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Nicholas Chamberlain had the Grand Champion Dairy Steer. He has been in the Webberville 4-H for 7 years and is a 2017 Okemos graduate. He works at Steinbauer Performance in sales.

Webberville area 4-H's & FFA members enjoy success at recent Ingham County Fair

Webberville area 4-H's and FFA members took part in the recent Ingham County Fair, with a number of them enjoying success with their livestock and still exhibits.

See pages 17-19 for more photos.

Meah Palmatier had the Supreme Grand Champion Overall with her Crossbreed Blue Barrow. She also won the Intermediate Showmanship, Troy Nealey Winner and Reserve Purebred. This is her 4th year of 4-H. She is 12 and will be in 7th grade this fall in Williamston.



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By Audrey Glass
Programming Assistant

Fowlerville Library Building History

The Fowlerville Library is making preparations to transition to a new library building for the first time in over 45 years. The Library has been in its current building at 131 Mill Street for a long time. In *The Fowlerville Review*, from the May 5, 1971 newspaper, there was an article announcing an Open House for the current library building when it was first built. As the article relates, it took quite a journey to get there.

According to the article, some original ideas for the library included having a 5,000 square foot, two story building with "a room for public meetings and the showing of Audio-visuals". However, these ideas were ultimately discarded for a simpler design, and the final building was 2,400 square feet and included air conditioning.

There were also unexpected delays in the opening of the new building. In December 1970, the furniture and shelving that had been ordered for the building were destroyed in a fire at the plant they were being shipped from, and caused a three-month delay for new furniture.

Volunteers helped with the move to the new building and supply donations were made by people, businesses, and organizations throughout the community. The Girl Scout Cadets cleaned up the yard and washed the windows. Individuals helped varnish shelves, paint the walls, and clean the interior of the building. The Emerald Valley Turf Nurseries donated sod for the yard. Several school groups volunteered in helping carry chairs, newspapers, and magazines. Finally, on March 19, 1971, the Library opened at the new building for the first time.

Since then, additions have been added to the original building. But for the first time since 1971, the library is preparing to move to a new building once again. The process of transition may be long, but we can only hope that the delays will be few and the transition will be smooth. And in the end, we will have a great new facility and expanded resources to benefit our community.

Oak Grove United Methodist Men holding Chicken BBQ on August 26

Oak Grove United Methodist Men invite you to their annual Chicken BBQ on Saturday, August 26, from 5-7 pm at the Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 6686 Oak Grove Rd., Howell (5 miles north of M-59). Come enjoy a delicious meal of barbecued chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, corn and desserts for a free-will donation. For more information, contact Dennis at 517-548-3818.

Fowlerville High School News

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- **Picture day** September 6 ~ 1st – 3rd hours

- **Homecoming vs. Lansing Catholic** September 29

The Fowlerville Community Schools' re-registration process has gone cyber! The primary contacts for each student will complete their child(ren)'s re-registration electronically in our parent portal. If you have the process completed on or before, August 17, 2017, you will then be able to log into parent connect and see your child's teacher/advisor or schedule. The only way that you will be able to find out your child(ren)'s teacher or schedule is to complete the online re-registration. We will have open hours where you will be able to stop in and complete your students' re-registration on campus where we will be able to assist you with any questions. Open hours will be Tues. Aug. 8th from 9 am - 3 pm, Thurs. Aug. 17th from 2 - 6:30 pm, and Mon. Aug. 21st from 1 - 5 pm. The open lab will be housed at the Junior High. Signs will be posted. *Additional forms will be available online and at HS offices.

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Representative Hank Vaupel attended the Senior Power Day at Pinckney High School.



Michigan House Report

By Dr. Hank Vaupel,
47nd District

It was great to attend Senior Power Day at Pinckney High School. Thank you to all of our community’s senior care providers for coming out to explain their services. It was great to see many familiar faces in attendance!

Do you have a suggestion you would like to share with the House mental health task force? If so, simply log on to House.MI.gov/CARES to have your voice heard. As co-chair of the task force, I look forward from hearing firsthand feedback from people across Michigan.

As an Army veteran, I was so appreciative to see the work put into the Livingston County Veterans Picnic at Brighton Recreation Area. There was great attendance and lots of information available from the Livingston County Veterans Services. You can learn more about this fantastic organization at LivGov.com/Veterans.

It’s always my pleasure to deliver legislative updates throughout our community. I am committed to helping keep the people I represent informed about the changes we are making at the Capitol. Thank you to Hartland Rotary for hosting me.

I hope you’ll be able to join me for my in-district office hours on Friday, Aug. 18 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 Kahuna Coffee, 1836 Old U.S. Highway 23 in Hartland

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

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.



Michigan Senate Report

By Joe Hune,
22nd District

Credit Card Skimmers

Credit card skimmers are still a major problem in Michigan two years after the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development discovered the first skimmer at a Grand Rapids business. In the month of June alone, state inspectors found five credit card skimmers at gas stations across Michigan.

Credit card skimmers are small devices installed onto payment machines, such as gas pumps and ATMs, which clone your credit card information, allowing scammers to use your credit card elsewhere. These devices have become more sophisticated and more difficult to spot over the past two years.

While credit card skimmers were once more recognizable and easy to catch, today’s card skimming devices are as small as a thumb drive and installed inside the payment device, which makes detecting them nearly impossible. These newer skimmers, which cannot be seen from outside the machine they are fixed to, can be installed in a matter of seconds.

Due to the threat of skimmers at gas pumps, I recently supported Senate Bill 415, which would require gas stations to include a security measure on each of their gas pumps to prevent skimmers. Gas pumps have become one of the most popular targets for credit card skimmers. Because gas pumps often come with a universal lock, it is oftentimes easy for thieves to get a key to them online. This, plus the lack of a chip reader on most gas pumps serving as an extra layer of protection, makes them easy and preferable targets for would-be scammers and thieves.

The ease with which these scammers and thieves operate and their ability to access stolen information remotely, coupled with the more than 100,000 gas pumps in Michigan, makes it very difficult for law enforcement to catch and prosecute scammers. I will continue to work to end this threat by bringing greater security measures to gas pumps to help protect consumers in the state of Michigan. We can stop these scammers and thieves in their tracks.

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 and my staff will be happy to assist you. My website, www.SenatorJoeHune.com, is also a good resource for information.

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Some Questions to Think About

What was the last thing on your mind before you fell asleep last night? Were you thinking about the wonderful gift of salvation which God has given you and giving thanks to Him for His marvelous grace and mercy? Were you thinking about what you could do to make this a better world? Were your thoughts on things that are good and righteous and beneficial to others? Were you thinking about some person or persons in your life who needs to hear about Jesus and asking God to open up a window of opportunity to share the gospel message with them? Were you praying? Were you asking God to make you a better person and to show you the areas of your life than need changing?

Or were you thinking about your next vacation, or how much fun you’re going to have at some outing or event you will be attending? Were you thinking about your job, the next concert you’re going to attend, your next game, your next trip to the mall, your next paycheck? Were you thinking about what you want or what God wants? Were your thoughts more physical or more spiritual?

Ultimately, we will give more thought and attention to the things we love and care about the most, so what we’re thinking about just before we go to sleep at night are usually the things in which we’re the most interested.

It is the same when we wake up. What is the first thing you think about when you wake up in the morning? Do you think about all you have to do before you return to bed that night? Do you spring out of bed (for those of you who still have some spring left) and plow right into the first thing on your ‘to do’ list, or do you wake up thinking about things of a more spiritual nature? Do you wake up with an attitude of gratitude toward our Lord and Savior Jesus? Do you wake up praying and giving thanks for a new day? Do you wake up joyful and excited about being in the army of the Lord and looking forward to meeting someone with whom you can share the gospel?

What you’re thinking about before you go to sleep at night and the first thoughts you have when you wake up in the morning is a good thermometer to measure what you value most in life. If you drift off to sleep or wake up thinking about yourself, your problems, your pleasures, your luxuries, your earthly dreams of success, then it is likely that *you* are the most important person in your world.

But, if you go to sleep or wake up thinking about the goodness of God or the things of a more spiritual nature, then it is highly possible that Jesus occupies first place in your heart, as He rightly should.

The Bible tells us that we are to *think about things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely and admiral* (Philippians 4:8).

It is almost impossible to focus and think about the things that God wants us to fill our minds with if our thoughts are on ourselves. Example: When I was a practicing alcoholic and drug abuser, my thoughts were always on alcohol and drugs. They were my life, and every day, everything I did revolved around alcohol and drugs. It was all I thought about because at that time it was the most important thing in my life.

Today, my thoughts revolve around Christ and on how I can become totally surrendered to Him and His will for my life. Why the change? Because I realized that the way I was living, even though it brought me some temporary pleasure and what I thought was happiness, I was headed for eternal damnation if I didn’t wake up and get my life in order with what the Holy Word of God teaches.

Another serious question we need to ask ourselves before we go sleep at night is: **“If I die before I wake up in the morning, will my soul ascend or descend?** Will my soul go to be with Jesus or will it descend into hell to be eternally separated from Him? This is a serious question and one we should all give some serious thought, because none of us know when the Death Angel is going to show up with a card with our name on it.

