School on Tuesday. For more information, please call 517-521-3422 x7906.

The first Early Release Day for Webberville Community Schools is Wednesday, September 27. Students will be released at 1:00 PM. Review the calendar at www.webbervilleschools. orgto see the dates of all the early release days.

Save the date for the annual elementary Fun Run is Friday, September 29. This is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the Webberville Elementary Boosters. Students are involved in this fun activity and 100% of the profit goes back to the school. You can even volunteer at the Fun Run! For more information, please contact the elementary office at 517-521-3071.

The 2017 Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Webberville Elementary in October! Please join us to browse and shop during Parent Teacher conferences on Wednesday 10/11/17 from 3:30-7pm and on Thursday 10/12/17 from 3:30-7pm. If you are unable to shop during conferences, please note we do have an Online Book Fair that will feature a huge selection of wonderful books. The Online Book Fair will run from Friday 10/6/17 through Thursday 10/26/17. You can access the online book fair at: http://www.scholastic.com/bf/webberville. The Book Fair is a wonderful way to find great books for your student as well as your student's classroom. The Book Fair is the only fundraiser that our library runs each year and it provides us with the funding to purchase a plethora of new books every year. Thanks for supporting Webberville Elementary Library and helping your students become better readers! If you are interested in volunteering to set up, work the book fair, or pack up, please contact Melinda Fairfield at mfairfield@webbervilleschools.org.

The Old Newsboys is offering a free pair of shoes or boots to children in need. Applications can be obtained from Liz Davis at <a href="mailto:ldavis@webbervilleschools.org">ldavis@webbervilleschools.org</a> or 517-521-3071 x7935. The submitted applications are sent to The Old Newsboys who then mail a voucher to the families to use when purchasing the footwear.

Webberville Junior Recreation Association is now offering Boy's &Girl's Basketball Registration for 4th – 6th grades through November 30th. (3rd graders will be allowed to play as long as there is space on the 4th grade team.) Register online at www. <u>leaguelineup.com/wjaasports</u> or visit the Webberville School website and click on the Athletic tab. Coaches are also needed for all levels, please contact Jennifer Lycos (Boys) and Kelly Hull (Girls) if you are interested or have questions.

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#### Webberville High School Announces Homecoming Court

Senior Representatives, shown above: Bret Parisian and Lauren Ross, Ben Theriault and Maddie Stow, Charlie Sicher and Kelsey Mayville, Caleb Kubiak and Maci Kubiak

Underclassmen on the court are shown to the right. Freshmen Representatives: Daxton Driver and Morgan Farmer, Sophomore Representatives Gavin Kubiak and Olivia Nims, Junior representatives Camden Jackson and Skylar Byrne

## Gig-Economy: Are self-employed Americans adequately prepared?

WASHINGTON -- A growing number of Americans are stepping away from the corporate ladder and climbing one of their own. According to the IRS, 29 million people are self-employed nationwide, with that number increasing by half a million every year.

Katie Vlietstra, vice president for government relations and public affairs for the National Association for the Self-Employed, said often securing needs such as insurance and disability coverage is lost in the shuffle of entrepreneurship.

"You know, you have to do some research, you have to figure out how do you secure benefits for you and especially if you have a family or a spouse that receives their benefits from you," Vlietstra said. "How do you set up your business?"

Increasingly, organizations like the NASE offer connections to life and disability insurance, as well as medical insurance for those not eligible for the marketplace.

A 2016 McKinsey Global Institute Report found that about 27 percent of working-age people in the United States and Europe engage at least partially in independent work.

According to USAA, 1 in 3 people in the United States doesn't carry life insurance. Sean Scaturro, director of life and health insurance with USAA, said the lack of life insurance presents a problem for the entire economy.

"It's a social issue. You've got a third of the country that doesn't have adequate life insurance," Scaturro said. "Now, that's not to say that everybody is going to die at the same time, but you know what? People pass away every day, and unfortunately families are left under-protected every single day."

Scaturro added that people assume life insurance costs two-to-three times what it normally does.

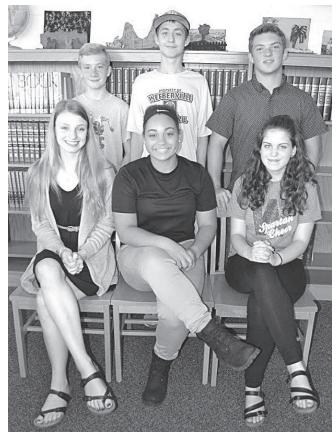
Vlietstra said people who are self-employed should take a minute to research costs and ways to protect themselves and their families.

"Just make sure you have the proper level of protection, legal protection, if that's insurance to make sure that as you get started and you have assets that need to be protected," she said. "You know, I would definitely spend the money at the beginning to talk to a lawyer."

