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The Fowlerville Senior Center sponsored this patriotic entry in the annual parade. Several members rode in the wagon, waving their flags and waving to the spectators.

Fowlerville enjoys 4th of July celebration

The 42nd annual Fowlerville July 4th Celebration took place last Tuesday with events at the First Baptist Church and the United Brethren Church, along with the evening parade through the Downtown and fireworks extravaganza at 10:15 p.m. Hundreds of spectators lined both sides of Grand River to watch the variety of parade entries.

These kids were running the Giant Bubble attraction at the 1st Baptist Church on July 4th. Ashley Keesler, daughter of Autumn Keesler of Byron and Titus Williams, son of Caleb and Scarlett Williams of Howell, were encasing Noah Keesler in a soapy bubble. All of them attend the local church.

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Livingston Centre includes barber shop & shoe repair-harness shop

By Kathe Westbrook

Livingston Centre Historic Society

Just down the lane from the northwest entrance gate at the Fowlerville Family Fair are two small businesses dating back to early development in Livingston County. These buildings are in original condition, and have in them many of the tools needed for services and trade in the early 1900's and before.

Built by Hartland barber Martin L. Davis in 1910, the Barber Shop was moved to the Livingston Centre Historic Village in 1991. Information suggests Mr. Davis was born in Livingston County around 1875 and died in the early 1960's. The shop originally stood in downtown Hartland on Avon Street, where Mr. Davis served local residents for five decades. It still contains the double cast iron sink that Mr. Davis used. The chair is of the time period but it is not original; it was donated to the Historic Village by Clarence Hale. The building was donated by Robert and Michele Cannaert after being used in its final years as a beauty shop and, thus, serving even more members of the Hartland community.

Standing just to the west of the Barber Shop is the Clinton Shoe Repair and Harness Shop. These two items were made by leather-crafters, long-standing professionals vital to both urban and rural/agricultural living long before the 19th century. Research suggests it was originally built in Gregory as Halstead Gregory, the son of local landowners, was offering the sale of low cost business sites for the purpose of developing a community outside of Pinckney in 1883, even though some sources date the building back to 1870. The roster of local businesses by 1890 suggests Mr. Gregory was successful

Among those attracted to that new community was leather-craftsman Thomas Clinton, an immigrant born in Ireland circa 1840. His wife was a Michigan-born woman, the daughter of Irish settlers who arrived a generation before. Mr. Clinton is found in both the 1880 and 1900 Federal Censuses; the 1880 census gives his occupation at a shoemaker while the 1900 census lists him as a harness refinisher who owned his shop free and clear. Further research shows he died in Putnam Township in 1904, with six of his seven children surviving him. It is not currently clear as to why it appears the shop was built in Gregory but is considered to be moved to the fairgrounds from the Village of Pinckney, having been donated by the Pinckney Library. Research continues on the history of the shop, and the journey that brought it finally to



Clinton Shoe Repair and Harness Shop originally from Gregory and the Barber Shop which was located in Hartland are two of the buildings in the front of the Livingston Centre Historic Village at the Fowlerville Fairgrounds.



This is the interior of the Barber Shop.

Livingston Centre in 1992. Hopefully, more details will be available by Fair Week.

These buildings show the conditions and circumstances of early tradesmen in Livingston County, as do all the buildings at the Livingston Centre Historic Village. During Fair Week, docents will offer free tours and further information to visitors. The buildings will be open each day beginning at 1 p.m. They promise to be an entertaining and informational addition to your day at the Fair!

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Michigan Senate Report

By Joe Hune, 22nd District

Urban Farming

America has a long and storied history of agriculture. Here in Michigan, the food and agriculture industry ranks among the state's top industries and contributes more than \$100 billion to the economy every year — and more than one-fifth of all jobs in the state are connected to agriculture.

Within that industry, more than 52,000 farms covering more than 10 million acres account for \$13 billion of the total economic impact, including livestock and field crops that are both enjoyed here at home and exported to help feed the world. Our great state leads the nation in the production of several crops, including dry beans, red tart cherries, blueberries, squash, nine different floriculture products, and cucumbers for pickling.

While many of the specialty crops grown in Michigan come from traditional farms, the farming industry is changing and evolving every day. Farms come in all shapes and sizes, and all of them contribute to our state's success.

In recent years there has been a farming renaissance, largely spearheaded by entrepreneurs in urban locales, like Ann Arbor and Detroit. Fowlerville is no different. Many cities, towns and villages are now looking at farming within their urban settings. Whether it's crops, chickens, honeybees, rabbits, or goats, urban farming is enhancing our communities' lifestyles.

While urban farms mostly operate on a smaller scale, the process is similar to that of larger farms. It requires many of the same practices, and is formally defined as cultivating, processing and distributing food in or around a village, town or city. The practice of urban farming is rapidly growing in popularity and in fact, many vendors at local farmers markets grow their crops in an urban environment.

Earlier this year, I joined Sen. Rebekah Warren in introducing Senate Bill 108, which was introduced as a first step in exploring the potential advantages of urban farming. The bill would establish an advisory commission responsible for researching and recommending guidelines for urban farming to the Senate Agriculture Committee. This will help us discover new and affordable methods for providing food and financial security to those wishing to raise livestock within city limits without being a detriment to the general health of people around them.

As a farmer myself, and as chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I understand how important owning and operating a farm is to families. As Michigan continues its resurgence and we continue to find new ways to reinvent ourselves, it is important to embrace non-traditional practices

8:00-8:40

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like urban farming. This way, our communities can continue to grow, evolve and thrive in the changing economy.

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

Free concert kicks off Vacation Bible Week at St. John's Lutheran Church

To get the week started, St. John's Lutheran Church is inviting the whole community to a concert and worship experience led by Randy and Marli Brown on Sunday, July 9 at 9:30 a.m. A free-will love offering will be shared with them for the ministry of word and music.

Later that evening, the congregation will welcome kids and families to the "Maker Fun Factory" Vacation Bible School, where kids will experience God's loving plan: that they are made by God and built for a purpose! VBS runs July 9-13, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., with a free dinner for the whole family!

At the Sunday morning concert, attendees will enjoy the live music of Randy and Marli Brown. They have become passionate about helping Christians realize their capacity for growth regarding personal worship. They know that the Lord created us with the need to worship Him, and that contentment in life can be found doing just that. Randy and Marli enjoy a ministry of providing congregations with a worship experience filled with gratefulness, adoration and awesome wonder for the Lord.

For more information about these events, go to <u>www.</u> <u>stjohnsfowlerville.org</u> or call <u>517-223-9108</u>.

NOTICE TO HANDY TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS HANDY TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING RESCHEDULED FROM JULY 11, 2017 TO JULY 13, 2017

The Handy Township Board of Trustees has rescheduled their regular meeting of Tuesday, July 11, 2017 to be held on Thursday, July 13, 2017. The Township Board of Trustees regular meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Handy Township Board Room, located at 137 N. Grand Avenue, Fowlerville, (please use rear entrance). A quorum of the Handy Township Board of Trustees will be present at this meeting. The Public is welcome to attend.

Laura A. Eisele, Handy Township Clerk (7-2 & 7-9-17 FNV)

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Caleb **Jenkins** Column



A Critical Eye

Over the last several weeks I have written an intermittent series about my thoughts on education. While I have a few more ideas that I would like to share at some point, I think it would be appropriate to wrap up this unofficial series for the time being with this column, and I further believe that it would be worthwhile to use this time to dig a little deeper into the idea of critical thinking and its importance to modern learning. I discussed this concept briefly in a previous article when I talked about the biased agenda that is pushed in some streams of modern education and how important it is for us to be discerning when we learn. Indeed, any sort of learning should be done with a critical eye, and there are two fundamental benefits to putting this into practice.