But what we do know is that if we’re ready, if we have accepted Christ as our Savior, repented of our sins, and if we’re totally committed to loving God and loving our neighbor as Christ loves us, then it won’t matter when he arrives because when we leave this world, we will be with Christ in heaven. The Bible says: *“To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord”*(2 Corinthians 5:8).

My prayer is that everyone who reads these words will take the time to pause from whatever you’re doing and give some serious thought to what you have just read. Take some time to honestly think about each question and truthfully answer them.

To bring this home, I have one more question.

When I am planning out my activities for the day, **“Am I more focused on doing the things that please me or the things that please Jesus?”**

I know a lot of people believe that the Old Testament is no longer relevant. But the scriptures tell us that God is not a human like us and He doesn’t change His mind (Numbers 23:19). It also tells us that *“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows”* (James 1:17).

So, even though we’re no longer bound by the law, I feel the Old Testament scriptures are just as relevant today as they were when they were written.

And when I read in Deuteronomy chapter one, verse eight, *“Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night. So that you may be careful to do everything written in it then you will be prosperous and successful.”*

I take those word seriously and you should as well. Amen.

Howell Eagles & the Blue Notes Band to present luau on Sunday, August 20

Yes, it’s true! Sunday, August 20, is the day! The Howell Eagles #3607 and the Blue Notes Band will present their first luau for your participating, fun, and enjoyment at the Eagles club, located at 141 Schroeder Park Drive, off of D19. The event will take place from 3 to 7 p.m.

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Caleb Jenkins Column



Three Keys to Success

Despite the title, I regret that I must inform you at the outset that I will not be covering in this article everything that you could ever possibly need to know about how to be a success at anything that you attempt in life. Sorry to disappoint. In all seriousness, the idea of “success” is such an in-depth topic that it would be impossible to even come close to fitting it into a newspaper article, especially since success is such a fluid concept that can change from person to person.

That being said, there are certain characteristics that we can embrace which can help us make the most out of the opportunities presented to us in our lives, and I want to just briefly touch on three of them.

The first thing that we need in order to be successful is determination. That goes without being said and is probably the first thing that most of you thought of when you read the title. Determination seems to always find its way to the top of best-selling self-help books and interwoven throughout the notes of inspirational speakers. It is easy to find references to determination because it is such an important attribute in life.

Our culture is going down a dangerous path of giving people false impressions about not needing to have determination in life. We are quick to try to falsely make people feel successful without them ever having to put in the work, and that is wrong. We need to be determined people.

Second, we have to be patient. This one seems to often get shoved to the back corner because it’s the one that no one wants to actually discuss. Oh, it’s fine in theory, but the idea of putting it into practice can be intimidating. I’ve certainly experienced this. When I have a goal and know that something is definitely right, I want to surge ahead and see it accomplished.

It is easy to get trapped in the idea that we have to finish all of our dreams now, and if they get delayed, then there can be a tendency to blame ourselves or get unduly frustrated. We can’t succumb to that. As much as we might hate it, life is full of setbacks and delays, and we have to have the resolve to pursue our goals for the long term. Don’t give up at the first sign of trouble. Be willing to be patient.

This third element can easily be taken out of context, but it is perhaps the very bedrock for the previous two traits. Confidence. If we are going to be successful in something, then we have to have confidence that what we are doing is right. In other words, we have to believe what we preach. Now, I am not referring to some human-spiritual tradition of self-validation or other form of false confidence. Rather, I am saying that it is going to be incredibly difficult to give something the full attention and passion that are needed for success if we don’t really believe that what we are doing is right. That is why self-reflection is so important. We need to examine ourselves often to determine if what we are doing is the best course of action, and if it is the right thing to do, then we need to have confidence in that and seize the day as we continue toward excellence and success.



Shown here are the 2017 Drum Majors for the Fowlerville High School Marching Band—Jessica Davis and Andrew Goodwin.

Fowlerville High School band holds annual camp, prepares for new show

The Fowlerville High School band held its annual camp at the school on July 30 thru August 4. There were 98 students who participated of which nine were seniors, 54 were sophomores and juniors, and 35 were freshmen.

During the week the students were fitted for their uniforms and learned the music and formation steps for their fall marching show. The music this year is from ‘Women of Rock and Roll.’

On Friday night, the last day of camp, the students performed the show for their parents and other guests. The band is under the direction of William Vlieg and assistant director Josh Roltsch.

The band will debut their new show during halftime at the first home varsity football game on Thursday, August 24.



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Fowlerville Police Dept. holds second Fowlerville Youth Academy last week

The Fowlerville Police Department put on its second Youth Academy of the summer last week. This activity was for fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth graders, ages 10-14. These students went through an application process to be accepted into the five-day academy.

The program was taught by Fowlerville Police Chief John Tyler and Officer Jeff Soli and is designed as an introduction to law enforcement. The students learned about traffic stops, saw K-9 demonstrations, and learned about building and car searches.

Included in the program was students marching in formation, standing at ease, physical fitness with push-ups, sit-ups, pull-ups and running an obstacle course. They also were taught firearm safety.

The academy went from 9a.m. to 2p.m. each day.

Last Wednesday, August 9, the participants in the Youth Police Academy attended the Fowlerville Rotary Club lunch. While there the students took turns introducing themselves and told why they wanted to be in the Academy. Chief Tyler and Officer Soli would like to thank Jeff Kodet of Kodet’s Hardware, Brady Kennels and Fowlerville Rotary for their support of the program.



Shown here are students who participated in the second Fowlerville Youth Police Academy. From left, front row: Keegan, Jon, Mason, Omar, Gavins, Blake M., and Blake N.; second row: Ben, Anthony, Leahann, Ashlyn, Wyatt, Phillip, Mikey and Aiden; back row: Officer Jeff Soli and Police Chief John Tyler. Missing were Jayce and Evan.

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Lee Hamilton Column

Good Communication Lies at the Heart of Our Democracy

Do ordinary citizens still have a voice in Washington and in their state capitals? Despite the cynicism of these times, my answer is, yes, we do... But we have to exercise it.

I don’t just mean going to a town hall meeting and yelling, or shooting off a letter or email. I mean making an appointment to sit down with your representative — in his or her office, at a cafe in the district, or wherever else you can meet — and holding a real conversation. We don’t do this often enough in our country, perhaps because most people think it’s impossible to arrange. It’s not, although it might take patience to get an appointment with a busy representative. And to my mind, it’s the most effective way for citizens to communicate with their representatives.

This is important because the heart of a representative democracy does not lie in its electorate, or even its elected officials. It rests in the communication between them, in the give and take that allows each to understand the other. Over my years in office I noticed a few things about how to make this conversation more fruitful and effective, and, for what it’s worth, I pass them along.

My guess is that in almost all cases, the representative will be gracious, attentive, and welcoming; he or she will see the meeting as a chance to reach out and perhaps win a constituent’s support. What makes the difference in these meetings is the manner in which the voter approaches them. So my first comment is that you want to keep the discussion respectful and polite. Incivility and confrontation are counter-productive. If you want to have an impact, do not be argumentative or confrontational. Explain how the issues affect you personally and make it clear that you’re seeking to establish ongoing communication, not just a ‘one and done’ meeting.

If your representative comes to respect you because of your approach and your knowledge, that’s an important step forward in expanding your influence. Because don’t forget that the reverse can also be true: You’ll make it easy to ignore you by behaving ungraciously.

This next part may seem daunting, but it shouldn’t be: Do your homework. It goes without saying that you should identify yourself and whoever else is with you, let your representative know whom you’re representing — don’t exaggerate your numbers — and above all, make it very clear what you want him or her to do or not to do. And you’ll be far more effective if you’re well-informed about the core facts on the issues and about the person you’re speaking to: his

or her party, length of service, committees, interests, views, ratings and priorities.

Understand that legislators deal with many challenging relationships: voters, donors, constituents, interest groups, party officials, congressional or legislative leadership, governors and presidents, and an array of others. So, listen carefully and ask a lot of questions, and get clarity about where your representative stands on your issues and why. Test his or her knowledge of the issues, and the depth of commitment to the views he or she takes. Be firm in insisting on direct answers, but don’t be adamant or unreasonable. If you want to, record the session, but be sure to advise the representative you are doing so.

In short, having a productive conversation with elected representatives comes down to being informed, remaining courteous, being curious and open to dialogue yourself, and stating your views and understanding of the issues as clearly as possible.

If you engage in this fashion with your representatives on a regular basis, I think you’ll have reason to be satisfied that you’re stepping up to your responsibilities and raising your effectiveness as a citizen. And if conversations of this quality are multiplied across the country, it really will improve the quality of our representative democracy and contribute to the direction and success of our country.

Lee Hamilton is a Senior Advisor for the Indiana University Center on Representative Government; a Distinguished Scholar, IU School of Global and International Studies; and a Professor of Practice, IU School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.


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Experts: Don't underestimate power of retail, restaurant jobs

According to the latest numbers, the leisure and hospitality industry, which includes restaurant and retail jobs, added 62,000 jobs last month.

While many people are quick to dismiss those positions as less important or not “real” jobs, Robert Doar, a fellow in poverty studies at the American Enterprise Institute, says these jobs represent an important foot in the door for millions of young people, as well as a re-entry into the workforce for those needing a second chance.