Experts say the growth in self-employment, also called the gig economy, is related to people working to piece together employment after the economy crashed during the recession, and also a general desire for more flexibility and work-life balance.

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## **Crossroads United Methodist to offer** free coffee & donut on Mondays

Monday morning commuters may grab their free coffee and a donut at Crossroads United Methodist Church through the month of October. Pastor Marty Johnston and his crew will be out at the corner of Haslett and Zimmer roads from 7:30 to 8:30 Monday mornings through the rest of September and all of October

Pickup is in the church parking lot, with entrance from Haslett Road and exit onto Zimmer Road. No donations are wanted. The service is simply to brighten Monday mornings and let the public know the church is there for them on the busy crossroads.

## Crossroads United Methodist Church to offer General Rummage Sale on Oct. 14

Crossroads United Methodist Church will offer a general rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, October 14, at the church, corner of Haslett and Zimmer roads east of Haslett and north of Williamston. Items will include glassware, dishes, household supplies, puzzles, toys, games, tools, electronics, decoratives, furniture, books, jewelry, Christmas decorations and more. No clothing included.

For more details, please call the church at 517/655-1466, email at <a href="mailto:office.umccrossroads@gmail.com">office.umccrossroads@gmail.com</a>, see the website at <a href="www.umccrossroads.com">www.umccrossroads.com</a>, and find the church on Facebook.

## Dansville Community Center to host Euchre Night on Oct. 7 & 21

Do you like to play Euchre or Bunco? The Dansville Community Center at 1317 Mason Street in Dansville will be having Euchre Night on Saturday, October 7 & 21 starting at 7pm and Bunco on Saturday, October 14 at 6:30pm. 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.

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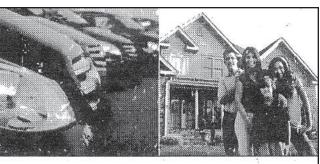
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## **Local CROP Hunger Walk** taking place on October 8

CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by religious groups, businesses, schools and others to raise funds to end hunger in the U.S. and around the world.

This year's Howell/Hartland/Fowlerville CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, October 8. The five-mile route through Howell, which includes a portion along the lakeshore, starts at First Presbyterian Church. Registration opens at 1:30, and the walk begins at 2:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion. Pets are welcome as long as droppings are picked up.

Family Impact Center is one of the three county organizations receiving funds from this event. For more information, to sign up as either an individual or a team or to make a donation, please check out <a href="https://www.crophungerwalk.org/howellmi">www.crophungerwalk.org/howellmi</a>.

#### Fowlerville Fire Department Report

Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, at 8:43 a.m. the department responded to a medical emergency on Fowlerville Road in Conway Township.

A medical emergency on Maple Street in the Village was reported at 7:37 a.m., Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Personnel assisted EMS on Coon Lake Road in Iosco Township at 11:22 p.m., Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Monday, September 18th, at 1:04 p.m. the firefighters were dispatched to assist at a medical emergency on Grand Ave. in the Village. A second medical emergency, also on Grand River in the Village, was reported at 6:18 p.m.

At 4:14 p.m., Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, Central Dispatch reported a medical emergency on Gregory Road in Iosco Township.

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## Fowlerville Girls Cross Country Team places 2<sup>nd</sup> in CAAC White Jamboree

The Fowlerville Girls Cross Country Team competed in the first of three CAAC White Jamborees which was held on Tuesday, September 19. The girls placed second behind Lansing Catholic (21 points) with a score of 64 points.

The Gladiators placed all five scorers in the top 21 and were led by senior captain Ollie Updike placing 6th with a time of 20:24. Sophomore Franny Updike placed 9th with a time of 21:31 and freshman Jenna Rigotti placed 12th with a time of 22:12. Freshmen Sara Spalding ran a strong race placing 20th with a time of 23:05. Also running a strong race was freshman Lillian Copeland, completing the rough terrain with a new personal record time of 23:09.

Other notable runners were Abigail Davis and her strong finish shaving 20 seconds off her previous season best time by finishing the course in 29:01. Courtney Rife continues to improve this season with a new season's best time of 27:44. Also earning a personal record on the tough terrain were Ramsey Lukasik (26:51) and Mallory Heath (39:33.)

Complete results can be found at: <a href="https://www.athletic.net">https://www.athletic.net</a>
The varsity team will compete next at the Jackson Invitational this Saturday, September 23.

# VILLAGE OF FOWLERVILLE 213 SOUTH GRAND AVENUE FOWLERVILLE, MI 48836 517-223-3771 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES\* SYNOPSIS MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2017

\*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 7:31 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.