The first reason is the obvious and already-covered purpose of perceiving biases. It is easy to say that facts are facts and that we should simply accept the information being presented as truth, but while the truth cannot waver, it can be twisted or shown in a confusing light. If someone wants a fact to be perceived as false, then they do not have to go to the extreme step of loudly declaring it as wrong. In fact, that would most likely not be very successful. However, a far more subtle approach is to just spread doubt. Did this event really happen the way it is portrayed? Did this person really say what we think? Were the reasons behind the decision truly just? By planting a seed of doubt, someone can create a great deal of confusion and misconception.

By no means does that indicate a need to disregard what we learn and to live in constant concern that nothing is valid or true. Rather, we should examine the situation critically and decipher what is hard facts and what is opinion disguised as fact. We should ask ourselves if the information is being presented in a neutral manner that takes into account the whole picture, and we need to be careful not to fall into the trap of accepting falsehoods that are presented through the lens of an excuse. This applies to far more than just education. A common application of this concept is reading the news. It is a typically held belief that almost all news stories have some degree of bias to one side or the other, but we should not stop following domestic and world events just because of that. Be smarter than the news. Detecting and cutting through bias is applicable to virtually every aspect of our lives.

The second benefit of using critical thinking with our education is the ability to gain more from it. When we scan through material, we pick up the basic information and learn the general concepts. In many instances these general concepts are whatever the material's source wants you to take away. However, if we expend the time and effort to examine the details, then we will have a much greater learning experience, and we will walk away with a firmer grasp of what the information truly means and how it impacts our lives. When we crack through the surface, we have the chance to find the data that truly matters. Education is a wonderful and important thing, but we have to be willing to put forth the effort to learn successfully.

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

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

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

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Fowlerville Fire Department Report

Thursday, June 29th, at 6:03 a.m. the department responded to an injury auto accident on Fowlerville Road in Handy Township. At 9:22 a.m. a medical emergency on Sargent Road in Handy Township was reported. Firefighters were called to



standby at downed power lines on Nicholson Road in Conway Township at 1:30 p.m. Personnel assisted at a motor vehicle accident with injuries on Elliott Road in Iosco Township at 8:46 p.m.

Friday, June 30th, at 9:46 a.m. personnel responded to assist EMS on Second Street in the Village. A call to a medical emergency on Fowlerville Road in Handy Township and was received at 11:14 a.m. Firefighters were dispatched to investigate a possible environmental hazard on Grand Ave. in the Village at 12:30 p.m. At 8:20 p.m. a tree blocking Lange Road in Iosco Township was reported.

At 3:50 p.m., Sunday, July 2nd, personnel assisted at a medical emergency on Gregory Road in Iosco Township. A small grass fire that had started from fireworks was reported on Bull Run Road in Iosco Township at 5:28 p.m. The department responded to Hayner Road in Conway Township at 7:15 p.m. to investigate a reported fireworks explosion. Firefighters assisted the ambulance on N. Grand Ave. in the Village at 7:59 p.m.

Three medical emergencies were reported Monday, July 3rd. At 8:54 a.m. the department responded to Grant Road in Conway Township. The second dispatch, at 5:34 p.m., was on Dutton Road in Iosco Township with the third being at 7:40 p.m. on Deerhill Court in Iosco Township.

A medical emergency on Meadowlawn Drive in Handy Township was reported at 2:25 p.m., Tuesday, July 4th. At 6:31 p.m. firefighters were dispatched to an injury accident on Nicholson Road in Handy Township. Personnel assisted at a medical emergency on Layton Road in Handy Township at 10:12 p.m. and at 11:00 p.m. responded to a medical emergency on N. Grand Ave. in the Village.

Wednesday, July 5th, at 1:24 a.m. firefighters were called for a mutual aid request on Bliven

Road in Shiawassee County to assist with a tanker at the scene of a structure fire. A second dispatch, to a medical emergency on Garden Lane in the Village, was received at 3:13 a.m. Personnel returned to the Garden Lane address to assist EMS at 4:02 a.m. The department responded to a medical emergency on Meadow Lane in the Village at 1:22 p.m. Firefighters were called to investigate a smoke detector activation on Fowlerville Road in Handy Township at 4:24 p.m. At 7:15 p.m. responded to an injury accident on Fowlerville Road in Handy Township.

TV, Computer & Electronics Collection to be held on July 15 in Howell

The Livingston County Solid Waste Program has scheduled the 2017 Electronic-Waste Collection Event on Saturday, July 15, from 9 am until 2 pm – no appointment necessary. The collection, made possible with a grant from Chem-Trend, will take place in the parking lot at the East Complex of the Livingston County Offices located at 2300 E. Grand River, Howell, 48843 (behind the Howell Aldi's grocery store).

This event provides a free and convenient opportunity for Livingston County residents and small businesses (fewer than 10 employees) to safely recycle a variety of electronic waste such as TV's, computers, printers, monitors, laptops, etc. For a complete list of acceptable items, see the website at www.livgov.com/dpw. *Items can only be dropped off on the event day!* This collection is made possible through a grant from Chem-Trend Inc. in cooperation with the Livingston County Drain Commissioner – Solid Waste Program. For more information, call 517-545-9609.

Breathers' Club meeting to be held on July 11 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital

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

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

Our next Breathers Club is scheduled for Tuesday, Noon: July 11. Our Pulmonary Rehabilitation Therapist is available to assist and answer questions. For recorded meeting information call: (517) 545-6020.

Fowlerville Community Schools Parents/Guardians 2017-2018 School Year



Non-Discrimination Policy and Complaint Procedure

It is the policy of the Board of Education that the District will not discriminate against any person based on sex, race, color, national origin, religion, height, weight, marital status, handicap, age, or disability. The District reaffirms its long-standing policy of compliance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination.

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The Assistant Superintendent of Schools Fowlerville Community Schools 7677 Sharpe Rd, Suite A Fowlerville, Michigan 48836 (517) 223-6027

In the event a complaint is against the Assistant Superintendent of Schools, the complaint should be directed to The Superintendent of Schools at the above address. In the event a complaint is against the Superintendent of Schools, the complaint should be directed to The Vice-President of the Board of Education at the above address.

The Civil Rights Coordinators, as specified herein, are designated to receive and resolve complaints from any person who believes that he/she may have been discriminated against in violation of this policy. Any person who believes he/she has been discriminated against in violation of this policy should file a written complaint with the Civil Rights Coordinator within ten (10) calendar days of the alleged violation. The Civil Rights Coordinator will take, then, the following action: First, cause an investigation of the complaint to be commenced. Second, arrange for a meeting to occur with the complainant, which may include School District staff who are knowledgeable of the facts and circumstances of the particular complaint or who have particular expertise that will assist in resolving the complaint. Third, complete the investigation of the complaint and provide, in writing, a reply to the complainant. If the Civil Rights Coordinator determines that a violation has occurred, he/she shall propose a fair resolution of the complaint and deliver the determination to the complainant and the Superintendent. In the event the complaint is against the Superintendent, a copy of the determination shall be delivered to the President of the Board of Education.

