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WEBBERVILLE FFA Chapter attends state convention; Ag Issues Team wins!

Members of the Webberville FFA Chapter and their advisors attended the state convention held last week at the Michigan State University campus in East Lansing. Students received various awards and recognitions during the event. Among the highlights of the convention was the WHS Agricultural Issues Team placing first in their competition. The team now will move to national competition in October. Webberville was also named a National Chapter Gold Award winner.

Shown here are members of the winning team and advisors:
Front Row: Colleen Scott-Kesler, Dana Gorski, Katerina Haynes, Skylar Byrne, Rebecca Fraley, and Vikki Oliver

For more photos of Webberville FFA at the convention, see pages 20 and 21.

Adult 80’s Themed Prom being held April 7 at Fowlerville High cafeteria

The Unfettered and FHS Tech Club are proud to present the Adult 80’s Themed Prom. This will be a fundraiser for The Torch 180. The Prom will be held Saturday, April 6, from 7-to-10 pm at the Fowlerville High School cafeteria, located at 700 N Grand Ave. Cost is $20/Advanced $25/at the door. Tickets available online at www.eventbrite.com/e/80-s-adult-prom-tickets-56703979128 or by contacting Kim Battjes at kimbattjes@gmail.com or 517-294-3228.

Other details: 80’s attire or your best formal wear. Hors d’oeuvres and desserts provided by The Torch 180, music provided in kind by Portable Sounds Entertainment, photobooth by Brian Idrostica. Silent auction items. Prom king and queen contests along with best 80’s look.
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Caleb Jenkins Column

Some Time with Family

As I’m sure most of you are aware, last Saturday was the Fowlerville Fourth of July Committee chili cook-off, and this year was my first time volunteering for it. I had of course been just a regular consumer at the event in the past (it is, after all, one of the biggest Fowlerville events of the year), but I wasn’t entirely sure what to expect as someone in the midst of it all. I was actually blessed with a pretty fun job: ‘official Facebook photographer.’ In other words, I floated around all night taking pictures and talking with people for eventual Facebook posts. Yeah, pretty fun. (Thanks, Denise and Tom!)

Although it was relatively busy in there throughout the night, it was a lot of fun, and I couldn’t help but feel like I was surrounded by family. I knew these people, and for the ones I didn’t know, it was a pleasure to meet them. It was almost like a really big family reunion where you get to see close relatives and also meet longlost cousins. Upon first meeting, we already have something in common because we are part of the same community. I love that.

The funny thing was the myriad of personalities all crammed into one room. We all have different backgrounds and perspectives, and we likely have many different political views. But all of that was put aside for a fun night supporting a cause we could all get behind. Like family at the Thanksgiving dinner table: we put up with each other’s idiosyncrasies for a little time of common fellowship. It wasn’t all about the chili cook-off; that’s just an example. No, I’m talking about the bond a community can have on a daily basis. It goes back to the original idea of a community: a group of people all pulling together to make a better life for themselves.

That is perhaps one of the things I find most beautiful about America when I travel. While I enjoy a good tourist trap as much as the next person, I generally much prefer going the non-standard route. I would rather get off the beaten path and discover a small, sleepy town where I can feel like a local for a few hours. I love seeing the ways small communities differ, discovering a small, sleepy town where I can feel like a local for a few hours. I love seeing the ways small communities differ, discovering a small, sleepy town where I can feel like a local for a few hours.

The more we give, the more we feel connected. I hope you share these sentiments with me because it makes life so much more fun being connected with your community-family.

Livingston County Sheriff Dept. warns of phone scammers claiming to be officers

On March, 5th, the Livingston County Sheriff’s Department received a report of a phone scam. The scammers were calling local residents claiming to be members of the Livingston County Sheriff’s Office. The scammers identified themselves as “Lieutenant David Miller” and “Chief Deputy David Aungst”. These individuals are not employees of the Livingston County Sheriff’s Office. The scammers advised the victim that he had outstanding warrants for his arrest. The victim was directed by the offenders to purchase prepaid gift cards of a given amount to “take care of” the warrants and call them back with the card information.

The Livingston County Sheriff’s Office would like to remind the public how to avoid becoming a victim of such scams.

Never send money to anyone who you do not know and trust using Money Gram, Green Dot, Western Union or pre-paid gift cards. Most legitimate agencies or organizations would not request or accept such forms of payment.

Never provide personal identification information such as name, address, birth date, social security number, financial information, or driver’s license information to anyone over the phone or via the internet unless you are on a trusted secure web-site with an organization you know to be legitimate.

If you receive a suspicious call, locate a trusted published number for that organization or agency which the caller claims to be affiliated with and call the known published phone number to confirm whether or not they are who they claim to be. Never return the call on a number they provide you. Scammers often work together using phone numbers that appear to be local to create the appearance of legitimacy.

If you believe the call is fraudulent, simply hang up and block the number they called you from or do not accept their future calls.

Be aware that elderly individuals are often the primary targets of such scams. Scammers often use consistent themes such as having warrants for your arrest, or that a loved one is in legal or criminal trouble and needs bond money or attorney fees. Other popular scams include claiming to be from the IRS, claiming that you have won a prize, claiming you have been awarded a “government grant” or claiming you have fines for not reporting to jury duty. If you suspect that you are a target of a scam, report it immediately to the Livingston County Sheriff’s Office at 517-546-2440 or, if you live outside Livingston County, contact your local law enforcement agency.

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Fowlerville Junior High School News

IMPORTANT DATES:
End of 8th marking period-- Fri. March 22
Spring Recre-No School-- Mon. March 25 thru Fri. March 29
Gladiator Olympics— Fri. April 26th
JH Awards Night— Wed. May 22nd

SPORTS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 18:
NO FJH athletic practices are currently being held.
TRACK PRACTICE FOR students in Grades 6,7, & 8 begin
PRESCHOOL ROUNDUP

PHYSICALS are REQUIRED.

WRESTLING
Fowlerville Middle School wrapped up their Dual meet Tuesday night at Eaton Rapids. Defeating all 3 teams, First a 40 to 12 pounding of Eaton Rapids, Second was Okemos, who only brought 3 wrestlers and they lost 18 to 0. In the final match our Glad’s hammered Dewitt 51 to 3. Wrestlers with at least one win on Tuesday were: Levi Baker, Kyle Fetterley, Drake Dinning, Beau Baker, Hunter Loezy, Maggie Buurma, Waylon Lamkin, Elizabeth Good, Nick Salois, Andrew Byerle, Richard Davis, Luke Zanin, Preston Hough, Kurt Clark.

Great Job to all the Wrestlers. We went 15 and 2, for the season. After starting the season 0 and 2. And having the best Wrestler, Dalton Daniel out for the season after only 5 matches. Saturday is our last Wrestling for the season. The League meet at Mason. Good Luck to all the Wrestlers.

GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL
The 8th grade B team played a physical game, but fell short in the end against the Panthers. Ava Campbell scored 5 points, while Alaina Borowy chipped in 2 and Paige Green added 1. Tedd Thiebert, Alaina Borowy and Lenya Baumgartner also played solid defense for the Glad’s creating several turnovers on the defensive end. Although not on the scoreboard, Kaydence Calhoun and Alexis Hoviska added great hustle and aggressiveness for the team while Kristalina Pochtryck came off the bench and gave the team good minutes too.

The 8th grade A team fought hard for 4 quarters and had 3 ladies in double digits. Julia Johnson led the scoring attack with 14 points, while Ava Kuch chipped in 10, including 2 pointers, while Brooke Simon also scored 10 points, with two 3 pointers and had several assist’s. Kaylin Reinheart got on the board with a long ball, chipping in 3 points and Ava Rajala added 2 for the Glad’s. Katie Tiat played strong defense for the team and was very aggressive on the boards, while Heidi Carl and Katie Bigos also gave great minutes for the team on the defensive end, including box outs and rebounds.

ARCHERY
The junior high school archery teams competed in the Howell Bulleye Tournament on March 5th and 9th. Team 1 came away with a 4th place finish (only 20 points away from 3rd place), and Team 2 had a 10th place finish of 122 teams. Team 2 increased their team score by 158 points- way to go! The Junior High School Archery Teams will be competing in at the State Tournament next in Lansing this Saturday, March 16th! Good Luck Teams! small, miss small!

YEARBOOKS ON SALE
Yearbooks are now on sale. Don’t delay and order today! See Mrs. Spisz in room D-13 or order online at https://www.balfour.com/shop/yearbook?smi=107958 The cost is $32 and there is an option to donate a book to those in need.

RECYCLE MARKERS
Did you know that we are a Crayola ColorCycle School?? This means we will be recycling ANY marker that is no longer working. • Highlights • regular markers (any brand) • dry erase markers! Bring your old markers from school or home to Mrs. Smith’s room (D-22) and drop them off in the bin. Thanks for helping reduce the waste in landfills!

Livingston County Spartans announce winners of Textbook Scholarships
The Livingston County Spartans would like to announce the winners of the 2019 Livingston County Spartans Textbook Scholarships. Each will receive a $1000 Gift Card which will be placed on file for them at the Student Book Store, 431 E. Grand River Ave., East Lansing, Michigan. We received applications from residents of Livingston County attending six high schools.

The Livingston County Spartans are grateful to our members who have supported our Textbook Scholarship Program. This year we are pleased to be able to award fifteen, $1000 textbook scholarships. All of our candidates were outstanding and we had a difficult time choosing the following winners:
Fowlerville: Adam Griffin & Mary Farmer
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Pineknay: Myles Wagner
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Some of the great examples of events offered are: Wine Tasting, Athletic Game/Watches and Tailgate establishments. Global Day of Service (volunteering in the community), the Spartan Annual Family Picnic (August 1st) at the Oak Pointe Picnic Pavilion in Brighton and the Sporty Gala held at Oak Pointe Country Club. The Gala in particular is an opportunity for the club to raise scholarship funds for local Spartan Students.

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The Livingston County Spartans have been awarding textbook scholarships since the Fall of 2011.
Upcoming Programs at the Fowlerville District Library

All Programs are intended for Fowlerville School District residents only unless otherwise stated. Registration usually opens 2 weeks prior to the event. Follow us on Facebook @www.fowlervillelibrary.org. Phone: 517-223-9089

Winter Reading Program! March 1st-30th
All Ages. In the month of March, all ages are invited to celebrate March is Reading Month by participating in the Winter Reading Program at the Library! Starting March 1st, visit the front desk to pick up your reading log! You can also participate online through Wando Reader, our online reading log! Links to Wando Reader will be available on our website, www.fowlervillelibrary.org, beginning Friday, March 1st. Visit the Library for more information.

