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## Area residents to celebrate Christmas next Monday, Dec. 25

Area residents will join millions of others from around the world in celebrating Christmas next Monday, Dec. 25. Many of them will attend Christmas Eve services the day before at local churches. Among those hosting these services will be St. John's Lutheran Church of Fowlerville, shown above.

St. John's Lutheran Church had its beginnings when a small group of German Lutherans began meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bessert in 1877. They soon enlisted the services of pastors from the St. George Church in Brighton.

In 1888 St. John's was organized by Rev. H. Gangnuss. Services were conducted in the German language and continued to be held at members' homes and later at the East Handy School on Hogback Road.

In the mid-1890s it was decided to build a church for the growing congregation. Two lots were purchased from J.L. Cooper. A building committee was appointed in April 1898 and the construction of a wood-framed church began.

English services were introduced in 1903 and by 1906



This Nativity graces the western entrance of the church.

the congregation was sufficiently large enough to support a fulltime minister. In 1928—because of the poor condition of the old building—the members voted to erect a new facility. The cornerstone was laid on July 29 of that year and the dedication took place on Nov. 11, 1928. This coming year will mark the 90<sup>th</sup> year since that ceremony.

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## Smith Elementary School News

**IMPORTANT DATES:**  
December 21 thru January 2 – Winter Recess: NO SCHOOL  
January 3 – School Resumes  
January 10-PTC meeting 6:00pm  
January 15 – School of Choice Window Reopens  
January 15- NO SCHOOL  
January 22 – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Vision Screening by LCHD  
January 23 – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Vision Screening by LCHD  
January 26 – School of Choice Window Closes  
January 26- Early Dismissal: 12:00noon  
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**Family Impact Center Food Collection!** - Smith Elementary is once again collecting food for the “Family Impact Center”. They are the local food bank in Fowlerville. We will be collecting from 11-27 to 12-19. Contact Mr. Wedesky @ 223-6460 for more information. **What a wonderful teachable moment!** A special surprise (sledding/hot chocolate) will be

given to the top two collecting classes at each grade level!  
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**The Livingston County Health Department Will be Vision Screening** – The LCHD will be at Smith Elementary on January 22 & 23 to vision screen 1<sup>st</sup> grade students. If for any reason you would not want your child to have their vision screened by the Health Department, please contact the office at 517-223-6430 so your child can be placed on the DO NOT SCREEN LIST.  
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**DINING TO DONATE AT APPLEBEE’S HOWELL:**  
The second Thursday of each month, Applebee’s Howell is holding a fundraising event for our PTC during the hours of 11:00am – 10:00pm. 20% of the proceeds will benefit the school. All you need to do is bring in a copy of the flyer or a phone picture of the flyer which was sent home. You may also pick up additional flyers on the front table at school.

## Kreeger Elementary School News

**12-21-17:** Winter Recess begins  
**1-3-18:** School Resumes  
**1-15-18:** NO SCHOOL  
**1-17 & 1-18-18:** Hearing Screening for 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
**1-29, 1-30& 1-31-18:** Hearing Rescreening 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
**3-13, 3-14& 3-15-18:** Vision Screening 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades  
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**FYI:** Each school building in the Fowlerville Community School District has a Child Study Team/ Response to Intervention process in place, which is a vehicle for staff members to review student performance, concerns, and collaboratively develop interventions. If you have concerns about your child’s development and are interested in more information on special services, contact his/her building Principal.

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## ‘Twas the Night Before

*‘Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house  
Not a creature was praying, not one in the house.  
Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care  
In hopes that Jesus would not come there.*

*The children were dressing to crawl into bed,  
Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head.  
And mom in her rocker with the baby on her lap  
Was watching The Late Show while I took a nap.*

*When out of the east there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.  
Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.*

*When what to my wondering eyes should appear  
But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here!  
With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray,  
I knew in a moment this must be THE DAY!*

*The light of His face made me cover my head.  
It was Jesus! Returning just like He said.  
And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth,  
I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.*

*In the Book of Life which He held in His hand  
Was written the name of every saved man.  
He spoke not a word as He searched for my name;  
When He said, “It’s not here,” my head hung in shame.*

*The people whose names had been written with love  
He gathered to take to His Father above.  
With those who were ready, He rose without a sound  
While all the rest were left standing around.*

*I fell to my knees, but it was too late;  
I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate.  
I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight;  
Oh, if only we had been ready tonight!*

*In the words of this poem the meaning is clear;  
The coming of Jesus is drawing near.  
There’s only one life and when comes the last call,  
We’ll find that the Bible was true, after all.*

—Author unknown

**Remember to sing “Happy Birthday” to the Birthday Child.**  
**After all, whose Birthday is it, anyway?**  
— Olivia Verfaillie





## Pastor Tom Tarpley

### Joy

*I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.* Philippians 1:3-5.

The unusual thing about Paul's letter to the Philippians is, when he wrote the letter he was in prison in Rome awaiting trial for preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. He had no idea as to what was going to happen to him. He could be released, or he could be beheaded. Looking at his situation and using worldly logic, there was no reason for him to be rejoicing.

However, the secret of Christian joy is not found in logic, it's found in faith. It's found in the way we think and in our attitudes.

Paul's focus was on sharing the gospel of Jesus with anyone who had not heard the message of being saved by grace. Because of his imprisonment, he found an opportunity to share the gospel with the jailers and their families.

Christian joy is not determined by our circumstances. We can experience joy in the midst of storms, trials, setbacks, even the loss of loved ones, because joy comes from God and is not affected by our circumstances.

Before Paul's face-to-face encounter with Jesus on the Damascus Road, he was hell-bent on persecuting Christians for their belief. But afterwards, when Jesus spoke to him through the voice of Ananias, he was changed forever. He flushed everything he had ever believed and became one of Jesus' greatest apostles. He seized every opportunity to share the gospel of Jesus, regardless of his situation or the consequences of doing so. He was not afraid of what would happen to him because ultimately, the only thing that really mattered to Paul was obeying what Jesus told him to do.

The joy that Paul had is available to all who choose Christ as their Savior. It is a gift of God that comes with being an obedient follower of Jesus.

This week is the third week of Advent. We are only eight days away from Christmas, the day Christians celebrate as the birth of Jesus. Our excitement begins to build as we go through our 'to do' list, checking off item by item. House decorated. All gifts purchased. Kids home from school. Leaf in dining room table to accommodate the many family members who will be here. We move down the list and we recheck it to make sure we haven't forgotten anything or anyone. Finding everything completed that can be completed at this point, we pause to relax, but our minds won't slow down. The adrenaline is flowing. Christmas is almost here. Have I forgotten something?

This is probably the attitude in many households today. People scrambling around trying to find that last, hard-to-find gift. Putting out all the ugly gifts you got last year so relatives will see them and think you're happy with them. Meanwhile you're thinking, "Can't wait until they leave so I can put them back in the closet."

That's what Christmas has dwindled down to these days. No more, "Come, thou long expected Jesus." No more time for prayer and devotion. No more joy or great expectations for the return of our Lord.

If Paul could experience joy in prison, then why can't we experience the same joy as Christians today. Mainly, it is

because we have misdirected our focus. I'm here to help us regain it.

*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* (Philippians 4:4-7).

Imagine for a moment you are the apostle Paul. You are in prison in Rome where the city is divided for and against Jesus. Could you write a letter like Philippians?

Could you rejoice in your circumstances and encourage others to remain faithful, even in the midst of an uncertain future?

Paul counsels us above to take everything to God and the peace of God will guard our hearts and minds.

In order to receive this peace that Paul talks about, we must first believe in Jesus, and we must trust him. Our trust and belief in his promises gives us hope, and, where there is hope, there is a reason for rejoicing.

To me, Christmas is about preparing my heart for the return of Christ. It's about forgetting the past and looking forward to my eternal future. It's about loving and caring for our neighbors as Christ loved and cared for us. It's about being able to wake up on Christmas day and praise God for sending Jesus, the joy of my soul!

When I wrote this article I had been sick with a cold or the flu for the past four days. I was feeling worse than I have in a long time because of a cold. But through it all, I had a sense of joy about this Christmas that could not be dampened by some physical illness. My physical body ached and my head was stuffed up tighter than a rubber-band ball, but my spirit was that of Paul. Who can I help find Christ? Who can I share the gospel with today? Who needs to know that Jesus loves them?