MOTION DEGRUSH, SECOND HEATH, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS PRESENTED. 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 MAILLOUX, TO PURCHASE THE 2017 FORD F250, FROM LAFONTAINE FORD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,885.37. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: SCHULTHEIS, MAILLOUX, HEATH, DEGRUSH, BELL AND HILL. NAY: NONE. ABSENT: BIELOUS. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION DEGRUSH, SECOND HEATH, TO APPROVE THE PURCHSE OF A COLUMBARIUM FROM INCH MEMORIALS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,999. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: DEGRUSH, HEATH, SCHULTHEIS, MAILLOUX, BELL AND HILL. NAY: NONE. ABSENT: BIELOUS.

MOTION BELL, SECOND SCHULTHEIS, TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 462, AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT TO CONSUMERS ENERGY FOR A PERIOD OF 30 YEARS AND THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND CLERK AUTHORIZED TO SIGN IT. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: BELL, SCHULTHEIS, DEGRUSH, HEATH, MAILLOUX AND HILL. NAY: NONE. ABSENT: BIELOUS. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BELL SECOND DEGRUSH, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 17-24, A RESOLUTION FOR THE FOWLERVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL TO ASSERT ITS AUTHORITY TO APPROVE OR REJECT THE VILLAGE OF FOWLERVILLE MASTER PLAN ONCE IT IS PRESENTED TO THEM BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLAN PREPARATION AND ADOPTION PRODEDURE SET FORTH IN MICHIGAN PUBLIC ACT 33 OF 2008, AS AMENDED. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: BELL, DEGRUSH, HEATH, MAILLOUX, SCHULTHEIS AND HILL. NAY: NONE. ABSENT: BIELOUS. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION DEGRUSH, SECOND HEATH, TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LABOR NEGOTIATIONS AS ALLOWED BY PUBLIC ACT 267 OF 1976, 15.268 SECTIONS 8 (C) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT. ROLL CALL. AYE: DEGRUSH, HEATH, BELL, SCHULTHEIS, MAILLOUX AND HILL. NAY: NONE. ABSENT: BIELOUS. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION DEGRUSH, SECOND BELL, TO ADJOURN THE MEET-ING AT 9:38 P.M., VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathryn M. Arledge, CMMC Village Clerk/Manager (9-24-17 FNV)

# VILLAGE OF FOWLERVILLE 213 SOUTH GRAND AVENUE FOWLERVILLE, MI 48836 517-223-3771 MEETING MINUTES \*SYNOPSIS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

\*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.

Recited at the Zoning Board of Appeals, held just prior to this meeting.

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

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

MOTION DEGRUSH, SECOND BIELOUS, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 17-25, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FOWLERVILLE PERSONNEL MANUAL TO ADOPT AN EMERGENCY CLOSING POLICY. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: DEGRUSH, BIELOUS, HEATH, MAILLOUX AND HILL. NAY: BELL. ABSENT: SCHULTHEIS. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BELL, SECOND BIELOUS, TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LABOR NEGOTIATIONS AS ALLOWED BY PUBLIC ACT 267 OF 1976, 15.268 SECTIONS 8 (C) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: BELL, BIELOUS, DEGRUSH, HEATH, MAILLOUX AND HILL. NAY: NONE. ABSENT: SCHULTHEIS.

MOTION BELL, SECOND BIELOUS, TO MOVE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

The following motion was made in open session:

MOTION BELL, SECOND BIELOUS, TO RATIFY THE AGREE-MENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF FOWLERVILLE AND THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL 214, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: BELL, BIELOUS, DEGRUSH, HEATH, MAILLOUX AND HILL. NAY: NONE. ABSENT: SCHULTHEIS. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

14. Adjournment.

MOTION BIELOUS, SECOND BELL, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:02 P.M., VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathryn M. Arledge, CMMC Village Clerk/Manager (9-24-17 FNV)

## Caleb **Jenkins** Column



#### The Pledge: Our System as a Republic

As we continue our look at the Pledge of Allegiance, we see that the next portion is "and to the Republic for which it stands." I already talked a little bit about how our Pledge is directed toward our overarching system and way of life rather than promising allegiance to a particular policy or person, so I'll try to not belabor the point. Instead, I think it is worth noting that we pledge allegiance to the Republic. Our system of government is a republic, not a democracy. Does it have democratic elements? Absolutely, but it was purposefully designed to not be a full democracy. We have a Constitutional Democratic Republic, and I think it is important to understand the difference.

Many people tend to falsely use the terms "republic" and "democracy" interchangeably, and I can understand why they think that way since the words are used as synonyms from the top down. Even throughout government itself, "democracy" is often the word chosen to describe our governmental system, and with the international push for democracy, I can see why people would see us as a democracy. In the most basic of terms, a pure democracy is a system that is entirely run by popular opinion. There are no laws or governments or enforcement. The prevailing thought of the masses is what decides what people can and cannot do. In essence, there are no checks and balances. It is simply run by opinions of the moment.