“They provide a path upwards,” he stresses. “Now, they don’t guarantee a path upwards, but they are a start and they are almost always going to lead to a better economic circumstance than not having a job at all.”

Overall, the U.S. economy added 209,000 jobs in July, beating expectations.

The service sector is the country’s largest private sector employer, encompassing more than 30 million jobs nationwide.

Doar, who also is a senior adviser for the Path Forward coalition, says because of its sheer size and the role it plays as a gateway to future employment, the health of the service sector is an important indicator of the overall health of the economy.

“Sometimes we get hung up on particular focus on manufacturing, or high tech, even government, or health care, but the fact of the matter with 30 million jobs in this one sector is a big part of whether our economy is moving forward or standing still,” he points out.

Attorney Broderick Johnson was the chair of the My Brother’s Keeper Task Force under President Barack Obama, and also is a senior adviser with Path Forward. He says not only do retail and restaurant jobs teach critical skills such as punctuality, reliability and consistency, they actually can play a role in strengthening communities.

“Violence-reduction strategies have to include making sure that young men of color especially have good first job opportunities, and without question the service industry is such an important part of making sure those strategies and those young people succeed,” he stresses.

Despite the rising role of e-commerce, experts say the latest numbers point to the staying power of brick-and-mortar retail businesses and the jobs tied to them.



Abdul El-Sayed



Elissa Slotkin

Candidates for high office to speak to Livingston Dems on August 24

A pair of candidates for high office in Michigan will speak at the next meeting of Livingston County Democrats.

Abdul El-Sayed, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, and Elissa Slotkin, candidate for the Democratic nomination for 8th District Congress, will speak at the meeting on Thursday, Aug. 24, at 7 p.m.

El-Sayed, of Detroit is an epidemiologist who is the former health commissioner for the City of Detroit.

He was born in Michigan and grew up in Detroit. He has a medical degree from Columbia University and was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University, where he earned his doctorate in public health. He was an assistant professor in Columbia University’s Department of Epidemiology when Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan appointed him health commissioner.

Slotkin, of Holly, is a former Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense. She went to work in the Central Intelligence Agency after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and served three tours in Iraq. She worked for both Republican and Democratic presidents at the White House National Security Council. She now runs a small consulting business.

She is married and has two step-daughters.

The primary for both the Democratic nomination for governor and for 8th District Congress will be Aug. 7, 2018.

The meeting will be at RE/Max Platinum Auditorium, 6870 Grand River, between Brighton and Howell. Attendees should park in the back, use the rear entrance, and take the stairs or elevator down to the auditorium. The party’s business meeting will follow.

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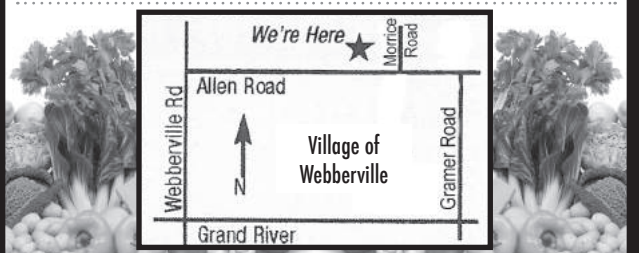
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Rotary District Governor met with Fowlerville Rotary Club

At last Wednesday’s Fowlerville Rotary Club meeting, the District Governor of District 6380, Barry Fraser and his wife Carolyn, met with the local club. He visited with the local board prior to the luncheon and then highlighted his goals for Rotary this year.

These goals are: Youth Service, Exchange Students – outbound and inbound, Inter Act Clubs, RYLA – Rotary Youth Leadership and Environmental – preserve planet earth. Rotary International has a 1.2 million tree planting challenge, to plant trees by Earth Day, April 22nd, 2018.

Other goals are: Global Peace, Recognize Youth Mental Health Services, Water Quality, Green Algae in Lakes and Local Illiteracy.

The District Governor and his wife are from Chatham Ontario, Canada.



Pictured here are, from left, Fowlerville Rotary President Matt Martin and District Governor Barry Fraser.



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Pokémon Go Safari: Wednesday, August 16th at 6pm-8pm All Ages. Grab your devices and meet outside the library for a Pokémon Go competition! Compete against your friends to walk the most kilometers, catch the most Pokémon, and hatch the most eggs during the time limit! Feel free to walk or ride a bike. *Register in person to attend. Registration begins August 2nd. Children 12 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Teens 13 and older must have a signed Program Permission Form or be accompanied by an adult.

Steeped Tea Presentation- Thursday, August 17th at 7pm Adults. Join us at the library for a presentation and tasting on the art behind making custom tea blends. *Registration begins August 3rd and includes a refundable \$5 cash deposit.

Paint and Pour: Pure Michigan- Thursday, August 24th at 7pm Adults. Join us at the library for the return the popular “Paint and Pour” program where you will be led by professionals to create your very own Michigan themed painting. *Register in person to attend. Registration begins August 10th and includes a refundable \$5 cash deposit.

Registration begins for From A to Z with Mrs. D Wednesday, September 6th

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

Mario Kart Tournament Friday, September 8th at 5-8pm Teens 6th-12th grades. Come to the library to play Mario Kart on the new Nintendo Switch! You can also play Mario Kart Wii and make your own pins and perler bead crafts! Pizza and a beverage will be served. *Register in person to attend. Registration is required and includes a 2017-2018 signed Program Permission Form. Registration begins August 25th.

Build a Robot Workshop- Wednesday, September 13th at 6:30-7:30pm Kindergarten-8th grades. Come to the library for a robot exploration led by robot experts from *The Mentors Robot Shop*. Participate in hands on activities with a variety of robots and learn how robots are used in our everyday lives! *Participation is limited. Register in person to attend. Registration begins August 30th.

Beyond the Book: One Thousand White Women Thursday, September 14th at 7pm Adults. Join us at the library for a book discussion. Books will be given at sign-up while supplies last. Refreshments will be served. *Register in person to attend. Registration begins August 24th. Books will be given while supplies last.

Livingston County Parkinson’s Support Group to meet August 29 in Howell

The Livingston County Parkinson’s Support Group will meet on Tuesday, August 29, at 4 p.m. in Community Room 2 of St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital, 620 Byron Road, Howell. Park in the rear west parking lot and enter through the west entrance canopy. The speaker is Dr. Stephanie Schlittler. Her topic is the use of essential oils for PD patients. 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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Volunteers install new playground equipment at Smith Elementary

By Kathy Gibson
H.T. Smith Elementary Principal

Thanks to the coordination of our Parent Teacher Club (PTC), we raised funds and recruited volunteers to upgrade our playgrounds. On Saturday, August 5, 2017, we gathered to install a climber wall, a sky rail climber, new swing sets, and an additional play structure.

We would like to recognize the following people for their dedication and hard work on making this happen: Vikki and Wes Boyde, Kelly and Pete Drouillard, Holly Holbach, Jen and Christian Morales, Dana Coon, Jim and Gavin Tschirret, Chris Wieland, Stacie Aremat, Cathy Vaupel, Emily and Tim LaPlante, Tim, Calvin, and Randalyn Dowker, William Beaudoin, Morgan Wolff, Brandon Coughlin, Sarah Murray, Barb Fessell, Jennifer Ramer, Spencer Dunkle, and Kristen Hines. Special thanks to Tim Sheffer, our coordinator, Dallas

Fletcher, Tim LaPlante, and Wes Boyde for the prep work preceding the build.

The school playgrounds are closed until the unveiling on August 25.

H. T. Smith Elementary Parent Teacher Club (PTC) would like to invite everyone to join us at the unveiling of the remodeled playgrounds. We would also like to celebrate the work and donations of students, families, staff & community members within the Fowlerville Community. All of the donations from the Spring Fun Run helped to make this upgrade possible.

We are planning to have a day of fun; flea market sale, food, music and of course the ribbon cutting ceremony! It will be Friday, August 25, 2017. The hours will be 1:00-8:00pm. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be at 3:00pm.

If you are interested in renting a \$10 spot for the flea market please contact htsmithptc@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing everyone on this exciting day!



Kaila Daley & Caleb Jenkins announce wedding engagement

Scott and Kathleen Daley and Gerald and Jill Jenkins are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Kaila Daley and Caleb Jenkins.

Kaila is a 2016 graduate of Byron High School and is attending the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor for a bachelor’s degree in Physics with a projected graduation date of December 2019.

Caleb is a 2013 graduate of Lansing Baptist School and is studying Political Science with a minor in Military Science and Leadership at Eastern Michigan University with an anticipated graduation date of December 2017. He is also currently serving in the Michigan Air National Guard, having enlisted in November 2013.

A summer 2018 wedding is planned.

St. John’s Episcopal Church to serve Summer Picnic Style Dinner August 18

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Vicki Lobodocky of Howell was named the ‘Homemaker of the Year’ at this year’s Fowlerville Family Fair.

Howell woman crowned as ‘Homemaker of the Year’ at the recent fair

By Ashlee Buhler

The Fowlerville Family Fair has been honoring homemakers in the community since 1987. The goal of the annual competition is to recognize and applaud the importance of homemaking whether it’s a fulltime role or done in addition to a career or work outside the family home.