The complainant may **appeal** the determination of the Civil Rights Coordinator or Board Vice-President to the Superintendent, or, in the case of a complaint against the Superintendent, to the President of the Board, by so notifying the Superintendent or Board President in writing within the (10) calendar days of the Civil Rights Coordinator's determination. The Superintendent or Board President may conduct additional investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding the complaint.

The Superintendent, or Board President in the case of a complaint against the Superintendent, shall affirm or reverse the Civil Rights Coordinator's decision and, if warranted, implement the Civil Rights Coordinator's proposed resolution or a modification thereof. The Superintendent or Board President's decision shall be final.

The Board Vice-President or President may elect to secure the services of an outside party to investigate the facts and circumstances surrounding any complaint against the Superintendent.

Upon completion of, or at any point in, the grievance process, complainants have the right to file a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights, US Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20201. The complainant should first be directed to the following address:

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Fowlerville Community Schools Parents/Guardians



2017-2018 School Year

Directory Information

Throughout the school year the district may release certain directory information regarding any K-12 student. This information includes name, address, phone number, pictures, videos, gender, grade level, birth date and place, parents' names and addresses, academic awards, degrees and honors, information about school sponsored activities and athletics, height and weight for athletic team members, major fields of study, and the period of attendance in school.

However, this directory information <u>will not</u> knowingly be released when it is requested for the purpose of surveys, marketing, or solicitation; unless the District determines that the use is consistent with the educational mission of the District and is beneficial to the affected students. As required by law, this Notice is published annually during the last week of July in the local newspaper. Any parent, guardian, or eligible student may prohibit the release of any or all of the above information by delivering a written objection to the building principal prior to September 1st each year. No directory information will be released within this time period, unless the parents, guardians, or eligible students are specifically informed otherwise.

If a parent decides to exclude their student's name from directory information, the student's information will not appear in honor rolls, athletic programs, or other general school information.

Two federal laws require the District to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories – names, addresses, and telephone numbers – unless parents have advised the District that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent. These laws apply to students in grades 7-12. Any parent, guardian, or eligible student may prohibit the release of this information to the military by delivering a written objection to the building principal within 30 days of the date of this notice. Under this option, directory information will still be made available to other sources under the terms and conditions explained in the previous paragraphs.

The district has protected student's privacy to the best of their ability. If you have any questions, please contact Fowlerville Community Schools' Assistant Superintendent at (517) 223-6027.

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

<u>Preschool Tuesdays with Mrs. D: Construct</u> Tuesday, July 11th at 10am & 11am

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

Build a Better Environment Tuesday, July 11th at 2:30pm Teens 6th-12th grades. Have fun with your friends this summer at the library! Read, come to programs, and learn how you can build a better world by helping the environment! *This program is part of the Summer Reading Program. Teens participating in Reading Log Only may attend if there is still room. However, Teens registered for Programs will be given priority.

<u>Weekly Wednesdays: Invent</u> Wednesday, July 12th at 10am, 11am, and 2pm

Kindergarten-5th grades. Discover how Ordinary People Change the World this summer! Read books, attend weekly programs, and have fun at the library!

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

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

Beyond the Book: We Bought a Zoo: Thursday, July 13th at 6:30pm

Adults. Featuring a book and its film adaptation. Movie will begin at 6:30pm, followed by discussion. Moviestyle refreshments will be served. *Register in person to participate. Registration begins June 22nd. Books will be given while supplies last.

<u>Self-Defense Workshop & BBQ</u>: Saturday, July 15th at Noon-4pm

At the Centennial Park Pavilion

All Ages. Stop by the Centennial Park pavilion where the library will be holding a free self-defense workshop for all ages, hosted by the students and staff of Real World MMA. Water, hot dogs, and chips will be provided while supplies last. *Drop-in event. Children 12 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Teens 13 years and older must have a signed Program Permission Form or be accompanied by an adult.

<u>Teen Tuesday Film Festival: Robots</u>: Tuesday, July 18th at 3:30pm

Teens 6th-12th Grade. Join us after the Teen Summer Reading Program for movie celebrating inventors! Hang with friends while you enjoy the movie, popcorn, and a beverage. All movies are rated PG.*Seating is limited. Register in person for each movie to attend. If there is still seating available, drops-ins are welcome!

Our Fires Still Burn: The Native American Experience: Thursday, July 20th at 7pm

Adults. Join us in welcoming Audrey Geyer to the library for a screening of her documentary about Michigan Native Americans, "Our Fires Still Burn: The Native American Experience." The documentary is 1 hour long and will be followed by a question and answer session with the filmmaker. Refreshments will be served. *Register in person to attend. Registration begins July 6th and includes a refundable \$5 cash deposit.

Summer Craft: Stone Totems: Thursday, July 27th at 7pm Adults. Join us at the library to decorate stones using sharpies. Then, arrange them in a totem that you can display or share as a gift. *Register in person to attend. Registration begins July 13th and includes a refundable \$5 cash deposit.

I was pleased to read Tom Tarpley's column (2 July 2017).

It was very refreshing to read Tom's humorous side about

Lil Tom. Many times as I read Tom's column, I would lose

interest and not finish it. I hope Tom will continue to lace his

normal columns with humor along with his message to the

Tom Breningstall

St. John's Episcopal Church is serving a Ham Dinner on

\$8. The church is located at 504 Prospect Street, Howell.

Friday, July 21, from 5 to 7pm. Free Will Offering. Take out

St. John's Episcopal Church serving

people that follow his column weekly. Good job.

ham dinner on Friday, July 21

Letter to the Editor:

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I want to congratulate Fred Dillingham on his retirement. Evette and I moved to Fowlerville in late 1971 and being new homeowners we needed many things to start making the house into a home for us and daughter Vickie. So I made a lot of trips to the hardware stores in town. Yea, back in the day there were two hardware stores and a lumber yard in Downtown Fowlerville.

On the northwest corner of Grand River Ave and North Grand stood a hardware store and the first person to welcome me to Fowlerville was this tall, skinny, black haired, young man named Fred. In the passing of time forty six years we have both grown older. I retired from horseshoeing ten years ago and one thing I can say "Fred we did it our way and nobody can change that."

Fred, enjoy your retirement and keep doing the things you like to do.

Tom and Evette Breningstall

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

All Ages. Join us at the library for an exiciting outdoor movie experience! Movie will begin at about 9pm, or whenever it becomes dark enough. Movie is rated PG. *Drop in event. Weather Permitting: this program may be cancelled depending on the weather. Check our website www. fowlervillelibrary.org and our Facebook page for updates closer to the program.











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—Area Deaths—



Rev. William Loyal 'Bill' Hammons

Reverend William Loyal "Bill" Hammons passed away Thursday, June 29, 2017 at Medilodge of Campus Area in Lansing MI at the age of 96. Bill proudly served his country during World War II in Germany and France. He worked as a truck driver and welder at Weld Mold in Brighton MI until he retired. He was pastor of his church Fellowship Chapel in Fowlerville for over 20 years and taught Bible Study to anyone that wanted to learn more about God and his wonderful grace.

Preceding him in death were his parents James and Bertha (HayHurst) Hammons, wife of 63 years Rowan (Fisher) Hammons, and 2 sons Arnold "Donnie" Hammons and Jonathan L. Hammons. He is survived by his grandson Johnathan D Hammons of Holt MI, granddaughters Rebecca "Beckie" Brown of Holt MI and Shana Spears of Lakeland FL and also a special daughter-in-law Sandy Blakley of Fort Myers Beach, FL.