One of the problems with that, though, is that public opinion is fickle. It is not difficult to find examples of this. Just look over the past fifty years, and you can see how much things have changed in our culture. This is where a republic comes into play. A republic is built on laws and established order. In this case, our Constitution is the supreme law of the land, and everything that is legislated or decided upon must adhere to that principles laid out therein. Instead of paving the way for mob rule as a pure democracy does, a republic establishes a distinct foundation of laws and an overarching direction for the country.

We would have no "American way of life" if we did not have these foundational laws and systems that make up our republic. Now, that is not to say that we do not have elements of democracy within our republic. Certainly, we do. A pure republic would leave little room for views and feedback from the people. While the democratic aspects of our system are needed, they are kept in check by the framework of our republic.

But why is it so important to know the difference? Aren't they simply words? Well, I believe that understanding the difference between these words is extremely important because it shapes how we view our government and our way of life. For example, I cannot count how many times I have heard people complain about a law or process because they argue that it interferes with their democratic rights. If we viewed our system as a pure democracy, then we would probably agree with them that they were being treated unfairly. However, if we realize that we live in a republic, then we will comprehend that those laws or processes are there to give us justice and order. Indeed, we pledge allegiance to the justice and order provided to us by a republic.

#### **Smith Elementary School News**

#### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

September 25 through 29 - Spirit Week for Homecoming (See Schedule Below\*)

September 27 - Student Picture Day 9:15 to 3:00: (SEE IMPORTANT INFO BELOW)

September 29-Fundraiser orders and payments due -FCS Homecoming

October 4 – Student Count Day

October 6: PTC Popcorn .50/bag, 1 bag per student

October 11-PTC General Membership Meeting 6:00pm in School Cafeteria

October 11 & 12- Fire Prevention Assemblies

October 27-PTC Halloween Dance 6:00-8:00pm; Book fair

October 30-November 3- Book Fair\*\*

October 31- Annual Halloween Parade (more information to

November 3-PTC popcorn 50 cents/bag 1 bag per student November 10 – Student Picture Re-Take Day 9:15 until done November 15 - P/T Conferences 5:00 pm - 7:30 pmNovember 16 - P/T Conferences 9:00 am - Noon & 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

#### \*SPIRIT WEEK SCHEDULE:

Monday 25th - Monday Morning Madness - Wear your

Tuesday 26th – Super Hero Day – Dress like any Super Hero you like

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> – Wacky Socks – Wear your wacky socks Thursday 28th – Crazy Hair Day – Wear your crazy hair Friday 29th - Purple & Gold - Show your school spirit by wearing Purple & Gold!

**Picture Day** – Picture Day is scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup>. Just a reminder that ALL students get their picture taken on Picture Day! The flyer/order form has a detachable envelope portion that must be brought back to school for picture day even if you are not placing an order. There are 4 choices for other background colors besides grey, the other choices are on the order form and it is an additional \$4.00. Also each student will receive a class photo even if they do not place an order for fall pictures.

**BOOK FAIR INFORMATION: October 30-November 3** Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:30am-4:00pm, Tuesday 8:30am-12:30pm, Friday 8:30am-12:00pm

**Lunch with someone Grand** October 31st – Kindergarten November  $1^{st} - 1^{st}$  Grade November  $2^{nd} - 2^{nd}$  Grade

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#### STUDENT WALKERS: SUPERINTENDENT

and Students who WALK to school. I want to take a moment to remind you that the District and Village have placed signs and painted crosswalks in various high traffic areas around the District, especially on Grand River, North Grand and Hibbard Street in an effort to provide safe crossing to

traffic areas. Local residents who live around the schools are appreciative when students and parents/guardians use the Village sidewalks to get to school rather than using their yards as shortcuts. This is especially true at the North end of Maple Street where some new home construction will begin this fall. Thank you for being a good neighbor by respecting their property by using sidewalks and crossing the busy streets via the crossing guards and crosswalks. Let's have a fabulous and safe 2017-18 school year.

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.

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## Lee Hamilton Column

#### Why Bipartisanship?

Back in March, two young members of Congress from Texas, Beto O'Rourke and Will Hurd, became brief internet celebrities. Unable to fly back to Washington because of a snowstorm, the two hit the road together, tweeting and livestreaming their trip north. They fielded questions along the way on everything from the war on drugs to immigration — and so ended up holding what O'Rourke called "the longest cross-country livestream town hall in the history of the world."

