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Fowlerville High School holds Senior Honors Night

Fowlerville High School held its Annual Senior Honors Night on Wednesday, May 9, at the Alverson Center for Performing Arts.

This year's event included the Senior Academic Honors Program and the Senior Athletic Awards Night.

The 14 seniors who graduated Summa Cum Laude (3.9 GPA or higher) were introduced, followed by recognition of seniors who belong to the National Honor Society. In addition, the recipients of various special academic awards and local scholarships were announced.

The athletic part of the program included announcing the recipients of several scholarships and special awards. In addition, each of the varsity coaches introduced seniors who had played all four years in that sport.

Summa Cum Laude Graduates: Drew Allen, Hannah Brock, Brittany Bush (valedictorian), Sarah Childs, Caden Collins, Jacob Crawford, Michael Iafano, Sarah Matlock, Jacob Miller, Olivia Updike, Michaela Walker, Jessica Williams, Christine Young, Rachel Zang (salutatorian).

National Honor Society Seniors: Hannah Brock, Brittany Bush, Seth Chapman, Sarah Childs, Caden Collins, Josefine Lindberg, Taeler Ponsart, Kelsey Priestley, Kelsey Thompson, Michaela Walker, and Rachel Zhang.



THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN HONOR TROPHY: From left, Michaela Walker, Bradford Lusk, high school principal (presenter), and Andrew Goodwin.



THE FOWLerville ROTARY ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP: From left, Rick Hill (presenter), Ollie Updike, Mitchell Bishop, and Dawn Horton (presenter).

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Fowlerville voters approve school bond request by nearly 2-to-1 margin

By Steve Horton

“Very happy!” was Fowlerville School Superintendent Wayne Roedel’s response when asked how he and other school officials felt about voters approving the bond request by a nearly 2-to-1 margin in last Tuesday’s special election. His comment came the following day, when the news of the win was still fresh.

A total of 800 district voters supported the \$17.5 million request, while 465 were opposed. The turnout was just under 11 percent of the registered voters living in the district.

The proposal was designed to fund various capital improvements at all five school buildings and at the athletic fields. These include improving building safety and security, replacing aging infrastructure (boilers, roofs, electrical service, flooring, doors, windows, etc.), and upgrading and replacing technology that is eight or more years old.

School officials also designed the proposal so that, if passed, the current bond levy would remain at 9.55 mills, meaning property owners would not see an increase in their tax bill. Instead, the debt will be added to the balance of the current loan and extended out another six years to 2039.

Earlier this year, in addition to deciding to seek the \$17.5 million bond issue, the board of education went ahead with plans to obtain a \$3.5 million Energy Conservation Bond, which did not require voter approval and will be paid from the General Fund. That money was earmarked to replace the roof at the Kreeger Elementary, the heating boilers at both Kreeger and the Junior High, and transition to LED lights in the parking lots. The goal, it was noted, would be to offset the cost with savings realized from more efficient lighting and heating.

Roedel noted that planning on those projects had already taken place and were set to go, but added that other plans were in place and work was set to go contingent on whether or not voters approved the bond issue.

With that extra money now available, the superintendent said that four things will happen in the near future.

“Work on replacing the roof at Kreeger Elementary will begin on May 21st,” he said. “The other top priority is converting the outside lighting to LED lighting. This will start in mid-June.

“During the next few weeks we’ll also send out for bids on replacing the heat boilers at Kreeger Elementary and the Junior High School,” he added.

Upgrades and improvements to the school technology are also set to go, he said. These include replacing system

switches, installing new fiber between buildings and cabling within each of the buildings to the individual classrooms, and enhancing the WiFi in all of the buildings.

Roedel said that bids have already been taken for this project and, once finalized, work can begin in June.

Another item listed on the bond issue that is already in the pipeline and can now go forward is installing door security systems so that access into the buildings can be monitored. Once in place, the main entry door will be locked and a visitor can only gain access after being viewed with a camera, stating their business via an intercom, and the door being remotely unlocked.

“We knew in talking with people in the community that building security is very important,” said Roedel. “So this was something we planned on going forward with one way or the other. By the start of school next fall, we plan to have security systems at Munn, Smith, and Kreeger where our youngest students are located.”

While those projects have been given high priority, and will keep school officials busy this summer, Roedel said that other items on the list will be done “intermittently over the next three years.”

As for now, with all of that waiting to be accomplished, the superintendent paused the morning after the election to express his gratitude to the community for the show of support reflected in the vote, adding that “The board of education, myself, and everyone in our school system appreciates the support we received with passage of this bond request.”

Fowlerville Varsity Softball Team sweeps league games against Ionia

The Fowlerville Varsity Softball Team swept its league games with Ionia, 12-1 and 11-0. The doubleheader was played at the Gladiator home field last Monday, May 7.

The Glads jumped to a 6-0 lead in the top of the first and scored another 6 later in the game. Ionia’s lone run for the night came in their first turn at bat.

In the nightcap, Fowlerville scored 3 runs in the first inning, 1 in the second, 6 in the third, and 1 in the fourth. They had 11 hits in this contest.

For the night, Abrianna Stevens went 4 for 6 with a double, a triple and 5 RBIs. Madison Shaw was 3 for 6 with a double and five RBIs. Leah Ash was the winning pitcher in both games, allowing 5 hits and striking out 10.

The Gladiators are now 16-4 for the season and 6-0 in league play.

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**Fowlerville High School's
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JV Girls Tennis

Sophomore Kailene LeMieux is the only returning player on the Girls JV Tennis team. She gained valuable experience last year and has shown a great deal of improvement this season. Kailene has the unique ability to hit good shots with either hand. She has a good work ethic and a positive attitude which sets a wonderful example for her teammates. I appreciate her effort and am confident that she'll have a productive and successful season!


Junior Joy Lockhart is a first-year player on the Girls JV Tennis team, but you wouldn't guess that after watching her play. She is taking big steps forward with each practice or match thanks to her determination to improve and willingness to accept feedback. Joy's perseverance allows her to rally from behind and win matches that other competitors would have lost. She's quickly becoming the top player on the team. I look forward to helping her continue to improve and become a difference maker on the Varsity team next Spring!

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Caleb Jenkins Column



My Original Intent of Politics

I have kind of a strange love-hate relationship with politics. I have had a keen interest in the political craft since I was in high school when I took some very enlightening history and government courses. Those classes revealed to me the importance of being informed and involved to sustain a good society.

I could not sit idly by and simply hope for the best. Good government required a conscious effort, or it would naturally and quickly go downhill. When I completed those classes, I was motivated to learn more. I knew what I had learned was barely the tip of the iceberg, so I set out to study primary works on topics across the geopolitical/economic spectrum. I wanted to know more. As a citizen, I felt an acute responsibility to be informed.

In this respect, I love politics. Essentially, I love what is capable with politics. Meaning, a lot of good can be accomplished when the right policies are implemented, and on the flip side, an important part of good politics is knowing what policies to stand against. We saw this with our Founding Fathers. They were well-versed in politics and philosophy, and they were committed to implementing these principles on a *practical* level. Even though they did not agree with each other 100 percent of the time by any means, they were staunchly interested in doing what was best for the newly-formed nation.

It was that sort of commitment and motivation that drew me to politics. I was inspired by the idea of

working to make a real, positive difference in society. The Founding Fathers were more concerned about doing what was best for the country than pursuing personal vendettas. This selfless service found in politics was moving to me, and I knew I wanted to be that kind of public servant.

That is the 'love' portion of my relationship with politics. Unfortunately, there is also a 'hate' portion. Just because you are passionate about being a committed public servant for your country does not mean everyone else is there for the same ideals. This became evident to me very early in my political involvement, and at times, it has pushed me almost to the brink of giving up and staying away from politics. I love the idea of politics, but the application is sometimes so corrupt I can't stand the thought of it. I must watch the thing I love being bastardized, and it's disheartening.

In most cases, this misguided focus is not done with malicious intent. Rather, the political arena is so demanding and high-pressure it can be difficult to stay focused and not fall prey to the corrupted trends. It can be easy to forget the real purpose of politics. Still, I know plenty of elected and public officials who still hold fast to this genuine approach to government, and I am very thankful for that. They are the sort of people who are encouraging to me, and they are the ones who continue to give me hope. For myself, I have learned that the way to survive the political arena is to not lose focus of the original intent: service to country.

Firearm accidentally discharged by off-duty police officer at local event

A firearm was accidentally discharged by an off-duty police officer from Flint during an event at the Fowlerville High School on Saturday, May 5.

The incident occurred at approximately 12:40 pm during a multi-school wrestling meet. The officer's sidearm went off while he was watching the wrestling meet and standing on the gym floor. The bullet was lodged in the floor and there were no injuries from the shot. One person was treated at the scene by EMS for a twisted ankle. The meet continued after approximately a 50-minute delay.

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The move to the new home of the Fowlerville District Library has begun, and the staff was learning how to use the lights at the new building.

Photo by Sue Spalding

Library move from 131 Mill Street to 130 Grand Avenue has begun!