Funeral arrangements were made by Herrmann Funeral Home in Fowlerville for Wednesday July 5, 2017. Visitation was held from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., followed by a chapel service officiated by Reverend Edwin Carpenter and a procession to the Greenwood Cemetery in Fowlerville, MI. He was buried with full military honors. A wake was held afterwards, provided by the VFW Auxiliary in Fowlerville, MI. Please leave the family a condolence at pjherrmannfuneralhome.com.



Beverly Anne Cook

Beverly Anne Cook died peacefully at her residence in Masonic Pathways, June 16, 2017, at the age of 86 years.

Born June 6, 1931 in Detroit, Michigan to Clarence and Angeline (Strome) DeGroat, Beverly Anne (DeGroat) Cook graduated from Cooley High School in 1949 and Cleary College in 1951 with a secretarial degree. She retired from Novi High School after twenty-five years of service in January 1994. Beverly was a member of The Order of Eastern Star, Northville and Howell chapters, and the Fowlerville First United Methodist Church, where she enjoyed singing in the choir. She loved sewing, knitting, reading, and spending time with her family and friends.

She is survived by her six children: Robert (Susan) Cook, Deborah Anne Dey, Lori (Timothy) Eason, Donald (Robin) Cook, Cynthia (Robert) Barker, and Douglas (Carla) Cook, twenty-three grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, her sister-in-law: Irene DeGroat, eight nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death before her were her parents: Clarence and Angeline DeGroat, step-father: Harold Burtis, brothers: Albert and Robert DeGroat, sister-in-laws: Norene Cook and Carolyn (Cook) Johnson, brother-in-law: Karl Johnson, son-in-laws: Rick Dey and William Nelson, and great-niece: Danielle DeGroat.

A memorial service and celebration of Beverly's life will be held on Saturday, July 15, 2017, 11:00 am, at Fowlerville First United Methodist Church, 201 S. Second Street, Fowlerville, Michigan 48836 with a light lunch following.

Internment has taken place at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia, Michigan.

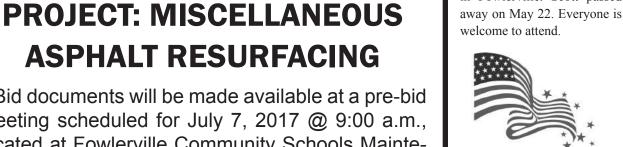
Condolences may be offered to the family at pjherrmannfuneralhome.com.

Karen Lee Westlake

Karen Lee Westlake of Fowlerville passed away peacefully, surrounded by her children on Friday June 30, 2017 at the age of 63. She was born August 20, 1953 in Detroit, MI.

Karen was preceded in death by her loving husband of 43 years, Robert Alan Westlake (July 9, 2015). Surviving are their three children: Shawn (JoEllen) Westlake, Heather Myers, and Krista (Kevin) Westlake; four grandchildren: Shawn (Chelsea) Westlake, Alyssa (Kaity) Westlake, Brad (Jessica) Myers, and Whitney Myers; and four great grandchildren: Brylee and Shawn Westlake, and Elsie and Reese (due Sept 2017) Myers.

A private memorial will be held for Karen on Sunday, July 9, 2017; please contact the family for details. Arrangements condolence at pjherrmannfuneralhome.com



Bid documents will be made available at a pre-bid meeting scheduled for July 7, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m., located at Fowlerville Community Schools Maintenance Building, 7577 W. Sharpe Rd, Fowlerville, MI 48836. The bid is posted on the district website http://www.fowlervilleschools.org/files/754671/ asphalt%20smith-kreeger.pdf. Sealed proposals for this project will be received and publicly opened at the Board of Education Office, Fowlerville Community Schools, 7677 W. Sharpe Rd, Suite A, Fowlerville, MI 48836 on July 17, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. Proposals may be delivered any time prior to the bid opening date and time.

Fowlerville Community Schools reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or to waive irregularities as its interest may require.

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Memorial Service being held for Scott

Hanna on July 15 at

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Scott Hanna on Saturday, July

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VFW Post on Veterans Drive

in Fowlerville. Scott passed

A Memorial Service and

VFW Post





Cathryn Walpole & Andrew Burton announce their wedding engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Burton of Hastings, Michigan, formerly of Fowlerville, have the honor of announcing the engagement of their son, Andrew Burton, to Ms. Cathryn Walpole of Suffolk, England. Andrew, a 2013 graduate of Fowlerville High School, is in the U.S. Air Force and is currently stationed by McConnell AFB in Wichita, Kansas. His fiancée, Cathryn "Kate", is currently employed on the frontline of the East of England Ambulance Service. The couple was engaged in the Spring at Disney World in Florida. A September 2018 wedding is being planned in Hastings.

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Softball pitcher from Fowlerville gets opportunity to play ball in Ecuador

Success in sports can provide opportunities to travel around the world and be part of international competition. That is the case for Jessica England, a 2014 Fowlerville High graduate, who flew to Ecuador last week to play in a series of games scheduled over a 12-day period. England is a pitcher for Concordia College in Ann Arbor. Joining her on this trip is her battery mate and friend, Kali

The two ladies will be members of the Asociacion Deportina Naval club and will be playing in a six-team series that includes four squads from Ecuador, one from Argentina, and one from Columbia.

Jessica explained that her college coach is from Argentina and had been invited to play for this Navy Club squad in the tournament, but couldn't due to a scheduling conflict. "She's on the Argentina National Team and they're playing a tournament in the Dominican Republic," Jessica said. "Because the club in Ecuador needed a pitcher and catcher, she arranged for us to play for them.

"We're the only two Americans on the team," she added.

Jessica had an outstanding career at Fowlerville High, earning All-League, All-County, and All-District honors. She was a member of the Gladiator softball team that won the district title and holds the current school records for most strikeouts (245) and for most doubles.

"I played on both the JV and varsity teams my freshman year and then was on the varsity for the next three years," she explained.

While softball and pitching were her main athletic talents, she also played basketball and volleyball during high school.

Her college career in softball has included a year at Macomb Community College where she shared the team's MVP award with her fellow pitcher, Cary Chamberlane.

"We had a great season," Jessica said. "We lost only one game in the regular season and were undefeated in the regional tournament and went to the nationals."

She was recruited by Concordia and has played the past two seasons for their squad. Her accomplishments, thus far, include being named the team's Pitcher of the Year and having the second best batting average.

She is majoring in biology with a minor in chemistry. "My goal is to become a physician assistant," Jessica said.

Her parents are Tammy Lemiex and Jeff England.



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Pastor Tom Tarpley

Are You One of Those People?

I have been an active member of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), and I am delighted and excited about being a person in *long term recovery*. The support of others in the AA program, and working through the 12 Steps of Recovery, have helped me to keep my addiction to alcohol and drugs in remission for more than twenty-seven years. I am grateful to AA for giving me my life back, although, as a member of AA, I have always questioned the vagueness about God and the resentment some people who attend AA have towards God.

Step Three of the 12 Steps of Recovery reads: "Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood him". Step Eleven reads: "Sought through

prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, as we understood him..."

The words "as we understood him" is where I disagree with what the AA program teaches about God. A god of our own understanding could be anything or anyone. I have even heard people make the statement that the AA tables are their god. If God is only as large as your understanding, you are serving a false god. You are also serving a god that has no power except what you give it.