Next week we wrap up this Advent series with "Love." What greater love have we than to lay down our lives for someone else? That's what Jesus did! That's what Paul did! And that is what we are called to do if necessary. For what good is it to hold onto our lives in this world only to lose it in the next?

Joy to the world, Jesus is coming! Hallelujah!

### Fowlerville Wrestling Team places in Top 5 at Warren Lincoln Invitational

The Fowlerville Wrestling Team was at Warren Lincoln on Saturday, Dec. 8. Unofficial team scoring showed the Gladiators finishing in the Top 5 of a 21-team field.

"It was a great day with our guys getting maximum mat time and some great experience," said Coach Dan Coon.

Placers were Austin Philburn and Wyatt Daniel 1st, Hunter Wilson 3rd, Deagun Gonzalez 4th and in 5th place Jordan Devota and Tom Salois. Other standouts on the day were Houston Hough, Evan Kennedy and Nathan Gendron.

"These three were just out of the placings because of the crazy tournament brackets and how the farmers were treated in the big city," Coon noted. "The whole team wrestled with pride and had the crowd wondering where Fowlerville was."

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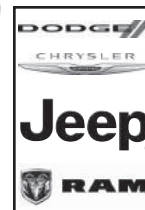
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## Fowlerville High School's "ATHLETES" OF THE WEEK



### Wrestling

**Wyatt Daniel** - is leading the way for the new and improved Fowlerville Wrestling team. He opened the dual season wrestling at 130 lbs making his opponent look silly. His motion and variety of attacks had his opponent constantly guessing where he was going next. Wyatt has worked hard all summer in the weight room and has been our leader in conditioning up to this point. He has some big goals for this season and is ready to walk the talk. Congratulations Wyatt and good luck this season.

**Ashton Philburn** - wrestling at 135 lbs, saw a big growth spurt this summer. Ashton took the first two dual matches to adjust to his new weight class. After this adjustment, he showed his true internal fortitude and won the loaded tournament at Warren Lincoln on 12/9. We were representing the new team in the tournament so we came into it as unseeded. He pinned the first two, beat the third seed 6-1, pinned the second seed and finished the day beating the first seed 12-8. Ashton is our athlete of the week with a rocky start but he showed he was ready to bounce back and perform like a champion.

### JUD'S FOOTBALL FORECAST

<b>SATURDAY, DEC. 23</b> Indianapolis <u>9</u> at Baltimore <u>24</u> Minnesota <u>19</u> at Green Bay <u>23</u>	Denver <u>16</u> at Washington <u>26</u> Tampa Bay <u>13</u> at Carolina <u>31</u> Jacksonville <u>27</u> at San Francisco <u>17</u> Seattle <u>20</u> at Dallas <u>23</u> NY Giants <u>10</u> at Arizona <u>16</u>
<b>SUNDAY, DEC. 24</b> Detroit <u>23</u> at Cincinnati <u>21</u> Cleveland <u>16</u> at Chicago <u>24</u> LA Rams <u>27</u> at Tennessee <u>23</u> Miami <u>20</u> at Kansas City <u>26</u> Buffalo <u>16</u> at New England <u>27</u> Atlanta <u>23</u> at New Orleans <u>24</u> LA Chargers <u>28</u> at NY Jets <u>24</u>	<b>MONDAY, DEC. 25</b> Pittsburgh <u>23</u> at Houston <u>13</u> Oakland <u>19</u> at Philadelphia <u>26</u>
<b>LAST WEEK:</b> W - 11   L - 5	
<b>SEASON:</b> W - 152   L - 78	

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# Caleb Jenkins Column

### Honesty in Office

With our discussion last week about the importance of having integrity and decency in public office, I thought I would continue the conversation with other attributes that we should be able to find in those holding or running for office. Perhaps I will make this another mini-series aimed at the characteristics of good public officials.

This week, I want to take a look at honesty. Now, before you go making any "lying politician" jokes, I already know that politicians have long been the brunt of jokes regarding a lack of honesty, and in today's world, it is almost just

accepted as simple truth that politicians do and will continue to lie.

That is unfortunate for two reasons. First, I do not think that it is as true as most people accept it to be. As I mentioned at the end of the last article, we should not categorize all politicians broadly in one category. Not all politicians are liars. Many of them are legitimately working hard to understand the tremendous amount of information being presented to them and to communicate effectively with their constituents.

While it is certainly important for us to be wary and wise, they are spending a great deal of time examining

this information in order to determine what is the best course of action. That is what we elected them to do, so we should be more willing to give the benefit of the doubt that perhaps they can see something that we are not grasping on an issue. After all, we should also consider that we might be getting bad information. There is plenty of "fake news," as it is now popularly titled, floating around out there. Be wise in criticism of public officials.

That being said, don't think me naïve. I see and take note of the many instances where politicians do indeed forsake the truth. That is the second unfortunate aspect to this dynamic. In many circumstances, dishonesty has virtually been accepted as a necessary evil that must be used to get things done. I do not believe that is true or that dishonesty should be considered a useful practice. We see today the result of an attitude of acceptance of untruthfulness within the government. Trust in government is dangerously low, and this point is already driven home by the fact that our minds so quickly jump to issues of truthfulness when we think of government.

We are blessed with the representation that we have across Livingston County. They work hard to represent our interests, and we can be appreciative of their dedication and honest service. With that, we must continue to elect good individuals who will uphold their honesty. If a candidate wants what is best for the constituents, then he or she will be truthful with them throughout the campaign and into office. This will foster trust and confidence, and it will create a solid relationship between the official and those in the district. The people will feel more open with their communication with the official, and they will feel more satisfied with the decisions being made. Regardless of the position or level of government, honesty is important in office.

### Fowlerville Gymnastics Team places third in home invitational on Dec. 8

The Fowlerville Gymnastics Team hosted six teams on Dec. 8 at its home facility at Livingston County Gymnastics in Howell, placing third with a school record of 140.4 points.

Vault– Bekah Leonard 6<sup>th</sup> 8.85 6<sup>th</sup> & Izzy Litz 8<sup>th</sup> 8.8

Beam– Izzy Litz 1st 9.6

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

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The Fowlerville District Library will be closed Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> and reopening Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am to observe Christmas. We will also be closed Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup> and reopening Tuesday January 2<sup>nd</sup> to observe the new year. We wish you joyous and safe holidays. The Little Free Library is available for your reading needs during this time and any materials to be returned can be placed in the blue drop box. Thank you.

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**From A to Z with Mrs. D** Winter Registration begins Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

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**Travel Talk: Iceland** - Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

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**Beyond the Book: The Outsiders** - Thurs, January 11<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 December 21<sup>st</sup>. Books will be given while supplies last.

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**Steampunk Craft Night** - Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 5-8pm

**Teens 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades.** Come celebrate the invention of steam power at the library! We'll make some awesome steampunk crafts and watch an adventure-filled steampunk movie! \*Registration is required and includes a 2017-2018 signed Program Permission Form. Registration begins December 29<sup>th</sup>. Register by January 10<sup>th</sup> to attend.

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**Snowman Craft** -Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

**Adults.** Make a one-of-a-kind snowman that you can display at home and share with a friend! You are welcome to bring some personalized "bling" if you'd like, however all materials for the class will be provided. \*Register in person to attend. Registration begins January 4<sup>th</sup> and includes a refundable \$5 cash deposit.

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**Author Visit: Ruth Barshaw** - Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30-6:30pm

**Kids 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades.** Meet the author of the popular *Ellie McDoodle* series and learn how she creates cool doodle diaries in a hands-on workshop! A limited supply of books will be available for purchase at this event. \*Participation is limited. Register in person to attend. Registration begins January 10<sup>th</sup>.

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**Stained Glass Heart Hanger Workshop** - Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm

**Adults.** No experience required for this hands-on workshop taught by an instructor from Delphi Glass. You will be taught basic stained glass construction including cutting, foiling and soldering from an expert. Create a stunning heart shaped suncatcher with a bevel center. \*Special time and class size. Registration begins January 11<sup>th</sup> and includes a refundable \$5 cash deposit.

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**Fowlerville Library Writers Group** Begins Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:30pm

Meets Weekly January 31<sup>st</sup>-March 21<sup>st</sup>

**Adults.** Do you want feedback on your writing projects? Are you interested in exploring different writing exercises? If so, then join our 8-part Winter 2018 session. You are invited to bring a 1-page sample for feedback from the group.

\*Registration begins January 17<sup>th</sup>. No late entries.