By Beth Lowe, MLIS

Programming Director for Fowlerville District Library

We are excited to share that we are moving! We have been packing up and shipping out furniture, books, shelves, and other supplies. We officially changed our address with the post office this week. The new library building looks beautiful inside, and we can't wait to share the changes with you in person!

We are closed until June 15th while we move from 131 Mill St. to our new location at 130 S. Grand Ave., formerly the Curtis Grocery Store. We are asking our patrons to please keep your materials safe at your home until June 15th when the **NEW** home of the Fowlerville District Library opens. Please renew your materials online at www.fowlervillelibrary.org as we will not be able to answer the phones at this time.

If you use interlibrary loans through www.mel.org, books are currently not available to order until we reopen. All MeLCat books that need to be returned to their home libraries can be dropped off while we are working on moving. At the 131 Mill St. location there is a brown wooden box available for MeLCat book returns. We will announce when this box moves to our new home.

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Fowlerville Softball Team splits non-league games with Linden on May 6

The Fowlerville Softball Team split its non-league games with Linden on Friday, May 6, at the Gladiator home field, taking the opener 4-0 and dropping a slugfest in the nightcap 19-10.

Leah Ash pitched all seven innings in the first game, allowing 2 hits and striking out 8 Linden batters. The contest was scoreless until the top of the fourth when Fowlerville put a run across. They added two more in the fifth and another in the sixth inning.

In game two, Linden was ahead 7-0 before the Glads rallied for three runs in the bottom of the third. Fowlerville narrowed the game to 8-5 after five innings of play, but Linden scored 5 in the sixth and another 6 in the seventh inning. They had 23 hits in the game to Fowlerville's 14.

On the night Miranda Prochnow went 4 for 6, Lindsey Darby was 4 for 7 and Ginelle Leslie hit another home run, giving her 4 homeruns in the last 4 games.

Tickets on sale for 125th annual Fowlerville High Alumni Banquet

Tickets are now on sale for the 125th annual Fowlerville High School Alumni Banquet. The event will be held on Saturday, June 9, at Fowlerville High School.

A social hour will begin about 4pm with rooms available for the honored classes to meet. Pictures of the "honored classes" will begin at 5:15 p.m. in the auxiliary gym, followed by dinner at 6:30p.m. A program takes place after the meal is over.

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Fowlerville Junior High School News

Important Dates:
End of year dance-- Fri. May 18th 2:40-4
Awards Ceremony (must be invited)-- Wed. May 23 at 6:30pm
Family Game Board Night-- Fri. May 25th 4-7pm

SPORTS FOR WEEK OF MAY 14:
Wed., 5/16: TRACK-HOME vs Okemos & Lansing Catholic-4:30. Last home meet of season. Concessions available; plan to pay admission
Fri., 5/18: TRACK @ Ionia Invitational-3:30; bus-1:45 (Ionia track complex on Tuttle Rd., west of IHS.) Sack lunches available for athletes on meet days. Place order by end of 1st hour on meet day.
FJH is seeking a 7th grade VOLLEYBALL coach for this fall. Please contact the FHS athletic office and/or varsity VB coach Michelle Hardenbrook if interested in this position.

GIRLS TRACK
Portland Meet 5/2/2018
The first place running event finishers were Mikayla Depa in the 200m dash, Leveesa Clark in the 400 and 800m run, Kaitlyn Seiter in the 1 mile, Trisha Seiter in the 2 mile, Madisyn Flamini in the 200m hurdles, the 400m relay team of; Leveesa Clark, Avery Chappell, Lindsey Lemieux, and Gabby Damerow, and the 3200m relay team of Hannah Arledge Teran, Lindsey Lemieux, Gabby Damerow, and Trisha Seiter.

The second place running event finishers were; Mikayla Depa in the 100m dash, Princess Nzaov-Pambou in the 100 and 200m dash, Avery Chappell in the 400m run, Lindsay Lemieux in the 800m run, Allison Davis in the 2 mile, Aleah Foster-Mezzenatto in the 200m hurdles, and Sarah Litz in the 55m hurdles.
The third place running event finishers were Gabby Meersma in the 70m dash, Leyna Baumgartner in the 200m dash, Princess Nazov-Pambou in the 100m dash, Leyna Baumgartner in the 200m dash, and Madisyn Flamini in the 55m hurdles.
Many of the girls who participated in field events did an outstanding job scoring points for the team as well. Sarah Litz took first place in long jump while Sarah McDonald was high jumping for the first time placing first. Ashlee Daily placed first in shot put with a new personal record and second in long jump again setting a new personal record. Picking up a few more points in field events was Madisyn Flamini in long jump.

Perry Invitational 5/4/18
The girls jr. high track team traveled to Perry on Friday to participate in the Perry Rambler Invitational. Running in wind that knocked out power, the girls proved they could work together to knock out their opponents and place 2nd overall. A big congratulations goes out to Hannah Arledge-Teran, Avery Chappell, Leveesa Clark, Adriann Clemons, Ashlee Dailey, Gabby Damerow, Mikayla Depa, Madisyn Flamini, Jenna Gill, Sarah Litz, Hannah Ray, Raimi Soerries, Abby Thomas, Aemilia Wolverton, Alison Davis, Avery Morris, Trisha Seiter, Morgan Thomas, Kaitlyn Seiter, Lindsay LeMieux, and Princess Nzaov-Pambou. Without you all contributing to our point total we could have never taken 2nd place. Every one of you that participated gave your best effort in spite of the wind and did an amazing job.

The 2nd place finishers for the night were; the 3200m Co-ed relay team of; Howard, Parras, Clark, LeMieux. The 3200m relay team of; Arledge-Teran, LeMieux, Damerow, Seiter. The 800m relay of; Ray, Flamini, Nzaov-Pambou, Depa. The distance medley relay team running a 1200-400-800-1600; Seiter, Chappell, Clark, and Seiter. The long jump relay team of Litz, Daily, and Thomas.

FJHS Boys Track Result
With the weather finally cooperating, the FJHS Boys track team got off to a great start competing against Williamston on April 25. In the running events, Cole Jones took first in the 100m dash with a time of 12.94s. Blake Cox also came through with a first place in the 200m dash (28.29s) with Ty Bialobrzski on his heels placing second in a time of 29.29s. Taiton Eastwood took first in the 400m (1:02.59) and led the sweep in the 800 placing first with Brock Howard placing second and Brett Marschall placing third. In the hurdles, Logan Steele placed 2nd in the 55mH and Jack Shrader placed 2nd in the 200mH.

The Gladiators had a strong performance in the distance events with Jack Shrader placing first in the 1600m with a time of 5:30.34 and Tyler Perras took first in the 3200m with a time of 12:11. The Gladiator relay teams looked strong with the 4x200 (Lamar, Border, Showerman, Marschall), 4x100 (Tomassi, Cox, Steel, Jones) and 4 x 800 (Steele, Curd, Perras, Shrader) all coming through with the win. In the field events, Trevor Maybee beat all competitors in the shot put throwing 33'11". Caleb Shermoe out jumped his opponents in the High Jump with a new personal best 4'10", Houston Schloemp took second in Pole Vault clearing 8' and Taiton Eastwood leaped 15'9" in the long jump to place second.

YEARBOOK INFORMATION
Yearbook is underway- order yours today!. We only have 40 left so do not delay!! Order on our website under order yearbooks here and it will take you to the smart pay site. You may also send a check made out to Fowlerville Community Schools with name and grade of your child on memo line. A basic yearbook is \$32.

Card of Thanks

Thank you to "Fowlerville Phil" who donated cash and bottles to the Falyne Murphy Service project. To date, Falyne has raised almost \$300 for her National Junior Honor Society service project. Falyne would like to raise at least \$1,000 for security cameras for the Fowlerville Jr. High School. Please help her reach her goal and make our schools a little safer for our children. Any amount of donation will help her reach her goal.

Please send all donations to the Fowlerville Jr. High School, Attn: Ms. Lillie. Make checks payable to Fowlerville Community Schools. Cash donations can be dropped off at the Jr. High office. If you would like to donate any bottles, we can make arrangements to pick up the bottles. Please contact Sandra at 248-789-0487 if you are willing to donate your bottle returns.

Fowlerville JV Baseball Team splits twinbill with Ionia; winning streak ends

The Fowlerville Junior Varsity Baseball Team split its twinbill with Ionia last Monday, May 7, taking the first game 9-1 and falling in the nightcap 7-5. The loss was the young Glads first of the season and ended their winning streak at 11 games.

In the opener, Fowlerville had 10 hits and 6 stolen bases. Josh Leonard pitched the first three innings and earned the win, while Tanner Larson pitched the final two frames of the five-inning game

In the second go-around, Bryce Wilmot pitched 4-1/3 innings and gave up only 1 run in what looked like another Fowlerville win. At the end of 6 innings, the Glads held a 4-1 lead. The Bulldogs, though, narrowed the margin to 4-3 and then had a two-out hit that scored 2 runs to take a 5-3 lead. They then added another run.

The Glads managed to score a run in their final turn at bat and threatened with the bases loaded before the final out was made.