What sparked people's interest was a fact that, a generation ago, would have been unremarkable: O'Rourke is a Democrat, and Hurd a Republican. They disagree politically on many things. Yet somehow they managed to share Whataburgers, sing along to Johnny Cash's "Ring of Fire," joke with colleagues of both parties — and wind up signing on to each other's legislation once they got to D.C.

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When I talk to people about Congress and Washington in general, I'm impressed by their hunger for bipartisanship. Americans of all stripes believe that the institutions of representative democracy are not working as they should. And they want members of the two parties to work together more.

The litany of forces tilting our politics toward polarization is long and dispiriting. The political extremes, left and right, make up perhaps a third of the American public, but they're disproportionately active within their parties and help drive polarization. This is amplified by Americans' increasing preference for associating with people who share their views, and by the army of consultants and politicians who use negative politics to bring out their "base" and sway those in the middle.

The institutions that once sought the middle ground no longer do so. The media has become more impulsive, more aggressive, and far less objective. Strong, sophisticated, well-financed interest groups have learned to play the political game hard and to brook no compromise. Political parties that made it their job to build consensus have set it aside. Political and congressional leaders, far from seeking to build the center, find reward in pursuing conflict and confrontation, demonizing opponents and even members of their own party who show a willingness to compromise.

O'Rourke and Hurd's joint adventure seemed so unusual in part because all of these trends come together in Congress. It is the sole American institution explicitly designed to air the diverse needs and voices of Americans when policy gets made. Yet these days, it is the place where no one expects this to happen.

As a nation, we are far worse off because of this. At home, we get deadlock, dysfunction, and loss of faith in our political

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institutions. Abroad, we're seen as indecisive and incapable. So how do we fix this?

The answer lies in four arenas. First, we need to bolster the middle by expanding the electorate: the more people who vote, the less influence held by ideologically driven activists who are unwilling to compromise.

Second, politicians need to step up — and most especially, the President and the leaders of Congress. They have to remind people that the job of the policy maker is to put the country before politics, and that it is necessary for us to work together to meet our challenges.

Third, Congress needs to fix its practices with an eye toward reversing polarization. It should return to the deliberative order of doing business, and to real conference committees, which would require members to meet, discuss, and compromise with one another. It needs to reduce partisan control of elections, the influence of special interest money, and gerrymandering for partisan advantage, and to strengthen the integrity of the electoral system. I am heartened by several private-sector groups that are determined to push Congress and the President to work together to get things done.

Finally, we as citizens have to convey to politicians that there's a right and a wrong way to conduct the dialogue of democracy. If we want to keep this country strong, prosperous and free, we need to place a premium on politicians who know how to work together — and with people who don't agree with them.

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## **Pastor** Tom **Tarpley**

#### **Yield to Temptation for Yielding is Sin**

#### **Read Luke 4:1-13**

It is not a sin to be tempted. Jesus was tempted (Mark 1:13; Luke 4:1-13), but he didn't fall into Satan's trap. He rebuked Satan and used the scriptures to support his choices. Sin occurs, not when we are tempted, but only when we yield and give in to it. There are two ways by which we are tempted: Satan and our own sinful flesh.

Acts 5 gives an example of someone tempted by Satan. Ananias and his wife, Sapphira, wanting to appear more spiritual than they really were, lied to the apostles and pretended they were giving as an offering the full price of some property they had sold. Peter confronted them: "How is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?" (verse 3). In this instance, Peter knew that the temptation to lie had come from Satan. Ananias and his wife both gave in to that temptation (verses 7-10).

The Bible defines Satan as an angelic being who fell from his position in heaven due to sin and is now completely opposed to God, doing all in his power to interfere with God's purposes. Even though he was cast out of heaven, he still seeks to elevate his throne above God. He counterfeits all that God does, hoping to gain the worship of the world and encourage opposition to God's kingdom. Satan is the ultimate source behind every false cult and world religion. Satan will do anything and everything in his power to oppose God and those who follow God.

However, Satan's destiny is sealed—it says in Revelation 20:10, that he will be thrown into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur...he will be tormented day and night forever and

Satan used his most effective weapons of deception to try and get Jesus to shortcut his mission here on earth. But Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, did not fall for his tricks and stood firm; he used the power of the Holy Spirit to defeat Satan. Every day of our lives, Satan comes after us, using the same weapons he used on Jesus.

He tries to win us over to his side by making sin look harmless, and by appealing to our natural human desire for wealth, fame and power. Satan has destroyed millions of Christian marriages by using the lust of the eye and the flesh to cause men and women to cheat on their spouses. He has taken the lives of millions of young people by making them feel that the only way they can be happy, is to use some mindaltering chemical such as, alcohol, heroin, or opiates. He has corrupted the minds of some of Jesus' most faithful followers and caused them to close their ears to the saving message of the gospel. He has divided our nation into a country where we no longer trust our government to govern as God intended. Civil unrest is breaking out every day in some parts of our country. Fear of terrorist attacks and the possibility of a third world war are common concerns for anyone who has the eyes to see what is happening in the world.