## Howell American Legion to once again serve Christmas Day Dinner

The 36th Annual American Legion Christmas Day Dinner will be held on December 25<sup>th</sup>. Fellow Veteran organizations and volunteers prepare, serve and deliver to the "Meals on Wheels" seniors who are on the county nutrition program and to shut-ins across the Livingston County area.

Beginning at noon and served until 4pm, a free traditional Christmas dinner is available in-house at the Post to anyone who wishes a hot meal or fellowship on Christmas Day. Join us.

Looking for a way to work off your own Christmas dinner? Dishwashers during the day and help with clean up are welcome. Volunteer sign-up sheet is at the Hall. For reservations or to schedule a meal delivery, call 517-546-2534 or email legionpost141howell@gmail.com. The Legion Post is located at the corner of M-59 and Grand River, Howell Township

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**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**  
Holiday Break Begins Dec 21  
Return to School Jan 3  
\* \* \*

**Doors at FHS will be open at 6:30 a.m.** on school days. After school hours if your student is not participating in a sport, math lab, credit recovery or meeting with a teacher they should make arrangements to leave the building by 3 p.m.  
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**Let It Snow The club** is open to 5th through 12th grade students, we are meeting Tuesday Junior High cafeteria at 6. We ski/board at Mt. Brighton every Wednesday beginning in January 3rd and throughout the month of February. For further information, please contact Ms. DeLuca 517-223-6250 or [delucac@fowlervilleschools.org](mailto:delucac@fowlervilleschools.org)  
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**Febreze Air Care Recycling Fundraising Opportunity**  
The Fowlerville High School Life Skills class is proud to announce our partnership with terricycle that will pay us for recycling! The items that we will be collecting are air freshener cartridges and plugs, Air freshener packaging and flexible film, Air Freshener plastic trigger heads, Febreze One bottles with trigger heads and Febreze ONE refills. We will be paid \$1/lb of waste we send to terricycle. What I love about this is we do not have to sell anything and we can expand our recycling efforts that my class is already highly involved in. The money that we make will go toward more community based instruction opportunities, and cooking supplies for our life skills class. We have drop boxes at the high school in room C201, at Little Glads, UB church in the student center and at the Fowlerville Library. If you have a business or organization that would be willing to promote and have a drop box added to your location, please contact Deanna Ragland at 223-6145 or e-mail [raglandd@fowlervilleschool.org](mailto:raglandd@fowlervilleschool.org)

### Fowlerville Girls Varsity Basketball Team tops Lansing Sexton, 58-28

The Fowlerville Girls Varsity Basketball Team started out slow but finished strong in a home victory over Sexton 58-28 last Tuesday.

The Gladiators held a slight 8-4 lead after the first quarter, then outscored Lansing Sexton 15-8 in the second period to go into halftime with a 23-12 lead. A strong third stanza put the game away, with Fowlerville netting 22 points to Sexton’s 4 to put the score at 45-16.

Leading the way was Ollie Updike with five 3-pointers, finishing the night with 17 points. Elie Smith had 16 points. Jackie Jarvis ended the night with 9 points and 14 rebounds.

Fowlerville is now 4-1 on the season. They hosted Portland this past Friday in a conference game (past the newspaper deadline) and travel to Haslett this Tuesday for a non-league contest with Haslett.

### Fowlerville airman honored at recent awards ceremony

Senior Airman Caleb Jenkins of Fowlerville was selected as the 127th Wing Airman of the Year for 2017 at an awards ceremony held at Selfridge Air National Guard Base. He was chosen for his dedicated service at Selfridge and while deployed to the Middle East. His family and friends wish to congratulate and thank him for his service to the Air Force and his country.

### Fowlerville Girls Varsity Basketball Team tops Eaton Rapids, 51-40

Ollie Updike had a game high 16 points and six assists for the Gladiators in a 51-40 CAAC White victory over Eaton Rapids on Friday, Dec. 8, at home. Jackie Jarvis added 12 points and seven rebounds for Fowlerville while teammate Elie Smith scored 9 points and hauled in 8 boards.

Earlier that week, on Tuesday, Dec. 5, the varsity cagers topped Charyl Stockwell Academy by an 80-29 score. Fowlerville took a 25-12 first-quarter lead and were ahead 52-19 by halftime. In the third period the Glads scored 18 points while blanking their opponents. Each team added 10 points in the final stanza.

Elie Smith led Fowlerville with 26 points. Jackie Jarvis had 18 points and 4 steals. Ollie Updike has 11 points and 10 assists. Grace Wallace had 7 points and controlled the paint. The Glads are 3-1 overall and 1-0 in the conference.

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We recently congratulated 24 new junior black belts after their day long Black Belt Camp. All the surviving their parents received a symbolic black belt keychain to remind them – "Behind every black belt child are black belt parents". At the end I reflected with all the parents why we were there and why we do this crazy thing called karate for so long. I said after many years working closely with parents and educators one thing has really stuck out more and more with time -- We need to develop much STRONGER kids!

And, don't mean physically stronger. The world is changing And, the rate of change is increasing rapidly. Today's children are much different than we were at their age. They are under more stress and anxiety. But on the flip side, mainly due to technology and parents unknowing over protecting them, they are getting everything too quick and too easy. We come to their rescue and do everything for them including solving their problems and doing the work they should do. We are shielding them from all the good stresses they need to be successful and happy adults. And who can blame us. We want the best for our children. But listen to and remember this "You want your child to live a good life, but not an easy life".

Two recent changes in today's children illustrate this point. First, did you know many teens and even young adults in their 20's do not want to get their driver's license or drive? Remember when we could not wait to get this freedom? Teens today do not want to drive for two reasons. It is too hard and stressful, and they already have their parents driving them around anywhere they want. Something happening similar to this is increasing need for children to continue living at home well into adulthood.

The second change could be that, "where are all the job openings?" Remember when the newspaper was delivered by young boys waiting to work and earn money? We have become so afraid and paranoid our children will be attacked. Kids today are not playing outside anymore. Many stay inside their homes or backyards. Parents have to arrange "play dates" to bring children together outside of school. Here is probably one of the most eye-opening trends. Remember when teens used to hang out in the malls? They do not anymore. Instead the way teens socialize is in their bedrooms on their smartphones?

So back to the black belt camp ceremony. I told the parents, we (both the kids and them as parents) are on a mission. We need to develop stronger kids. They need to be able to do hard things and endure setbacks. They need to stick with things and get right back up after being knocked down. They need to learn to never give up and never be afraid to try something new or hard. They need to experience the good stresses of fear, tension, hardship and failure daily. This is the only way we can have kids that are ready to succeed in today's new world. We need to let them skin their knees and eat dirt. It is not only okay but it is good for them!

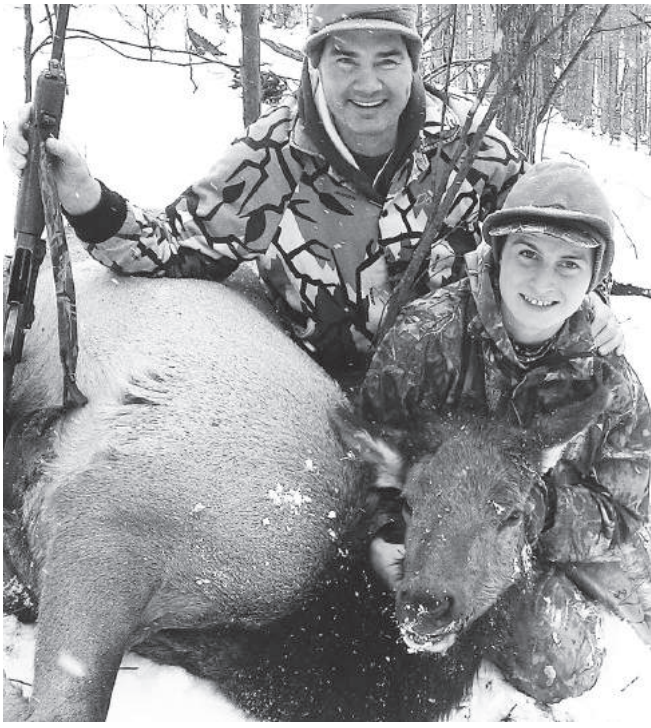


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## Fowlerville youth brings home elk

Tyler Bigos, age 15, brought home a 325 pound elk cow in Johannesburg, Michigan on Sunday December 10 in the Michigan Elk hunt. He was accompanied by his dad and experienced guides. Tyler is a ninth grade student at Fowlerville High School.

## Fowlerville Fire Department Report

Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 4:37 p.m. the department was called to a medical emergency on Grand River Ave. in the Village.