There is no question as to whether or not the AA program works, because there are thousands of people in the program that will attest to its effectiveness in keeping them clean and sober. If refraining from drinking and drugging is your only goal, then the AA program is a good place to start. But if you want to dig deeper into your subconscious mind, and get to the real cause of your problems, you

need a more Christ-centered program of recovery where we recognize and admit that Jesus Christ is our real and only Higher Power. A program built on the foundation of Christ is a program that will never fail us, and it will help us to achieve and experience a sense of joy in our lives that we could never find in a secular program.

My focus throughout my AA experience was "not to drink or drug and to practice the principles that helped to keep me sober," and they have worked for all of these years. But AA never gave me the desire to look beyond my addictions, or to address the real root cause of my problems, which were fear, low self-image, anger, and co-dependency.

Almost two years ago I became the Ministry Leader of the Christ-centered program of *Celebrate Recovery* (CR). CR uses the twelve steps of recovery like AA with a few slight modifications. CR is not based on *a god of our understanding*, CR clearly recognizes that our higher power is Jesus Christ. Also, CR uses the eight principles of the beatitudes from the book of Matthew, chapter five verses three through ten, as the foundation for what CR believes and teaches.

I have learned more about myself and gotten closer to the root cause of my addiction since becoming a member of CR than I did during all of the time I spent in AA.

PLEASE DON'T TAKE THIS AS AN ATTEMPT TO PUT DOWN THE AA PROGRAM, because it is not. AA is the primary reason I am alive today to be able to be a part of CR. AA is a good program and I still attend AA meetings when I feel my sobriety being threatened or get the crazy thought that "(one little drink won't hurt); and yes, I still have those thoughts.

Whereas, AA helped me to deal with my alcohol and drug problem, CR has helped me to realize the cause of my addiction. CR has open doors in my past that have been nailed shut for several decades, even though the demons behind those doors were working in my subconscious, controlling much of my behavior. CR has helped me to see, to admit, and to deal with my character defects that I never would have even discovered as a member of AA.

Studying and working through the *Beatitudes* is a great way to discover just how much we need Jesus in our lives and that without him working in and through us, we are destined to fail

There are thousands of people just like myself who are experiencing *long term recovery* today because of *Celebrate Recovery*. There are even more people walking around carrying unnecessary baggage due to some hurt, hang-up or habit that is causing them to be unhappy and joyless. The pride of many of these people won't allow them to attend a program like AA or CR. They choose not to attend because they're afraid of what their friends or others might say or think about them if they know they're attending a recovery program.

It is so sad to think that people have a great tool like CR (that has been inspired and put together by Christ himself), but refuse to use it because their pride won't allow them to be honest with themselves and admit that they need help.

Let me explain what CR means to me. CR is just as important to me as the food I take each day for my physical nourishment, which enables my body to function and carry out the tasks I have to do. If I am deprived of either one for a long period of time, I will surely die. I need CR in my life to keep me focused on Christ who gives me the strength to overcome the daily challenges of life and to put to death the sins of the flesh which will undoubtedly take control of me if I allow myself to become separated from my higher power, who is and always will be Jesus Christ. CR is one of the ways I receive the spiritual nourishment that comes through prayer and daily communication with Christ.

So, yes, I am proud to be able to say, "I am a person in long term recovery." I'm grateful for the program of Celebrate Recovery, and I believe it can help anyone live a more peaceful and contented life. Check it out. Tuesday nights from six to nine in the evening, at the Fowlerville UB Church

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

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

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

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





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Fowlerville enjoys 4th of July celebration, continued



Singing the National Anthem were, from left, Bill, Jacob and Lindsey Moran-members of Faith 4—out of Webberville.



The Michigan VFW Honor Guard, including local member Butch Ogden of Post 6464, led the parade. Accompanying them were members of the VFW Auxiliary, led by its president, Tonya Ogden.



Riding on the Fowlerville VFW Post 6464 float were Carol Morgan, left, and Jerry Bergin.



The office staff of the Village of Fowlerville was honored as the parade grand marshals. Among them, from left, were Carol Hill, village president; Nadia Freeman, village administrative assistant; and Kathy Arledge, village manager & clerk.



The office staff of the Village of Fowlerville was honored as the parade grand marshals. Among them, from left, Jamie Hartman, accounting assistant; Michelle Lamb, village treasurer; and Madison Lamb, office assistant.



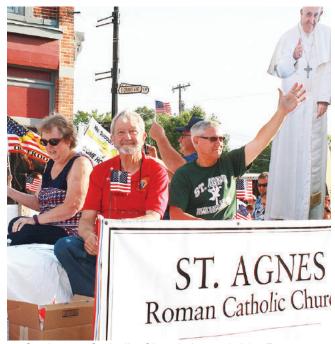
David Thompson brought the Livingston Centre Historic Village barrel train to the parade. It will be at the Fall Fest on September 30th.



Mitchell's Hope & The Mission House promoted their shared goal of "Bringing awareness to the disease of addiction" and "Stomping out stigma & Bringing Hope for Change." From left: Pete Story, Katie Morgan & Frank Sanchez.



Brandon Denby, the Livingston County Register of Deeds, thanked all veterans and active duty soldiers and their families for their "tremendous sacrifices to keep us free."



St. Agnes Catholic Church hosted this 'Pope on a Float' entry.



County Commissioner Doug Helzerman waved to the crowd as he walked the parade route.

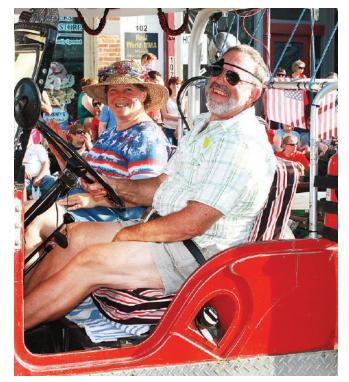
Fowlerville enjoys 4th of July celebration, continued



This John Deere tractor, part of the Rusty Elliott collection, was driven by Ashley Elliott with Elizabeth going along for the ride.



Rick Van Guilder brought this John Deere 9620 RX purchased earlier this spring.



Ken and Tara Busha took part in the parade in this 1965 Kaiser Jeep CJ6. Ken is retired after serving 50 years with the Fowlerville Fire Department.



Marcia and Alex Hune was in the parade, representing State Senator Joe Hune who was busy emceeing the parade at the reviewing stand.



Fowlerville First United Methodist Church promoted their upcoming Vacation Bible School on July 16-20 with this float. These children enjoyed riding in the parade, including Addyson Banks, Alyson Labadie, Thomas Labadie, and Zane Whitt.



This Monster Truck will be part of the upcoming Fowlerville Family Fair line-up of Grandstand entertainment. The show, put on by Dave Rife, will take place on Saturday, July 29.



A July 4th parade would not be complete without the fire trucks and their sirens. Shown here is the Fowlerville Fire Department's Engine 4. Trucks from the Leroy Township Fire Department and Unadilla Township Fire Department, along with a rescue truck from NIESA was part of the line-up.



Showerman's Towing & Recovery has been owed by Joe Showerman since 2010. The truck was part of the parade and included several passengers.



Heather Montgomery, age 13, rode in the parade on her 17-year-old Arabian, 'Tornack.' The young lady and her horse barrel race.



Steve Hanna drove his 'Grampy's Auto" mini monster truck in the parade.



Carol Weaver and Kamdyn Wells were passing out "Glow in the Dark" necklaces for the Fowlerville United Brethren Church.