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—Area Deaths—



Paul A. Schneider

Paul A. Schneider, 87 of Elkader died Friday March 30, 2018, in Manchester, Iowa. Mass of Christian burial was held at St. Joseph’s Church in Elkader, where Paul spent many hours remodeling and updating various areas of the Church, Parish Hall, and Convent. This was a labor of love for Paul as his father and uncles performed all the woodwork when the original church was built in 1898.

Paul Alfred Schneider was born October 22, 1930 at Elkader, Iowa. He was the son of Victor and Paula Dausg Schneider. Paul was a 1949 graduate of Elkader High School where he excelled at athletics, winning 44 straight football games. He then attended Iowa State University before enlisting in the US Air Force and served his country in Japan during the Korean War. In 1957 he married Mary “Jean” Havertape in Masonville, Iowa. To this union five children were born: Susan, Daniel, Ann, John and Timothy. Paul married Sara Larson of Williamston, MI in November 2001.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two wives, Jean and Dee, and two brothers, Victor and William.

Paul took over Schneider Construction Co. from his father and continued the tradition of building quality homes, farm buildings, and commercial buildings in Elkader until 1982. He then became a Superintendent for Larson Construction of Independence, Iowa. Paul retired in 2002 and spent many retirement hours working in his woodshop constructing solid wood furniture. His many treasures can be found among his children, grandchildren, and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 17 years, Sara Larson-Schneider of Williamston, Michigan; his children: Susan (Chuck) Hubbard, Daniel (Jackie) Schneider, Ann (Robert) Dover, John (Teresa) Schneider, and Timothy (Pam) Schneider; and his stepchildren: Liz (Reed) Davis, Kent Larson, Kurt (Loretta) Larson, Jan (Mark) Joseph, all of Williamston, Michigan, along with multiple grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Paul’s Michigan Memorial Luncheon was on April 8 at Webberville United Methodist Church.

His Iowa Memorial Service was held 11:00 am on Saturday, April 14, 2018, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Elkader, Iowa. Inurnment: St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Elkader, Iowa.

Fowlerville Varsity Girls Tennis Team falls to state-ranked Portland last week

The Fowlerville Varsity Girls Tennis team fell to state-ranked Portland last Tuesday, 8-0. Emma Arnot lost 6-2 6-3 and the 2 doubles team of Madi Allen/Shelby Durbin lost 6-0 6-3. The Glads are now 3-6-1 overall and 0-4-1 in league play. They competed in the league tourney at Ionia this past Thursday (past the newspaper deadline).



May C. Pardee

May C. Pardee of Fowlerville passed away peacefully at Medilodge of Howell on May 8, 2018. She was born in Wayne, Michigan and as a little girl moved with her family to Fowlerville.

May was a homemaker and member of St. John’s Lutheran Church. She loved her family and friends, enjoyed traveling, and various kinds of crafts.

She was preceded in death by parents, Charles and Ada Venaska; siblings, Charles, Fern and Russell; and husband, Leslie D. Pardee. She is survived by children: Edward (Marilyn) Pardee, Judy Pardee, Joyce (Dennis) McHale, Les (Sherry) Pardee, sister-in-law, Doris Venaska, many Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren, as well as nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be on Monday, May 14, 2018 from 4-8 pm and Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 10 am before funeral services at 11 am at Herrmann Funeral Home with Pastor Diane Greble officiating. Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Parkinson’s Foundation, St. John’s Lutheran Church, or a charity of your choice. Please leave the family a condolence at pjherrmannfuneralhome.com.

Letter to the Editor

Some people believe that legalizing marijuana for recreational purposes will be on the ballot in November. I sincerely hope that legalizing marijuana will not be on the ballot in Michigan.

Smoking marijuana is bad for brains, bodies and babies. The THC in marijuana causes your brain to release dopamine. The dopamine gives a person the “high”. This happens if you smoke or eat the marijuana. The THC in marijuana changes the way a person processes information so your judgment becomes impaired. The THC makes changes in your cerebellum and basal ganglia upsetting your balance, coordination, and reflexes. So driving a car under the influence is definitely not safe for anyone.

Sean English and his family stopped to help victims of a car accident. A car driven by Keith Martin ran into Sean. Keith was determined to have marijuana in his system. Keith killed a doctor at the scene and gravely injured Sean. Marijuana can have a negative impact on the brains of adolescents by negatively impacting thinking and memory skills.

Pregnant women should never smoke or eat marijuana as it can affect the unborn child’s brain. Marijuana smoke contains carcinogens and carcinogens cause cancer. Marijuana can increase a person’s heart rate by 20-50 beats per minute for hours after using the marijuana.

These are only a few of the negative impacts on the human body caused by marijuana. Just say no to drugs. That is what marijuana is, a drug, a brain and body altering drug.

Cathy Vaupel

Oak Grove United Methodist Church having rummage sale on May 18-19

Oak Grove United Methodist Church is having a two-day rummage sale on Friday, May 18, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday, May 19, 9 a.m. - noon at 6686 Oak Grove Road, Howell (5 miles north of M-59). Organizers are accepting donated items during the week (May 14-17). Please call the church at 517-546-3942 for more information about the sale or times to drop off items.

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Smith Elementary School News

IMPORTANT DATES:

May 16- Kindergarten to First Grade Transition Night 5:30-6:30
May 25- PTC Popcorn – last of the year
May 28- Memorial Day – NO School
May 29- Second Grade Musical 2:00pm
May 30- Second Grade Musical 10:00am & 7:00pm
May 30- Field trip: Woodward, Myers, Dillingham & Moulton
May 31- Field trip: Hunt, Spalding, Boyd, LaPlante
June 1- Fun Run
June 6- Field trip: Burke & Barton
June 7- Mobile Dentist here
June 7- Field Day
June 8- Field trip: Dodd, Gerecke, King, Wolff
June 8- Field trip: Devota & Sweet
June 8- End of Year Kindergarten Celebration (see teacher's notes for the time)
June 8- Family Fun End of Year Party 5:30-7:30
June 13- Early Dismissal 12:00
June 14- Early Dismissal: 12:00 - Last Day of 2017-2018 School Year

The 2nd Graders will present their spring concert - "The Musical World of Disney" on Wednesday, May 30th at 7:00pm in the Alverson Center for Performing Arts. They will also have two performances during school hours, which parents are welcome to attend. These will take place on Tuesday, May 29th at 2:00pm, and Wednesday, May 30th at 10:00am.

Kindergarten to First Grade Transition Night - Would you like to learn more about first grade from our first grade teachers here at Smith? If so, come to K to 1st grade Transition Night on Wednesday, May 16th from 5:30-6:30! Our first grade teachers will be discussing first grade expectations as well as providing free goodies for you to take home with your student! Please look for the flyer to RSVP. We hope to see you there!

2018/2019 "Round Up" Continues – H.T. Smith Elementary continues to "Round Up" Kindergarteners for the 2018/2019 school year. Please stop by the Smith Office to register your child. Monday – Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm every day. Please bring required enrollment items with you which include state issued birth certificate, current immunization record, vision screening (after age 3), and proof of residency (Driver License and 2 pieces of mail, a utility/phone bill, voter registration card, lease/purchase agreement, etc.) that shows your name and address together. You can pre enroll online at fowlervilleschools.org, click on the "New Student Enrollment" link. There is nothing to print off, just make sure that you have "submitted" the enrollment.

Calling in to Pick Up Your Child Early – If you are on your way to the school to pick up your child early and need your child in the office, wait to call the office, when you are about 10 minutes away from the school. That gives us enough time to call classrooms and get your child ready to leave. Thank You So Much!

Head Start and Great Start - Enroll now for the 2018-2019 school year! Enroll now for the 2018-2019 school year! Livingston Educational Service Agency Early Childhood Programs are enrolling for the 2018-2019 school year. Head Start and Great Start Readiness Programs offer no cost/low cost preschool to income eligible or children "at risk" who qualify under federal and state guidelines. Families meeting eligibility guidelines have access to learning opportunities, health and wellness, social and disability services, and other community resources. Children of all abilities are encouraged to apply. To find out more information about applying and to see if you are eligible, call 517-548-2100 or go to www.LivingstonESA.org.

5K and 1 Mile Run/Walk to benefit Family Impact Centers scheduled for June 3rd

Grab a friend and run/walk the 6th Annual Run for the Impact 5K/1Mile to benefit the Fowlerville Family Impact Centers! Enjoy your morning run/walk on a beautiful yet challenging 3.1-mile grassy, wooded, corn-field course, with professional chip timing by Michigan Running Foundation. There will be T-shirts for preregistered entrants and 5K Medals for 1st-3rd place in each of the 14 age divisions from 6-14yrs to over 70yrs for both male and female participants, and don't forget the ever popular "Racers Goody Bag". Spectator activities include our local Fire Department with rescue vehicle demonstrations, Kids/Adult Mile Run and Activities, spirited race-course-cheer teams, music with DJ Ben and Jim Kitchen, and race/spectator pictures by photographer Brian Blostica. On-Site Registration and Pre-Registered Packet Pick-Up begins at 8 AM. The Run/Walk begins at 9 AM at the Fowler-ville Family Impact Wellness Center (9430 West Grand River). Parking will be at the United Brethren Church front lot. Register online at the following: <https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Fowlerville/RunfortheImpact3> or download registration at: www.Playmakers.com & www.familyimpactcenters.com or obtain registration forms before May 25th at the Impact Center, 735 N. Fowlerville Rd. (Registration goes up after this date and T-shirt is not guaranteed). If you have questions or would like to volunteer please call Barb Dine at the Impact Center at 517-223-4428, or Race Director Sheila Larson, 517-861-9139.