A medical emergency on Fowlerville Road in Handy Township was reported at 2:10 a.m., Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

At 4:31 a.m., Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, firefighters responded to a medical emergency on Hannah Jane Lane in Handy Township.

Personnel assisted EMS on Bull Run Road in Iosco Township at 12:08 a.m., Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> with a second medical emergency being at 12:38 a.m. on Ruger Ridge Drive in Conway Township. At 5:21 p.m. the department was dispatched to a request for mutual aid at a possible structure fire on Grape Vine Drive in Howell Township. Responding units were cancelled prior to on scene. Firefighters responded to a medical emergency on Sober Road in Conway Township at 7:52 p.m.

Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, at 2:40 a.m. a medical emergency on Gregory Road in Iosco Township was reported.

The department assisted at a motor vehicle accident with injuries on I-96 in Handy Township at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Fowlerville Junior High School News

### IMPORTANT DATES:

Candy Cane Conundrum-- Wed. Dec. 20

Winter Break-No School—Dec. 21-Jan. 2

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### We have Spirit – Yes we do!

Spirit week will be December 18<sup>th</sup> through December 20<sup>th</sup>.

12/18 Monday – Holiday Hat Day

12/19 Tuesday – Holiday Sock Day

12/20 Wednesday – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade wears Red, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade wears Green, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade wears White

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### New Year's Pop Tab Challenge

Student Council is sponsoring a New Year's Pop Tab Challenge. Students are to collect and bring in pop can tabs for the month of January to their 6<sup>th</sup> hour teacher (6<sup>th</sup> Grade to their homeroom teacher). The tabs will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. The class that brings in the most tabs wins a pizza party! Please spread the word.

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### Ski and Snowboard Club Informational Meeting

The Ski and Snowboard Club informational meeting will be on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Junior High Cafeteria. Our first outing to Mt. Brighton is scheduled for January 03, 2018 (weather permitting). The club will meet for 7 weeks every Wednesday. For further information, please contact Mrs. DeLuca at 223-6250.

## Fowlerville Varsity Boys Basketball Teams drops tough game to Perry

The Fowlerville Varsity Boys Basketball Team dropped another tough game at Perry last Tuesday night by a 62 to 59 score.

Geoffrey Knaggs led the way with 20 points and 10 rebounds. Brendan Young had 16 points with 6 rebounds. Caden Collins added 15 points 8 assists and 7 rebounds and Brady Salter had 6 points, 5 assists and 6 rebounds.

Fowlerville is now 1-2 overall and 0-1 in the CAAC White. The team played against Portland at home this past Friday night (past the newspaper deadline). They resume play this Tuesday in a non-conference game at home against Haslett.

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‘Christmas in the Ville’ activities held December 2 in Fowlerville were a great success

The Fowlerville ‘Christmas in the Ville’ Celebration, held on Saturday, Dec. 2, featured a variety of activities, highlighted by the evening parade. Last week numerous photos were published in the newspaper. Here are a few more.



These ladies enjoyed the soup luncheon at St. John’s Lutheran Church. From left were Patty Fitzgerald, Sharon Turner, Sue Rich, and Irene Goforth.



Working at the St. John’s Soup Lunch & Cookie Walk were, from left, Tonya Anderson, Mary Anderson, Pat Heath, Val Bougher, and Gloria Towns.



Trying their talents with ornament making at Kodelt’s Hardware were, from left, Andrea Stevens, Bryant Prout, Gidget Ackerman, Aaliyah Ackerman, Gidget Stevens, and Jacob Stevens.



Kodelt’s Hardware hosted an Ornament Making table. From left were Chelsea Comer and Lindsey Darby.



Kylie Steffee, on the left, was getting her face painted at Brideau’s Apparel & Gifts by Kristin Graham. On the right is Kandra Staley.



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**Reaching Higher program holds graduation at Fowlerville Junior High**

Reaching Higher held its graduation ceremony at Fowlerville Junior High last Tuesday, Dec. 12. Twenty-four students completed the eight-week program. The motto for Reaching Higher is “The power of Hope. The skills to Cope.”

Reaching Higher is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping young people live healthier and happier lives. The character-building leadership program is designed to “inspire and prepare students to succeed and to reach their potential!”

The nine session program is designed to:

- Increase Self Confidence and Self Esteem
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- Learn Effective Stress and Coping Skills

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Right picture - These community members were mentors for this fall's program. From left are Rick Hill, Debbie Hill, James Gray, Steve MacDermaid, and Tom Couling.

Left picture - Shown here from left are instructor Vanessa Duke, an at risk para pro at the junior high and member of the Reaching Higher staff; instructor Michelle Sisz, a junior high teacher; Myriah Lillie, the junior high principal.



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**Fowlerville Boys Varsity Basketball Team loses to Eaton Rapids on Dec. 8**

The Fowlerville Boys Varsity Basketball Team lost a tough fought game to Eaton Rapids at home on Friday night (Dec. 8) by a score of 57-53. This was league opener for the Gladiator cagers.

Caden Collins led the Glads with 19 points, Geoffrey Knaggs and Brendan Young each added 14, and Brady Slater chipped in with 6. Knaggs also had 10 rebounds. The team is 1-1 overall and 0-1 in the CAAC White.

**Livingston County Parkinson's Support Group to meet Tuesday, Dec. 26**

The Livingston County Parkinson's Support Group will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 26, at 4pm in Community Room 2 of St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital, 620 Byron Road, Howell. Park in the rear west parking lot and enter the building through the west entrance canopy. The featured speaker is Mary Sue Lannigan, Director of the MI PD Foundation. After the formal presentation, an open discussion will take place. For more information, contact Dr. Stuart Blatt at sblatt63@gmail.com or at 810-923-8970.

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## Fowlerville High School announces 'Artist of the Month' for December

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In high school, she tried her hand at basketball but decided that was not her sport. She took Art last year and found a balance in her school work. This year she has taken AP Chem, AP Calc and AP Art. She has her art shown in the MSUFCU Show, the Car Dealership Show and the Art in the Business Show. She would like to attend Michigan State University next year and go into the science field. Please stop by the office and see her work.





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## Christmas in the Ville Scavenger Hunt winner

Jack Wylie of Fowlerville won the Scavenger Hunt held during the recent Christmas in the Ville celebration. Twenty area businesses donated an assortment of prizes, including gift certificates, ornaments, lego's, and books. There were 74 contestants. Jack won the hunt by answering correctly all but one of the 23 questions. Jack is 13 years old and an eighth grader at Fowlerville Junior High. The event was sponsored by the Fowlerville Business Association (FBA). From left, are Jack Wylie; Paul Harmon, president of the FBA and co-chair of the Christmas in the Ville Committee; Patti DuFore, administrator of the FBA.



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Attire is comfortable clothing and shoes, with no special requirements. People will be welcome to sit for any period of time as the class is adaptable and modifiable. Those who register are strongly urged to attend at least the first two sessions to obtain a good overview of the instruction and goals.

Instructor will be Jann Nestell, a physical therapist for 40 years and an applied medical Qigong healing practitioner also certified in Tai Chi for arthritis and diabetes. Ms. Nestell taught at the Parkwood YMCA in Haslett and currently teaches privately and with the Playmakers Women's 5k training group.

Cost of the class is \$10 per session. To register, contact the church at 517/655-1466, email at [office.umccrossroads@gmail.com](mailto:office.umccrossroads@gmail.com) or see the website, [www.umccrossroads.com](http://www.umccrossroads.com).



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# Webberville Report

## Webberville FFA collecting pop can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House

**By Grace Hull**

The Webberville FFA is participating in the Tons of Tabs contest. The Tons of Tabs contest is between among all the chapters in Michigan. Webberville FFA will be collecting can tabs from now until the state FFA convention in March.

The collected can tabs will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. The Ronald McDonald House provides rooming for parents and relatives that have hospitalized children so they can stay near the hospital. The goal is to collect 3.52 million pop can tabs state wide. Can tabs can be taken to the Webberville High School or Elementary School offices.

“The Tons of Tabs contest is a great competition because it



Alaia Driver, Gracelyn Hull, Roy Fultz, Toby Vanwyck, and Sarah Fuller pose for a picture while they wait in line to weigh in their pop can tabs last year at the FFA State convention. Last year Webberville placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the state during the Tons of Tabs contest.

helps those in need and brings us all together,” said Webberville FFA Secretary Alaia Driver.