Cardio Drumming - Tuesdays at 7pm
Adults. Increase your physical literacy with a fun workout from instructor Kim Griffies. Please remember to bring water and wear comfortable clothes. Spaces are limited to 20 participants on a first-come, first-served basis. *There is a small cash-only fee for this class of $5 if you bring your own equipment or $6 to rent a ball, bucket, and drumsticks. Drop-in class.

Garden Club begins Thursday, March 21st
Meets every Third Thursday: March-May at 2:30-4pm
Adults. This program is brought to you by the local Master Gardeners of the Fowlerville Garden Club. Topics to be announced. *Drop-in in person to attend all 3 sessions. Registration begins February 28th.

Appalachian Trail Presentation by Gail Lowe - Thursday, March 21st at 7pm
A Livingston Reads Event
Adults. Join us in welcoming hiking expert, Gail Lowe, to the Library! Gail has hiked the Appalachian Trail twice, and all three of the “Hiker’s Triple Crown” trails. Learn about how to prepare for a hiking trip, what to bring, what not to bring, and useful tips & tricks for making your hiking experience a success! *Space is limited. Register in person to attend. Registration begins February 28th and includes a refundable $5 cash deposit.

Yoga with Erin - Fridays at 9:30am
Adults. Join Erin, co-founder of SoulShine Yoga for weekly sessions at the Library. Yoga is accessible for adults of all ages through modifications. Please remember to bring water to drink and your own mat to practice on. *Spaces are limited to a first-come, first-served basis. There is a small $5 cash-only fee for this class. Drop-ins are welcome.

Recycled Magazine Baskets - Thursday, March 28th at 7pm
A Livingston Reads Event
Adults. Come to the Library to learn how to do a fun magazine recycling craft. Make a decorative basket and spend time with friends. By recycling paper and magazines, you can help prevent deforestation. Magazines will be provided. Refreshments will be served. *Space is limited. Register in person to attend. Registration begins March 7th and includes a refundable $5 cash deposit.

Wicked Women of Detroit: Author Talk with Tobin T. Buhk - Thursday, April 4th at 7pm
Adults. Welcome Tobin T. Buhk to the Library! Tobin’s book recounts the thrilling tales of Detroit’s most violent, clever, and misunderstood female criminals. Tobin will include a Q&A session and copies of the book will be available for purchase. Refreshments will be served. *Space is limited. Register in person to attend. Registration begins March 14th and includes a refundable $5 cash deposit.

Beyond the Book: The Bay in the Striped Pyjamas Thursday, April 11th at 7pm
Adults. Featuring a book and its film adaptation. Movie begins at 7pm, followed by discussion. Movie-style refreshments will be served. *Register in person to attend. Registration begins March 21st. Books will be given at registration while supplies last.

Alzheimer’s Workshop - Thursday, April 18th at 7pm
Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters
A workshop presented by the Alzheimer’s Association Adults. If you or someone you know is experiencing memory loss or behavioral changes, it’s time to learn the facts. Early detection of Alzheimer’s disease gives you a chance to begin drug therapy, enroll in clinical studies, and plan for the future. This interactive workshop features video clips of people with Alzheimer’s disease. *Register in person to attend. Registration begins March 28th and includes a refundable $5 cash deposit. Programs with less than 10 registrants are subject to cancellation.

Reading with Spring Babies - Wednesday, April 24th at 5:30-6:30pm
Families. Welcome Carousel Acres to the Library. Come to visit and pet baby animals, share a story, and celebrate springtime at the library! *Space is limited. Register in person to attend. Registration begins April 3rd. Preference will be given to families with children.

Paws for a Good Cause - Friday, April 26th at 5-7pm
Teens 6th-12th Grade. Carousel Acres is back at the Library for a small animal encounter! You will be able to pet and hold baby animals. We will also be making tie blankets to be donated to the Livingston County Animal Shelter. Snacks and beverages will be provided. *Registration is required and includes a 2018-2019 signed Program Permission Form. Registration begins April 5th. Register by April 24th to attend.

Michigan DNR Fishing Tips— Targeting walleye at end of ice season
Walleye are a popular target for many ice anglers, particularly as the season winds down. Pursuing these aggressive fish can be a great adventure, especially if you follow some of these tactics.
Focus on using jigs with spoons or minnows or tip-ups with live bait to see the most success. You might want to use a few tip-ups and then jig around that same area. Think about the depth of water as well as the time of day. Walleye fishing through the ice usually begins and ends in shallow water areas with deep water more productive during the heart of the winter. Learn more about walleye fishing during Michigan’s winter by their page at Michigan.gov/Fishing.

Ice fishing continues to the north, however waters in the southern sections of the Lower Peninsula are opening up with the rain and warmer temperatures. Sucker runs should start soon, and steelhead fishing should improve with the warm up.

Smith Elementary PTC seeking donations for upcoming Fun Run
Plants to purchase new classroom rugs
By Heather Hartke, Smith Elementary PTC
The H.T. Smith Elementary PTC is seeking donations for our school. We are having a Fun Run in order to raise money to purchase new classroom rugs. These rugs are important for different instructional areas in the classroom, most importantly for large-group instruction. Our goal is to raise $7000 which will allow us to replace many of the classroom rugs.
During the Fun Run, each student will be given a t-shirt to wear that matches all the students in his/her class. On this T-shirt we will be printing the names of all the businesses that provide sponsorship for this fundraiser. The sponsorship will have three categories:
1. $100-$500 is the bronze group
2. $501-$1000 is the silver group
3. $1001 and above is the gold group
We will need your donation by April 1, 2019 to ensure your business name is printed on the t-shirt.
If you would like to sponsor this event please contact Heather Hartke (htsmithptcliaison@gmail.com) or 517-404-2392.

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Pastor Tom Tarpley

Lent: A Time for Reflection

“For what shall it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and loses his soul?” (Mark 8:36)

Jesus warns about people who claim to represent Him but don’t actually live as a follower of Christ; He called them ravenous wolves in sheep’s clothing. He makes the statement that not all who claim to be Christian are who they say they are. It’s important that you listen to the substance of people’s messages. The message for Christ should always be central.

“We have everything we need for life and godliness in Him” (2 Peter 1:3).

For the false teacher, “They will secretly introduce destructive heresies” (2 Peter 2:1). Pay attention to the word secretly here. Movement away from the centrality of Christ may be subtle but the longer you remain in the darkness the easier it will become for you to continue traveling the road that leads to destruction.

The next time you start to feel as if you’re not as close to God as you have been, ask yourself the question: “What moved?” Jesus is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow, (Heb. 13:8). God’s love never changes. His love is there for you whether you love Him or not, whether you believe in Him or not, and whether you’re the worse sinner who ever lived or the most loyal and dedicated follower of Jesus who ever lived.

It says in the book of Romans, “For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:38-39).

I often hear people say “times have changed.” That is the very way of explaining away why people have become so unloving and unkind toward one another. In reality, times have not changed, rather it is people who have changed. People have become lax in their attitude and devotion to the things of God. The longer the world is in existence and the longer the time grows from the day Jesus was resurrected to the day He returns for His church, the farther away people are getting from God. People are moving away from God because the Bible is being watered down in the way it is interpreted and preached.

The will of human nature has become more important than the Will of Almighty God. We strive to be the best we can be, to accumulate as much as we can, and to have as much fun as we possibly can. Those things have become the most important things in our life. In most homes, Jesus is not the center of influence on the people or the home. Wealth, pleasure and fame have taken His place.

We have replaced the Creator God with many gods of our own, which will never be enough to satisfy the deep longing in our hearts that can only be satisfied by the one true God. No matter how much we achieve in our lifetime, if we don’t have the relationship with God, the Father, that He longs to have with us, we will never experience the peace that only He can give us.

Why would someone with millions and billions of dollars continue to work towards accumulating more? Why is a person who has achieved every goal in life that he or she has set their sights on never satisfied and is always continuing to achieve more? Why do people work two jobs and spend all of their free time maintaining a home or some other material object they have acquired just to look successful? Why is stuff more important to us than people? What will it take for people to wake up and turn back to God and accept the offer of salvation from the One who created us, to accept the things He was teaching.

But we did not and have not accepted Him. We tortured Him. We spit in His face, and we eventually crucified Him on an old rugged cross. Why? Because we did not want to accept the things He was teaching.

We say “we” did these things because every time we commit a sin, every time we turn our backs on a neighbor in need, every time we refuse to forgive someone who has wronged us, every time we fall outside of the parameters by which Jesus said we should live, we drive another nail into His flesh just as if we were there on the day He was crucified and the pain of our sins today is no less painful to Jesus than they were two thousand years ago.

The Lenten season entered the Lenten season. This is a time when Christians around the world turn their eyes toward the cross. It is a time for reflection and some real honest soul-searching. I would encourage you over the next few weeks to spend some extra time in God’s Word. Make getting to know God a priority.

I don’t know where you are in your spiritual life, or even if you are a believer in God. But what I do know is that God is an amazing God. He can transform your heart into a heart of love and renew your mind so that it is filled with thoughts of “whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good character” (Phil. 4:8).

God has taken the first step toward us. He has shown us the meaning of love by sending His Son to die for us. Now it is our turn to show God that we appreciate what He did. It is our turn to start living our lives so that we give honor to the one who created us. Life here in the flesh is short compared to an eternity in heaven.

Doesn’t it make more sense to build up our treasure in heaven to than to waste our time seeking after the temporary treasures we can accumulate while on the earth?

Turn your eyes toward Jesus. Look full into His wonderful face. And the things of the earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace.” Amen

Kreeger Elementary

School News

DATES TO REMEMBER:
3-18-19: MARCH IS READING MONTH – FAIRY TALE STORY
3-19-19: MARCH IS READING MONTH – 3RD GRADE BOOK SWAP
3-20-19: MARCH IS READING MONTH – MAKE A BOOKMARK
3-20-19: KPTN MEETING @ 9:30 IN OFFICE
3-21-19: MARCH IS READING MONTH – DIVE INTO A GOOD BOOK
3-22-19: MARCH IS READING MONTH – ROTATING READING
3-25TH – 3-29TH: SPRING BREAK RECESS
4-8-19: M-STEP TESTING BEGINS FOR 5TH GRADE

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FOWLERVILLE ELEMENTARY ARCHERY CLUB:
The elementary school archery team competed in the Howell Bulleye Tournament on March 8th and 9th. The team came away with a 3rd place finish out of 4 teams. Individually, Nathan Honsinger shot a 257 and placed 3rd. The elementary team increased their team score by 207 points- way to go!