Michigan State Police Brighton Post to host Citizens' Academy on June 6

The Michigan State Police (MSP) Brighton Post is pleased to announce the second annual Citizens' Academy, which will start June 6 and end July 25. The academy will meet Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and will give citizens the opportunity to become familiar with the mission and operation of the MSP, understand the procedures troopers follow, increase their awareness of law enforcement's role in the community, and get to know personnel at the Brighton Post. The first week of the academy will meet at the Brighton State Police Post on Wednesday, June 6, at 6:00 p.m. coinciding with the Brighton Post's celebration of MSP's 100th Anniversary. A graduation ceremony will be held on Wednesday July 6. Individuals who are interested in attending the Citizens' Academy should contact Trooper Olivia Sivy of the Brighton Post at 810-227-1051 or via email at sivyo@michigan.gov to receive an application.

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Student of the Week—Max Schwarz

By Hannah Brock

Congratulations to Max Schwarz for being nominated as this week’s Student of the Week! Max lives with his mother, father, and sister, Claire. Max has a diverse schedule, including classes such as: Sophomore Literature and Composition, Biology I, World History, Geometry I, German III, and Wind Ensemble. He states, “Geometry is my favorite, I’ve always enjoyed math.”

Max enjoys his time here, saying his favorite part of FHS is the nice building and campus. After school, Max remains busy. He participates in the Tech Club as the Lighting Director. He is also a part of the F.A.S.T. robotics team. In his high school career, Max looks forward to experiencing the growth of the robotics team. In the rest of his free time, Max enjoys time biking, camping, and snowmobiling with his family. One of his favorite memories in high school has been hanging out with his friends during band camp.

After his time at FHS, Max plans to college and is considering majoring in Engineering. As an experienced sophomore, Max encourages underclassmen to make the most of their high school career by paying attention during class and taking notes. Outside of school, Max has various interests. His favorite movies are the *Saw* films. He also enjoys the TV show, *Psyche*, and his favorite game is *Borderlands 2*. When asked how he felt about being nominated, he stated, “It feels great to be nominated, and I am thankful.”

Max was nominated by many of his teachers and staff members. Mrs. Mangan commented, “Matt has such a positive attitude and genuinely wants to learn. He asks meaningful questions and is always engaged in class activities. He is very personable, kind, and funny.”

Mrs. Ording and Ms. Mossoian stated, “He works SO HARD, is an awesome student who wants to learn, and has such a great attitude!”

Mrs. Sergent said, “Max has worked so hard in Tech Club to learn the tremendous amount of information that goes

into being a student Lighting Director. He has also jumped in willingly to help others when we need to trouble shoot problems. Max is well liked by his fellow students and customers who come to the Alverson Center. Max is a very valuable part of our Tech Crew and is often overlooked because of his quiet, easy-going demeanor, but we also depend on his dry humor and perfect timing to relieve tension during our difficult work.”

Mrs. Collins commented, “He is easy to overlook because he’s quiet, but he always is ready to volunteer and not afraid to take risks and share an answer that he might not be sure is correct. I admire that about him! He is a great student who is very responsible and understands new concepts quickly.”

As a person, Max is inspired and motivated by financial freedom. His number one aspiration in life is helping others. If he could travel anywhere, he would choose to go to Europe to visit the “old country.” Currently, his favorite place is Disney World in Florida. He fondly recalls going to all the Disney parks and Universal in a fun-filled week. Last but not least, Congratulations Max for being a great student!

Michigan DNR Fishing Tip—
Things to think about when trout fishing

Many anglers search for the latest tips and tricks when fishing for trout and one of the best may also be the most simple: don’t forget that trout can see!

Trout are known to have excellent vision so consider the following if you head out this spring:

- Cast out far ahead of you to prevent the trout from seeing you.
- When wading, do so carefully and avoid rapid movement which could spook the fish.
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Fowlerville High School Jazz Band kicks off ‘Music at the Park’ summer series

The weather was cool and rain threatened, but the “band played on”. In this case it was the Fowlerville High School Jazz Band who entertained a nice-sized crowd during a performance at the Centennial Park on Thursday, May 3.

The band kicked off the new ‘Concert at the Park’ summer series being sponsored by the Fowlerville Downtown Development Authority. Shown here directing the musicians was Bill Vliet. The high school band director also played his trumpet.

The next performer for the series will be Hannah Crouch of Howell, a solo singer-musician who offers a variety of songs, ranging from The Beatles to Tom Petty. She will be at the park pavilion, next to the fire hall, on Thursday, June 7, starting at 7 p.m.

Kreeger Elementary School News

5-25-18: Game Night over at the JH cafeteria. 4pm to 7pm. Play some of your old favorites, or be introduced to the many new amazing games in this golden era of board games. Crepes and Games of Howell will be selling mini-crepes and bulleteac, and BC Comix of Howell will be on hand with two Pokemon training sessions. Games and other items will be raffled off, and plenty of gaming fun for all. Space is limited for the Pokeman training session, and you must register. If you have any questions contact Mr. Donoghue at the JH school.

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6-5-18: 3rd Grade Field Day: 9:15-11:45 a.m.

6-5-18: 4th Grade Field Day: 12:30-3:00 p.m.

6-6-18: 5th Grade Field Day: 12 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

6-11-18: Full Day of school

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A vast selection of music is offered for your dancing and listening enjoyment. An admission fee of \$5 is all it takes for a fantastic afternoon of purse enjoyment. Food and beverages are available for purchase. Membership is not required to attend.

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Michigan Open Carry group to hold breakfast on Saturday, May 19

Michigan Open Carry, Inc. will be holding a breakfast on Saturday, May 19, at the Howell Coney Island, located at 1025 E. Grand River Ave, Howell, at 9:30 a.m. Your holstered handgun is both welcomed and encouraged, but not required. Immediately following the breakfast, the group will be attending the ‘Rolling Thunder, Inc. Chapter 5 MI annual ‘Ride to Remember’ Ceremonies being held in Downtown Howell at the Courthouse, starting at 12 noon. Michigan Open Carry, Inc. will proudly be placing a wreath to honor our American military forces. Please join us.

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Michigan House Report

By Dr. Hank Vaupel,
47nd District

School safety is of the utmost importance for the well being of our children. This week I was proud to support a new plan to improve school safety across the state.

The cornerstone of the plan -- approved with overwhelming bipartisan support -- establishes a statewide commission to help review and audit security procedures in school buildings. Grants to improve security would be distributed with priority going to schools with the greatest need. Schools would have local liaisons to work with the statewide commission.

The plan also makes permanent the OK2SAY school safety program, which allows confidential reporting of tips on potentially harmful or criminal activity directed at students.

More details of the plan:

- Schools would be required to submit incident reports to the statewide school safety commission.
- New school construction or major renovation projects must include safety features such as reinforced entryways and remote door locks.
- Consistent, standardized training related to school violence incidents would be required for law enforcement throughout Michigan.

I was happy to participate in an opiate epidemic forum in Howell hosted by Project Opiate and the Big Red Barrel. I spoke about legislation designed to combat the opioid epidemic and address mental health needs. It was a productive event with people and agencies from across the county. Thank you to Livingston County District Court Administrator Francine Zysk for coordinating the event and to all who attended.

I spoke to an advocacy group in Lansing on the importance

of children’s mental health awareness. Early diagnosis and treatment are critical in helping children with mental health needs. We must be aware and support efforts to protect the most vulnerable in our community.

Last Sunday, I had the opportunity to attend the Howell Farmer’s Market and see many fantastic local products. The market is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Sunday from May to October in downtown Howell. It’s a fun community event that benefits our local businesses. I hope you get a chance to stop by and experience a great local tradition.

In honor of Mother’s Day this Sunday, I want to recognize all the sacrifices and hard work mothers do throughout the year. Mothers give so much for the wellbeing of their children, and they are steadfast pillars in the community. Livingston County is a better place because of so many great moms. Happy Mother’s Day!

Please join me for my May office hours on Friday, May 18 at the following times and locations:

- 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Fowlerville Farms, 941 S. Grand Ave. in Fowlerville;
- 4 to 5 p.m. at Biggby Coffee, 11325 W. Highland Road in Hartland; and
- 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at All Star Coney Island, 934 Michigan Ave. in Howell.

I look forward to seeing you and hearing your thoughts!

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!

Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast being served at Dansville Community Center

There will be lots of fun in Dansville on Memorial Day, May 28th and you won’t want to miss the annual Pancake Breakfast at the Dansville Community Center at 1317 Mason Street. We will be serving from 9-11am in the dining hall and breakfast will consist of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, applesauce and a variety of beverages. A free will offering is asked for your breakfast and will go to the Gal’s For Guatemala Mission Trip in 2019.