## Senior Spotlight--Savannah Tennant

**By Maddison Stowe**

“Caring, outgoing, and strong” --these are three words that come to mind when friend Grace Hull was asked to describe this week’s Senior Spotlight students, Savannah Tennant. Tennant is the daughter of Kris and Kenny Tennant and sister to Parker (class of 2016), Nolan (freshman), and Kennedy Tennant.

“I’m really appreciative of my family for always having my back and encouraging me to be the best I can,” said Tennant.

Tennant has been involved in FFA for six years, student council for one year, choir for one year, and journalism for two years. This year, Tennant was elected President of the Webberville FFA Chapter. Her duties as president include conducting chapter meetings, arranging fundraisers, and promoting the FFA chapter. Among her achievements include her involvement in leadership contests where she was a state qualifying creed speaker and ag issues team member.

“Savannah’s quiet, competitive nature always amazes me,” said FFA and journalism advisor Colleen Scott Keiser. “She is intrinsically motivated to succeed and possesses a tremendous amount of personal strength and determination.”

Tennant has participated in volleyball for four years, basketball for four years, track for three years, and softball for three years. For two years in a row, Tennant has helped lead her volleyball team to winning the GAC Blue League championship title. They were the first team to accomplish this since 1988.

“Savannah is the strongest person I know not only in her physical ability, but also as a person,” said friend and fellow

senior Cassie Jones. “I have never met anyone that can handle the things she went through and still have a smile on her face. She is the jelly to my peanut butter, and I can’t wait to see what she does in her future.”

This year, Tennant is involved in the LINKS program and participates in the CAHEP (Capital Areas Healthcare Education Partnership) program at the Wilson Talent Center. The program also takes place at Sparrow and McLaren hospitals. LINKS is a supported system that connects a student in need of educational or social support with a peer volunteer to ensure a positive school experience.

“Savannah has been a pivotal piece to our puzzle in regards to helping our students at the elementary level,” said LINKS advisor and school social worker Brittany Magsig. “She assists with our preschool program and also our early elementary classroom(s). She has great instincts, intuition, has an unbeatable work ethic, and will be an incredible asset to any field she chooses to work in. The little students love her and are very thankful for her.”

After high school, Tennant plans to attend Central Michigan University and major in physical therapy. She hopes to eventually become a pediatric physical therapist.

“I really enjoy working with kids and watching them grow,” said Tennant. “I want to be the reason that somebody’s life changes for the positive.”

Being raised in Webberville, Tennant has grown close with the community and everyone who has supported her through her high school career.

“I’m going to miss the place that I’ve called home for the past 12 years,” said Tennant. “I wouldn’t be the person I am today without the community I’m surrounded by.”

## Capital Area Library Events

**WEBBERVILLE**

**Holiday Storytime (Ages up to 6)**  
Enjoy special stories for the Christmas season.  
Dec. 20, 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Drop-in LEGO Club (Age 4 & up)**  
Imaginative play helps develop skills used for reading.  
Dec. 21, 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
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**WILLIAMSTON**

**Family Storytime (Ages up to 6)**  
Engaging stories, songs and activities to help build early literacy skills.  
Dec. 20, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
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**SYSTEM WIDE**

**Tadpole Storytime at I5 (Held off-site)**  
Our literacy experts have teamed up with Impression 5 for science storytimes for ages 3-6. Today’s topic: Elsa & the Ice Age  
Dec. 19, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

CADL Closed for Holiday  
All CADL branches are closed on Sunday, Dec. 24 and Monday, Dec. 25 for the Christmas holidays. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, Dec. 26.



## Webberville Community School News

**Enjoy the music of the season** with performances of the Webberville Middle and High School Music Programs! The annual holiday band concert was postponed due to inclement weather and the new date is Tuesday, December 19. The event will be in the middle school gym at 7:00 PM. The middle and high school choir students will perform in the high school cafeteria on Wednesday, December 20 at 7:00 PM.

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**Winter has arrived! Do your children need boots?** The Old Newsboys is offering a free pair of shoes or boots to children (under age 18) in need. Applications can be obtained from Liz Davis at [ldavis@webbervilleschools.org](mailto:ldavis@webbervilleschools.org) or 517-521-3071 x7935. The Old Newsboys will mail a voucher to your home to use for purchasing of the footwear.

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**Webberville Elementary School** will hold the Secret Santa Shop beginning Monday, December 18 through Wednesday, December 20. Detailed information will be sent home in student packets.

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**Shop for FFA apparel and products** by contacting the Webberville FFA Chapter at 517-521-3447, ext. 7961; by email [atffa@webbervilleschools.org](mailto:atffa@webbervilleschools.org); or message the Webberville FFA Facebook page.

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**Winter Recess for Webberville Community Schools** begins Friday, December 22. School resumes on Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

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**Yearbook sales have started!** Purchase your yearbook online <https://yearbookforever.com/#> where many personalized features can be added. Orders can also be turned into the high school office.

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**WJAA baseball and softball registration** is open until March 31. Sponsorship is available for registration fees only. Uniforms will be purchased separately and order information will be announced soon. WJAA is seeking a 12u softball coach. Free softball clinics are Sundays from 1:00-3:00 PM in the Spartan Center for the 8u, 10u, 12u and 14u age groups.

Questions about the leagues? Please email Andrea Nims at [nims\\_andrea@live.com](mailto:nims_andrea@live.com) regarding softball or Heather Stiffler at [feelinlove92@gmail.com](mailto:feelinlove92@gmail.com).

Visit <http://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=wjaasports> for more information about WJAA.

## Williamston Area Senior Center

201 School Street Williamston- 517-655-5173

### DECEMBER EVENTS

**Free Basic Computer Class for Seniors** – Thanks for a grant from the Capital Area Community Foundation we will be conducting one free computer class in December for seniors. On Saturday, December 16, 2017 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm we will conduct an open computer session in which you can bring your I-pads, lap tops, phones and we will provide assistance on their use.

**Monday, December 18, 2017, A Christmas Sing Along with Dewey Longuski** from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the Williamston Area Senior Center. Free hot soup will be served from 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm courtesy of Williamston's Ellie's Country Kitchen. No registration, no fee, just the magical music of Dewey. You may have heard him play around town with his band, the Red Cedar River Boys.

**Tuesday, December 19, 2017** at 12:30 pm the Senior Center will be showing "A Christmas Carol" with George C. Scott. Open to all Seniors.

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

**EUCHRE** – 9:30 am to 11:30 am.

**Needle Craft Group** - meets after lunch between 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

## Williamston Eagles Club to hold New Year's Eve Celebration

A New Year's Eve Celebration is being held at the Williamston Eagles Club. Ring in 2018 at the Eagles Club on the banks of the Red Cedar River. Featuring Aces High Band for your listening pleasure from 8pm to Midnight. Aces High Band plays a great variety of Rock n Roll. Champagne toast and balloon drop at midnight, free table snacks (Jello shots and food available to purchase.)

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## Livingston County Catholic Charities holds annual Christmas Blessing project

Livingston County Catholic Charities' (LCCC) annual Christmas Blessing project, a community supported project, took place on December 8. Each year a team of volunteers and staff from LCCC begin planning for the event in August. The team, under the direction of Suzi Snyder – Director of Senior Services, works with many individuals, schools, churches, organizations and businesses to hold drives for boxed & canned goods, hygiene and cleaning products, paper products, Christmas gifts and more.

The community support for this special project that brings help and hope to homebound and low-income Livingston County seniors is always incredible and this year, that was surpassed! In addition to all of the returning angels, we had many new organizations and individuals join us with their generosity. This year volunteers delivered 91boxes that served 112 people (several were couples).

On December 8<sup>th</sup> over 50 volunteers met at the Marion Township Hall to pick up their deliveries and head off to the homes of the seniors. Each delivery included a food box that included canned & dry goods along with fresh fruit, a Dearborn Sausage ham, hygiene items, cleaning products, paper products, hand-made cookies and cards made by local children, along with a Christmas gift that each senior requested. One of the seniors called the office in tears, exclaiming how excited she was and couldn't believe all of the wonderful goodies she received!

In speaking with the retired LCCC Senior Services Director, Darlene Fraley, who began this project back in 1988, she shared that it began because a local farmer had 300lbs. of potatoes they needed to get cleared out of their storage and asked if the potatoes could be shared with low income seniors.