This year’s winner (the ‘2017 Homemaker of the Year’) was Vicki Lobodocky of Howell. The announcement was made on July 24—the opening day of fair—during the Family Kick-Off Program at the Finlan Gazebo. Two women and a man competed for the title.

Each year the winner is determined through a points system which is broken up into categories. Each contestant must write an essay, which is worth 25 points, explaining why they deserve to win the Homemaker of the Year title.

In the fair’s application form, it’s noted that “Homemakers of today have either full-time homemaking careers, or may combine this with a career outside of their home. Your written essay should reflect how to cope with some of the problems of our complex and rapidly changing world.”

- Among the questions that contestants answer are:
- What are some aspects of homemaking that you enjoy?
 - Do you take time for yourself? How do you use this time?
 - What are the two most important values that you want to pass onto the future generations?
 - Explain the importance of the Fowlerville Family Fair to the community.
 - Volunteer participation: your involvement in social organizations, school, church and your community.
 - Please note any leadership roles as well.

On the Sunday prior to the start of fair week, a participant sits down with the judging panel for an interview that is worth a total of 100 points. Those judges have already read the essay

Fowlerville Fire Department Report

Thursday, August 3rd, at 10:18 a.m. a medical emergency on Wallace Road in Handy Township was reported.

At 12:39 p.m., Friday, August 4th, the department was dispatched to a motor vehicle accident on Mason Road in Handy Township. Personnel responded for downed power lines on Stow Road in Conway Township at 9:16 p.m.

Firefighters were called to standby at downed power lines on Iosco Road in Iosco Township at 2:21 p.m. Saturday, August 5th.

The department responded to assist EMS on Hazelnut Street in the Village at 2:02 p.m. Sunday, August 6th. Downed power lines on Smith Road in Handy Township were reported at 3:07 p.m.

Monday, August 7th, at 12:01 a.m. the department was called to assist at a medical emergency on Hogback Road in Handy Township. A second medical emergency, on Stow Road in Handy Township, was reported at 12:52 a.m.

Personnel responded to a medical emergency on N. Grand Ave. in the Village at 10:10 a.m., Tuesday, August 8th.

At 11:09 a.m., Wednesday, August 9th, firefighters were dispatched to a medical emergency on Alans Drive in Handy Township.

and given it points.

In addition, a contestant must enter an exhibit in at least five of the nine Open Class categories at the fair. These include baking, floriculture, photography, canned goods, gardening, sewing, crafts, needlecraft, and painting. First place ribbons are worth five points, second place ribbons are worth 4 points, and third place ribbons are worth 3 points.

“Winning those ribbons is not as easy as you would think,” Lobodocky noted. “There are a lot of skilled people that entered whose work looked professional.”

Ultimately, coming home with the crown (after writing the essay, meeting with the judges, and entering the exhibits) was not something Lobodocky expected. “I had been going to the fair for many years and figured the homemaker competition was something out of my comfort zone that I could try,” she explained. “Actually winning was so surreal to me, I couldn’t believe it.”

As ‘Homemaker of the Year’, Vicki is responsible for promoting the Fowlerville Fair at various events as well as spreading the word about the Homemaker competition—including during fair week.

“As I was walking around the fair greeting guests, I was surprised by how many people didn’t know about the competition,” she said. “People were asking me how to sign up because they had no idea.”

Vicki’s commitments for the rest of the year include speaking at different Rotary clubs in Livingston County and attending local events such as the Fall Festival on Sept. 30 at the fairgrounds and the Christmas in the Ville Parade in December.

The decision to run for Homemaker of the Year was driven by Vicki’s desire “to empower young women to be the best homemakers they can be.”

“To me it seems like married couples nowadays are both working full-time and don’t do much homemaking,” she said. “I think a lot of people are trying to keep up with the Joneses and buy a big house instead of taking a step back and working on the kids.”

Being a homemaker can be a demanding job, however, Vicki believes that the key to success is simply loving what you do. “If you love what you do then you’ll never have to work a day in your life,” she said. “Anyone can have a baby—but not everyone can be a mother.”

Another important component of the job? “Making sure everything runs smoothly—even if you’re running late,” she added.

In 1959 Vicki’s parents packed up all their belongings and emigrated from England to the United States by boat. With all her family residing in England, Vicki occasionally travels there to visit. “I haven’t gone in awhile, but growing up up that’s where I spent a lot of my summers,” she noted.

In her family, Vicki is a part of the first generation to be born in the United States.

Vicki graduated from Northern Allen Park in 1979 and later went on to study business at Dorsey Business College. For the last twenty years she has lived in Howell with her husband Alex and their now seventeen-year-old son Ian whom she home schools. In her free time she volunteers at St. George Church and enjoys playing tennis, shopping, crocheting and water color

painting.

Vicki currently sells artwork and crocheted items to three stores in Livingston County: Homespun in Brighton, Made 2 Inspire in Howell, and 123 Shoppe Unique—which is also in Howell. Vicki also has an Etsy account where she sells some of her products online. Her ultimate goal is to grow her sales and “achieve a stronger selling base.”

From time to time, Vicki also sells at the Farmers Markets in Howell and Brighton in addition to craft shows that are held in Livingston County. “I like to sell winter hats at those shows—they have become very popular,” she said.

One of Vicki’s biggest hopes for next year is to represent the Fowlerville Fair and Livingston County in the State Finals. “There are eighty counties in Michigan that have fairs, with many of them having this contest,” she pointed out. “So the winner of each homemaker competition can compete for the state title. I’d love to be able to represent our community at the state level.”

Although the next ‘Homemaker of the Year’ competition at the local fair is nearly a year away, anyone who is interested in potentially taking part can always find more information at www.fowlervillefamilyfair.com/homemaker-of-the-year. The competition is open to all men and women (ages 18 and up) who live in Livingston County.

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Paul Harmon, at right, was named ‘Volunteer of the Year’ by the Livingston County Association of Realtors. He is shown here with his father, Tom Harmon.

Local realtor named ‘Volunteer of the Year’ at annual association meeting

The Livingston County Association of Realtors®, which represents over 700 REALTORS® and 70 Affiliate members in Livingston County, announced their annual awards at the General Membership Meeting, August 9, 2017.

Paul Harmon, Broker/Owner Harmon Real Estate located in Fowlerville has been named the 2017 Livingston County Association of Realtors® Volunteer of the Year. Paul currently serves as the treasurer for the LCAR Board of Directors. In addition, he serves as the Chairman of the Finance Committee, member of the Professional Standards committee and forms taskforce. Paul served on the building committee, assisting in the acquisition and renovation of the new LCAR office building. He is an RPAC investor. Paul joined LCAR in 1996 and has been giving his time for the betterment of the association and its members since then.

Paul is also a strong supporter of the Fowlerville community and volunteers his time as the treasurer of the Fowlerville Rotary, President of the Fowlerville Business Association, co-chair of the Annual Christmas in the Ville committee, a member of the Fowlerville DDA committee, is active in youth baseball, is chairman of the local golf league and a supporter of the Family Impact Center.

Todd Buckley, Broker/Owner of The Buckley Jolley Real Estate Team located in downtown Brighton has been named 2017 Realtor® of the Year. Todd currently serves as Past President of LCAR on the board of directors. He is a member of the Forms taskforce, Finance, Professional Standards and Governmental Affairs committees. Todd served on the building committee, assisting in the acquisition and renovation of the new LCAR office building. Todd participates in many association activities and events including Realtor® Ring the Bell Day, LCAR Annual Food Drive and the summer picnic. He is the chairman of the 2017 Michigan Realtor Broker Summit committee and a member of the Michigan Realtors® public policy committee and is an RPAC sterling R investor. Todd and his family are active with the local boy scouts and many other community activities. He has been a member of the association since 1997.

Mark Marker, Executive Vice President/Partner with Vanguard Title Company located in downtown Brighton has been named the 2017 Livingston County Association of Realtors® Affiliate of the Year. Mark has been a member of LCAR since 1997 and serves on the Governmental Affairs RPAC, Affiliate and Forms committees. He is an RPAC investor. He sponsors and participates in the summer picnic, Annual food drive, After hours and many other LCAR activities and is always willing to lend a helping hand. He is a member of the Brighton Rotary and the Home Builders Association of Livingston County.

Livingston Acoustic Music Society to gather on Aug. 19 at Fowlerville church

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

Location: Fowlerville Church of the Nazarene; 8040 Country Corner Dr.; Fowlerville, MI: In the strip mall just south of the I-96 (over pass) bridge on Fowlerville Rd.

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Darrel LeRoy ‘Skip’ Rice

Darrel LeRoy Rice, May 26, 1940 -- August 4, 2017

Darrel (Skip) Rice, born in Hillsdale, MI to Marion and Edna Rice, passed peacefully in his Fowlerville home, surrounded by his immediate family. He was predeceased by his parents, an infant twin brother, Gerald, elder brother, Richard (Eva), and sister, Mary Ann (Bert) Rigney.