Brideau's Apparel & Gifts offers 'something for everyone' By Ashlee Buhler

Without having to travel too far, Fowlerville residents can now customize the perfect gift for a family member or friend. On April 8, Cheryl Brideau opened the doors to her business--Brideau's Apparel & Gifts in Downtown Fowlerville. The store is a place where customers can get creative and have some fun while at the same time producing a meaningful gift. If you're not looking to customize, there are still plenty of fun gifts and apparel to choose from in the store. There is truly something for everyone!

Customized apparel, coffee cups, wine glasses, decals, and crocheted items are just some of what Brideau has to offer. Customers can also personalize specific items by adding their own pictures.

"You can bring in a photograph and we can put it on slate, key chains, clocks; pretty much anything that you want to customize we can do," Brideau explained.

Specially-made stadium blankets and coffee mugs are the new store's most popular items. As for pinpointing her personal favorite, that was a bit of a challenge for the owner.

"Everything is my favorite," she said. "If I don't love it, I don't sell it."

If you like to shop local you're in luck because Brideau's Apparel & Gifts is 100 percent locally made. Brideau said that she makes about 95 percent of the merchandise offered in her store with the remainder coming from vendors in Fowlerville. Jewelry, paintings, and some wooden items like birdhouses and signs are a few of the items that are created in the homes of Fowlerville residents.

When asked about her future goals. Brideau mentioned that she would like her store to become a "one stop shop" for gift purchasing in Fowlerville."

"We have gift wrapping here," she noted, "and we will be getting balloons."

In the near future she will also be hosting classes in her store that the community is welcome to attend. "Probably one night a week we'll do a class, whether its jewelry making, tiedying, or sign making," she explained. "We also have wood model kits that kids can come in and paint."

All classes will be announced on her store's Facebook page (Brideau's Apparel & Gifts) as well as right here in the News



Cheryl Brideau shows this customized wine glass, one of many such gifts that can be purchased at the new

Brideau has been customizing merchandise for five years. In the beginning she was working out of her basement, selling merchandise through word-of-mouth while also doing work for Fowlerville Schools and some local sports teams. Her business was originally called Funny T-Shirts & More.

"And then it wasn't so funny anymore," Brideau joked. "I wanted to be more serious and so I decided to change the name."

What started as a hobby that she could do from home has now progressed into a full-time job and a storefront in Fowlerville—the community which Brideau has called home for the last 13 years. "Owning a store is always something that I've always wanted to do," she said.

Meeting new people and touching the hearts of her customers by creating meaningful items are just a few of the joys that come with Brideau's job. "I love making people happy when I give them a dog tag with their soilder on it," she said with a big smile.

Brideau lives in rural Fowlerville with her husband, Mark, and five sons-Steven, Brandon, Johnathan, Ashton, and Adam. In addition to her apparel and gift shop, she also owns a photography business which customers can utilize for high-

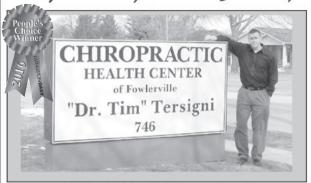
quality personalized photo gifts. Her husband, meanwhile. owns a heating and cooling company in Fowlerville.

Brideau's Apparel & Gifts is open Tuesday through Saturday and is located at 130 East Grand River Avenue. The store hours are Tuesday from 2-9, Wednesday from 10-2:30, Thursday from 4-9, Friday from 2-7 and Saturday from 12-7. Make sure you stop in and check out all Brideau's Apparel & Gifts has to offer!

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Macelli at 810-220-9986 Ext 14 or development@ livingstonhabitat.org.

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Webberville Report



Senior Spotlight--Michael Stidham By Gracelyn Hull & Savannah Tennant

Michael Stidham is this week's Senior Spotlight. Stidham is the son of Robert Stidham and Joni Harvey and the brother of Leslie Stidham who attends Perry High School. Stidham was dedicated to both school and athletics.

Stidham attended Webberville until middle school when he transferred to Perry. He then returned to Webberville in the 11th grade. Stidham's biggest regret in high school was switching schools.

"The best thing about going to Webberville is its small and you know everyone. Nobody is a stranger," he said.

While he was at Perry, he missed many of his friends in Webberville. His friends concur and think highly of him.

"He is outgoing once you get to know him and a good person in general," said friend Nick Militz.

Stidham played varsity football and is very good at what he does on the field. He has been playing football ever since he was young. He started his passion for the sport in the 4th grade. Stidham played on the offensive and defensive line. He was a big part of the team's success this year.

His favorite class was English 12. He liked the class a lot largely because of the teacher, Mr. Ben Woodcock. Woodcock has been a very inspirational person for Stidham.

"I admire Michael's work ethic. He finds humor in any situation," said Mr. Woodcock. "I will miss Michael's sense of humor. He always brightens up my day with a funny joke, meme, or video."

Now graduated, Stidham plans to go to trade school. "I like hard work and I like to build things," he said. His career goal is to become a carpenter.

Stidham encourages high school students to make the most of the entire high school experience.

"My advice to the underclassman is to have fun and just live the high school life while you can," he advised.

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The designated mission project for this year's VBS is Kids First Uganda.

Crossroads VBS will begin with dinner and run from 6 to 8 p.m. each evening. Children aged three through entering fifth grade are eligible. There is no charge.

For details and to register, please contact the church at 517/655-1466, office.umccrossroads@gmail.com, and www. umccrossroads.com

Webberville United Methodist Church Dinner to be held on Saturday, July 15

The Webberville United Methodist Church is having its monthly chicken dinner on Saturday, July 15 with oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, vegetables and biscuits. The meal will include coffee, lemonade, and dessert. The dinner will be served 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$9 per adult, \$4 for children 12 and under, preschoolers eat free. This is an outreach service to the community and proceeds will fund church ministries. Webberville United Methodist Church is located on the corner of Holt Road and M-52.

Dansville Community Center holding annual block party on July 15

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By Olivia Dallas

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Katherine Miller reflects on her time as 2016 Fowlerville Family Fair Queen

By Ashlee Buhler

Every year on the Sunday before the start of another fair week, a contest is held at the Finlan Gazebo to determine the next Fowlerville Family Fair Queen. Last year, eight young ladies took to the stage, looking beautiful from head to toe, to compete for the honor of Fair Queen. When all was said and done, Katherine Miller, who had just graduated from Howell High School a few weeks prior, was awarded the crown.

What does it take to become the Fair Queen? A good personality, a strong overall appearance, and the ability to speak in public is the judges main focus when observing each candidate. During the contest the young ladies take turns answering several questions onstage in front of the audience and then must do a sit down interview with the judges. According to Miller, being knowledgeable about the fair itself is a big plus. "They're looking for somebody that can be the face of the fair," she said.

Having gone to every day of the fair for almost her entire life, Miller is aware of all that the fair has to offer. "I had older siblings who showed livestock at the fair, so I was always there," she explained. As a little girl, she remembers idolizing the Fair Queens. "I remember watching them walk around the fairgrounds with their fancy sashes and crowns," she recalled. "I always looked up to them and thought they were so amazing and so special. I remember always wanting to be like them."

In 2016, Katherine's dream finally became a reality. "To be one of the queens that I always looked up to as a little girl—it's really cool," she said.

As the Fowlerville Family Fair Queen, her duties were to promote the fair and the community. This meant making many appearances during fair week such as introducing the Grandstand show each evening and handing out awards at various events.

Walking around and greeting fair guests is another important responsibility that comes with being Fair Queen. This included the young girls who were in awe of her and her position.