Darlene, who at the time worked in the then newly formed Volunteer Caregiver program serving home-bound and low income seniors, said, "Of course!". And thus the Christmas Blessing project was born. It grew each year from serving a small number of seniors with minimal food items to over 112 individuals today and is now an endeavor with broad community support.

Though the seniors cannot thank each of the generous donors themselves, please know they are truly grateful for your loving generosity.

Thank you to all of our volunteers and donors: Marion Township Hall, Dearborn Sausage Co., Cowdrey Family, Dan Hall—Pinckney Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram, Daughters of Isabella Society St. Augustine, Holy Spirit Catholic School, Storm Chiropractic, Pinckney Pathfinder Middle School—Choose to Lead Class, Jim and Charlotte Ratke & Elves, St. Agnes Parishioners & Christian Service, St. Augustine Parishioners, St. John the Baptist Parishioners & Christian Service Commission, Lester & Lori Vincent, St. Mary Religious Ed, St. Mary Catholic School, St. Mary Magdalen Parishioners, St. Patrick School Families and Youth Group, Gift of Joy Dance Studio, Richard Lim Photography, Swallow & Associates, Universal Container Corp, Joleen Nebarchik, K of C #2659, K of C #7304, K of C #7891, K of C #8605, K of C #11761, St. Joseph Quilters, Catholic Council on Aging, St. John Episcopal Church Howell, Nelva Lampart, Bette Klann, St. Mary Men's Club, LCCC Employees, St. Agnes Religious Ed gr. 4-6, Emily Hogg, Adam & Evelyn Eberline, Hamburg Twp. Senior Center, Costco, K of C #2050, K of C #12295, St. Joseph School, Matthew McGiveny PC, Senior Benefits Group, Kroger Employees—Hamburg, Rodger & Susan Epp, and William & Mary Reichert.

And a special thank you to our volunteer team members, Richard & Suzanne Cowdrey and Christine & Dennis Wysocki. We could not do it without you!

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## HANDY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS Monday, December 11, 2017

The regular meeting of the Handy Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Alverson at 7:00 P.M. in the Handy Township Board Room. Trustees present: Eisele, Shear, Roddy and Munsell. Absent: None. Also present: Twp. Att. Kehoe, Marcia Gebarowski, Rich Perlberg and Phil Santer-EDC/SPARK, Danica Katnik-WHMI and residents: Chuck Wright and Larry Freeman. Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. At the regular Handy Township Board meeting the following motions were made:

- To approve the agenda as amended
- To approve the regular meeting minutes of 11-14-17 as presented
- To approve the special meeting minutes of 11-16-17 and 11-29-17 as presented
- To pay the bills in the amount of \$128,769.74
- To accept the CDARS Deposit Agreement with 1st National Bank
- To accept summer tax collection agreements for Fowlerville and Howell Schools
- To accept service agreement with the EDC of Liv. Cty.
- To schedule a special Twp. Board mtg. on Thurs. Dec. 14, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.
- To adjourn meeting at 7:43P.M.

Laura A. Eisele  
Handy Township Clerk  
(12-17-17 FNV)



Steve  
Horton  
Column

The Plight of Frogs

Disheartened was my initial reaction when I read that the Michigan Legislature has passed a measure to let frogs be hunted year round and is also lifting a ban against spearing them during the night by using an artificial light. At present, Michigan bans killing any species of frog between mid-November and late spring—the period of time when they hibernate and then emerge to breed.

Supporters of the bill that passed the Senate this past June and cleared the House last week contended that a year-round season increases the opportunity to enjoy outdoors’ recreation. They also noted that hunters can already use an artificial light to net or hook frogs, so (in their opinion) it made no sense to prohibit that advantage when using a spear.

On a more positive note (to me anyway), the House voted by a large margin to prohibit hunting reptiles or amphibians for commercial purposes. On a less positive note, there were a number of legislators who opposed that restriction.

My first reaction, upon learning a couple weeks ago that the bill was on the verge of being passed, was that frogs being hunted in wintertime, when they’re hibernating, was akin to shooting a sitting duck or killing a bear when it’s sleeping in its den. Hardly sporting.

But I guess that might be a fine point of distinction. A duck is just as dead whether it’s brought down by the more accomplished feat of a wing shot or killed while paddling around a lake. The same would be true of frogs—whether they’re hunted with success in the summer or in winter.

Still, while the end results are the same, the means matter—or should. The ethic, if you will. A frog—ever alert, ever elusive—has some advantage in the cover of vegetation, with open water only a plop away—or during the cloak of night, with the river bank or lake shore or marsh illuminated only by moonlight. Hibernating in the mud, with no easy escape, or blinded by a brilliant flash of light, would certainly seem to diminish their chances.

But I realize I’m probably swimming against the tide with this ‘ethic’ argument as far as many are concerned. We have fish finders that tell anglers where to drop a line as opposed to using good old-fashioned experience. We have high-powered weaponry to bag deer and other large game. If that doesn’t work, we employ bait piles. In addition, decoys are used to lure ducks, turkeys and geese to a blind rather than hoping they decide to land in the general vicinity.

My contention here is not that these devices and practices are wrong, but that we have more and more used technology and human ingenuity to tilt the odds in the fisherman and hunter’s favor. The question to consider is: Does the notion of ‘a sporting chance’ matter, or is catching a fish, bagging a game bird, or killing a large animal the only purpose of the activity—with no regard as to how or when?

I understand that success sweetens the experience, still where is the challenge if it becomes ever easier?

And here’s an accompanying question to ponder: Does every critter out there breathing air need to be hunted or hooked or speared?

I’m not opposed to the pursuit of game. During my youth and early adulthood I did a fair amount of hunting, namely pheasant, deer, and rabbit. Later on I directed my energies and enthusiasm towards the pursuit of fish.

And I don’t wish to seem ‘holier than thou’ concerning the means used in hunting and fishing since what’s shot, speared, or hooked is food. I raised Hereford steers a few years ago with the intent of eventually hauling them to the butcher. Giving these cattle ‘a sporting chance’ did not enter into the equation.

With all of that said, there’s another, much more profound reaction I had regarding the change in the frog hunting season—the main cause of my feeling disheartened.

I found this to be another example of the cavalier attitude too many people have towards wild places, the wild critters that inhabit those realms, and the well-being of our various natural resources.

From my understanding, rather than hunting frogs, we ought to be working to protect them, given that their numbers are in a downward trend—and also alter some of the practices that have put them, along with other wildlife, at grave risk.

In Michigan, there have been two identifiable causes to the decline of aquatic frog populations and to the overall viability of the different species of this amphibian.

One is the altering, or in many instances the destruction of the habitation where these types of frogs reside: the wetlands, marshes, lakeshores, and riverbanks. The bulldozer that’s filled in those areas or stripped them of suitable vegetation, the housing and commercial developments that have been erected in open spaces, and the drainage tile used to added farm acreage have—each and all— put them in peril.

It was a process that began with the first settlers clearing the land in the 1830’s, but one that has accelerated with suburban sprawl and the desire for water-front homes of more recent years.

A frog, unlike a duck or four-footed mammal, cannot easily fly away or scurry off from danger and then make whatever adjustments are needed in another locale to survive. And if he does escape the earthmover, the loss of that wetland or suitable shoreline leaves him without protection from the sun. When this happens, his goose is cooked.

The second cause is that the frogs, being creatures of the water, are more susceptible to the ill effects caused by pollution and contamination—the run-offs of insecticides, herbicides, fertilizers, detergents, gasoline, and animal manure that end up in their aquatic home. Evidence indicates that more and more frogs are suffering from malformations, including missing legs or an extra one, while others, exposed to certain contaminants, are unable to reproduce.

**DRIVING AROUND OUR STATE**, seeing all of the swamps, lakes, streams, and drainage ditches—all of the lush greenery about them —it’s hard to visualize the loss of adequate habitat as an overriding problem. And, hearing the chorus of frogs on a spring evening, it’s likewise difficult to believe they do not have substantial numbers to survive.

In fact, there seem to be more than enough; plenty of frogs around—a seemingly inexhaustible supply—to hunt as we wish, to disregard their circumstance in favor of human enjoyment.

In his book *Michigan: A History* (published in 1976), the late Bruce Catton wrote that our state for much of its past has operated under the notion that our abundance in natural resources—whether it be fur bearing animals, white pines, copper, iron ore, the fertility of the soil, fishing stocks in the Great Lakes, and clean water—was “inexhaustible.” He called it “that fatal Michigan word.”

Fatal in the sense that our ancestors (or at least the majority of them) did not practice moderation in their use of these resources, or embrace long-term sustainability, or bother themselves with unintended consequences, or care all that much about any collateral damage.