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When we are struggling with our decision to become a faithful and obedient servant to Jesus Christ, sometimes we allow the activities and lifestyles of our past to creep into our thoughts, and make us feel as if we are unworthy. We tell ourselves that God would never use someone like us.

If we would just take a few minutes to stop and think about all of the people God has used in the past and is using in this present age, we will see that our past does not eliminate us from being disciples of Jesus.

Moses was a murderer, but God used him to bring the Israelites out of Egypt and lead them to the land that He promised them.

The Apostle Paul was a persecutor of Christians. He dedicated his early life to hunting them down, throwing them in prison and in some cases, even killing them. But God chose him and sent him out into all parts of the world to share the gospel of Jesus.

John Newton was a slave ship captain who participated in one of the most inhumane activities known to man, but God turned him around and used him to write one of the most beautiful and recognized hymns in the Christian faith—*Amazing Grace*.

There are a countless number of people who led wicked lives in the past, and who probably felt as I did about being used by God. But God found a way to use them just as he is using me today to get the word about Jesus out to the people who don't know him. Almost every day when I am out and about, someone will approach me and ask, "Are you the one who writes the column in the newspaper?" They tell me how much they enjoy reading it and how much it touches them. To me this is an affirmation that I am reaching people whom I would never even know, if it were not for the words I put in my column each week.

There have been times when I thought I would stop writing, but each time I think I will call the editor of the paper and tell him I am done, I get another affirmation from someone, and I know I need to keep writing.

The amazing grace of God has worked a miracle in my life. He has taken a person who has no confidence in his ability, no confidence in himself and no talent for doing anything, and is now using him to help others see that no life is worthless, and no one is so bad that God can't use them.

I have a pastor who teaches the word of God without compromise. He has helped me to grow spiritually and to see value in myself that I never believed I had. He has helped me to recognize something that I have been preaching for all of my ministry career, but failed to see the necessity for applying what I was preaching to my own life.

There are three truths that I want to make clear for anyone who may be having doubts about their worthiness or value to God. The first is this. God loves you!" Regardless of what you may think of yourself, God still loves you. No matter what kind of history you have or what you have done, God loves you. This is important because we tend to think that God is like us: that his love for us is based on what we do for him or how faithfully we follow all the rules. Thank God, he is not like us. Thank God his love is unconditional and no matter how good we are or how bad we are, he still loves us the same.

The second thing is that God can use anybody who has a willing heart and obedient spirit. If we are willing to surrender our will to God's will, then obediently follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit, God can do some amazing things through us. God is not looking for our ability or our expertise. He wants our availability. He wants someone who will say, "Here I am Lord, send me." When I began my journey into ministry I was scared to death of failing. But reluctantly, at first, I put my trust in God, and he has shown me over and over again that as long as I follow his lead, I will be able to complete any task he calls me to perform.

The third truth is this: Our sin debt has been paid. It says in Romans 6:23: *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.* Jesus shed his blood on the cross to pay for our sins, both past and future. Before Jesus came and gave his life for us we were doomed to an eternity of torment and anguish.

Because no sacrifice we can make is enough to compensate for our sins, Jesus paid a debt that we could never pay. The Bible describes what we were facing before Jesus gave his life for us. In Luke 13:28 it reads: *In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and*

Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but yourselves being thrown out.

The phrase "(there will be) weeping and **gnashing of teeth**" appears seven times in the New Testament as a description of the torments of the damned in Hell.

If you are struggling with your decision to become a follower of Jesus because you feel your past makes you unusable, or you feel you will have to give up some things you value such as a sinful lifestyle, old habits, sinful pleasures, etc., think about this... whatever temporary enjoyment you have to forfeit today is not worth the eternal joy and happiness you will have to give up to keep it. In other words, the price you pay for following Christ is not nearly as great as the price you will pay for not following him.

What must you do to be saved? There must be the repentance of sin which means you must turn away from your sins. The Bible says in Mark 1:15 *"the kingdom of God is at hand: repent of your sins, and believe the gospel."* Repent means to turn away, walk and go another way. The Gospel - The life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Tomorrow is not promised. Do it today!

Livingston Dems hosting film on Ruth Bader Ginsburg at Howell Theater

The life of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, only the second woman to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court, will be the subject of a movie being released in select theaters nationally this month. Livingston County Democrats are sponsoring a week-long run of the film in Howell.

RBG, by Magnolia Pictures, tells the life story of the justice who has developed a large following of fans based on her life-long record of fighting against sex discrimination. Despite her popularity, few know of the hardships Ginsburg met and conquered throughout her legal career, including having difficulty finding a job despite graduating tied for first in her class at Columbia Law School.

The film will be shown at the Historic Howell Theater, 315 E. Grand River Ave., Howell, from May 25-May 31, with showtimes at 4:15 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 and may be purchased in advance from the party to help defray the cost of the sponsorship. The office will be open from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Tickets may also be purchased at the theater before each showing.

For more information, call 810-229-4212 or email livcodems@gmail.com.

Fowlerville man, shot by local police officer, charged with assault

A Fowlerville man has been charged with assault for allegedly threatening two law-enforcement officers with a knife. He was shot by one of those officers.

Members of the Michigan State Police (MSP) First District Special Investigation Section arrested Robert McKee, 35, on Friday, May 4. He was arraigned that same day at the University of Michigan Hospital where he is receiving treatment for his injuries. Magistrate Sherwood gave McKee a \$10,000 Personal Recognizance bond as he is recovering in the hospital.

The Livingston County Prosecutor's office authorized four felony charges against McKee, two counts of Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, one count of Police Officer - Assaulting/Resisting/Obstructing causing Injury and one count of Police Officer - Assaulting/Resisting/Obstructing.

The incident occurred on April 29, when a trooper from the Michigan State Police (MSP) Brighton Post and an officer from Fowlerville Police Department responded to a call involving a suicidal subject in Handy Township, Livingston County. When they arrived on scene, the suicidal subject had already injured himself with a knife and was hiding in the basement of the residence. Officers were able to make contact with him and call for an ambulance, but when they attempted to render aid he became combative and moved towards them with the knife. The Fowlerville officer shot the man to stop the threat. One bullet ricocheted and struck the Trooper in the leg.

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Rep. Hank Vaupel kicked off re-election campaign with ice cream social May 7

State Representative Hank Vaupel kicked off his re-election campaign with an ice cream social that was held Monday May 7th at the VFW Post in Fowlerville. Pictured here are, from left, Senator Joe Hune, Drew Brewer, Dennis Brewer – candidate for Judge, Judge Suzanne Geddis, Representative Hank Vaupel and District 2 County Commissioner James Bruney.



Serving ice cream and cake were, from left, Micah Demass – legislative aide for Vaupel, Kim Hune and Denise Brown.



Among those in attendance were, from left, Barb Keesler, Caleb, Preston and Drew Brewer and Wayne Copeland.



Others who were enjoying the evening were, from left, Jill Jenkins, Cathy Vaupel, Ed Alverson – Handy Township Supervisor, Cindy Denby, Becky Alverson and Sue Dolato.

Fowlerville Fire Department Report

Thursday, May 3rd, at 9:37 p.m. firefighters responded with extrication equipment to an injury accident on Fowlerville Road in Conway Township. At 5:48 p.m. the department assisted at a motor vehicle accident on Grand River Ave. in the Village.

Arcing power lines were reported on Power Street in the Village at 3:49 a.m., Friday, May 4th. Firefighters were dispatched to a possible fire under a mobile home on Brookdale Street in the Village at 8:18 a.m. No fire was found. A faulty electrical line that had been arcing was found to be the problem. At 11:29 a.m. the department responded to Gregory Road in Iosco Township to investigate a report of a tree blocking the road. Personnel removed a tree blocking Gregory Road in Handy Township at 12:00 noon, and at

12:15 a tree blocking the roadway on Sargent Road in Handy Township. Personnel assisted EMS on Ann Street in the Village at 1:14 p.m. and at 11:12 p.m. assisted at a medical emergency on Gregory Road in Conway Township.

Firefighters responded to a house fire on Roberts Road in Iosco Township at 11:42 a.m., Saturday, May 5th. Mutual Aid was received at the scene from Unadilla Township Fire Department and the Putnam Township Fire Department. The Howell Area Fire Department covered our station. Personnel assisted the ambulance on Ann Street in the Village at 4:07 p.m. The department investigated a report of low hanging electrical lines over I-96 in Handy Township at 5:35 p.m. and at 10:20 p.m. the department was dispatched to an open burning complaint on Hayner Road in Conway Township.

Sunday, May 6th, firefighters responded to extinguish a

house fire on Grand River in Handy Township. Mutual Aid was received from Leroy Township and the Howell Area Fire Department.