Along with his wife and children, Darrel (known as “Skip,” a childhood nickname given by his father) is survived by loving sister, Judy Hartman, granddaughters, Emma and Hannah, numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

After graduation from Reading High School, Skip continued his education at several colleges, earning degrees from Central Michigan and Michigan State University. His college attendance was interrupted by enlistment in the United States Air Force, including service in Saigon during the Vietnam War. He married Susan Jane Hartman (South Lyon) in 1969, after which they added daughter, Rebecca, and son, Andrew (Eileen) to their family.

Skip began his teaching career in 1969 as a science and photography instructor at Brighton High School, Brighton, MI. After 25 years, he felt called into Christian ministry and attended seminary classes in Kentucky and Ohio. He then served for over five years as pastor of the United Methodist Livingston Circuit (Trinity and Plainfield Churches). Declining health prompted a second retirement during which time he enjoyed traveling (especially to Arizona), being a grandpa, and observing nature from his rural home.

Celebration of life gatherings included visitation at Herrmann Funeral Home in Fowlerville, MI with military honors on Friday, August 11 from 6-8 p.m. and a final farewell at Howell United Methodist Church on Saturday, August 12, which included a 10 a.m. visitation and 11 a.m. service.

In lieu of flowers, it was Skip’s wish that memorials be made to the Brighton High School Scholarship Fund or the Howell First United Methodist Church Building Fund. Please send the family a condolence at pjherrmannfuneralhome.com

Concert at the Courthouse to feature ‘Air Margaritaville’ on Friday, Aug. 18

‘Air Margaritaville’ will be the featured band at the Concert at the Courthouse this Friday, August 18, in Howell. The entertainment will run from 7 to 9 p.m.

This musical group will be the latest in a variety of local area musicians who have taken 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, 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!

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



Suzanne Grace Wiles (Hayner)

Suzanne Grace (Nichols) Wiles (Hayner), 70, of Fowlerville, passed away on Tuesday August 01, 2017 in Fowlerville.

Suzanne was born in Howell Michigan to Gloria (DeForest) and Gordon Nichols on Sept. 29, 1946. She married Jerry Joel Wiles in August of 1965. She retired from TRW in 2008, and was a member of United Brethren Church and lifetime auxiliary member of the VFW post 6464 in Fowlerville. Proudly, she earned her GED in 1987. Suzanne loved her flower gardens, feeding the birds, and a special squirrel that ate peanuts from her hand. Sue and her husband, Mike, have two beloved dogs--Sally and Rosco.

Suzanne is preceded in death by her parents, husband Jerry Joel Wiles on July 28, 2004 and her son Stanley Allen Wiles on April 19, 1971.

Suzanne is survived by her husband Michael James Hayner and two dogs Sally and Rosco. She is also survived by her brothers: Richard Nichols, Douglas Nichols, Gordon “Lee” Nichols and sister: Betty (Nichols) Smith. Suzanne has a son Kevin Joel Wiles (Heather Zofko-Wiles) and a daughter Wendy Anne (Wiles) Roy (Larry Allen Roy). Her grandchildren are Harley Allen Hollnagel (Kaylee Herbert), Brandon Lee Wiles (Taylor Levoska), Aaron Junior Roy (Corinne Simons), Logan George Bills and Kylie Lynn Bills. Her great grandchildren are Holley Rae Hollnagel and Kaycee Mae Hollnagel.

The family has a memorial fund for Suzanne payable to her husband James Michael Hayner.

Visitation was held at United Brethren Church 9300 W. Grand River Ave. on Monday, August 07, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. The funeral service was held at United Brethren Church, first by the VFW Post 6464 and followed by Pastor Tom Tarpley of the United Brethren Church at 11:00 a.m.

Suzanne was cremated and will be laid to rest in Bell Oak Cemetery alongside her husband Jerry Wiles and son Stanley Wiles at a later date.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to Herrmann Funeral Home, Pastor Tom Tarpley of United Brethren Church and the membership of the VFW Post 6464 in Fowlerville. Please leave the family a condolence at pjherrmannfuneralhome.com



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Webberville Report

Webberville Community School News

The 8th Annual Webberville Athletic Boosters Golf Outing is Saturday, August 19, 2017. This four person scramble will be held at Oak Lane Golf Course. Registration begins at 8:30 AM with a shot gun start at 9:00 AM. Cost is \$260 per team or \$65 per person and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch and a chance to win prizes. Contact Troy Perkins at 517-375-1613 to register or for information. All proceeds go to support Webberville athletes.

The Webberville All School Reunion is Saturday, August 19, in the high school cafeteria. The celebration will begin at noon. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Beverages will be provided.

Webberville Community Schools will begin the school year on Monday, August 21. Please note school will not be in session on Friday, August 25; Friday, September 1 and Monday, September 4 (Labor Day).

Webberville School of Choice applications are available for the 2017-2018 school year. They are available from the homepage of the website and in the district office, and are due by Friday, August 25, 2017.

Proposed tax changes would not benefit all taxpayers & states, claims Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy

WASHINGTON D.C. - The Trump administration’s tax proposals would not benefit all taxpayers or states equally, according to new analysis from the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy.

Matt Gardner, a senior fellow at the institute, says the richest one percent of taxpayers would receive more than 60 percent of the tax benefits. He adds that poorer states, largely in the South and Southeast, would get a portion of the tax cuts lower than their share of the U.S. population.

“Richer states tend to do better, poorer states tend to do worse - in a way that mirrors what’s happening nationwide, with richer Americans getting the lion’s share of the benefits and poorer Americans being comparatively left out in the cold,” he explains.

Proponents of Trump’s proposal say all Americans will see their taxes reduced, and claim the move will boost revenues by stimulating economic growth. Gardner disagrees and notes the nation’s top earners will get an average of \$145,000 in tax breaks, compared with just \$130 for the bottom 20 percent of earners.

Gardner adds there’s no evidence to support the supply-side argument that tax cuts can pay for themselves. He says the tradeoff on nearly \$5 trillion in lost revenues would likely be cuts in health care, education and food-assistance programs.

“Under any realistic view of the economic consequences of this plan, we’re going to see larger budget deficits,” he says. “First on the chopping block would be federal aid to low-income Americans.”

The White House also has proposed cutting SNAP benefits, the program formerly known as food stamps, by 25 percent over the next decade.

Orgul Ozturk is an economics professor at the University of South Carolina. She says in the wake of the last recession, and the continued drop in real wages, SNAP has become a lifeline for the nation’s working poor.

“There’s this new group of SNAP recipients--not the elderly, not the children--but working poor, who just can’t make enough,” she says. “Even though they are working, they cannot earn enough to be over the poverty threshold.”

She says nearly 70 percent of SNAP recipients are children, seniors and people with disabilities, and more than 20 percent work full-time, are caretakers or are enrolled in training programs.



Tala and Quinn Eichler of Williamston show off the award-winning tower they built at a recent CADL Webberville event. The science workshop was presented by staff from Impression 5 Science Center.

Webberville Library Report

By Head Librarian Peg Mawby

Thank you to all the CADL Webberville patrons who participated in Summer Reading this year. I wanted to remind you that the last day to pick up prizes you’ve earned is Saturday, Aug. 19. Our hours that day are 10 a.m.–2 p.m. We hope you enjoyed the library’s summer events as much as we did, on the theme of “Build a Better World.” Believe it or not, we are already planning events for next summer, when the theme will be music. You’ll be hearing about “Libraries Rock” before you know it!

We have made a few changes in the library that I think you will find helpful when browsing our shelves. Some of the books now have bookmarks in them, indicating that these titles are recommended by staff or other library patrons.

We also have a new bookmark that says “New to Webberville.” These titles may not be newly published, but they have never been on Webberville shelves before. Some of our branches are “trading spaces”—swapping books with each other to freshen up the shelves. The latest batch of “new” titles at Webberville belong to the mystery genre.

Finally, although summer is winding down, a whole slate of fall events is just around the corner. Find details at cadl.org/summer.

Capital Area District Libraries’ Webberville branch is located at 115 S. Main Street in Webberville. For more information, call 517-521-3643 or visit cadl.org.

Webberville United Methodist Church serving Chicken Dinner on Aug. 19

The Webberville United Methodist Church is having its monthly chicken dinner on Saturday, August 19 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.

Capital Library Events

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Drop-in LEGO Club (Age 4 & up)

Imaginative play helps develop skills used for reading. Aug. 24, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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Webberville 4-H’ers & FFA showed at the Ingham County Fair



The Dufrin family did well with their poultry entries. From left, Aaron, age 12, who has been in 4-H for 4 years, placed 4th in Chicken Showmanship and Intermediate with his Gray Japanese bird. He'll be in 7th grade this fall. Samuel Dufrin, age 14, has been in 4-H for 5 years. He placed 1st in Intermediate Showmanship with his Red Brown Dutch Bantam. He will be in 9th grade this fall. Abigail Dufrin, age 16, has been in 4-H for 7 years. She placed 1st in Senior Showmanship with her Black Dutch Bantam. She'll start 11th grade this fall. This was Noah Dufrin's first year in 4-H. He placed 2nd with his Black Dutch Bantam. He'll be in 5th grade this year.