It was a belief, he contended, that carried over to the age of the automobile—a faith that technological innovation and economic development could solve all problems and take us forever forward—a faith, Catton said, based “not in the goodness of God but in the endless ingenuity of man.”

But while our state’s history has given us ample evidence that the earth’s bounty is not “inexhaustible” or that our economical and cultural way-of-life, based on the success of a technological process (in our case automobile production) is not “forever”, still the belief in abundance lingers.

Perhaps, here in Michigan, that’s due to the land and its residents having shown a capacity to bounce back—the land restoring itself, albeit in a different way, while Michiganders, past and present, have made the necessary readjustments.

That’s cause for optimism, but not reason for smug self-assurance or continuing to follow the same path.

We’ve been born into this world that offers a wonderful and rich tapestry of life. We have been blessed above all other creatures with intellects that allow us to think abstractly, to use memory (our own and others) to benefit our lives and our communities both in the present and hopefully in the foreseeable future.

Yet an increasing number of other life, ranging from plants to birds to whales, have become extinct or are becoming extinct—some of it a process of natural selection, but many of the fatalities or those under threat are due to our activities and indifference.

This juxtaposition between the fruits of our labor and the bitter fruit of consequence need not be seen as an ‘either-or’ consideration. The choice need not be between human progress versus protecting endangered species and preserving wild places and assorted natural resources.

Rather it could be one of altering attitude and perspective. More moderation in our activities, embracing an ethic of sustainability, and attempting to make as light a footprint as possible in our individual and collective efforts are changes that could make a difference. It could also include using our ingenuity and technological know-how to limit the pollution, reclaim habitat, and enhance efforts to bring back threatened species (as we’ve done with the Kirkland Warbler and the lake trout).

Of course, I’m aware that there is the alternative attitude of ‘why bother,’ let things play out as they will, and the reality that many people have more pressing needs than worrying about frogs or other creatures of the wild. I realize that economic and financial considerations have long taken



priority in our public policies—the growth of the Gross National Product, the trading on the stock market, and the business climate being examples—and I'd be a hypocrite to suggest these are not important to me as well. I live in the world as it is.

Still the frog has long been a part of that world—190 million years to be exact. In fact, as the essayist Edward Hoagland, suggested, “The first vertebrate music on land was probably frogs’.”

In talking about the dangers frogs are facing and why it should matter, Hoagland lamented “the canary-in-the-coal-mine argument that conservationists are forced to use” when advocating protective measures for wildlife and wild habitat. Among those arguments, he noted, is “that if populations of frogs all over are being deformed by acid rain or are dying out because increasing ultraviolet radiation injures their eggs, we should worry because it might portend analogous damage to us.”

“What’s in store for us may indeed be unnerving and ultimately unstringing our genes,” he added. “But I care wholeheartedly also about what’s happening to the frogs.”

I share this concern for the plight of frogs. They’ve been sitting ducks for too long.



### Fowlerville First United Church to feature Children’s Program on Christmas Eve

Fowlerville First United Methodist Church will feature a Youth-led Program at its early Christmas Eve Service, starting at 7p.m. A highlight of the program is a Black Light Hand Mime Show with a religious theme. These participants will be wearing white gloves and using them to form different words and images with their hands against a black light background. The show is accompanied by music.

The young people will also perform instrumental and vocal selections, along with playing a song using bells. There’s also a skit.

The church will also have a Candlelight Service at 11 p.m.

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## —Area Deaths—

### Beverly G. Kelley

Beverly G. Kelley (Zarycki) (Gilmer), age 60 of Howell passed away December 13, 2017. Visitation will be held on Monday, Dec. 18, from 1-to-8p.m. at Herrmann Funeral Home in Fowlerville. A Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at St. Agnes Catholic Church. A private burial will take place following at Howell Memorial Cemetery. Please leave the family a condolence at [pjherrmannfuneralhome.com](http://pjherrmannfuneralhome.com)

### The Salvation Army still working on holiday campaign goal with challenges

Just like Christmas trees and angels come out each holiday season, The Salvation Army of Livingston County places their iconic red kettles at stores all over Livingston County and requests donations to support their local Christmas goal. The donations collected during the Christmas season are approximately 1/3 of the yearly budget and are to support its year-round service programs.

With Christmas only a week away, The Salvation Army would like to thank the community for their donations thus far. As of Monday, December 11, The Salvation Army of Livingston County has raised \$185,862.19—almost 49% of the \$385,000 goal. Not quite where they would like to be, however they know the community will get them there, to ensure they will continue to be able to help those in need.

The Salvation Army of Livingston County has had many challenges this season, however the most important one of not having enough bell ringers.

“This year our challenge is finding bell ringers; I am sure the community has noticed that we are not ringing at very many locations” says Major Prezza Morrison. “That is because we are having a hard time finding individuals to help us during the week. We are also short volunteer bell ringers that help fill the remaining times.”

The Salvation Army has a simple ask, please sign up to bell ring. Bell Ringing is a great family opportunity as well as a great team building activity. If individuals and small groups take the minimum 2 hours and a couple more organizations and businesses take a few more full days we should be able to have the majority of our Kettle sites filled.

Major also remarks “The more kettles we have available, the easier it is to raise the funds. If we had all of our locations open the entire time, we are positive that we would be able to reach our Christmas goal.”

Ringers are still needed to fill locations throughout the week, every day through Christmas Eve. Those wishing to help with bell ringing can sign up online [www.RegisterToRing.com](http://www.RegisterToRing.com)

If you are unable to ring, but wish to help, donations may be made via Red Kettles, texting HOPELC to 41444, at the corps office (503 Lake Street, Howell) online at [www.salvationarmylivingston.org](http://www.salvationarmylivingston.org) or via mail P.O. Box 647, Howell 48844.



## Upcoming Events at St. Agnes Catholic Church

The Parish Office will be closed December 25-26 AND January 1-2. Regular St. Agnes office hours: Monday thru Thursday 8am-4pm; Friday 8am-12 noon. For the full schedule of events, visit our parish calendar at this link: <http://parishcalendar.com:8080/4/4447/>

\*\*\*A Blessed Christmas to You and Yours! Christmas Mass Schedule: December 24: Mass at 4:00pm, 6:00pm and 10:00pm. Choir music program precedes the 10pm Mass, beginning at 9:30pm. December 25: Mass at 10:00am.

\*\*\*Happy New Year! Solemnity of Mary Mass Schedule: January 1 at 10:00am.

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**Michigan House Report**  
By Dr. Hank Vaupel,  
47<sup>nd</sup> District

Bipartisan legislation to combat Michigan’s growing opioid addiction epidemic was approved this past week by the Michigan Legislature. This bill package came through the Health Policy Committee, which I chair, earlier this year.

Part of the package requires medical professionals to consult with patients when prescribing an opioid-based medication. When it comes to prescribing potentially harmful substances, we have a responsibility to educate all patients about the risk of dependence. I was proud to vote in support of this legislation because I am committed to doing all we can to protect people from the life-threatening ramifications of addiction.

Other bills in the House package increase access to opioid addiction treatment and require the implementation of a school curriculum regarding the risks of prescription drug abuse.

It’s long overdue that we take a proactive approach to address Michigan’s growing opioid epidemic. There is much room for improvement when it comes to ensuring residents are better equipped in making informed decisions about their health.

In 2014, 568 people in Michigan died in relation to opioid overdose; a staggering 911 percent increase since 1999, according to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

In addition to the House opioid bill package, I am pleased to announce the Legislature passed a Senate bill package addressing the opioid epidemic. The package requires prescriptions for controlled substances to be recorded in one central system, the Michigan Automated Prescription System (MAPS), and requires health care professionals to complete a quick search of the system before writing a prescription. Better use of the MAPS system will curb the practice of doctor shopping, reduce the number of prescription opioids in circulation and offer more support for those who overdose.

Both bill packages now move to the governor’s desk for consideration as a Michigan state law.  
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Thank you to all who attended my monthly office hours last week. It was a pleasure to discuss legislative matters and hear your ideas for state government. Also, I’d like to extend a special thank you to Biggby Coffee in Hartland for agreeing to be our new Hartland office hours location.

I hope you’ll be able to join me for my next round of office hours on Friday, Jan. 19 at the following times and locations:

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

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

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

No appointments are necessary to attend. If you are unable to attend but would still like to share a thought, concern or idea with me, please contact my Capitol office at (866) 828-4863 or [HankVaupel@house.mi.gov](mailto:HankVaupel@house.mi.gov).