"I liked walking around when I had my crown and sash on and seeing the little girls faces, said Miller. "I would stop to talk, take pictures, and I even had plastic crowns that I passed out to them. It's just great knowing you can make their day."

Once the fair concluded, Miller's duties continued. She has made appearances at parades and events all over Livingston County during the past year. "Mainly my role is to be the walking billboard to advertise and promote the fair," Miller said with a laugh when asked to sum up her duties as Fair Oueen

Katherine is the daughter of Jill and Glenn Miller and



Katherine Miller of Howell is shown here shortly after being crowed as the 2016 Fowlerville Family Fair Queen at last year's event.

has two siblings, Sara and Ian. Now 19 years old, Katherine just finished her freshman year of college at Oklahoma State University. This fall she plans on transferring to Michigan State where she will be working towards a bachelor's degree in agricultural education. In her free time she likes to raise and show livestock (she will have a lamb for the fair this year) as well as cook, bake, and quilt. "I'm a grandma," she joked.

As another Fowlerville Family Fair approaches and her reign as Fair Queen comes to an end, Miller has some good advice to offer future queens. "Take a moment and just take it all in because the year goes by so fast," she said. "Fair week is crazy and hectic so just sit down and take a moment to realize the accomplishment that you had."

The 28th annual Fowlerville Family Fair Queen Contest will be held Sunday, July 23 at the Finlan Gazebo starting at noon. Miller will be present to pass on the crown to the 2017 Fowlerville Family Fair Queen.

For any eligible young lady interested in entering the contest, the rules and application are available on the fair's web site: www.fowlervillefamilyfair.com.

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Murder-Mystery Dinner at St. Agnes Catholic Church postponed to Sept. 30

The Murder-Mystery Dinner schedule for this Saturday, July 15, at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Fowlerville has been postponed to Saturday, Sept. 30. The comedy who-dun-it, entitled 'Murder in Margaritaland,' is being put on by the Knights of Columbus Council #8605.

Tickets that have already been purchased will be good for the new date. Those who wish a refund can contact Jerry at 517-474-2002. They can also contact him if they wish to purchase tickets for the Sept. 30 performance.





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Steve Horton Column

Fair Memories from 50 Years Ago

If my memory and arithmetic are correct, and there's never any guarantee with either of them, it was 50 years ago that the Class of 1969 operated the Junior Stand at the Fowlerville Fair. I say 'operated' with a bit of tongue-in-cheek since such ambitious undertakings were generally organized by our mothers with some help, where needed, from the fathers. No fair board or school board would allow a bunch of tenth graders, heading into their junior year, to run anything of such consequence.

As a member of this esteemed group (in our eyes if no other's), I signed up to work a shift. I believe it was on Thursday night since I have this vague recollection of being at the stand and hearing the announcer detailing the horse pulling contest that was going on in front of the Grandstand. I also recall that it was a slow night at the fair—as Thursdays often are—and there was little demand for my services of taking orders from customers and serving the food after it was prepared. We had more help than was needed. So, taking advantage of this situation, my buddy and I (also a fellow classmate) took off a couple of times to cruise the midway.

I don't remember much about the Junior Stand per se. I recall it had counters and stools on three sides where the clientele could sit and enjoy their meal. The exterior structure, handed down from one class to the next, would have been brought out of storage and assembled at the start of each fair week and returned when the event ended.

Along with the walls, roof, counters and stools, it would obviously have included a gas stove for cooking along with a refrigerator and whatever other equipment and storage containers were necessary for preparing and serving food and

Over the years the stand was probably replaced a couple of times and even upgraded, but I recollect it being a makeshift structure.

That year (and maybe for most years) the Junior Stand was located south of the 4-H Building and not too far from the north entrance of the Grandstand-a prime spot. I'm not sure how extensive the menu was—it probably varied a bit from class to class—but I'm guessing that hamburgers and soda pop were the more popular entrees. What else would teenagers serve?

My older cousins worked at the stand when they were juniors, as did older kids we knew, so my parents often stopped with my brother and sister in tow for at least one meal during fair week. We were part of 4-H, so we had allegiance to that kitchen as

Like other local organizations (past and present) that participate in the fair, the school used this eatery as a fundraiser. The money was used by each successive junior class to help cover the expenses of hosting the Junior-Senior Prom and the traditional trip taken prior to graduation.

While I didn't have much to do on that long-ago evening when I was a junior, I was likely a frequent visitor at the stand on the other nights of that particular fair since this would have been where my classmates were either working or hanging out.

SO WHAT ELSE WAS HAPPENING AT THE FOWLERVILLE FAIR 50 YEARS AGO besides my class operating the Junior Stand and the horse pulling show? Well, a number of events and activities were on the schedule—some of them would be similar to what's on tab for the upcoming fair, while other highlights can be filed under "the good old days."

In July of 1967 the Fowlerville Fair was observing its 81st year. Horses, automobile stunt driving, and a little human mayhem were the headliners. The entertainment lineup included four afternoons of harness racing, along with an evening of Lightweight Horse Pulling in front of the Grandstand on Wednesday evening and the Heavyweight Horse Pull on Thursday night.

If that were not enough, a Mule Pulling Contest was planned on Monday, while a Pony Pull Contest was set for Saturday afternoon.

Horse races and pulling contests have remained on the fair schedule in the intervening years, including the upcoming one.

During the 1960's, professional wrestling was a popular TV entertainment. Live shows held at the fair usually drew a large crowd. With that in mind, the fair board had booked Championship Big Time Wrestling as the featured Grandstand attraction for Friday night.

Also popular back then with fair-goers was the auto thrill show. The Hurricane Hell Drivers were once again appearing on Saturday night, featuring their "famous stunt man" Dan Fleenor. Earlier in the week, on Monday evening, Lucky O'Hara's Thrill Show had the featured act.

Of course, then as now, 4-H judging and other activities filled the six-day schedule. The local newspaper reported that over 90 livestock entries were registered in all categories, describing it as a record number. Back then nearly all of the livestock were cattle, horses, sheep and hogs. My sister, Carol, and I—members of the Conway Community Club—brought our Holstein cattle for judging. As it turned out, this was my last fair as a 4-H'er.

Among the highlights for members was the Livestock Parade that would be taking place in front of the Grandstand on Thursday evening prior to the Heavyweight Horse Pulling Contest. Also on the schedule was the big Teen Dance, featuring disc jockey John Thiel, Jr. and two bands. This was set for Saturday evening at the 4-H Building. I'm pretty sure I would have stopped by that night to check out the action.

Another event was the Fat Stock Auction, held on Friday afternoon with 45 steers and pens of lamb and hogs going on the sale block. That evening the Parade of Open Class Livestock, 4-H Champions, and Farm Machinery were set to hold a parade in front of the Grandstand just prior to the wrestling show. Also that evening, starting at 10 p.m., the annual fireworks show would take place.

Back then Happyland Midway operated the carnival rides and games-of-chance. Children's Day on Wednesday—then as now—was a high point of the fair week with reduced rides prices and two free bicycles given away. That year the fair board offered some oldfashioned fun during Kids Dav. Contests included pie eating, climbing a greased pole, attempting to catch a greased pig, and three-legged races.

Such challenges no doubt inspired the younger set, but at age 16 I had other ambitions. That old song about "The boys watch the girls while the girls watch the boys who watch the girls go by" pretty much sum up what my overriding interest was 50 years ago. It was an interest I shared with others in my age group.