Pictured here with their still life projects are, from left, Abigail Rider, Best of Show – Quilting and Crocheting, Best Overall Circle Granny Square Afghan, Best Overall Canning and Honorable Mention Etching; Genevieve Brown with three Best of Shows – Canning, Media Arts and Candles, Best Overall Glass Etching, Honorable Mention Knitting and Performing Arts; Vivian Brown with Honorable Mention Drawing, Blue Ribbon Glass Etching, Metal Punch, Candles and Canning.



Lane Swan and Dana Gorski put the Webberville FFA booth together for the fair.



Liam Agnew received 9th in his Market Class for Showmanship. This is his first year in 4-H and he will be in 5th grade at Williamston this fall.



Cousins Dawson and Nate Lott, age 14, of the Webberville 4-H and FFA showed swine. Dawson, on the left, has been in 4-H for 4 years and is also in FFA. He showed two Hampshire swine and placed 4th and 7th in his class. He will be in 9th grade at Webberville. Nate has also been in 4-H and FFA for 4 years. He showed his Blue Butt/ Duroc Cross. He starts 8th grade in Webberville this fall.

Webberville UMC presents its 3rd annual melodrama August 18-19

The Webberville UMC Players, a group of local actors, will be presenting “Peril on the Mighty Mississippi” this coming weekend. There will be a show Friday, August 18th at 7:00 and 2 shows Saturday, August 19th, at 3:30 and 7:15. Tickets are available at the door. The show is \$5 per person, with a discount of \$2 on Saturday if purchased with a chicken dinner meal.

Come see the villains try to steal and cheat their way to glory and the young hero save the day, along with much comedy relief by other players in the show. With hysterical (and constant!) asides, you will love this traditional melodrama in a fresh and fun setting. “Peril on the Might Mississippi”, written by Donald Mellen, is produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Denver, Colorado.

The Webberville United Methodist Church is located at 4215 E. Holt Rd., at the corner of M-52.



Genevieve Brown, on left, age 17, has been in Webberville 4-H for 6 years. She is from Williamston and is home-schooled and will be a senior this fall. She earned Reserve Champion in her English Breed Class, Best Do-It-Yourself Costume Class and 2nd Place in Senior Showmanship with her Black Australorp bird. On the right is Vivian Brown, age 11, who has been in 4-H for 3 years. She'll be in 7th grade this fall and is also home-schooled. Vivian won the Grand Champion Costume Award with her Cornish Cross Meat Bird.

Dansville Community Center to host Euchre Night on August 19

Do you like to play Euchre? The Dansville Community Center at 1317 Mason Street in Dansville will be having Euchre Night on Saturday, August 19 starting at 7pm. A donation of \$5 per person is asked to help pay for expenses for the night. Prizes for high score, low score, and most lone hands will be awarded. Beginners are welcome. For more information contact 517-851-7853.

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SYNOPSIS
Tuesday, August 8, 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: Roddy, Munsell and Eisele. Absent: Shear. Also present: Att. Kehoe, Zoning Adm. Call and resident Chuck Wright. 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 minutes of regular meeting of 7-13-17 and special meeting of 7-6-17 as presented.

To pay the bills in the amount of \$142,322.76.

To approve contract with Michigan Agribusiness Solutions.

To renew operations and maintenance agreement with Infrastructure Alternatives.

To appoint Alverson to act as Association Administrator at committee rate.

To renew agreement with GenPower for maintenance on generators.

To refer the sidewalk plan and ordinance to the Planning Commission for review.

To adjourn meeting at 8:43 P.M.

Laura A. Eisele
Handy Township Clerk
(8-13-17 FNV)

Webberville 4-H’ers & FFA showed at the Ingham County Fair, continued



Nolan Gorski of the Webberville FFA had the Champion Lightweight Gilt at the Ingham County Fair. He will be a junior at Webberville this fall and has been in FFA for 6 years.



Emma Agnew, who has been in 4-H for 5 years, was in the “Final Drive” with her Yorkshire Cross, *Mercedes*, for Showmanship. She also was in the “Final Drive” with *Bruce* in the Barrow Market Class. She’ll be in 9th grade in Williamston this fall.



Ava Palmatier is 10 years old and this was her first year of showing. She had the Champion Middle Weight Barrow and took 5th Place overall in Junior Showmanship. She attends Williamston schools and will be starting 5th grade this fall.



Lane Swan, who has been in Webberville FFA 3 years, took 3rd and 4th place with his Duroc. He is a Webberville grad and is attending MSU’s agriculture program.



Dana Gorski of Webberville FFA placed 3rd in her class with her Hampshire Swine. She’ll be in 9th grade at Webberville this fall.



Kolson Lycos of Webberville 4-H and FFA showed hogs for his second year and also showed turkeys. He is 13 years old and will be in 8th grade this fall.



Ashton Lott, age 15, has been in 4-H for 6 years. She placed 5th and 6th in Market with her Blue Butt Swine and was in the Showmanship “Final Drive”. Ashton also showed a turkey. She’ll be in 10th grade at Webberville this fall.



Noah Palmatier had the Champion Purebred Swine with his Yorkshire Barrow. He also took Reserve Middle Weight with his Crossbreed Gilt. Noah is 15 and has been in 4-H for 7 years and will be in 10th grade at Williamston this fall.



Breanna Huetteman of Webberville 4-H showed a steer for the first time. She took 1st Place in her class and went onto the Grand Champion Drive. She’ll be a freshman in Okemos this fall.



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Annalise Young, left, age 6, is in her first year of Cloverbuds. She showed a birdhouse and a tie-dyed shirt. Her sister, Serenity Young, age 8, also a Cloverbud, showed a birdhouse and a tie-dyed shirt. The girls are from Williamston and are home-schooled. Annalise will be in 1st grade and Serenity in 3rd this year.



Savannah Tennant, left, has been in 4-H for 7 years and is also in the Webberville FFA, where she serves as President. She showed her New Zealand White Rabbit and received Reserve Single Fryer, Reserve Meat Pen, Best Opposite and Best of Breed. She placed 2nd overall for Showmanship. She is 17 and will be a senior at Webberville this fall. Gracelyn Hull, on right, received Best of Breed and Best Opposite with her California rabbit and Grand Champion Single Fryer with her New Zealand rabbit. She is 17 years old and is in FFA in Webberville where she will be a senior this fall.



Liam Agnew of the Webberville 4-H Club received Reserve Champion with his Broad Breasted Bronze Market Turkey. This is his first year of 4-H and he'll be a 5th grader in Williamston this fall.



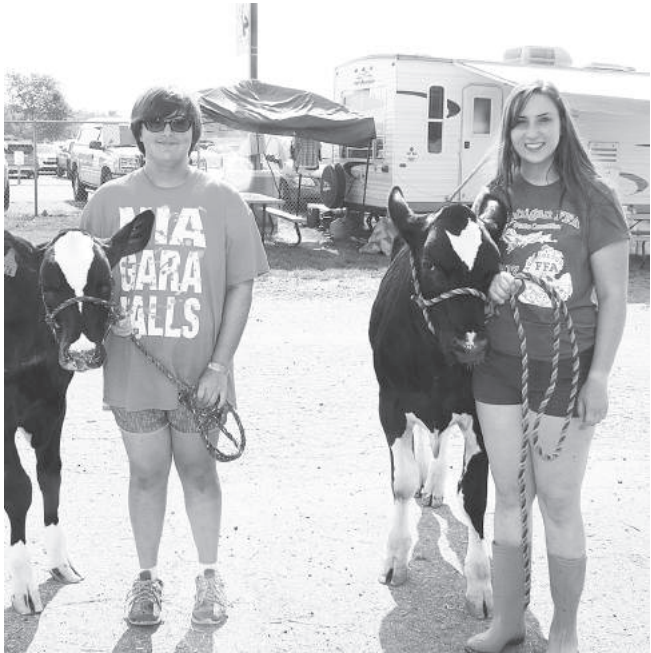
Emma Agnew also showed her Brown Swiss Holstein Cross and received 3rd in Showmanship and 4th in Market Class.



Zoe Hodge, age 15, on left, showed her calf and placed 8th in Market. She is a FFA member and will be in 10th grade at Webberville this fall. Jeffery Michalski, age 16, on right, showed his calf and placed 5th in Market. He is a FFA member and will be in 10th grade at Webberville this fall.



Michael Wilson, on left, has been in FFA and 4-H and is 18 years old. He placed 3rd in Market with his cow. He will be a freshman at Baker College in the fall. Paige Wilson, on right, has been in FFA and 4-H and is 20 years old. She won Grand Champion Feeder Calf and placed 2nd in Showmanship and Reserve Grand Champion Dairy. She is a junior at MSU where she is studying animal science.



Sydney Piper, age 13, on left, showed for the first time and placed 7th in Market. He'll be a freshman at Webberville this fall. Jenna Kingsley, 18, on right, of Webberville FFA, placed 1st in Senior Showmanship and 6th in Market. She is a sophomore at Lansing Community College studying agriculture.



Breanna Huetteman, on left, of Webberville 4-H, took 6th Place in Market. She'll be a 9th grader in Okemos in the fall. Kaitlyn Chamberlain, on right, placed 2nd in Market. She is 10 years old and will be in 5th grade at Okemos.