Temptation to sin will always be with us as long as we're in these earthly bodies. The good news is, we have the power within us to resist the temptations of Satan just as Jesus did. The scripture tells us in Hebrews 4:15 "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our

weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin."

Paul tells us, "No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it" (I Corinthians 10:13).

The scripture tells us to: "Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7). One problem we have today is that sin has become so prevalent in our culture until we have become desensitized to it. It is so common to see people living and wallowing in sin today until its impact on us has diminished. Many things that used to appall us fifty years ago, are accepted as normal behavior today.

The entertainment industry, the media, and other institutions in our society that can reach and have the power to influence large numbers of people, have lowered their standards to accommodate the standards of the world and are contributing to the corruption and disharmony in our society and our world.

The bible is no longer considered to be the source for

seeking the truth. Therefore, there are many different opinions as to what is truth and what is fiction. I lived most of my life trying to please my sinful nature. I used alcohol and drugs to avoid reality. I strived to achieve success by making a lot of money and owning a lot of toys. I used and misused women to satisfy my lust of the flesh. Very early in life, I yielded to the will of my human nature, and each day it got easier to go deeper and deeper in the dark world of sin.

And then one day, God revealed himself to me through the love and kindness of several people. He made me realize that what I was looking for could only be found in him and that nothing else would ever be able to satisfy the spiritual needs of my soul, which I had neglected all my life.

Remember what Paul said: "But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it."

God provided a way for me to stand up and face the reality of life. By the power of the Holy Spirit, I have been set free of the sinful chains that bound me. I live today to please God and to point others in the direction of the one who can satisfy all our needs. If you are wrestling with some sin in your life and you want to be free, "give it to Jesus." He can handle it and he will never disappoint you.

#### **Woman's Advance Club meeting** summary and upcoming schedule

By Betty Dodge

The Woman's Advance Club of Webberville started their 124th year after being founded by eight women in 1893. This year's first meeting was held on Friday, September 15, 2017 at Brookshire Inn in Williamston. In attendance were the regular members, plus 3 guests; Tina Johnston, Phyllis Webster and Marian Sherburne. We welcomed them to enjoy the day and the luncheon and program.

First business of the day, we spent time going page by page through the printed programs in our lovely new books. A huge thanks to the Executive Committee; Chairman Lynn Reed, Sallie Brodie, Jean Johnson and Kathy Ward. Also to President Nancy Webb and her husband Jerry Webb, who has edited and printed them for many years.

After the lovely luncheon at Brookshire, we took a trip north of Williamston to the Campbell's Alpaca Farm on 5109 North Barton Road. Greeting us was co-owner Kate Campbell, along with an angora rabbit, horses, a goat, dogs, a cat and other animals besides the 50 alpacas. The weather was sunny skies and it was warm out. Seats were waiting for us along with the pleasant country air and a serene calmness.

It was hard to believe the amount of activity and chores it takes to raise these timid animals who like to herd. They do not like to be petted. They originally came from South America and come in black, gray, brown and tan colors. Most alpacas are bred for their fleece, which has no lanolin and is very soft and silky. They are shorn once per year and produce 5 - 8 lbs. of fleece. They can live up to 20 years.

Most breeders send the fleece off to market after cleaning up any debris in the fleece. There, they process the fleece into yarn, knitted mittens, socks, coats and other items. The Campbell's have an outlet of items for sale in an antique store in Williamston. Kate is also a nurse and her knowledge has been very useful to take care of the alpacas if one becomes ill.

Just before we were ready to leave, a beautiful brown alpaca came to the fence. He was very curious as to what we were doing there. This magnificent alpaca is going to the Potter Park Zoo. Maybe we'll see him again and we wonder if he'll remember those Woman Advance Club ladies. I don't think so.

Our club meetings are as follows for 2017:

October 16, 2017, Monday at 1:30 p.m. We will meet at the home of Sallie Brodie and Janice Wheeler will serve dessert. The program will be given by former cardiac care nurse Betty Dodge. The primary focus will be on women's heart health.

November 13, 2017, Monday at 1:30 p.m. We will meet at the home of Lynn Reed and Jean Johnson will serve dessert. The program will be on Shirley Temple, presented by Nancy

December 18, 2017, Monday at 2:00 p.m. Our hostesses will be Kathy Ward, Nancy Webb and Marge Lawson. The program will be a Christmas sing-a-long at Marsh Point with Cleo Chase playing the piano. The residents will be served ice cream and Christmas cookies. The club does take off the months of January and February for inclement weather and snow birds who travel South.