The Elementary Archery Team is competing at the State Tournament next in Lansing this Saturday, March 16th! Good Luck Team- aim small, miss small!

ADVERTISMENT FOR ROAD BIDS
Conway Township
8015 N Fowlerville Road
Fowlerville MI 48836

Conway Township is actively seeking sealed bids for 2019 heavy road maintenance projects. Bid packets will be available at the Conway Township offices during the regular business hours or at the Kreeger Elementary School on March 18th. Conway Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to award the contract to other than the low bidder, to award separate parts of the service required in the bid packets must be included in sealed bid. Bids that do not include all pricing and information will be discarded. Successful bidder must supply a Certificate of Insurance stating Conway Township is as an additional insured on the policy. Conway Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to award the contract to other than the low bidder, to award separate parts of the service required in the bid packets and/or any part of the bid, to waive irregularities and/or formalities, and, in general, to make the award in the manner as determined to be in the Township’s best interest and sole discretion.

Michael B Rife, Supervisor, Conway Township
(3-17-19 FNV)
Fowlerville High School News

OFFICE HOURS
Administration Office 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Counseling Office 6:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Building opens 6:45 a.m.

Doors at FHS will be open at 6:45 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.

** Last call to order a yearbook is here. Yearbooks will be on sale until April 1st, after that, sales will close. Do not count on buying one when they come in, sometimes there are extras; however, that is not always the case. Cost is $50 and you can order at www.balfour.com or fill out an order form on the school's website or in the main office. Don't miss out on your high school memories!

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The high school archery teams competed in the Howell Bullseye Tournament on March 8th and 9th. Team 1 came away with a 3rd place finish and team 2 had a 3rd place finish out of 4 teams. Individually, Anna Herbert shot a 292 and placed 1st, Lindsay Lemieux placed 9th with a 279, and Jonas Davis placed 9th with a 283. Great job teams! The High School Archery Teams will be competing in the State Tournament next in Lansing this Saturday, March 16th! Good Luck Teams- aim small, miss small!

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From Tickets are for sale during lunches week of Mar 18th - Tickets will be $60 per ticket. Prom will be April 26, at Crystal Gardens in Howell from 6-11 p.m the theme is Enchanted Forest.

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Starting second semester, parents will receive phone notifications regarding their Fowlerville High School when the student has been tardy for the 3rd, 6th and 9th time to any of their classes. This call will explain that the next tardy to that class will result in a disciplinary consequence being assigned.

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Livingston County Department of Public Health is providing Vision Screening will be rescheduled April 8th.

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German students at Fowlerville High School are traveling to Germany in June 2020. We are raising money to offer travel for German students at Fowlerville High School. We are raising money to offer travel for German students at Fowlerville High School.

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

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Parents having trouble using MISTAR to view grades, e-mail questions to mail questions to mailquestions@fowlerville.k12.mi.us. Parents having trouble using MISTAR to view grades, e-mail questions to mailquestions@fowlerville.k12.mi.us.

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School Mission: Focus on every student, every day.

School Vision: Empower students to be productive citizens in a global society

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FHS announcements: https://geo.goo.gl/XP67G1
FHS Twitter: https://twitter.com/FHSGlads
FHS YouTube channel: https://geo.goo.gl/iaJC3H

Michigan House candidate Mike Detmer endorsed by former state senator

This past January, Mike Detmer of Howell announced his bid to be the next State Representative in Michigan’s 47th District which encompasses 11 Livingston County townships, the City of Howell and Village of Fowlerville. He is running as a Republican.

Last week, Detmer was endorsed by former State Senator and Gubernatorial candidate Patrick Colbeck.

“If you are like me, you are tired of politics-as-usual,” said Colbeck. “Mike is not politics-as-usual. Once he is elected, I am confident that he will not forget that his job is to pursue people’s best interests not those of the lobbyists in Lansing.”

Detmer said that he is currently working on solutions to some of Michigan’s biggest issues like auto insurance reform, a full re-evaluation of our road funding and how our roads are built, cutting taxes and providing better assistance to our Michigan Veterans. “Michigan is finally starting to get its traction back and the last thing we need is to place more economic burdens on the people of this state,” said Detmer. “Our auto insurance must be fixed, we need to focus on cutting taxes or eliminating taxes—not raising them like the Governor is proposing—and we need to get the roads fixed the right way and this absolutely can be done without additional taxes or tax increases. Lastly, it’s time that Michigan step up to make sure our Veterans have the support they need when dealing with the Federal government. Michigan ranks 48th in the nation when it comes to veteran support, and that must change!”

Detmer is seeking to replace current representative Dr. Hank Vaupel who is serving his last two-year term in office and, due to term limits, can not run again for a House seat. Michigan’s Republican Primary will be held on August 4, 2020, with the General Election in November.

For additional information about Mike Detmer: www.ElectMikeDetmer.com

Friend him on Facebook Call him directly at (586) 229-9843

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• New Classic 900, 5-lane, 30’ x 25’ frame, no-kill special Font 09
• JD 500 diesel
• JD 7060 12-row planter
• Snyper boom, 40 ft, All hydr. fold and up and down Foam marker, walkers, hose for 40ft boom
• JD cultivator, 29 ft
• Unverferth double basket riding harrow, 29 ft.
• 30 ton swine raising gear
• 18’ International v-bank seed cultivator
• New Holland 28' hay rake
• International 460 hay feeder
• Hesston 1600 hay pounder
• DB R JD field finisher

Full, detailed list will be posted on our website.
The Health Department will be called to a medical emergency on Cemetery Road in Handy Township at 10:31 p.m. Firefighters removed a tree blocking Cedar Road in Handy Township at 8:21 p.m. and were called to a motor vehicle accident with injuries on Fort Warden Road in Covington Township at 10:31 p.m.

The department investigated wires arcing on a power pole on Bull Run Road in Iosco Township at 1:42 a.m., Sunday, February 10. The department was dispatched to a medical emergency on Kalamazoo River Drive in Handy Township at 10:33 a.m.

The department was called to a medical emergency on Layton Road in Handy Township at 9:19 p.m. and were called to a motor vehicle accident with injuries on Fort Warden Road in Covington Township at 10:31 p.m.

The department was dispatched to a medical emergency on Layton Road in Handy Township at 10:18 a.m. Personnel assisted EMS on Meadow Lane in the Village.

The department was called to a medical emergency on Cemetery Road in Handy Township at 7:36 p.m., Tuesday, February 12. A call reporting a medical emergency on Grand River in the Village was received at 8:50 p.m. and at 10:14 p.m. the department the department was called to a medical emergency on Free Street in the Village. Personnel assisted EMS on N. Grand Ave. in the Village at 11:49 p.m.

The department was called to a medical emergency on Free Street in the Village at 12:07 a.m. and were called to a motor vehicle accident with injuries on Free Street in the Village at 10:22 a.m.

The department was dispatched to a medical emergency on Cemetery Road in Handy Township at 3:38 a.m. and 3:41 a.m. We lost a warrior and friend to Round Up: The Child who is being enrolled, complete the online enrollment and when you come to Round Up we will print it for you. Please bring the following items with you to Round Up: The Child who is being enrolled.

**LIVINGSTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

2019 Spring Tree Seeding Order Form - Order deadline April 1st @ 5:00pm.

All orders must include payment for processing. Mail order form and payment to: LC3, P.O. Box 98, Fowlerville, MI 48840

Tree Pick-Up will be April 13, 2019, 9:00am-10:00am at the Livingston Road Commission Garage 9383 Grand Dunes Dr., Howell 2-2 indicates trees have spent two years in a bed and three years in a transplant bed. Transplants have a larger root system than regular seedlings. The Livingston Conservation District distributes only the best nursery stock at an affordable price.

For a description and picture of all products and to order online, visit www.livingstonconservation.org

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Please visit our website to read about each entry at www.livingstonconservation.org

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**FRAMES - Events**

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Dorothy Bernice Karnepese Seeley
April 25, 1921—March 9, 2019

Dorothy Bernice Karnepese Seeley, age 97, loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother passed away March 9, 2019. She was born in Turtle Lake, WI and grew up in Amery, WI. She was the daughter of Andrew and Pauline Karnepese, the 13th out of 15 children.

Dorothy lived a full, caring life devoted to her family, friends and church. She was a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish and St. Catherine’s Guild. She was awarded a teaching degree from Bartlett Business School in Superior, WI and worked as a secretary at the Civil Service Commission in Washington, DC and at the Veteran’s Administration in Minneapolis, MN.

She married Raymond Seeley on November 27, 1948. They loved to travel, visiting most of the United States, including Hawaii, and Canada. She especially loved attending her Amery High School class reunions. She had 4 children: Raymond, Jr. (Janet), Karen (Ed) Grab, Kathleen Byrnes and John Seeley; 1 granddaughter, Valerie (Mark) Keach and one great-grandson: Emerson Keach. Her husband Raymond and son Raymond, Jr. preceded her in death.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 18, 2019 at the chapel at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish at 955 Atton Rd, East Lansing, MI 48823 with Fr. Gary Koenigskneck officiating. The Rite of Committal will follow at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, 1020 W Grand River Ave, East Lansing, MI 48823 from 4-8 p.m. on Sunday, March 17, 2019 with Rosary at 7 p.m.

Online condolences may be made at www.greenlansing.com.

Martin David Fitchett
March 25, 1957—April 19, 2019

Martin David Fitchett, of Weberville MI, passed away unexpectedly Saturday March 2, 2019 at the age of 61. He is preceded in death by his parents: Morris Irwin and Catherine Estelle “Stella” Fitchett, his granddaughter Elizabeth Chamberlin, and his oldest brother “Robby” Fitchett.

Martin was born on August 4, 1957 in Arlington, Virginia. In 1982 he moved to Williamston, Michigan where he met the love of his life Dawn and the two were wed on September 20, 1985. One of Martin’s passions throughout his life was cooking. Whether it was as a chef at Papa Dick’s Bistro, The Seahawk Restaurant or simply just whipping up a home with deli meats, statin less being in the kitchen. Martin was not shy about his love for his grandkids, often saying “those grandkids are my life.” Dad loved to make people laugh. He was always talking classic “dad jokes” and making up silly songs, he will forever be remembered for his witty sense of humor and his infectious laugh. Dad loved football, especially his favorite team the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Martin is survived by his wife Dawn, children Martin Lee Fitchett, Marinda (Tim) Fritchett, and Mark (Mallory) Fitchett, grandchild Hunter, Braden, Payton, Payge, Madiysin, Gavin and Gunner, siblings Peggy (Bobbi) Bobi and Mike Fitchett and beloved canine companion, Ginger. Martin was deeply loved and will be greatly missed.