A medical emergency on Birch Meadows Lane in Handy Township was reported at 12:36 a.m., Monday, May 7th. Personnel assisted EMS on Killinger Road in Conway Township at 7:28 a.m. and at 8:17 a.m. a medical emergency on Second Street in the Village was reported. The department was dispatched to a motor vehicle accident on I-96 in Handy Township at 10:27 a.m. This call was cancelled prior to the arrival of fire apparatus on the scene. Firefighters responded to a medical emergency on Meadow Lane in the Village at 4:04 p.m.

Tuesday, May 8th, at 2:29 p.m. the department assisted EMS on Hogback Road in Handy Township.

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St. John's Episcopal Church to host chicken dinner on May 18 in Howell

St. John's Episcopal Church is hosting a chicken dinner on Friday, May 18, from 5-7 p.m. The church is located at 504 Prospect Street, Howell, Free Will offering.

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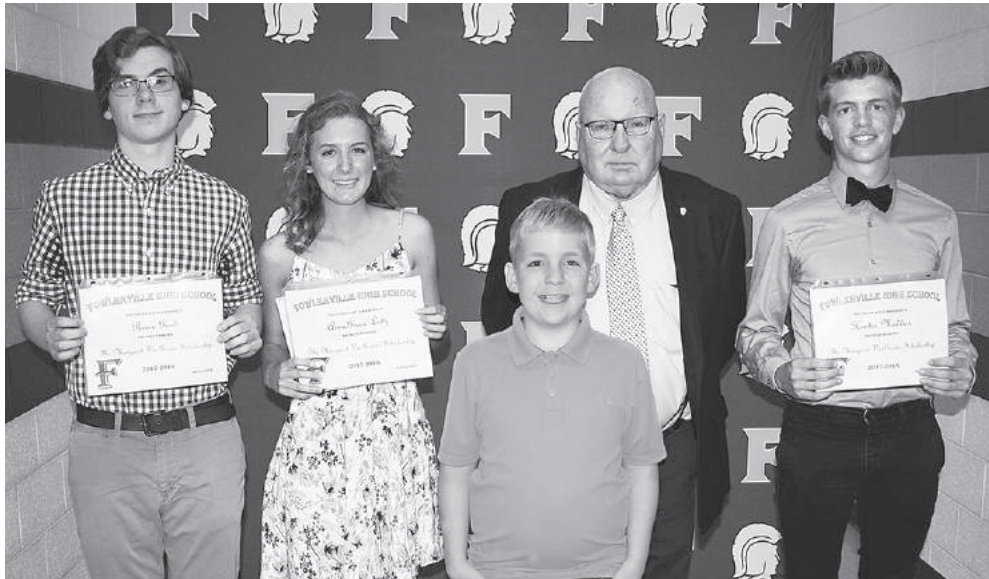
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MICHIGAN SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD APPLICANTS: From left, Brian Osborn, athletic director; Ollie Updike, Sarah Matlock, Autumn Barbour, and Michaela Walker.



FOWLERVILLE SCHOOLS BUS DRIVERS SCHOLARSHIP: From left, Kim Hively (presenter), Alexander Bowers, and Liz Gullett (presenter).



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THE ORSON A. ROSE POST 215 AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIP: From left, Madison Hough, Kalei Dillard, Jack Epley (presenter) Audrey Trinkka, and Taeler Ponsart.



THE FOWLERVILLE ROTARY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP: From left, Rick Hill (presenter), Brittany Bush, Nathan Southgate, and Dawn Horton (presenter).



THE BRADY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP: From left, Jack Brady (presenter), Miranda Prochnow, Grant Hibbard, and Roger Brady (presenter).

Senior Honors Night, continued

Capital Area Athletic Conference Scholar Athletes: Mitchell Bishop, Alexander Bowers, Caden Collins, Josefina Lindberg, Selena Lopez, Sarah Matlock, Jacob Miller, Miranda Prochnow, Olivia Updike, and Michaela Walker.

Michigan Scholar Athlete Award Applicants: Ollie Updike, Sarah Matlock, Autumn Barbour, and Michaela Walker.

Wilson Talent Center: Nicolas Huey.

The Margaret VanGorder Scholarship: Reece Good, Anna Grace Lutz, and Hunter Maddox.

Fowlerville Schools Bus Drivers Scholarship: Alexander Bowers.

The Dr. Sam Daniels Vocational Education Scholarship: Miranda Prochnow.

1ST National Bank Scholarship: Michaela Walker.

The Orson A. Rose Post 215 American Legion Scholarship: Madison Hough, Kalei Dillard, Audrey Trinkka, and Taeler Ponsart.

The Fowlerville Rotary Service Scholarship: Brittany Bush and Nathan Southgate.

The Fowlerville Rotary Athletic Scholarship: Ollie Updike and Mitchell Bishop.

The Ardale L. Allshouse Memorial Scholarship for Nursing: Haley Szumlinski.

The Brady Family Scholarship: Miranda Prochnow and Grant Hibbard.

The George and Ilah Mae Damman Scholarship: Andrew Goodwin.

The Imelda ‘Mel’ & Ralph Lemar Scholarship: Autumn Barbour.

Hutchins-Near Legacy Scholarship: Nathan Southgate and Michaela Walker.

The Lance CPL. Michael W. Hanks Memorial Scholarship: Miranda Prochnow.

The Gordon & Gladys Harmon Scholarship: Ollie Updike.

The Dan Krebs Memorial Scholarship: Cole Tomlin.

The Brody Danger Rocco Memorial Scholarship: Hannah Brock.

The Joseph Lee Smith Memorial Scholarship: Ollie Updike.

The Carrie M. Kunde Memorial Scholarship: Ollie Updike, Bianca Henley, and Alexander Bowers.

FHS Theatre Technical Scholarship: Allysea Clapp.

The Maison Z. Wilkinson Memorial Scholarship: Andrew Goodwin, Katrina Tersigni, Alexander Bowers, Hunter Maddox, and Kelsi Meinecke.

Howell Garden Club: Andrew Goodwin.

The Frank Abbott Scholarship: Autumn Barbour.

Fowlerville Food & Nutrition Staff Scholarship Peter “Jack” Brady.

The Kevin Baker Award for Academic Merit: Rachel Zhang.

Lisa C. Jolliff Scholarship: Miranda Prochnow.

The Fowlerville Board of Education Scholarship: Ollie Updike and Rachel Zhang.

Fowlerville Education Association Scholarship: Caden Collins.

Fowlerville Alumni Scholarship: Josefina Lindberg, Eyan Asher, Sarah Childs, Madeline Coon, and Michaela Walker.

Fowlerville High School Drama Scholarship: Cole Tomlin and Christine Young.

FHS Student Council Scholarship: Michaela Walker.

Fowlerville High School Visual Arts Scholarship: Bianca Henley.

FHS Athletic Boosters Scholarship: Alexander Bowers, Caden Collins, Ollie Updike, and Kalei Dillard.

THE FHS Athletic Ironman Award: Mitchell Bishop, Ollie Updike and Hunter Wilson.

The American Red Cross Scholarship: Kelsey Priestley, Brittany Bush, Jessica Williams, Autumn Barbour, Michaela Walker, Rachel Zhang, and Hannah Brock.

The University of Michigan Honor Trophy: Michaela Walker and Andrew Goodwin.

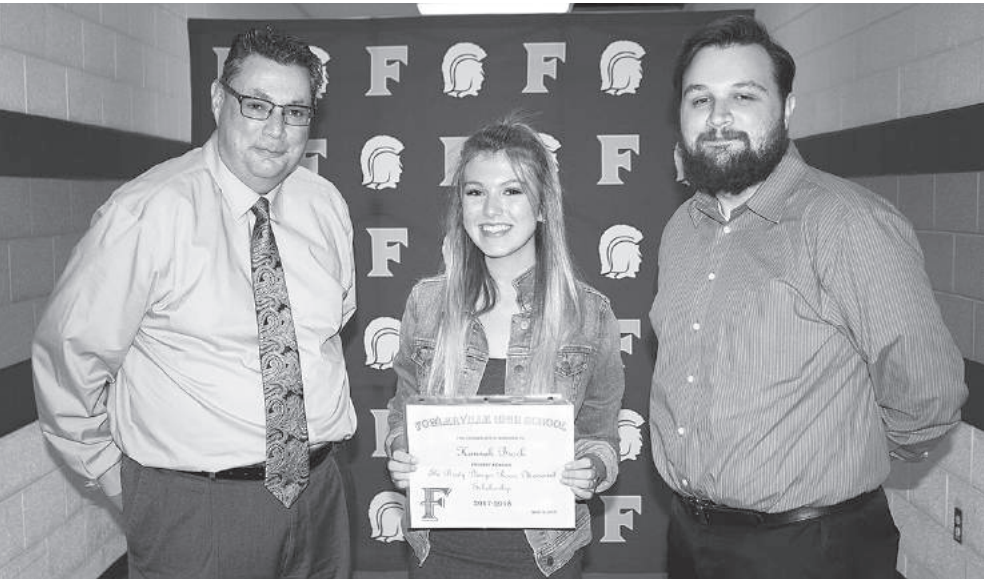
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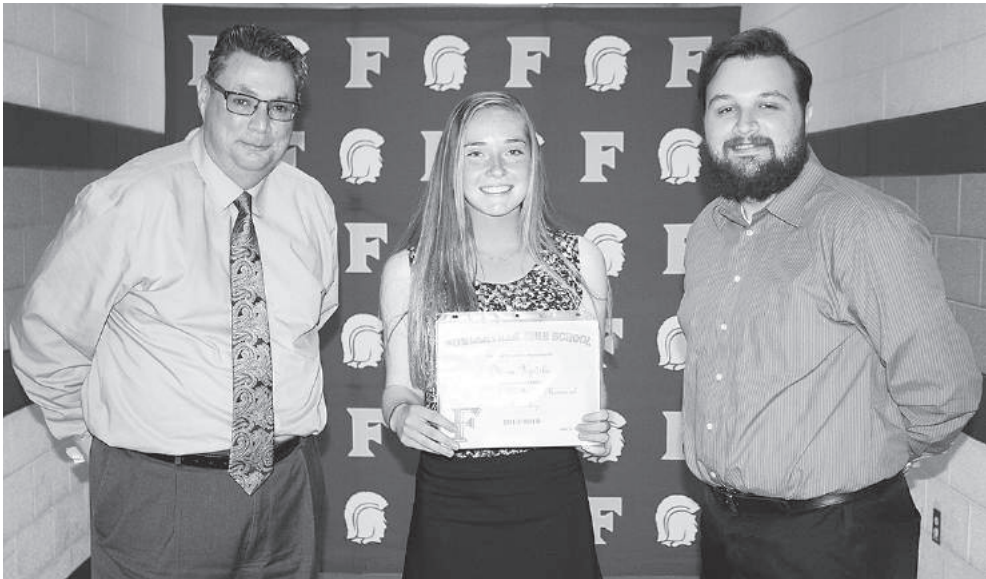
HUTCHINS-NEAR LEGACY SCHOALRSHIP: From left, Joyce Hutchins (presenter), Nathan Southgate, Michaela Walker, Matilyn Near (presenter) and Morgan Near (presenter).