March 19, 2018, Monday at 12:00 noon. The program will include a tour of Old Nation Brewery in Williamston. It's an up and coming big business.

April 16, 2018, Monday at 1:30 p.m. Jill Moon will be our hostess and also give a program on her trip to Spain. Cleo Chase will serve desserts.

May 21, 2018, Monday at 1:30 p.m. We will tour the Commons in Williamston, which was the old high school at one time. Our hostess will be Kathy Ward.

June 4, 2018, Monday at 12:00 noon. This will be a salad luncheon at the home of Rosemary Cahaney where we will have fun and games.

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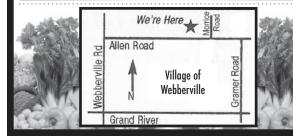


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## Savvy Senior Column

By Jim Miller

#### **Exercises that Help Ease Arthritis Pain and Stiffness**

Dear Savvy Senior,

What exercises are best suited for seniors with arthritis? I have osteoarthritis in my neck, back, hip and knee and have read that exercises can help ease the pain and stiffness, but I don't know where to start, and I certainly don't want to aggravate it.

Stiff and Achy

#### Dear Stiff,

Many people who have arthritis believe that exercise will worsen their condition, but that's not true. Exercise is actually one of the best treatments for osteoarthritis.

Proper and careful exercises can help reduce joint pain and stiffness, strengthen muscles around the joints and increase flexibility. It also helps manage other chronic conditions that are common among seniors with arthritis, such as diabetes, heart disease and obesity. Here are some tips to help you get

#### Recommended Exercises

Determining exactly which types of exercises that are best for you depends on the form and severity of your arthritis, and which joints are involved. It's best to work with your doctor or a physical therapist to help you develop a personalized exercise program. The different types of exercises that are most often recommended to seniors with arthritis include:

-- Range-of-motion exercises: These are gentle stretching exercises that can relieve stiffness as well as improve your ability to move your joints through their normal range of motion. These exercises should be done daily.

--Strengthening exercise: Calisthenics, weight training and working with resistance bands are recommended (two or more days a week) to maintain and improve your muscle strength, which helps support and protect your joints.

-- Aerobic exercises: Low-impact activities like walking, cycling, swimming or water aerobics are all recommended three to five times per week to help improve cardiovascular health, control weight, and improve your overall function.

It's also important to keep in mind that when you first start exercising, you need to go slow to give your body time to adjust. If you push yourself too hard you can aggravate your joint pain. However, some muscle soreness or joint achiness in the beginning is normal.

To help you manage your pain start by warming up with some simple stretches or range of motion exercises for five to 10 minutes before you move on to strengthening or aerobic exercises. Another tip is to apply heat to the joints you'll be working before you exercise, and use cold packs after exercising to reduce inflammation.

If you're experiencing a lot of pain while you exercise, you may need to modify the frequency, duration, or intensity of your exercises until the pain improves. Or you may need to try a different activity, for example, switching from walking to water aerobics. But if you're having severe, sharp or constant pain, or large increases in swelling or your joints feel hot or red, you need to stop and see your doctor.

#### **Exercising Aids**

To help you exercise at home, the Arthritis Foundation offers a variety of free online videos (see Arthritis.org/ living-with-arthritis/exercise/videos) to guide you through a variety of exercises. Or there are arthritis exercise DVDs you can purchase for a few dollars through Collage Video (CollageVideo.com, 800-819-7111) or the Arthritis Foundation Store (AFstore.org).

Also see Go4life.nia.nih.gov (or call 800-222-2225), a National Institute on Aging resource that offers a free exercise guide that provides illustrated examples of different

If you need some motivation or don't like exercising alone, ask your doctor about exercise programs in your area for people with arthritis. Hospitals and clinics sometimes offer special programs, as do local health clubs and senior centers.

The Arthritis Foundation also conducts exercise and aquatic programs for people with arthritis in many communities throughout the U.S. Contact your local branch (see Arthritis.org/local-offices, or call 800-283-7800 for contact information) to find out what may be available near

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

#### **Kreeger Elementary School News**

#### STUDENT WALKERS:

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students who WALK to school. I want to take a moment to remind you that the District and Village have placed signs and painted crosswalks in various high traffic areas around the District, especially on Grand River, North Grand and Hibbard Street in an effort to provide safe crossing to the school campus in high traffic areas. Local residents who live around the schools are appreciative when students and parents/guardians use the Village sidewalks to get to school rather than using their yards as shortcuts. This is especially true at the North end of Maple Street where some new home construction will begin this fall. Thank you for being a good neighbor by respecting their property by using sidewalks and crossing the busy streets via the crossing guards and crosswalks. Let's have a fabulous and safe 2017-18 school

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10-17-17: PICTURE DAY -Picture packets will be sent home Friday, October 13, 2017.