Visitation services for Martin were held on Thursday March 7, 2019 from 4pm to 8pm at the Hermann Funeral Home, 5871 W. Grand River Ave, Bath MI 48808. Family visitation services were on Friday March 8, 2019 beginning at 11:00 am with visitations one hour prior. Intermment immediately followed the service at Rowley Cemetery, and the family received friends and family for one hour on March 9, 2019. Online condolences may be made at www.greenlansing.com.

Comedian Heywood Banks adds second show at The Howell Opera House
Due to overwhelming demand, the Howell Opera House is pleased to announce the addition of a second show featuring hometown comedic legend Heywood Banks.

This extra performance will be on Friday, April 19, with doors opening at 7 p.m. and the show starting at 7:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Livingston Arts Council.

Heywood Banks is simply one-of-a-kind, almost impossible to describe, with a style like his only. Equal parts genius and buffoon, this songwriter-comic-singer-poet-musician has become a cult hero and a pop icon, with a show that appeals to college students, storytellers, businessmen, yuppies, rednecks, punks, kids, and/or your grandmother. He intersperses his humorous observations of life with twisted, inventive, bizarre songs, sung and played in a variety of styles - from folk, to country, to rock, to pop, and way beyond. You have to be pretty smart to get Heywood at his deepest level (he demands a high level of pop culture literacy), but you can also enjoy him just for his very stylish impersonations, expert musicianship and just plain silliness.

General admission is $25 and can be purchased in advance by calling the Howell Opera House office at 517-540-0065 or online at www/howelloyderehouse.com. If any spots remain, they will be sold at the door on a first-come, first-serve basis. There will be a cash bar with light concessions available for purchase.

The Salvation Army announces new hours for social services-business office
The Salvation Army announced that its social services-business office will have new hours starting April 1. The new office hours are 9am-4:30pm.

Also on that date, the Client Choice Pantry will be by appointment and no longer a walk in service. The office is located at 503 Lake Street, Howell. The phone is 517-546-4750.

Whitmer budget would triple literacy coaches to help Michigan students read
By Ron French
Bridge Magazine

The number of literacy coaches working in Michigan schools would triple under Gov. Gretchen Whitmer’s proposed budget, a change that could yield huge benefits for Michigan school children, school officials said.

Whitmer’s budget plan, unveiled earlier this month proposes 150 literacy coaches to help Michigan students read. This is great news,” said Naomi Norman, assistant superintendent for learning at Kent Intermediate School District.

“Whitmer has 4.5 literacy coaches to serve schools with more than 100,000 students. "As excited as I am about having more literacy coaches in our county, I’m even more excited that parts of the state that haven’t had access to literacy coaches will get them,” Campbell said.

Campbell heard the news about Whitmer’s proposed tripling of literacy coaches while attending an early literacy symposium in Kalamazoo. "When word spread, there were a lot of excited people,” Campbell said. “To know we’re going to invest more in professional learning to help teachers, that’s the right move.”

Finding ways to improve early literacy “is critically important because language and literacy in young children sets them up for success in so many avenues in life,” said Norman, the Washenaw administrator. “There’s a correlation that students who enter school at an early age and dropping out of high school.”

Boosting the number of literacy experts “is the anchor piece to recovering our educational system,” Norman said.

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For more information or to register, please call Barb at 517-223-4428 as soon as possible.

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IOSCO TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
2019-2020 BUDGET MARCH 29TH, 2019

There will be a Special Board Meeting on March 28th, 2019 at 7:00 PM, at the Iosco Town

ship Hall, 2010 Bradley Rd., Weberville, MI, 48892. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of this meeting along with reviewing, receiving Public input, and voting on the proposed Township Annual Budget for the upcoming 2019-2020 fiscal year. Copies of the proposed budget will be available for viewing at the Township Hall during regular business hours of Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons, from 1 to 5 PM, after March 27th, 2019, or at the Special Board Meet

ing. Written comments may be mailed to Daniel A. Delmerico, Clerk, at the Township Office on or before March 28th, 2019.

Persons with disabilities who require hearing impairment need to contact the Township, in writing at least 1 week prior to the meeting, so that accommodations can be arranged to allow them to participate in the budget hearing.

Dan Delmerico
Iosco Township Clerk
or
(3-3 & 3-17-19 FNV)
District Outreach

I was absolutely astounded at the robotics competition I had the pleasure to attend on Match 8th, in which our own Brighton High School TechnoDogs took first place at the Milford First Robotics Competition! Competitions like these show many young men and women that not only are STEM careers lucrative and important parts of our economy, but that it can be extremely fun and rewarding as well!

I highly encourage anyone interested to attend one of these events in the future as it is fun not only for the participants by those who have the pleasure to watch as well. I personally look forward to attending more of these events and hope to see our Brighton High School team go as far as possible.

Sunshine Week

Michigan unfortunately has ranked dead last in the nation for government transparency over the past few years. This is utterly unacceptable and has been a problem in need for addressing for quite a while. In that vein, and with this week being “Sunshine Week” to promote government transparency, I want to reaffirm my commitment to making the actions of our government accountable and open to all citizens.

While serving as Brighton Township Treasurer, I fought to ensure the municipal budget was freely available to all residents so they could see where their money was being spent. I have voted twice to make both the Michigan Legislature and the Michigan Governor be subject to Freedom of Information Act laws. As a member of the Senate Oversight Committee, I have worked diligently to ensure that our public institutions are held accountable to the constituents that have placed them in office.

Our government is predicated on an informed populace, and without allowing our citizens to know exactly what their officials are doing, we would be standing in the way of this noble goal. I will continue to be a leader on ensuring government transparency.

Publications Available from my Office

Below is a list of publications that are available, free of charge, from my office. Please feel free to call my office at (517) 373-2420 or email them at SennTheis@senate.michigan.gov with your request along with your name and address, and my staff will assist in processing your request.

A Citizen’s Guide to State Government
Ask Yourself: A Domestic & Sexual Violence Prevention and Resource Guide
Changes and Choices: Legal Rights of Senior Adults
Child Safety Coloring Book
Consumer Protection Resource Guide
For the People/By the People... How State and Local Government Works
Friend of the Court Guidebook

Michigan House Report

By Dr. Hank Vaupel, 47th District

Congratulations to the Fowlerville Fourth of July Committee on another successful chili cook-off! Over 20 different delicious chili recipes were available to sample, and the community made a great night of fellowship. Thank you to the participants, judges, volunteers, and all who attended for making it such a special night, and special congratulations to the winning chefs!

Last Thursday was Genesis House’s 12th annual spaghetti dinner, which supports tremendous programs for the mentally challenged in our community. It was encouraging to see the room packed with so many people supporting such a great organization.

It was an honor to once again serve as master of ceremonies for Big Brothers Big Sisters’ Bowl for Kids’ Sake event at Striking Lanes in Hartland. It is always a great time that serves an even better cause of providing positive mentors for our youth. Thank you to the incredible number of people who supported the event!

With March being Reading Month underway, I had the privilege this week of reading to students at Smith and Kreeger elementary schools in Fowlerville; Challenger, Southwest, and Voyager elementary schools in Howell; and Cheryl Stockwell Academy in Hartland. I look forward to visiting more classrooms as the month continues, and I hope you will take this opportunity to read to the young people in your life.

The Livingston County Community Alliance held its monthly meeting this week, and the conversation was on concerns over youth use of e-cigarettes and vaping. County-wide research showed a significant increase in youth vaping, with 28% of our young people having vaped in the past month. The survey also showed an increase in nicotine and marijuana usage across grades. It was an important conversation about the well-being of our young people.

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

Michigan Senate Report

By Lana Theis, 22nd District

Getting to Know Michigan Coloring Book
MI Agriculture: A Guide to the State’s Farms, Foods and Commerce (Yearly)
MI Campgrounds, Parks, RV Dealers and Service Providers
MI Constitutions
MI in the American Civil War 1861-1865
MI Taxpayer’s Guide: A Reference for Tax Year 2018 (Seasonal)
MI Trails and Map Directory
MI The Great Beer State Travel Guide
MI Wine Country Travel Guide
Planning for Your Peace of Mind: A Do-It-Yourself Guide to Medical and Legal Decisions

Michigan officials hoping for state grant to help with street project

By Steve Horton

Fowlerville officials have several street improvement projects they want to undertake during the next few years. The council established this priority list in 2017 during a meeting with the Village engineers. Each of the projects, to some degree or other, would involve replacing the water and sewer lines, upgrading the storm drain, applying new asphalt on the street, adding new curb and gutter, replacing existing sidewalks, and installing new walkways.

Top of the list is a two-block stretch of South Benjamin Street from Grand River to Frank Street that will be done this summer. Another one—North Grand Avenue from South Grand to North Grand Avenue—is scheduled for 2020 at an estimated cost of $881,125. Like South Benjamin Street, the money would come from funds set aside in the budget for local streets and water and sewer improvements.

But an available state grant that officials are seeking, if received, would not only cut the Village’s expense, but would result in the project being done during the upcoming construction season.

Earlier this month, the Michigan Dept. of Transportation (MDOT) announced a new category within its Transportation Economic Development Fund, called a Community Infrastructure Fund. Signed into law in late 2017, it provides grants to cities and villages with populations under 10,000 residents for road improvements, including reconstruction, rehabilitation or capital improvements to provide maintenance.

The maximum amount awarded to any municipality that is selected would be $250,000 and the actual grant amount must be at least 28% of the estimated cost by the local government. There are certain other guidelines that need to be met to qualify for the funding. Also, it was noted that MDOT is interested in projects that can be completed by the end of this year’s construction season.

The Legislature has appropriated $10 million in the Community Infrastructure Fund. Local officials, feeling that Fowlerville meets the guidelines, is preparing an application. The deadline for submitting it is April 5.

Village Manager Kathryn Arledge informed council of the available grant and received its approval to submit an application at its March 6th meeting. Initially, officials planned to submit the South Benjamin Street project for consideration. Upon the advise of Wolverine Engineering, officials decided the better option—both in obtaining the entire $250,000 and being approved by MDOT—was to submit the multi-street project of Hale, South Collins, and Dailey for consideration and go ahead with the South Benjamin Street project as planned, paying for it with local funds.