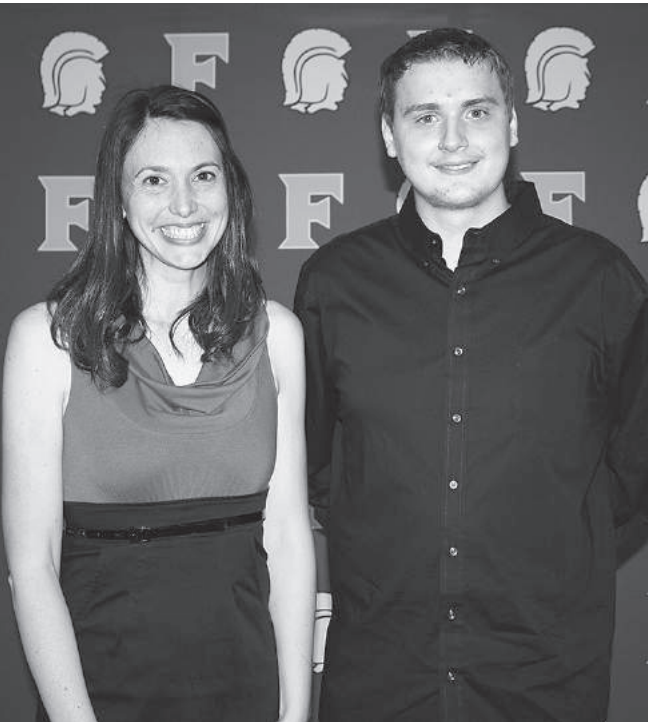
THE DAN KREBS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: From left, Zach Archibald (presenter), Cole Tomlin, and Mrs. Zach Archibald (presenter).



THE BRODY DANGER ROCCO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: From left, Gregg Rocco (presenter), Hannah Brock, and Gregory Rocco (presenter).



THE JOSEPH LEE SMITH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSH: From left, Gregg Rocco (presenter), Ollie Updike, and Gregory Rocco (presenter).



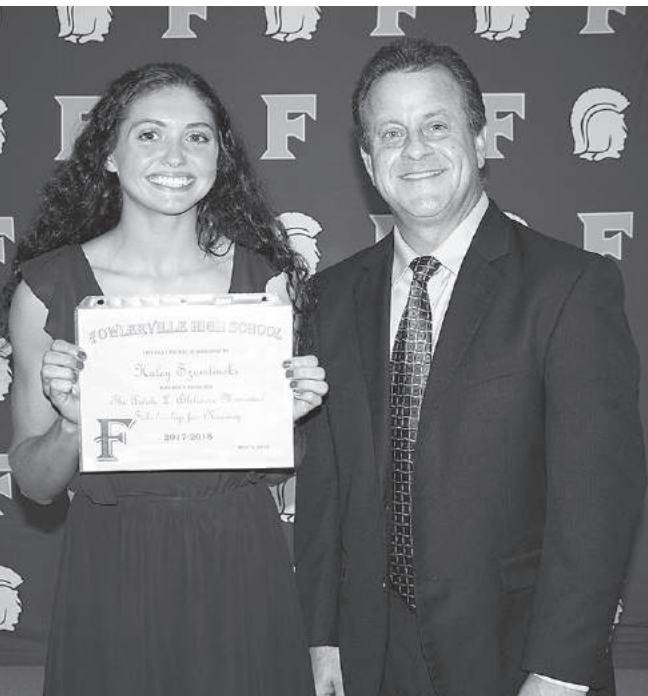
WILSON TALENT CENTER: From left, Mary Stuible (high school counselor) and Nicolas Huey.



THE DR. SAM DANIELS VOCATIONAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP: From left, Miranda Prochnow and Brooke O'Donnell (presenter).



1ST NATIONAL BANK SCHOLARSHIP: From left, Mary Tumbarella (presenter) and Michaela Walker.



THE ARDALE L. ALLSHOUSE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR NURSING: From left, Haley Szumlinski and Eric Diroff, assistant high school principal (presenter).



THE GEORGE AND ILAH MAE DAMMAN SCHOLARSHIP: From left, Andrew Goodwin and Judy (Damman) Chapel.



THE IMELDA 'MEL' & RALPH LEMAR SCHOLARSHIP: From left, Brian Osborn (presenter) and Autumn Barbour.



THE CARRIE M. KUNDE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: From left, Christine Kunde (presenter), Ollie Updike, Alexander Bowers, Bianca Henley, and Sarah Kunde (presenter).



LISA C. JOLLIFF SCHOLARSHIP: From left, Lorrie Chaperon (presenter), Miranda Prochnow, and Robert Jolliff (presenter).



THE FOWLERVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP: From left, Ollie Updike, Steve Fredrick (presenter), and Rachel Zhang.



FOWLERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA SCHOLARSHIP: From left, Kim Sergent (presenter), Cole Tomlin, and Christine Young.



THE LANCE CPL. MICHAEL W. HANKS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: From left, Miranda Prochnow and Maria Woolford (presenter).



THE GORDON & GLADYS HARMON SCHOLARSHIP: From left, Ollie Updike and Jill Thomas (presenter).



FHS THEATRE TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP: From left, Kim Sergent (presenter) and Allysea Clapp.



HOWELL GARDEN CLUB: Andrew Goodwin and Lillian VanHouten (presenter).



THE FRANK ABBOTT SCHOLARSHIP: From left, Judy Recker (presenter) and Autumn Barbour.



FOWLERVILLE FOOD & NUTRITION STAFF SCHOLARSHIP: Amy Verhelle-Smith (presenter) and Peter "Jack" Brady.



THE MAISON Z. WILKINSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: From left, Andrew Wilkinson (presenter), Andrew Goodwin, Katrina Tersigni, Alexander Bowers, Hunter Maddox, and Maylene Turnbo (presenter). Inset is Kelsi Meinecke.