11-15-17: CONFERENCES-FULL DAY FOR K-5 5:00-7:30 P.M.

11-16-17: CONFERENCES -NO SCHOOL FOR K-5 9:00-NOON & 1:00-3:30 P.M.

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#### Caregivers Support Group to meet at Trinity UMC on Sept. 25

Caregivers Support Group is meeting at Trinity United Methodist Church the 4th Monday of each month. The next meeting is Monday, September 25th, at 7 pm. If you are caregiver for a spouse, parent etc. this group is for you. If you need someone to stay with your family member please let me know and we will make arrangements so that you can attend. Come for the fellowship & prayers. Questions talk to Judy Herald 734-498-3528. Trinity UMC is located at 8201 Iosco Rd, Fowlerville, at the corner of Bull Run and Iosco Rds.

#### Meals on Wheels seeking volunteers to deliver meals to home-bound seniors

The Meals on Wheels Program is in need of volunteers to deliver hot meals to our home-bound seniors in the Fowlerville community. We would love the opportunity for you to be part of our team of volunteers. This is a commitment of 1-2 hours of your time, as little or as often as your schedule will permit. Volunteers not only deliver the meals, they also deliver a warm smile and a friendly greeting when they arrive at the door. For more information, please contact Lucy McKinnon @ 810-632-2155.



## Fowlerville girl shoots seven-point buck during Youth Deer Hunt

Haylee Tamachask, a 14-year-old Fowlerville girl, shot this seven-point buck during the recent Youth Deer Hunt. She accomplished her feat on Sept. 16, at 8:30 a.m. in Fowlerville. Accompanying her on the hunt was her dad, Kevin Tamaschask.



## Fowlerville girl shot her first deer during recent Youth Hunt

Abbey Huck, age 14, of Fowlerville shot her first deer this past Sunday, Sept. 17. Abbey was out hunting with her dad, Eric, when she shot the 8-point buck. She took the deer on private property in Fowlerville. Abbey is the daughter of Eric and Melissa Huck of Fowlerville and Rebecca Kimbro also of Fowlerville. Congratulations Abbey!

#### Fowlerville Varsity Football Team falls to Portland 42-7

Fowlerville's Varsity Football Team fell to conference rival Portland by a 42-7 score. The Glads hosted their CAAC White foes on Friday, Sept. 15.

The Raiders proved why they're one of the top area gridiron squads when they took command with three touchdowns in the first quarter. With a 21-0 led, they added another TD in the second period and an additional 14 points in the third stanza.

Fowlerville didn't manage to get on the scoreboard until the final quarter when quarterback Geoffrey Knaggs rushed for a touchdown and Alec Johnson booted the PAT.

Knaggs threw for 112 yards, completing 15 of 23 passes. Andrew McFadden caught eight of those passes for 73 yards, while JT Maybee had three receptions for 26 yards. Alex Brownlee, meanwhile, had 7 rushes for 29 yards while Tom Salois ran the ball 5 times for 23 yards.

On defense, Trevor Brock led the team with 4 solo tackles and 9 assists and Salois had 1 solo and 6 assists.

Fowlerville, with a 1-3 record, traveled to Eaton Rapids this past Friday (past the newspaper deadline) for a league game. The team hosts Lansing Catholic this Friday, Sept. 29, for the Homecoming game.

#### Community Service & Bible Study Programs begin at St. John's Lutheran

Lives are busy, that is for certain. But when do you set aside time for meaningful activity that can make a difference in lives? St. John's Lutheran Church offers community members an opportunity to add meaning for their own sake and for the sake of others with two upcoming events that are open and free.

In order to serve others, St. John's will be packing 10,000 meals to share with hungry people around the world. The Kid's Coalition Against Hunger event will be held on Wednesday, September 27. Up to eighty-five volunteers will be working together to accomplish this mission. It is a multi-generational event, with room for children from grade one through adults. The cost for supplies is \$2,800 so financial gifts are also welcome.

On Thursday, September 28, a Community Bible Study will also kick off, looking to the prophet Isaiah and the vision of promise that he offers those who seek God, especially in trying times. Isaiah shared God's message with people in the midst of struggle, loss, wandering and exile. Through his ancient

messages, people today can continue to find God who desires only hope and life for people who put their lives in God's hands. The study will last five Thursdays and two sessions are being offered at 10:30 a.m. and 6:45 p.m.

If you would like to participate in either of these offerings, please contact St. John's Lutheran Church to register, by phone at 517-223-9108 or at our website, <a href="www.stjohnsfowlerville.org">www.stjohnsfowlerville.org</a>.





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