Which explains (I would one day learn) why juniors were not in charge of operating the Junior Stand. We were too busy "watching" rather than tending to the business at hand. In that regard, little has changed.

Camp Fire offers 'Percy Jackson Quest' at Camp Wathana in Holly

Camp Wathana, located in Holly, will be transformed into a mythical land for the Percy Jackson Quest on Saturday, July 29, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Young people will have an opportunity to test their abilities to challenge the gods in situations inspired by the Percy's Quest, an adventure based on the Percy Jackson legend. Only in this case, it's a reality game. Activities are led by seasoned players from the fantasy group "Shifted Lands," (https://shiftedlands.com/) who are skilled transforming imaginative battle scenes into live action role-playing. Shifted Lands are a staff of seasoned roleplayers and creative minds who provide entertaining mentors for players of all styles and abilities. Shifted Lands skills are easy to learn for new people.

The Percy Jackson Quest at Camp Wathana will offer a day-camp experience. Group's ages 5 to 9 years and 10 to 14 are welcome. Registration fee is \$125 for teams of five youth and one adult chaperone, \$30 for individual youth registration, with one adult chaperone. The fee includes lunch and snack (blue food).

"The Percy Jackson Quest allows young people to act out their fantasy in real time, in the splendor of our natural environment," said Elizabeth Longley, executive director of Camp Fire of Southeast Michigan, which owns Camp Wathana. "The kids love it. And parents will find that this offers a creative, entertaining venue."

Registration is from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., with sword and shield-making from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The quest begins at 12:30 and wraps up at 4 p.m.

Camp Wathana is a historic, 250-acre camp in Holly, Michigan managed by Camp Fire and is about an hour north of Detroit. The Camp offers a variety of camp experiences, including archery, arts & crafts, canoeing, drama, fishing, hiking, low ropes course, swimming, and various other activities.

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Michigan House Report

By Dr. Hank Vaupel, 47nd District

Vignettes are small icons that first appeared on ballots in the 1890s to help individuals identify the political party they wish to vote for. Party vignettes, however, have the potential to confuse voters who might believe that circling the icon is all that needs to be done to cast a straight-party ballot. For this reason, I introduced a bill to remove the icons from the ballot

I am pleased to report that the bill was approved by both the state House and Senate chambers and now awaits action by

and ensure that votes are always cast correctly.

Special thanks to Livingston County Clerk Elizabeth Hundley, who joined me in testifying in support of this bill in March.

I hope you'll be able to attend the Howell Rescue Vehicles Event on Wednesday, July 12 at 10:30 a.m. at the Howell Carnegie Library. This is a great opportunity for residents and their children to see and investigate firsthand a fire truck, EMS vehicle, tow truck, police car and more!

I've also invited the Michigan Department of Treasury to host a booth at the event to provide information to families who are interested in learning about college savings plans for

This is a great family friendly event and I hope that many are in attendance!

Thank you to the numerous volunteers throughout Livingston County for their help with all of the terrific Fourth of July activities enjoyed by many families and friends. Your efforts make our community a better place to be!

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!

The Blue Notes to play patriotic dance music at Howell Eagles on July 16

Patriotism will be the theme for the dance on Sunday, July 16, from 3 to 7 p.m., being hosted by the Howell Eagles. The club is located at 141 Schroeder Park Dr. The dance will feature our favorite dance band The Blue Notes. Invite all of your relatives, neighbors, and friends for an afternoon of pure enjoyment for a mere \$5 admission. Membership is not required. Food and drinks are available. More information? Call 517-548-1630 or 517-548-4313.



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Michigan's railroads will be on display at the Fowlerville Family Fair

David Thompson, a member of the Livingston Centre Historic Village's committee, is expanding the display of Michigan's very colorful railroads at the train depot. Many of these railroads have frequently been seen in Livingston County. The railroads on display are Ann Arbor, Detroit, Toledo and Ironton, Pere Marquette, CSX and Soo Line. The display can be viewed during the Fowlerville Family Fair from noon to 6 p.m. and to 5 p.m.





The Fowlerville Fireworks and Parade Committee would like to thank the following businesses, organizations and individuals for their support and participation in the 4th of July Parade and Fireworks show.

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A special Thank-you to everyone that participated in the parade, to all who made donations on the 4th of July, and to those who support our fundraising efforts during the year. It is your donations that make the 4th of July fireworks show possible every year. We hope you enjoyed the show and hope to see you next year!

Fowlerville enjoys 4th of July celebration, continued



Bob Sawdon of Williamston entered his 1932 Ford Tudor Sedan that he purchased over a year ago in its restored condition. He noted that the owner of the car, when it was new, had eventually given it to his son and the son had driven it when dating his future wife. The vehicle sat around for many years before the son decided to have it restored. Unfortunately, he passed away and was unable to see the finished product. Bob, who is a friend of the family and has restored several cars over the years, offered to buy the vehicle.



Carter Burns was having fun in this bounce house. He resides in Cody, Wyoming, but his parents are from Pinckney and Perry and enjoy returning to Fowlerville for the fireworks and other activities.

The Salvation Army 'Summer Lunch Bunch' is back with lots of activities

The Salvation Army 'Summer Lunch Bunch', a summer meals program for children who normally receive school lunches and their families, is back again this summer – and it's bigger than ever. Thanks to a grant from Healthy Food Connect, a Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan initiative, Summer Lunch Bunch has been able to expand its locations, purchase a truck with a lift gate and a pallet jack, and acquire other amenities that should allow them to provide a record 50,000 total meals across Livingston County this summer.

Along with providing meals, Summer Lunch Bunch is planning exploratory, fun field trips to accompany their meals program to keep kids both healthy and happy. Notable events will include:

Howell Nature Center Field Trip – Friday, July 14. Children and their families will travel to an outdoor exploration area with a wildlife rehabilitation center for birds and mammals.

Jubilee Farm Field Trip – Monday, July 17. Kids will spend a day on the farm, learning about different healthy foods while enjoying a meal provided by the Summer Lunch Bunch.

Challenger School Lunches – Wednesdays throughout the summer. Challenger School, one of the schools in Livingston County with the greatest need for literacy retention over the summer, has partnered with Summer Lunch Bunch to curb literacy loss while also addressing summer hunger. At the first event of the year, 125 people showed up, including local sheriffs who read stories to the kids.



The car show, held as part of the local July 4th celebration, drew a large turnout of participants. Duane Morris of Fowlerville brought his 1988 Corvette. He purchased it two years ago and noted that he had to do "a lot of little things" to restore the model to its present condition.



Baptist Church members sold cotton candy and other treats at their booth. From left are Josiah Johnson, Pat McLeod, and Gretchen Wylie—all of Fowlerville.

The Rusty Wright Blues Band to perform at Courthouse Concert July 14

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



Jack Smith, a lifelong Fowlerville resident, rode his bike to the car show. Like many others, he enjoyed looking at the various models on display.



Fowlerville residents Liz and Fritz Dotzlaf brought their seven-year-old granddaughter, Olivia Opperman, to the God & County Celebration put on by the 1st Baptist Church of Fowlerville during the local July 4th festivities.

This Friday, July 14, The Rusty Wright Blues Band will perform from 7-9 p.m.

For Rusty Wright, it's "all about the moment," commanding the stage to deliver the musical heat, the infectious grooves and penetratingly sincere songs that have earned the Michigan native an international audience and recognition as a Master Blues Artist in the International Blues Hall of Fame®.

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



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