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**Michigan Senate Report**  
By Joe Hune,  
22<sup>nd</sup> District

As the winter and holiday travel season heats up, please remember to exercise safety and caution on Michigan roads.

We all know how dangerous it can be traversing Michigan during the cold winter months. That’s why I would like to remind everyone the following safe driving tips.

No matter what, never drink and drive. Not only is it illegal and life threatening, there is never a good reason to do it. If you have consumed alcohol and need to get somewhere, use ride sharing services like Lyft or Uber, or call for a taxi cab.

Make sure your vehicle is in good working order. There is almost nothing worse than being stranded on the side of the road on a cold, winter day. Always be sure to have working windshield wiper blades, enough antifreeze and windshield-washer fluid, proper tire inflation, and sufficient charge in your vehicle battery.

Always keep an emergency kit in your vehicle. A good kit should include a blanket and warm clothes, a flashlight, jumper cables, tow rope, a shovel, a bag of sand or cat litter for tire traction, a battery-operated radio, a map, and snacks. It’s important that you have what you need to get out of a situation when you may not be able to call for help or when help will not be responding for a while.

Finally, remember to break gently to avoid slipping on icy surfaces and drive slowly to give yourself the room you need to safely stop. Always let other people know your travel plans so that if you don’t arrive, they know where to start looking. And always check the latest weather report before heading out. A great resource for that is [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov).

I hope that everyone has a safe and happy winter holiday season. And remember, be safe out there!

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

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

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A petition has has been filed by Mike Hauser, 4141 Bull Run Rd., Gregory, MI, 48137, Property ID #09-26-100-003, requesting a Variance of the Iosco Township Zoning Ordinance that would allow him to build a pole barn beyond the front line plane of his house.

The Public has the right to appear before the Board to express their views and opinions on the request. Written comments to the board should be sent to the Township at the mailing address above, addressed to Clark Humrich, ZBA Chair.

Dan Delmerico  
Township Clerk  
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**Livingston Greene Christmas Dinner was held Dec. 13**  
The Livingston Greene Senior Living Apartments held their annual Christmas dinner celebration last Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Despite the cold and snow outside, everyone was warm and toasty inside and enjoyed a visit from Santa and a lovely Christmas dinner. Pictured here with Santa are, from left, Jack Bader 96, Margaret Calverth 94, Lydia Ruttman 93, Santa and Pearl Heick 76.



Shown here as they enjoyed the good food and visiting were, on the left front to back, Russell Campbell, Robert Baker, Margaret Calverth and Nancy Gibson. On the right, front to back, were Gail York, Joan Bergin, Rose Marie Baker and Pearl Heick.



These three guys said the meal was great. From left, Gary Abraham, Harold Price and Charlie Keehl.



Service Tech at Livingston Greene, Philp De Planty is pictured here with Santa and Sandy Eldred, the Livingston Greene manager.



Joan Kelley, on left, and Kim Tavlin were enjoying their meals.

### United Way's recent 'Matching Money Monday' called a "Great Success"

Donations to the Livingston County United Way during last week's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual 'Matching Money Monday', are expected to total around \$285,000, pending final audit process. Donations from area residents, small businesses and companies were matched by big-hearted local sponsors, who made the day possible.

All proceeds raised from this event help struggling local families by providing rent, food, emergency shelter, heating, utility assistance, and keeping families from being evicted.

'Matching Money Monday' has become not just a day to raise funds for community initiatives and programs, but an event that brings Livingston County residents together to celebrate the spirit of the season by generously giving. Erin MacGregor, Superintendent of Howell Public Schools and 2017 Campaign Co-Chairperson, greeted guests at the United Way building. "People were stopping by, bringing checks and cash, and everyone was so happy to be part of this tremendous day. I left feeling the energy, passion, and generosity shared by everyone."

Campaign Co-Chairperson, Carol Griffith, Vice-Chairperson for the Livingston County Board of Commissioners, agreed. "There was such a genuine sense of community shared by all who dropped in. People really want to help local families who are struggling to keep up with the most basic needs. It truly is a day of generosity!"

Gift-giving for "In Honor Of" or "In Memory Of", or year-end tax-deductible donations can still be made by visiting [www.lcunitedway.org](http://www.lcunitedway.org) or calling 810-494-3000.



Enjoying the festivities were in back from left, Judy Still, Tracey Moses, Debra Wendell and in front Becky Little.



Bob Ruttman was sporting his blinking Christmas tree necklace.

### The Howell Opera House to host New Year's Eve Party Sunday, Dec. 31

Ring in the New Year on Sunday, Dec. 31, at one of the coolest venues in Livingston County, The Historic Howell Opera House. Dance to the Paradise Band, treats, bar, party favors, and a lot more. Limited seating is available so call now for ticket information at 517-540-0065. \*Part of the funds raised go to support the Opera House Renovation Project.

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# Webberville holds Christmas celebration with tree lighting, parade & Santa visit

Webberville held a Christmas celebration last Saturday night, Dec. 9, with a tree lighting in the Village Park on East Grand River, a small lighted parade from the park to the Leroy Township Fire Hall, and then a chance for area

youngsters to visit with Santa at the hall. The Webberville Downtown Development Authority organized the tree lighting and parade, while the Leroy Township Fire Association hosted its annual party that includes refreshments along with the visit by Santa Claus. The Webberville School Choir sang several holiday songs at the park, and members of the high school band led the parade that included several decorated vehicles and floats.



Several dozen people attended the Tree Lighting at the park including this large contingent of the Eberly family.



Selected to officially light the Christmas Tree at the Village Park was Alex Wawieraia, the four-year-old daughter of Ashley Crandall and Nick Wawieraia of Webberville.



Visiting Santa at the Leroy Township Fire Hall was Dominic Driver, age 8, the son of Thomas and Kristen Driver.



These members of the Leroy Township NIESA Fire Association hosted the holiday party at the fire hall. From left, front row, were Matt House, Nick Odett, Jordan Hague, Adam House, Fred Witchell, Nick Hamilton, Chief Rod Phiester; back row, Captain Ernie Nims, Former Chief Mike Flynn, Natasha Stepen, Kyle Oesterle, Blake Hague, and Kevin Foreter.



Jada Driver, age 5, and Clare Bowen, age 4, told Santa Claus what they wanted for Christmas. Jada is the daughter of Thomas and Kristen Driver, while Clare is the daughter of Jennifer Taylor and Paul Bowen.



Members of Webberville High School band led the parade.



Mt. Hope Church Williamston had this decorated float in the parade.



These two Webberville families enjoyed the festivities at the fire hall. From left, front row, were Brenna Williams, Karley Williams, Thomas Cloudman, Suzanne Cloudman; second row, Melissa Williams, Hayley Williams, Baylee Cloudman; and in back, Justin Williams and Matt Williams.



Webberville High School students urged those attending the holiday event to “Stuff the Bus” by donating canned goods and other items for the Webberville Food Bank. Two of them—seniors Maddison Stowe, left, and Cassie Jones—carried this reminder.



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From left are President Matt Martin, Vice President Rich Ralston, Secretary Dawn Horton and Treasurer Paul Harmon.



**Fowlerville Dawn Patrol**

Part of the crew that served breakfast were, from left, front row, Karl Witt, Debbie Hill, Chuck Hill, Steve MacDermaid, Dawn Horton, Kathy Arledge, Larry Schmid; back row, Scott Niblack, Rick Hill, Matt Martin, Dan Mayhew, Dana Sherwood, and Rich Ralston.

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**Rotary Service Scholarship Winners**

From left, presenter Dawn Horton, Carra Burnie, Peter Damerow, and presenter Laura Eisele.



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Front row, from left, are Ed Helzerman, Paul Hatfield, Ken Stokes, Harlan Petersburg, Si Bement, Leonard Sanders and Bob Bement. Back row, from left, are Doug Helzerman, Steve Sheldon, Herman Yost, Kelly Lott, Alan Hatfield, Joe Givens, Jerry Bailey, Jack Epley and Phil Tatus.



Front row, from left, are Myron Bartig, Carl Morgan, Sarkis Aghababian, Humpy Allmendinger, Dick Peckens, Jerry Bergin and Ralph Martin. Back row, from left, are John Drake, Tom Oliver, Clyde Roy, Butch Ogden, Ken Verfaillie, Jim Martin, Tom Couling, Chuck Hill and Joe Riker.



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