This was the first year for the 4-H Still Life Auction at the Ingham County Fair. Pictured here with her wall hanging Irish Chain Quilt is 18 year old Abigail Rider. This is her 4th year in Webberville 4-H and she will be a freshman at Lansing Community College this fall.

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The 9th Annual Doc May Memorial Melon Ride being held on Saturday, August 19, is a 15-mile ride through historic neighborhoods, the McPherson Park Bike Path, Crosstown Trail, Howell City Park and Lake View Cemetery. This ride has become a Howell Melon Festival Tradition and is our way of celebrating the life of Doctor Pat May. The ride ends back at the Livingston County Courthouse for the post-ride, Howell Melon and Ice Cream. All registered riders will receive a route map, a commemorative t-shirt, and bike drawing ticket. Visit the website for registration info. www.howellrecreation.org/special-events-cal

Classic Car Show being hosted by Howell Area Historical Society Aug. 19

The Howell Area Historical Society Melon Festival Classic Car Show will be held on Saturday, August 19th, from 10am – 4pm on Grand River in front of the court house. Dash plaques will be provided for the first 50 cars along with goody bags. Cash award will be presented to the top pick voted by People’s Choice. Your registration fee will help maintain the Society’s Historic 1886 Ann Arbor Railroad Depot and 1888 Grand Trunk Caboose. Both will be open Saturday and Sunday of Melon Festival. Day of on-site registration is \$15 at 9am, pre-registration is \$10 forms available on the website. www.howellareahistoricalsociety.org/

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Steve Horton Column

Taxing Advertising Could Have Adverse Economic Consequences

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Advertising for many businesses, whether large or small, is used primarily to sell a product or service to a targeted audience. But it also serves as a marketing tool to let people know who they are, what they do, where they’re located, and how to contact them. Last, but not least, it offers businesses a way to support community activities and organizations.

With the money spent and its impact, advertising is a major part of the overall economy—locally, in the state of Michigan, and nationally.

Information compiled by The ADvertising Coalition (a national association of advertisers, ad agencies, and media companies) states that advertising helps generate \$9.4 billion or 15 percent of the economic activity in the 8th Congressional District—an area that includes Livingston and Ingham Counties and the northern part of Oakland County.

The study also shows that advertising helps produce 33,527 or 12 percent of all jobs in the district. “Every \$1 million spent on advertising supported 69 jobs in the 8th District,” the Coalition pointed out, adding that “Every direct advertising job also supported 43 other jobs across all industries.”

In Michigan, as a whole, advertising expenditures account for \$179.8 billion of economic output or sales—an amount (the Coalition’s study pointed) that is 16.3 percent of the \$1.1 trillion in total economic output in the State. Job-wise, the number is over 566,000, or 13.4 percent of the labor force.

When you get to the entire United States, the figures are \$5.8 trillion, or 16 percent, and 20 million jobs, or 14 percent.

Advertising, as it’s generally defined, is considered an ordinary and necessary business expense and, ever since the tax code was created in 1913, has been a fully deductible cost of doing business. However, this 100 percent deduction—which has treated advertising the same way as hiring employees or buying products to stock the shelves for resale or paying the monthly rent on an office—may be in danger of being reduced or otherwise modified. Doing so would likely have adverse economic consequences, says The ADvertising Coalition. It is an assessment I concur with.

If a recent proposal were enacted, only half of the total expense could be deducted for the current tax year while the remainder of the money spent would be spread out as a deduction over the next several years. And what about that remaining part of the advertising expense? Well, it would be taxed as income. As an example, if an automobile dealer spent \$2 million to advertise the 2017 models, it could deduct \$1 million this year but would not finish deducting the other \$1 million until the 2027 models were on sale

Such a change would have an obvious impact on this newspaper (a dire one in my judgment since our weekly publication is funded entirely by the sale of ads) and would, I believe, also have a chilling effect on small businesses—not only those we serve and who are our customers but elsewhere in the state and nation.

So am I akin to Paul Revere, sounding the alarm, or more like Chicken Little, thinking the sky is falling when no such danger exists? Is the 100 percent deduction for advertising likely to be changed? Or is it an off-the-wall idea that has little chance of gaining support?

Well, The Advertising Coalition—whose membership includes such major entities as the National Association of Broadcasters, CBS, The Walt Disney Company, 21st Century Fox, and the News Media Alliance—is concerned it might gain traction.

The reason for the concern is tied to the fact that the Republican leadership in the House and Senate as well as the Trump Administration have indicated their intent to bring a major tax overhaul up for consideration this fall. Their stated goal is to reduce the rates for corporations as well as individual taxpayers, and to make the tax code “simpler.”

Part of the preliminary discussion has included eliminating or modifying some of the existing “loopholes” as a means of offsetting some of the revenue that will be lost by reducing rates. Loophole is a term used for describing the other guy’s tax break or deduction. Possibly the best known deduction, one used by millions of Americans, is the yearly interest that’s paid on a home mortgage loan. Ending that loophole is one of the options being considered.

The advertising deduction is not a loophole. Our system taxes the net income of a business – the profits. To determine what is profit a business takes its total income and deducts its expenses, such as rent, salaries, office supplies, utilities – and advertising. These deductions to determine what is net income to be taxed have been around since the beginning (1913).

Unfortunately, officials looking for offsetting revenues sometimes forget or ignore the basic structure of our tax system and the reasons behind these deductions. The fear is that in the give-and-take of this upcoming legislative process, reducing the advertising deduction could slip into the final bill.

It is not an unfounded worry. The idea has been brought up before in the Halls of Congress. The initial proposal dates back to 1986. And like a pesky weed, it’s popped up off and on since then, most recently appearing a little over two years ago when the former Republican Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Rep. Dave Camp of Michigan, introduced a tax reform bill that would have allowed businesses to deduct only 50 percent of ad spending the first year with the rest amortized over ten years.

Before that, in 2013, Max Baucus, who at the time was the Democratic senator from Montana and the chairman of the Senate finance committee, offered up a similar proposal, only his proposal would have amortized half of all ad expenses over five years.

The justification for amortizing part of the expense is that, in the proponents’ view, advertising has a long-term benefit for businesses as well as a short-term one.

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Well, that might be true if the business lasts long enough. But most of those I’ve dealt with over the years want an immediate benefit when they invest their money. Growing their business, which can take time, is part of the equation, still many of them advertise to sell more merchandise or to get more customers as soon as possible. Moreover, two economists who received the Nobel Prize have written specifically that most advertising does not have a long-lasting benefit, and that the current tax treatment is correct.

The supporters for reducing the tax deduction and treating the remainder as taxable income point to the pot of money that could be generated. But that’s assuming the decision-making by businesses doesn’t change—that they continue spending the same amount of money on advertising. I can see many of them—especially small businesses—taking a hard look at what they’ve been spending since, if they were to continue at the current amount, it would add to their tax bill.

This sort of tax policy, in my opinion, would penalize owners and companies for making an investment in their business when buying an ad, launching a promotional campaign or otherwise trying to move the needle by gaining more customers or improving sales. Such investment and its desired end result—which is sometimes a calculated risk with no guarantee—if successful, not only helps them, but improves the economic vitality of their community and this nation. It ought to be encouraged, not greeted with a larger tax bill.

I BECAME MORE AWARE OF THE IMPACT OF ADVERTISING on the economy, its importance in generating jobs, and the possibility that part of the money spent on advertising might be taxed thanks to my being invited to join a small, grassroots delegation that would be meeting with Congressman Mike Bishop at his Brighton office. In the briefing for the meeting we reviewed the information I’ve cited on advertising’s economic footprint in the economy and background on past proposals to tax advertising by reducing the 100 percent deduction. We also discussed how the tax reform bill was progressing and the concerns that Congress, in the give-and-take that will go on, might modify the deduction.

The purpose of the meeting was to have constituents from back home—myself being one of them—talk with Mr. Bishop about the importance of advertising to our assorted media businesses and to the business community.

Why Congressman Bishop? Well, he is the newest member of the House Ways & Means Committee, replacing Tom Price who left Congress to serve as the new Secretary of Health & Human Services. The Ways & Means Committee is where the work on tax reform—and it’s various provisions—will officially begin.

Our delegation was comprised of representatives from the Michigan Association of Broadcasters, the Local Search Association (whose membership includes the Yellow Pages directories, Google, and other advertising and media companies), the Meredith Corporation which publishes such well-known magazines as *Better Homes & Gardens* and *Midwest Living*, and the Michigan Press Association—the newspaper trade group I belong to.

My membership in the MPA and the fact I own a newspaper in the 8th District were the reasons why I got the call, asking if I’d take part in this gathering.

At the meeting, held on August 2, we started by introducing ourselves and the entities we represented and then each of us had a chance to offer our observations and opinions.

I noted that the *Fowlerville News & Views* is supported entirely by advertising, nearly all of it from small businesses. I added that we circulate 6,300 copies each week. I had brought a copy of the current issue which I put on the table, pointing out that it contained numerous photos of the recent Fowlerville Family Fair as well as columns by State Senator Joe Hune and State Representative Hank Vaupel, other columnists, and information on upcoming community events along with the ads.