Bids are expected to go out later this month, and construction should begin after the award is made and weather conditions become favorable.

The cost of the project has been estimated by Wolverine (the Village’s engineer) at around $280,000. The Village’s road and storm drain improvements have been delayed at $337,549, the sanitary sewer improvements are budgeted at $272,199, and the new, larger water main and connections will cost $337,549.

If the Village is able to complete two major street improvement projects this year and North Grand Avenue is finished next year, then that would leave only four remaining projects on the priority list. They are:

—North Benjamin Street from Grand River to Devonshire Drive and all of Devonshire Drive;
—Church Street from South Grand Avenue to East Street;
—North Street from Collins Street to North Grand Avenue; and
—Power Street from North Grand Avenue to Jackson Street.
Local Gymnastics Team finished 4th at State Finals

The local gymnastics team—comprised of high school athletes from Fowlerville, Byron, Pinckney, and Perry—finished 4th in the MHSAA Team State Finals. The competition was held on Friday, March 8, at Rockford High School with 13 teams vying for the title. The local team had a score of 141.925, trailing Farmington in the MHSAA Team State Finals. The competition was held on Friday, March 8, at Rockford High School with 13 teams vying for the title.


Rotation 1 Vault
Kenzie Brigham 8.675
Hannah Ray 8.775
Izzy Litz 8.85
Gabby Jolliff 9.125
Taylor Gillespie 9.125

Rotation 2 Bars
Dani Wolanin 8.650
Beckah Leonard 8.125
Izzy Litz 8.375
Raimi Sorrie 7.800
Taylor Gillespie 8.425

Rotation 3 Beam
Dani Wolanin 8.975
Sarah Litz 8.675
Izzy Litz 9.275
Madissen Moran 7.975
Taylor Gillespie 8.525

Rotation 4 Floor
Dani Wolanin 9.075
Sarah Litz 9.425
Izzy Litz 9.200
Bekah Leonard 9.325
Hannah Ray 9.025

Oak Grove United Methodist Women offering beef pasties, starting March 25

The Oak Grove United Methodist Women are making their delicious beef pasties again this spring. We will take orders beginning Monday, March 25. To order, call or text Andrea at 810-923-8854, or order by email at denna.juell@gmail.com. Please leave your name, phone # & quantity you would like. Cost is $4.50 each. Place your order early - quantities are limited! Proceeds go to support the mission work of the United Methodist Women.

Pasty order pick-up is Thursday, April 11, 12-7 p.m. at the Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 6686 Oak Grove Road, Howell (5 miles north of M-59).

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A very grateful thank you to our children and grandchildren for all the time and work they put in to give us such a wonderful and memorable 50th wedding anniversary party. We appreciate your love and love you all very much.

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Fowlerville Rotary holds Farmer’s Day Program

Fowlerville Rotary held its annual Farmer’s Day Program last Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church. Over 80 guests, along with Rotarians attended the event. The guest speaker was Amanda Sollman, the President of the Michigan FFA Alumni, who told of how the student organization has changed since its founding 91 years ago and detailed the various opportunities it offers to students. These opportunities include participating in various contests, doing hands-on projects, and preparing for careers in the agricultural industry.

She was accompanied by two State FFA officers: Abigail Puskala, a regional vice president, and Ben Butcher, the treasurer. The officers also spoke to the assembled group about FFA and told of what they’ve been doing as officers this past year.

Among those in attendance were members and advisors of the Fowlerville and Webberville FFA Chapters. Students in these local chapters attended the recent state convention, held at Michigan State University, and earned various awards and recognitions. Two retired high school agriculture education teachers and FFA advisors—Bill Wheeler of Webberville and Mike Martindale of Fowlerville—were at the event and introduced.

From left, Dawn Horton, chair of the Farmer’s Day Program for Rotary; Ben Butcher, the 2018-19 State FFA Treasurer; Abigail Puskala, a 2018-19 Regional State Vice President; Amanda Sollman, the President of the Michigan FFA Alumni; and Rich Ralston, President of the Fowlerville Rotary Club.

Among the guests attending the Farmer’s Day Program last week were, from left, Helen Murnighan, Lillian Redinger, Norma Cole, Pat Donal, Janice Wheeler, Bill Wheeler; second row, Basil Blass, Coralene Blass, Patricia Palmerton, Francis Palmerton, Jack Epley; back row, Ryan VanGilder, Claude Palmerton, Rick VanGilder, Ron Howard, Terry Donal, Nancy VanGilder, and Jacob Fyrciak. Attending, but not shown, was Lance VanGilder.

These Webberville FFA members and their advisor attended the program. From left were Drew Richard, Dana Gorski, Skyler Byrne, and Katarina Hynes. The three young ladies were part of the Agricultural Issues Team that finished first in the recent State FFA Convention and will be competing at the national level.
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Come see us at Preschool round-up at the Fowlerville Public Library on Monday, March 18th from 4:30-6:30pm.

Visit our website at:
heartstringslearningcenter.org
Democratic legislators propose repealing ‘Lame Duck’ law that changed minimum wage initiative

Michigan House and Senate Democrats held a press conference on March 7 to call for the repeal of a 2018 law that, they said, “gutted a minimum wage increase for low-wage workers.” The Democrats’ plan to Repeal the Steal would reinstate the minimum wage increase in the original One Fair Wage ballot initiative, as supported by the nearly 400,000 Michiganders who signed on to proposal. The initiative was passed by the legislative majority in September of last year, which kept the proposal off the November ballot, before the law was changed by the Republican-led Legislature during lame duck.

“No one working 40 hours a week should have to worry about whether they can afford to put food on the table or keep a roof over their head,” said Rep. Bill Sowerby (D-Clinton Township), the sponsor of the House bill. “That was ultimately what the thousands of Michiganders supporting the original ballot proposal were fighting for — the economic security they deserve. The bait and switch pulled by the legislative majority last year robbed them of that security and their opportunity to earn a decent living. It is money stolen directly from their wallets, and my legislation will Repeal the Steal.”

The legislators said that nearly 320,000 Michiganders make a wage of $9.25 or less, with over a million, or 27 percent of the total employment of the state, making at or below $12.

The original ballot initiative would have increased the minimum wage incrementally to $12 by January of 2022. Under the current form of the law, the $12 threshold will not be reached until 2030 and, unlike the ballot initiative, will not be indexed to keep up with inflation.

“As a working mom who has spent a lifetime getting to $15 an hour and has been plagued with the questions of uncertainty about how to keep it all together for my family, I know very well why this increase is so important, and that answer is simple: dignity,” said Sen. Betty Jean Alexander (D-Detroit), the sponsor of the Senate bill. “Republicans stole that opportunity from the people who need it the most, and this legislation is a small step toward righting that unjust ship.”

For 2019 a minimum wage worker could have earned $10 per hour, but instead will only make $9.45, translating to $1,200 fewer annually for someone working 40 hours per week. Because of the way the law is structured, the amount stolen from families will grow every year the minimum wage does not increase when it should have. By the end of 2022, when the wage was originally scheduled to reach $12, families will have lost out on approximately $10,358 in wages.

“I applaud Sen. Alexander and Rep. Sowerby for standing with Michigan’s tipped and minimum wage workers and introducing legislation to undo the unconstitutional gutting of the One Fair Wage proposal that stripped workers of their raises,” said Dr. Alicia Renee Farris, state director of Restaurant Opportunities Center of Michigan and chair of the Michigan One Fair Wage steering committee. “Raising the minimum wage and phasing out the subminimum wage will help lift working families out of poverty and move them off public assistance so they can become more independent.”

House Bill 4299 and Senate Bill 168 will now be referred to committees for review.
The 15th Annual Chili Cook-Off, put on by the Livingston County-Fowlerville Fireworks 4th of July Committee, drew nearly 200 taste-testers who checked out 20 entries. The event was held on Saturday, March 9, at the Fowlerville VFW Hall.

This year’s winners are:
--Best Presentation—Champion Chevrolet,
--Best Spicy Hot Chili—Save-On Family Foods who remain the undefeated champs in this category,
--Best Business Entry—Grille in the Ville,
--Most Unique Chili—Steve & Chris Whitney who won it for the second year running,
--Judge’s Choice of Best Chili—Boy Scout Troop 336, who also volunteered to bus tables for the evening, and
--People’s Choice Award—Grille in the Ville.

Congratulations to all of the winners!

Judges were Cindy Denby, Steve MacDermaid and “The Great Foodini” Renee Chodkowski. Thank you for your time, commitment and your taste buds!

Special Thanks to all of our chili contestants and those who attended, bid on Silent Auction items, donated items for the Auction, participated in the 50/50 drawings, and voted for their favorite chili!

All proceeds from this event go towards the 4th of July fireworks show for 2019. Looking forward to seeing you there!
OUR THANKS TO YOU!

The Livingston County/Fowlerville Fireworks and Parade Committee would like to thank the following businesses, organizations and individuals for their support and participation in the 15th Annual Chili Cook-off held on March 9, 2019.

Aleta’s Flower Shop  •  Ashland Aluminum  •  Biggby’s Coffee of Fowlerville  •  Boy Scout Troop 336

Boy Scout Troop – Andrea Wilson  •  Carol Johnson  •  Carolynn Knight  •  Champion Chevrolet

Chiropractic Health Care of Fowlerville  •  Christian Resources International  •  Cindy Denby  •  Creative Cabinets

Dave Thompson  •  Dennis Battle  •  Dukes Pizza – Vanessa Ewing  •  Edward Jones  •  Fowlerville Agricultural Society

Fowlerville Community Theater  •  Fowlerville DPW  •  Fowlerville Farms  •  Fowlerville Fire Department

Fowlerville Garden Club  •  Fowlerville News & Views  •  Girl Scout Troop 30763  •  Grille in the Ville – Kathy McConnell

John Backhuus  •  Jean Bridge  •  Jerry Bell  •  Joe Hune  •  Kaila Hogg  •  Kaitlyn Hath  •  Ken Bielous  •  Kodet’s Hardware

Larry Davis Gravestone Cleaning  •  LESA Creative Impressions  •  Livingston County Historical Centre  •  Livingston Daily Press

Liz Hale  •  Lonna Foster  •  Matt Dickinson  •  Maximus Fitness  •  Mayhew’s Nursery & Tree Farm  •  Midtown Auto

Mike Arnot  •  Nick Reason  •  O’Reilly’s Auto Parts  •  Old Glory Car Wash  •  Olden Days Café  •  Randy Ewing

Renee Chodkowski  •  Ron Mannor  •  Save On Family Foods

Senator Lana Theis  •  Sharron Robertson  •  Sports & Apparel

Steve & Chris Whitney  •  Steve MacDermid  •  Sue Charron

Swan Engraving  •  Sweet Sensations  •  Timer Farms

Two Crows Cottage Maple Syrup

VFW Post 6464 & Auxiliary  •  Village of Fowlerville Office Staff

Walmart  •  White Barn  •  WHMI

Winners of the Chili Cook-Off were from left: Best Presentation - Champion Chevrolet, Wendy Clark; Best Business & People’s Choice Award - Grille in the Ville, Kathy McConnell; Best Spicy Hot Chili - Save-On Family Foods, Cora Nickerson & Mike Habba; Judge’s Choice - Boy Scout Troop 336, Andrea Wilson; Most Unique - Steve Whitney.
Lonna Foster offered this handmade quilt as a fundraiser for the event. Helping her show it off was Caleb Jenkins, a member of the organizing committee.

Selling items at the Livingston Centre Historic Village table were, from left, Virginia Wright, Bette Kelly and Marj Carlton.

These members of Fowlerville Junior Girl Scout Troop 30763 were selling cookies. From left were Emelyn Atkinson, Abby Spalding, and Maisy Kelso.

The judges for the Chili Cook-Off were, from left, Renee Chodkowski (The Great Foodini), Cindy Denby, and Steve MacDermaid.

Offering items at the Creative Impressions table were Lisa Smith, left, and Sarah Harvey. They were raising money for the Pathway school at LESA (Livingston Essential Services Agency).

A special announcement during the Chili Cook-off was that Matt & Wendy Martin will serve as this year’s Grand Marshals of the July 4th Parade. Matt and Wendy were at the fundraiser. Matt owns Cedar River Car Wash in Fowlerville and Old Glory Auto Wash located between Fowlerville and Howell. The Martins have been generous supporters of the Fowlerville July 4th Celebration for a number of years.

Mary Helfmann, a member of the committee that puts on the July 4th Celebration and Fireworks, brought her grandchildren, Gia and Frankie Hardy.

Selling 50-50 Raffle Tickets were Jim Mayhew, left, and Mark Ridenour.

Ken Bielous once again emceed the event.

Among those attending the event were State Rep. Hank Vaupel and State Senator Lana Theis.
Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club
selling gift certificates for fundraiser

The Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club is selling gift certificates from both of the Christians Greenhouse and Garden Centers. Sales begin March 11 and go through May 13. Gift certificates come in denominations of $10, $20, $25, and $50. They may be used to purchase anything at Christians and do not expire. This is a major fundraiser for the club and the proceeds of the sale are used for the club’s city beautification projects in Williamston.

To place an order or for more information contact Arla Weaver at (517) 655-1839, arla@wowway.com, 652 Pine Meadow Lane, Williamston, MI 48895 or any member of the Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club (WRCCG).

The gift certificates will also be sold at D&W Fresh Market on May 4 and 5, the weekend before Mother’s Day.

Webberville Community
School News

Webberville Community Schools has an Early Release Day on Wednesday, March 20. Students are dismissed at 1:00 PM. Spring Recess begins on Friday, March 29 with a half day (students released at 11:00 AM) and runs through Friday, April 5. The normal schedule resumes on Monday, April 8.

Choir students from Webberville Middle and High School will present the musical, “Into the Woods Jr.” on Friday, March 22 and Saturday, March 23. The show begins at 7:00 PM at Webberville High School. Tickets are sold at the door: $6 for adults and $4 for students. An immediate family pass is $15. “Into the Woods Jr.” is based on the Broadway production which follows a baker and his wife who learn they’ve been cursed with childlessness by the witch next door.

The couple embarks on a quest – swindling, deceiving and stealing from such already-victimized characters as Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel and Jack (Fresh off the beanstalk!) – to get the special objects required to break the spell. However, the story doesn’t simply end “happily ever after” as each character must now face the consequences of his/her decision. The musical is directed by the Webberville Community Schools Choral Music Director, Alex Ellul and choreographed by local dance studio artist, Tawni Faust.

A Parent Advisory Meeting for parents and guardians of Webberville Elementary students will be held on Wednesday, March 20 at 5:30 PM in room 13 of the elementary school. This meeting provides a great opportunity to stay connected with what is happening in the school and provide input, suggestions, and ideas to the staff.

The Webberville High School Band is holding a dinner fundraiser at Be My Guest Café on Wednesday, March 27 from 3:00 to 8:00 PM. Special entrees will be available for $10 each and will include a drink. The band will serve guests and earn 100% of the tips and a portion of the proceeds to help fund their trip to Chicago this spring. Be My Guest Café is located at 10691 W Grand River Avenue between Webberville and Fowlerville.

Webberville Elementary teachers Lindsay Estep & Sonya Pake have been selected to attend the Writing Institute in New York City.

Two Webberville Elementary teachers to attend Writing Institute in June

Congratulations are in order for Webberville Elementary School teachers, Lindsay Estep (Title 1 Director/Teacher) and Sonya Pake (5th grade teacher), who both recently applied and attended the Writing Institute at the prestigious Teachers College at Columbia University in New York City. Notification was sent stating they were selected out of 8,000 applicants worldwide! Only 1,300 teachers are accepted to attend this Writing Institute each year.

Teachers are chosen based on their commitment to teaching reading and writing and their school’s dedication to professional development. The Teachers College Reading and Writing Project has been providing summer Writing Institutes for over 30 years for teachers. They will be attending the Writing Institute the week of June 17-21.

Upon returning from the Institute, Sonya and Lindsay will be leading the professional development for all K-5 teachers at Webberville Elementary in the area of writing instruction.

Leroy Township Board
Wilma J. Whitehead, Township Clerk
(3-17 & 3-24-19 FNY)

NOTICE OF LEROY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL BUDGET/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Leroy Township Annual Budget Hearing for fiscal year 2019-2020 will be held on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Leroy Township Hall, 1685 N. M-52, Webberville, MI.

This meeting is to review, consider comments and the final acceptance of the 2019-2020 Budget. Copies of the proposed budget will be available for review during regular office business hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8-12 & 1-4 and Tuesday 8-12. This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meeting Act), MCLA 4.27a (2) (3) and the American Disabilities Act (ADA).
Webberville senior receives award from Williamson Rotary
Webberville senior Hannah Fairfield has received the Narda Murphy Excellence Award presented by the Williamson Rotary. Hannah has demonstrated excellence academically, athletically, and socially. She is an active member of the Webberville Community Schools. Hannah plans to attend Alma College in the fall and has received multiple scholarship awards for her achievements. Hannah is pictured with Rotary President Nick Horstman, her parents Ed and Melinda Fairfield, and Webberville Principal Andrew Smith.

Williamson Eagles Club to host Trivia Night on Friday, March 22
Friday, March 22nd at 7:00 pm, the Williamson Eagles Club will be hosting Trivia Night with DJ Patrick Moore. Cost is $5 per person, and you can preregister for a chance at a door prize. Open to the public so bring your own team, or walk in and join one there! Beat the winter blues and have a chance for a first place prize! Call Victoria at 517-684-8599 for info. Dinner is 5:30-8 pm on until gone: Brisket, baked beans, slaw and cornbread served picnic style for $9. The club is located at 835 High Street. Call 517-655-6510 after 3pm for more info.

Williamson Area Senior Center
201 School Street  Williamston - 517-655-5173
MARCH 2019 EVENTS
Williamson Red Cedar Garden Club will be making a presentation on Preparing Home Plants & Gardens for Spring on Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

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

Presentations in March
--Tuesday, March 26, 2019 we will have our monthly Senior Movie.
--Wednesday, March 27, 2019 our seniors will be serenaded by Mike Holowenko and his accordion. He will be playing music from the 1940's.

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

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

Tuesday Knitters Group – meets from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Any March 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.

Card of Thanks
The Family of Grace L. Hummel would like to thank Julia Schellenberg and family of Home Away From Home for their loving care of Grace for the last two-and-a-half years. We also thank A Grace Hospice of Okemos and to all who touched us through visits, cards, calls and hugs during Grace’s last days, especially Pastor Diane Grebel of St. John’s Lutheran Church. Also thanks to the Corioline Funeral Home and staff of Williamson.

Crossroads United Methodist Church offering Swiss steak dinner March 30
Crossroads United Methodist Church will offer the third and last in its 2019 winter series of Swiss steak dinners for the public on Saturday, March 30. Doors open at 4 p.m. and remain open as long as supplies last. The church is at the corner of Haslett and Zimmer roads, north of Williamson.

The dinner menu includes Swiss steak with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetables, cole slaw, rolls and beverages. Cost is $9 for adults, with children under 10 free. Take-outs are available.

At the dinner two names will be drawn for free dinners at the next event September 28. For more details, please find the church on Facebook, call 517-655-1466, email at office@uncrossroads.org, or see the church website, www.umc-crossroads.org.

Medicare: Rules for Those with Higher Income
By Vonda VanTill, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist
If you have higher income, the law requires an upward adjustment to your monthly Medicare Part B (medical insurance) and Medicare prescription drug coverage premiums. But, if your income has gone down, you may use form SSA-44 to request a reduction in your Medicare income-related monthly adjustment amount.

Medicare Part B helps pay for your doctors’ services and outpatient care. It also covers other medical services, such as physical and occupational therapy, and some home health care. For most beneficiaries, the government pays a substantial portion — about 75 percent — of the Part B premium, and the beneficiary pays the remaining 25 percent.

If you’re a higher-income beneficiary, you’ll pay a larger percentage of the total cost of Medicare Part B, based on the income you report to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). You’ll pay monthly Part B premiums equal to 35, 50, 65, 80, or 85 percent of the total cost, depending on the income you report to the IRS.

Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage helps pay for your prescription drugs. For most beneficiaries, the government pays a major portion of the total costs for this coverage, and the beneficiary pays the rest. Prescription drug plan costs vary depending on the plan, and whether you get Extra Help with your portion of the Medicare prescription drug coverage costs.

If you’re a higher-income beneficiary with Medicare prescription drug coverage, you’ll pay monthly premiums plus an additional amount, which is also based on the income you report to the IRS. Because individual plan premiums vary, the law specifies that the amount is determined using a base premium. Social Security ties the additional amount you pay to the base beneficiary premium, not your own premium amount.