“Over the course of the year, we print the school news, the obituaries, and promote special events,” I added. “I see the newspaper as a community bulletin board where individuals, the schools, churches, other organizations and businesses can place information to inform the public. There are other ways of getting out the word, but the newspaper has been and is an effective way to do so.”

I had also brought a copy of the Fowlerville Family Fair book and one of the sports programs for the Fowlerville High School and pointed out that both publications are supported by advertising. I further noted that at the fair, I and other businesses from the area had purchased still exhibits and market livestock from the 4-H’ers.

“If the 100 percent tax deduction is reduced, then advertisers will probably become more selective in what they’ll spend their money on,” I said. “They might still run an ad in the newspaper, but decide not to buy support ads in the fair book or the school sports program or yearbook. Or it

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might be the other way around.”

I said that I didn’t have a crystal ball to predict how small business might react to this kind of change in the code, but noted that my concern is that owners, by no longer being able to deduct advertising at 100 percent, are going to reduce their advertising spending since many of them are on tight budgets.

“While that hurts my self-interest,” I acknowledged, “it puts small businesses, the Main Street types who are my customers, at still another competitive disadvantage and adds still another burden for them. Many of them already face a challenge in competing. This sort of change would make it that much harder.”

I brought up two other related points to be considered. One was that being able to deduct part of the advertising expense and amortizing the rest of the cost over a period of years makes record-keeping and decision-making even more complicated—still another obstacle for the small business owner. A 100 percent deduction, by comparison, is simple and straight-forward.

As for the second point, I noted that a lot of people, myself included, got our fingers burned during the Great Recession. Due to this unpleasant experience, many small businesses have been cautious and even reluctant about making major moves or investments. This hesitant approach has remained even though a recovery has been going on for several years. I think you could argue, as some have, that this mindset is a main reason why the rebound has not been as robust as many had hoped.

I suggested that a major tax change like this one (a modification I consider radical) might fuel the uncertainty and make small businesses even more cautious and hesitant—a psychology that would hinder the economy and even cause it to contract.

Since this meeting with Congressman Bishop was a private one, not a press conference, I won’t report on what others said—although their comments provided other valuable perspectives and were certainly equal to or even better stated than my own—nor what the Congressman said in response. He did make comments that indicated his understanding of our respective positions.

That said, I don’t feel I’m out-of-place to divulge that the Congressman feels a tax reform bill needs to be undertaken this year, given that 2018 will be an election year, and that the House and Senate Republican leadership and the rest of the GOP caucus as well as the Trump administration want to see a lowering of corporate and individual rates and a simpler code.

He noted that within that broad, overarching goal will be a lot of considerations and proposals. Among them, he said, is that lower tax rates mean less short-term revenue which can cause the deficit to go up unless other sources of revenue are

found or programs are cut or some combination of the two are done.

He was expressing a reality that all of those others in the room, being representatives of their associations or clients already knew, namely that a lot of deals get made, unexpected provisions get added to the final bill, and the ‘devil is in the details.’

In some cases it’s a lesser-of-two-evils choice, while in other cases there are winners and losers. As to that latter scenario, I noted at the meeting, “When you rob Peter to pay Paul, you can usually count on Paul’s support.”

It’s certainly no revelation that there are a host of self-interests involved in the legislative process. Each and all attempt to persuade the public officials who are deciding the matter on the rightness of their particular cause or circumstance. There’s also the common cause, that utilitarian notion of “the greatest good for the greatest number.”

For me, maintaining the 100 percent deduction for advertising is one of self-interest. Selling ads is what pays the bills. Changing the existing tax code and, in doing so, possibly causing many small businesses to reduce their advertising budget is of personal concern.

But such change has (in my view) broader implications—ones that could negatively impact jobs, businesses, consumers, and overall economic activity.

Against that risky proposition is a track record of proven success. For over 100 years, ever since the federal income tax became law, this policy of a full deduction has been in place and helped build our local, state, and national economy. Advertising is the lubricant of our free market system. It aids and enhances the flow of goods and services. Why in the world mess with it?

Play Yard Renovation Raffle Fundraiser to aid Humane Society

The Humane Society of Livingston County, in partnership with Rottermond Jewelers, has a goal to raise \$6,000 for a much needed renovation of their outside dog kennel runs and play area, allowing the dogs to de-stress from shelter life. Rottermond Jewelers has donated 3 Shinola watch prizes for a raffle drawing on September 16th to raise the funds as well as donating 10% from their Dog Fever jewelry collection sales.

Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Humane Society of Livingston County at 2464 Dorr Road in Howell, or at the Brighton and Milford Rottermond stores. Raffle tickets are also available for purchase on-line at <http://rottermond.com/doggie-play-yard-affle-tickets> and will be mailed directly to you. Only 400 tickets will be sold. Do not have to be present to win.

Fowlerville Education Association- FEA Attitude + Awareness + Achievement = Community Success Did you know?

1. Many teachers attend the fair events and support our 4-H students.
2. We support the Military and do many events within our classroom to show our support- including inviting veterans in to speak, writing letters, or going to events for recently graduated students that serve.
3. Once a teacher, always a teacher- we often attend special events in the world of our students like graduation celebrations, weddings, and baby showers.
4. Often teachers work before school, during lunch, and after school to help struggling students.
5. Teachers spend time facilitating fund raising for kids- like new uniforms and such. We also often buy fundraising items from our students.
6. Summers off is quite the illusion- we take classes and start organizing our classrooms at least 30 days before school starts.
7. Supplies are something we work hard to supply to enrich our curriculum- on average most teachers spend over \$500 out of pocket.
8. We also have become great at writing- we are often writing grants and other proposals to help bring things into the classroom that would not be covered otherwise.
9. You may have seen us at your garage sales or in the clearance aisle this summer scouting out books and other items to add choices for students and to make our classrooms more inviting.
10. Our job is the best in the World as it creates all other jobs.

FINALLY - Straight talk About Sciatica

Are you suffering from back pain or sciatica? Then it's likely your biggest problem is pain. But there's another major problem: bad information.

To end sciatica misery you must have the right information. Pay close attention because I'm going to destroy sciatica myths and give you the facts.

MYTH: Sciatica will just "go away" with some rest.

FACT: If you are dealing with back pain, buttock pain or leg pain, then you must seek help from a sciatica specialist immediately. Left untreated, sciatica can lead to permanent nerve damage - and lifelong pain.

MYTH: Pain is the only problem associated with sciatica.

FACT: In severe cases, sciatica can lead to the inability to control your bowels or bladder - leading to embarrassing situations.

MYTH: You must take pain medications to deal with sciatica.

FACT: Drugs like muscle relaxants, pain killers, narcotics, antidepressants, and anti-seizure medications have serious potential side-effects and do not cure the root cause of sciatica.

MYTH: "I must have done something wrong to get sciatica."

FACT: Physical work or simply sitting at a desk for long periods can lead to sciatica. Accidents and trauma can also

be the culprits. Pregnancy can cause sciatica. Sciatica can affect anyone - including super-fit celebrities like Tiger Woods, Sylvester Stallone, and British Olympic medalist Ian Wynne.

MYTH: Stop exercising and get several weeks of bed rest to overcome sciatica.

FACT: Staying active can help to relieve sciatic pain and prevent the pain getting worse. Staying inactive in bed could be the worst advice - based on a recent study in the Netherlands.

MYTH: Sciatica requires surgery.

FACT: NO! There's been a huge breakthrough in the treatment of sciatica and lower back pain. It's a new procedure called Non-Surgical Re-Constructive Spinal Care. The excellent results from this treatment have been published in major medical journals. Success rates are up to 90%.

MYTH: "There's nothing anyone can really do. I'm just stuck with this for the rest of my life."

FACT: With the correct treatment from a healthcare professional who specializes in sciatica, you can find relief from the core cause - and the symptoms.

MYTH: Getting Sciatica properly diagnosed is expensive.

FACT: Not true. Dr. Ann Pushies of Pushies Chiropractic in Williamston is currently offering an initial consultation

for Just \$43.

Dr. Ann Pushies, D.C.
Spinal Disc Expert
in Williamston

Dr. Pushies is one of the greater Lansing's leading sciatica experts. Dr. Pushies has helped over 1,537 patients find relief from agonizing back pain and sciatica. She's one of the first professionals in the area to use Non-Surgical Re-Constructive Spinal Care.

This procedure does not require a hospital stay. The focus is on finding - and correcting - the original cause of the back pain and sciatica.

According to Dr. Pushies, "We use new diagnostic technology, not found elsewhere in the region, for precisely diagnosing the cause of your slipped disc. This means superior long-term results."

Almost Immediate Relief From Pain
Because the treatment is non-surgical, safe, and easy, most patients report an almost immediately relief from their back pain.

Patient Jeff P. from Williamston wrote, "My back pain was unbearable but the worst thing was the searing burning pain I felt in my buttock and leg... my wife insisted I see Dr. Pushies. I'm 95%



better in just a couple of weeks.”

Take the Next Step - END the Suffering... Initial Consultation Just \$43

The first step is a thorough sciatica examination with Dr. Pushies at Pushies Chiropractic.

Call 655-517-8818 to schedule your appointment. Mention this article (CODE: LOS43) and Dr. Pushies will happily reduce her usual consultation fee of \$197 to just \$43!

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