If you’re a higher-income beneficiary, we deduct this amount from your monthly Social Security payments regardless of how much you usually pay your monthly prescription plan premiums. If the amount is greater than your monthly payment from Social Security, or you don’t get monthly payments, you’ll get a separate bill from another federal agency, such as the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services or the Railroad Retirement Board.

You can find Form SSA-44 online at www.socialsecurity.gov/forms/ssa-44.pdf. You can also read more in the publica

How Seniors Can Stop Frustrating Robocalls

Dear Savvy Senior,
Is there anything seniors can do to stop perpetual robocalls?
It seems like I get five to 10 a day on my home and cell phone, and I’m sick of it!

Frustrated Frank

Robocalls make up around 50 percent of all phone calls today, and it’s only getting worse. Americans were hit with 26.3 billion robocalls in 2018, a whopping 46 percent increase from the year before. Fortunately, there are a variety of tools available today that can help you greatly reduce them.

Register Your Numbers
If you haven’t already done so, your first step to limiting at least some unwanted calls is to make sure your home and cell phone numbers are registered with the National Do Not Call Registry. While this won’t stop illegal robocalls, it will stop unwanted calls from legitimate for-profit businesses who are trying to sell you something. But be aware that political organizations, charities and survey takers are still permitted to call you, as businesses you’ve bought something from or made a payment to in the last 18 months. To sign up, visit DoNotCall.gov or call 888-382-1222.

Home Landline Tools
To stop calls on your home phone set up the “anonymous call rejection” option. This is a free landline-calling feature available from most telephone companies. It lets you screen out calls from callers who have lied about their caller ID information – a favorite tactic of telemarketers. To set it up, you usually have to dial *77 from your landline, though different phone services may have different procedures to set it up. Call your telephone service provider and provide them with the feature, and if they offer it this feature, and if so, what you need to do to enable it.

Another solution is to sign up for Nomorobo, which is a free service for landline phones but only if you have a VoIP landline carrier. Nomorobo uses a “SIMULATINGRING” service that detects and blocks robocalls on a black list of known offender numbers. It isn’t 100 percent foolproof, but it is an extra layer of protection. To sign up or see if Nomorobo works with your phone service provider, visit Nomorobo.com.

Cell Phones Tools
To stop unwanted robocalls and texts to your cell phone, ask your carrier about caller ID options that can help identify, filter or prevent callers that aren’t legitimate.

For example, AT&T provides their subscribers a free app called “AT&T Call Protect” that has automatic fraud blocking putting in your carrier, spam warnings, and you can manually block unwanted calls. Starting this month, Verizon is offering free spam alerting and calling block tools to their users. T-Mobile offers free “Scam ID” and “Scam Block” to combat robocalls and spam. And Sprint customers can sign up for its “Premium Caller ID” service for $2.99 per month to guard against robocalls and caller ID spoofers.

Call Blocking Apps
Another way to stop nuisance calls on your smartphone is with call blocking apps. These can identify who is calling you and block unwanted calls that show up on a crowded sourced spam and robocaller database.

Some top call blocking apps for iPhones and Androids include Nomorobo (Nomorobo.com), Hiya Caller ID and Spam Blocker (Hiyacomm.com) and Truecaller (Truecaller.com).

Nomorobo cost $2 per month, while Truecaller and Hiya apps are free to use, but offer upgraded services for $2 and $3 per month.

Spam Proof Phones
There are also phones you can buy, like the Samsung Galaxy S, Samsung Note, or Google Pixel phone that have built-in spam and robocall protection in place. Samsung’s Smart Call feature flags calls it suspects are spam, while Google Pixel phones have built-in spam call protection. With this feature, users with Caller ID enabled will get a warning if a suspected spam call or robocall is received.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070; or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of “The Savvy Senior” book.
Webberville FFA attends State Convention at MSU and receives multiple awards

Front Row: Austin Wyatt, Jeffery Michalski, Jake Bales, Alex Sump, Zoe Hodge, Haley Williams, Dana Gorski, Rebecca Fraley, Carson Nolan, Alyssa McGalliard. Back Row: Brandon Smith, John Walters, Keith Haynes, Camden Jackson, Katerina Haynes, Ashton Lott, and Skylar Byrne pose for a picture after the conclusion of the Michigan FFA 2019 State Convention. The chapter was named a National Chapter Gold Award winner.

Skylar Byrne poses with her proficiency award in Home and Community Development. She is the state winner and will move to national competition in October.

In 1969, FFA Alumni member Lynn (Whiting) Powell was among the first women to become members in the Michigan FFA. She was later elected as a state officer in 1973 breaking the metaphorical glass ceiling. Powell was a member of the Ovid-Elsie Chapter. Today, she resides in Williamston with her husband John on the Powell Family Dairy Farm and is active in the Webberville FFA Alumni. Powell was recognized at the State FFA Convention as Michigan FFA celebrates 50 years of women in FFA.

Rebecca Fraley, Zoe Hodge, Ashton Lott and Jeffery Michalski received their Outstanding Junior Awards. Also earning this award, but not pictured, was Justin Williams.

Earning state academic excellence were Jillian Loftis, Skylar Byrne, Rebecca Fraley, Ashton Lott and Alaia Driver.

State Officer Autumn Loss shakes Webberville FFA Chapter President Skylar Byrne’s hand as she receives the Webberville Agricultural Issues teams first place trophy. The Agricultural Issues team will be moving on to Nationals in October.

John Walters and Charles Scovill pose for a picture with the Grow More Communities award sponsored by Syngenta. This award and the grant that accompanies it allows the chapter to grow and donate potatoes on our Webberville land lab. This year the chapter donated over 1000 pounds of produce to area food banks.

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U.S. Congress Report
By Elissa Slotkin, 8th District, U.S. House of Representatives

Stresses Climate Change’s Impact on Military Readiness & National Security

U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin, noting that she is a former senior Pentagon official, questioned witnesses this past Wednesday during a House Armed Services Committee hearing on the effects of climate change on military readiness, stating that the Trump Administration’s plans to assemble a panel to deny government findings that climate change is a threat to national security.

Slotkin’s team at the Pentagon helped lead the first-ever study at the U.S. Department of Defense on how climate change will affect the U.S. military. Last week, 58 national security officials, including former Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, signed a letter opposing the Trump Administration’s plans to assemble a panel within the White House National Security Council to refute previous findings that climate change is a national security threat multipler.

“I’m concerned the Administration is not taking [this issue] as seriously as we’d like,” Slotkin said. “When I was Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense, we published the Climate Change Roadmap -- and it was clear back in 2014, just as it is now, that climate change is a national security issue and it has implications for our military, for our installations, for our ranges and overall the safety and security of the country.

“Even at that time, we saw some of our bases were dealing with flooding, some of our ranges were unable to be used because it was getting too hot, and our soldiers were having to conduct exercises differently because of the changing climate,” she added. “In the January 2019 DOD report, the department reported that 53 installations are vulnerable to recurrent flooding, 42 installations are vulnerable to drought, 36 installations are vulnerable to wildfire.

“And we all know the changing landscape in the Arctic and what it is allowing the Russians and the Chinese to do up there -- we should all have a blinking light in terms of what that’s going to do for our future threat perspective.”

Statement on President’s Proposed Cuts to Great Lakes Restoration Initiative

U.S. Representative Elissa Slotkin (MI-08) released the following statement Monday, March 11, in response to the proposed cuts to the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative in the requested budget President Trump released today:

“I’m still going through the President’s budget, but one area of disappointment is the proposed 90 percent cut to the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative,” Slotkin said. “In Michigan, protecting our Great Lakes is a bipartisan issue — because it’s about our economy and our way of life. I will be working with my Michigan colleagues on both sides of the aisle to stop these cuts.”

Introduced Amendment to H.R. 1 Restricting Foreign Influence in U.S. Elections

U.S. Representative Elissa Slotkin on March 7 introduced an amendment to H.R. 1 that would close loopholes that currently allow foreign entities to legally purchase digital and TV ads for the purpose of influencing U.S. elections.

H.R. 1 is a major campaign finance and government accountability reform bill that discusses a national legislative issue of public importance during an election year for the purpose of influencing an election.

Slotkin has been an outspoken leader on the need to restore integrity and decency to our democracy through government accountability and campaign finance reform. She led more than 100 candidates across the country in calling on Congressional leadership to make H.R. 1 the first bill considered under the new Congress.

“People from across the political spectrum in the 8th district tell me every single day that they just want their government to work and have integrity,” said Slotkin. “H.R. 1 helps restore that integrity by reigning in the influence of money in politics, strengthening the right to vote, and fortifying our ethics laws so that the public knows their representatives are really working for them.

“I hope that my colleagues from both sides of the aisle agree that bringing decency back into our politics and encouraging participation in our democracy should not be a partisan issue.”

Volunteers needed to deliver Meals on Wheels to Fowlerville area seniors

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

To help the agricultural industry throughout Michigan, state Rep. Hank Vaupel has introduced a measure allowing people to use updated technologies for wagering on horse racing. Vaupel's legislation is part of a wide-ranging bipartisan plan updating the way gaming is conducted and regulated statewide.

Michigan tracks currently do not utilize technologies such as advance deposit wagering, which allows people to place pari-mutuel wagers online. While these types of wagers are already happening in Michigan, only out-of-state businesses are operating the sites—with no revenue coming to Michigan. This hurts the state's racing community and agriculture industry.

Under Vaupel’s plan, horse racing enthusiasts would be able to utilize new technology to place the same types of wagers currently allowed in person at tracks where live racing is held.

"Without this change, the Michigan horse racing industry is losing out on revenue currently going to other states," said Vaupel, of Fowlerville. "We will move our state forward by adapting to new technology that allows our horse racing industry to stay relevant, and keeps money made on wagering in Michigan."

The horse racing industry employs more than 12,000 people and contributes nearly $1 billion to Michigan’s economy each year. In addition, horse racing provides financial support to numerous county fairs throughout the state.

Vaupel said the approval of his plan would generate more involvement in the sport, ultimately increasing agricultural activity to support the industry. House Bill 4311, along with the rest of the sweeping plan, now moves to the House Regulatory Reform Committee.

House approves Vaupel’s bill on danger of alcohol consumption when pregnant

The Michigan House this past week overwhelmingly approved a plan authored by state Rep. Hank Vaupel, of Fowlerville, better informing the public of the effects of alcohol consumption during pregnancy.

Under Vaupel’s safeguardative, bars, restaurants and liquor stores must include the following language as an addition to currently required signage mandated by law: “Pregnancy and alcohol do not mix. Drinking alcoholic beverages of any type during pregnancy can cause birth defects”.

“This is a very serious health issue that results in harmful and damaging consequences to both mother and infant,” said Vaupel, who chairs the House Health Policy Committee. “We’re advocating for greater public awareness and education on the dangers of mixing alcohol and pregnancy. This extra effort will go a long way to ensure the safety of expecting mothers and their children.”

Liquor stores and other businesses selling alcohol must post the warning sign in a prominent place within their establishments. Bars and restaurants with seating could meet the requirement by having the notice on their menus.

The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs will be responsible for developing and making available the signs, meaning businesses will face no extra costs when implementing the new plan.

House Bill 4112 now advances to the Senate for further consideration.

Award-winning film to be presented at Historic Howell Theater by Right to Life

An award-winning film is being presented by Right to Life-Livingston on Thursday, April 11, at the Historic Howell Theater. Doors open at 6 pm with Free Admission. There is limited seating.

"Bella" was the International Film Festival 2006 People’s Choice Award winner. Beyond its friendship and caring for others, abortion and adoption are the two biggest themes in Bella. The film deals with mature themes. Parental discretion is advised.

This showing is a Community-Church Outreach Evening offered by Right to Life-Livingston.

NOTICE OF SALE
A liquidation sale will be held on April 2nd, 2019 @ 11:00 a.m. to dispense of the items stored in:

Unit 277  Steven Laberde

This SALE IS SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION WITHOUT NOTICE.
NELSON MINI STORAGE
9177 West Grand River • Fowlerville, MI 48836
(517) 223-6137

FOULIVER News & Views
“Acknowledged Influences”

“The Louisiana Bucket Brigade”

-Pete Seeger

You are a force for better things. Accepting the call, you tread where others dare not venture. Your strength is invigorating. Your courage is the essence of the human spirit. You are a beacon of hope. You are a hero. You are Pete Seeger.

Pete Seeger was born in Clearwater, New York, on May 3, 1919. He was a folk singer, songwriter, and activist. Seeger first gained national attention in the 1940s and 1950s with his social and political activism. He was known for his clear, powerful voice and his ability to connect with audiences.

Seeger began singing and playing the guitar as a child. He attended the Juilliard School of Music in New York City, where he studied composition and performance. After World War II, Seeger became involved in the civil rights movement and began writing and performing songs that promoted social justice.

Seeger's most famous song is "This Land Is Your Land," which he wrote in 1940. The song became an anthem for the labor movement and the civil rights movement. Seeger also wrote and performed many other popular songs, including "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?" and "I Ain't Gonna Work Tomorrow."

Seeger was a strong advocate for environmental issues, and he helped found the Woodstock festival in 1969. He also worked to preserve American folk culture and to support the arts. Seeger was a close friend of Bob Dylan and was a member of the folk group The Weavers.

Seeger's activism continued throughout his life. He was arrested several times for his political views, and he refused to testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee. Seeger was also a strong supporter of the anti-war movement.

Seeger died on January 26, 2014, in his home in New York City. He was 94 years old. Seeger's legacy lives on in his music and his commitment to social justice. He is remembered as a powerful vocalist, a skilled songwriter, and a dedicated activist.

-As told by Fowlerville News & Views

-Mark O'Hanlon

The Call 517-223-8760 - Office Located at 206 E. Grand River, Fowlerville MI Fowlerville News & Views - Deadline Thursday by 3pm

FIELD MANAGER for City of Fowlerville:

-Responsible for managing the City’s parks and recreation programs
-Oversee the operation of city facilities
-Coordinate community events and special projects
-Work with the City Council to develop and implement policy
-Prepare and present proposed budgets and financial plans
-Ensure compliance with relevant laws and regulations

Qualifications:

-Minimum of 2 years of related experience
-Must have strong interpersonal and communication skills
-Must have a valid driver’s license and own a vehicle
-Must be able to pass a criminal background check

Salary: $40,000 - $45,000

Please submit your resume and cover letter to:

City of Fowlerville
Attention: Human Resources
206 E. Grand River
Fowlerville, MI 48836

High School Science Teacher:

-Teach classes in mathematics, science, and/or social studies
-Plan and deliver engaging lessons
-Monitor student progress and provide feedback
-Participate in professional development and staff meetings

Qualifications:

-Minimum of 2 years of related experience
-Must have strong interpersonal and communication skills
-Must have a valid driver’s license and own a vehicle
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**Please note: Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled.**
whatever fruit that is available that day. My favorite fruit and Tomato slices were also served by both our hosts. Basically, used and served include guava, mango, banana and pineapple. with butter, and either cheese or a Cuban sausage. The fruits homemade fruit juice, milk, coffee, two eggs, fruit, bread tour through farm fresh-fruit, to street food, to high-end paladars. On our first trip to Havana, my husband and I bought fruit fields, organic, and unrefrigerated. Very delicious! On our first trip to Havana, my husband and I bought fruit from an alley vendor. We made a dinner from plantains and pineapple. They were very small compared to American fruit. Cuban farmers do not use fertilizers because they are hard to get and very expensive. However, the fruit was fresh from the fields, organic, and unrefrigerated. Very delicious! We had a small kitchenette in our casa particular on our first trip to Havana. Because we had access to a refrigerator, we walked to the local carniceria (deli) many nights and bought queso blancoy jamón (white cheese and ham). The fresh queso blanco was the best cheese I’ve ever had! I simply could not get enough of it! On both trips we had Cuban breakfast served to us daily by our hosts for $5 per person. Cuban breakfast includes homemade fruit juice, milk, coffee, two eggs, fruit, bread with butter, and either cheese or a Cuban sausage. The fruits used and served include guava, mango, banana and pineapple. Tomato slices were also served by both our hosts. Basically, whatever fruit that is available that day. My favorite fruit and juice were pineapple. Since it is locally grown it was very flavorful compared to what we can get in Michigan. My second favorite fruit was guava. I did not enjoy the texture of the whole fruit but loved the taste. We also bought street food on both trips. Street food stalls are often a ground floor window into a home. They just roll up the metal grating and serve food. Street food is very affordable. Our meals often cost us a total of $5 and fed both of us. Street foods that we tried and enjoyed included fried rice, fried chicken legs, pizza, and fried plantains. We also went to many small, privately-owned bistro and restaurants called paladares. Paladare translates to roof-of-the-mouth. Some were hole-in-the-walls and others were high end. One of my favorite bistro we visited on both trips is Café Bembe. Jeff and I have shared charcuterie plates, various tapas plates, and my all-time favorite Cuban food: croquetas. Croquetas are made from whatever meat is left over like fish, ham, or chicken, ground up and made into a little ball and fried. Truly delicious! Another one of our favorite eateries is El Dandy Café. El Dandy serves a delicious three-taco plate that comes with seasoned white rice and black beans. Cuban-style black beans is another one of my favorite foods. At the International Book Fair, I bought a set of daily meal booklets so I can recreate Cuban black beans at home. Some of the higher-end meals we indulged in included a cabbage salad with cucumber and sometimes tomatoes or carrot slices, rice and black beans for the table, and then entrées that included a Cuban dish called ropavieja, which translates to ‘old clothes’. Ropavieja is a stew-type dish with either lamb, chicken, or beef as the meat. I am not certain as to which meat is used traditionally because in Havana you very use whatever is most available. These higher-end meals were very filling and usually cost about $20 a plate. International travel affords lots of opportunities to be adventurous and try new foods. You can try all the flavors of the culture by eating like the locals and trying a variety of different styles of places to eat. For us, trying a sample of all sorts of different fare was important. Travel to feed your mind, soul, and body. “Cooking is all about people. Food is maybe the only universal thing that really has the power to bring everyone together. No matter what culture, everywhere around the world people get together to eat.” —Guy Fieri

### Livingston County Parkinson’s Support Group to meet March 26 at hospital

The Livingston County Parkinson’s Support Group will meet Tuesday, March 26, at 4 p.m. in Community Room 2 of St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital, 620 Byron Road, in Howell. Park in the rear west parking lot and enter through the west entrance canopy. The speaker is Stuart Blatt who will present on the benefit of exercise for PD patients. After the formal presentation, an open discussion will take place. For more information, contact Dr. Stuart Blatt at ablatt63@live.com or at 810-923-8970.

### Howell Rec Center Events

#### Underwater Easter Egg Hunt

**Sunday, April 7th:** 10:00AM-3:00PM  
Join us Sunday, April 7th for the Underwater Easter Egg Hunt! We hear the Easter Bunny will be making an appearance, so don’t forget your cameras! This event is for kids ages 0-10.

- **Cost:** $5/person  
- **Site:** Howell Area Aquatic & Fitness Center, 1224 W. Grand River Ave.  
- **Hunt 1:** 10am-12pm  
- **Hunt 2:** 1pm-3pm

#### World Tai Chi Day

**Saturday, April 27th:** 10:00am-12:00pm  
The Annual World Tai Chi Day aims to promote and educate the world about the benefits of practicing Tai Chi. The relaxed, slow, graceful, balanced, and coordinated movements increase the flow of chi (energy) and reduce anxiety, depression, and pain. This celebration is the perfect opportunity for practitioners of all skill levels to meet others and become more aware of the benefits of Tai Chi.

- **Site:** Bennett Recreation Center, 925 W. Grand River Ave.  
- **Cost:** FREE  
- **No registration is required.**

#### Contact us: parksandrec@howellrecreation.org  
517-546-6093 ext. 0  
517-546-6018

### LIVINGSTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**Monday, March 25, 2019 - 6:30pm**

Marion Township Hall - 2877 W. Coon Lake Rd, Howell, MI

- Dinner catered by Showerman Family Cooking - Free will donation will be accepted to help cover the cost of the meal  
- Brief Business meeting with the election of one Director  
- Door prizes and entertainment  
- Questions? Visit our website at www.livingstoncd.org , email admin@livingstoncd.org or call (517)548-1553

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By Beth Lowe, Director

One of the things I love about international travel is trying new food. I do not consider myself adventurous when it comes to trying new foods, and I don’t believe that I am a ‘foodie or that I have a ‘refined palate’. Let’s be honest, I’m a hungry girl!

One rule that I lived by during both of my trips to Havana is that if food is served to me, I am going to eat it. I made this rule for two reasons. First, I’m out of my comfort zone on purpose so I should eat new foods. Second, Cuba is an incredibly poor country with food shortages, and it would be rude to waste food. With these thoughts in mind, let me share some of my food journey through Cuba with you. We ate our way through farm-fresh-fruit, to street food, to high-end paladars.

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