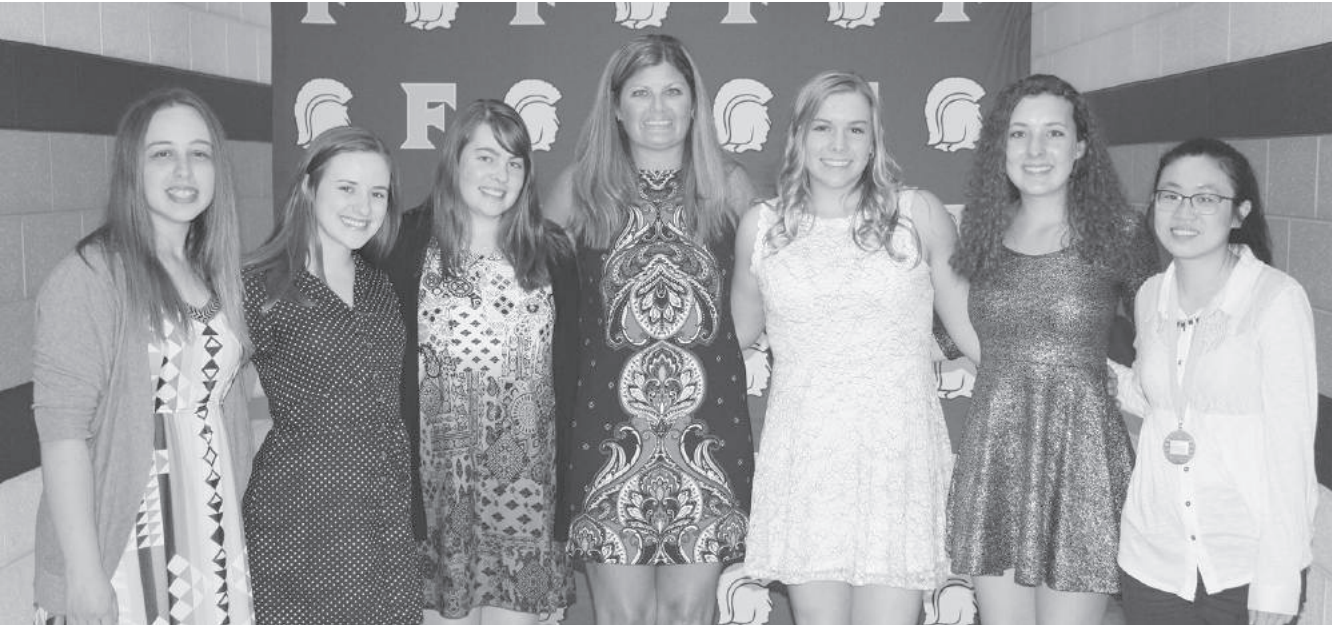
THE KEVIN BAKER AWARD FOR ACADEMIC MERIT: From left, Rachel Zhang and Sandy Baker (presenter).



FOWELRVILLE HIGH SCHOOL VISUAL ARTS SCHOLARSHIP: From left, Christine Hesch (presenter) and Bianca Henley.



FOWLerville ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP: From left, Josefine Lindberg, Eyan Asher, Judy Recker (presenter), Sarah Childs, Madeline Coon, and Michaela Walker.



THE AMERICAN RED CROSS SCHOLARSHIP: From left, Kelsey Priestley, Brittany Bush, Jessica Williams, Michelle Hardenbrook (presenter), Autumn Barbour, Michaela Walker and Rachel Zhang. Not pictured was Hannah Brock.



THE PHIBBS FAMILY 'GOOD-KID' SCHOLARSHIP: Brayden Brockway, presented by Kevin Phibbs (not shown).



FHS ATHLETIC BOOSTERS SCHOLARSHIP: From left, Alexander Bowers, Caden Collins, Ollie Updike, and Kalei Dillard.



THE FHS ATHLETIC IRONMAN AWARD: From left, Mitchell Bishop, Ollie Updike, Hunter Wilson, and Brian Osborn, high school athletic director (presenter).



FOWLERVILLE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP: From left, Caden Collins and Cristi Dikeou (presenter).



FHS STUDENT COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP: From left, Jill Thomas (presenter) and Michaela Walker.



Lee Hamilton Column

We’re All in This Together

Our republic is under stress. So much so, in fact, that if you’re not worried about its future, you probably haven’t been paying attention.

What makes me say this? Our public discourse has become uncivil and shrill. Corruption and unethical actions by prominent politicians headline the daily news. Too many politicians make their mark by fueling division, exploiting frustration and casting doubt on our democratic institutions — and too many Americans respond by agreeing with them.

On the whole, Americans’ regard for our political institutions and the people who run them is scraping rock bottom. By two-to-one margins, parents urge their children not to go into politics.

And who can blame them? These days, it’s far easier to enumerate the things that are wrong with our republic than what is right. It’s marked by a proliferation of special interests, an avalanche of money, disregard for facts, gridlock, partisan gerrymandering, excessive partisanship, and indifference to the common good among political leaders.

So it’s not surprising that many Americans have tuned out. They understand our republic only vaguely and participate in it less. Voting rates are depressing, and a disturbing number of young Americans reject politics in all its forms.

While political engagement — as measured by people taking to the streets — may be on the rise, that’s not necessarily a sign of good civic health. In fact, we appear to be caught in a dangerous downward cycle. Government is seen as dysfunctional and corrupt; this causes the ablest people to stay out of government and politics; and this, in turn, hobbles politics and government.

The risk in all this is that as Americans disengage, we place the entire American democratic enterprise in jeopardy. Lincoln’s burning question at Gettysburg — “Whether a nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure” — was apt then; it is disturbingly so today.

So what do we do? There are plenty of steps we could take to strengthen our democratic institutions and make government more efficient, effective, and responsive. But what we need most of all is for our citizens — that’s you and me — to appreciate this democracy we’ve inherited, and to step up to the responsibilities it asks of us.

Our republic, despite its many challenges, is at its core a monumental achievement. It is marked by strong, independent branches of government, entrusted to exercise limited and defined powers within the bounds of the Constitution. It enshrines checks and balances, separation of powers, equal individual rights and opportunity, and the rule of law.

It provides fair, free elections — mostly free from fraud and manipulation. Most remarkably of all, it is constructed to allow us to seek a more perfect union — to improve it as the nation evolves. This is its great strength.

But we can only take advantage of its strength when we act as though we’re all in this republic together — when we work cooperatively to secure a country where all people have the opportunity to enjoy the promise of America by living a life of honor, excellence...and responsibility.

Because democracy places demanding responsibilities on its citizens — to cast an informed vote, to engage in the dialogue of democracy with civility and a willingness to learn, to make discriminating judgments about politics and politicians, to work with others to strengthen the institutions of democracy and improve our part of the world.

We will disagree with one another about all kinds of issues — but also know that we need to accept and tolerate those differences, because we are far stronger when we seek to reconcile them rather than ignore or exacerbate them.

Let’s not deny it: the trends these days are worrisome. We face a bewildering array of dangers to our republic. Authoritarian rule and autocratic leadership, once unthinkable, are now true concerns. We are subject to unwanted foreign influence, prey to public and private figures who use government to pursue money and power and manipulate the rules of the game for personal gain, and at the mercy of politicians who believe that whatever it takes to win is just fine.

But if we also lose trust that we, as citizens, can turn the republic around by shouldering our responsibilities to act, that’s when we’re truly sunk.

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

Williamston Senior Center

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MAY 2018 EVENTS

Sing Along with Dewey Longuski on Monday, May 21, 2018 from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm at the Williamston Area Senior Center. No registration, no fee, just the magical music of Dewey. You may have heard him play around town with his band, the Red Cedar River Boys.

Happy Mother’s Day at the Williamston Area Senior Center – Tuesday, May 15, 2018. Mother Day’s cake and Root Beer Floats.

Bring a Smile Card Embellishment – Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 1:30pm.

Movies at the Williamston Senior Center – On, Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 12:30 pm the Senior Center will be showing “The Music Man” with Robert Preston, Shirley Jones, Buddy Hackett and Ron Howard. Free Popcorn. Open to all Seniors.

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

Presentations in May – **Thursday, May 17, 2018** join us for “Kraft’s & Laughs” with Annie;

Tuesday, May 29, 2018, Heather, RN from Haven Rest will speak on Tornado Safety. These events will be held at 12:30 pm at the Williamston Area Senior Center.

Enhance Fitness Class on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Class fee is \$2.00 a session if paid all at one time or \$3.00 drop in fee 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 Williamston 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 Williamston Area Senior can take advantage of using our computer lab any time the Center is open.

On any May 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.

Millville United Methodist Church holding rummage sale on May 18-19

There will be a Rummage Sale at Millville United Methodist Church on Friday, May 18, 9am-5pm and Saturday, May 19, 9am-4pm in the fellowship hall for our Gals For Guatemala trip in 2019. Come rain or shine-all inside! Lots of bargains, but no pre-sales! Millville UMC is located at 1932 N. M-52, which is 5 miles north of Stockbridge or 9 miles south of I-96 on M-52. For more information contact the church at 517-851-7853.

Letter to Editor

As Citizens of the United States of America we are free to fly the flag of our great nation whenever we like. If you are able to fly the American flag, I would like to encourage you to fly the flag on Memorial Day, May 28. In memory of all the men and women in the Armed Services that gave their all for all of us. God Bless America.

Cathy Vaupel

Find Michigan’s Biggest Trees and Win Prizes

ReLeaf Michigan, a non-profit tree planting and education organization, has launched its 14th biennial Michigan Big Tree Hunt contest. The contest, which offers prizes for identifying the biggest trees in Michigan, is open to participants of all ages.

The largest trees in the state can be found anywhere: a backyard, a local park, or a hiking trail. Certificates and prizes are awarded for the largest tree submitted from each county, for the overall largest tree in different age groups, and for potential state champion trees. Even if the tree submitted is not as large as the currently listed state champion of that species, it’s important to still submit, since the current champion may have died or since been removed.

ReLeaf Michigan started the Michigan Big Tree Hunt in 1993 to celebrate our state’s beauty and create a fun way to gather information about Michigan’s biggest trees. The contest is an opportunity for all age groups to help track these vital historical living landmarks.

The contest is also a way to discover eligible trees for the National Register of Big Trees, which is updated every spring and fall by American Forests. Today Michigan has 19 registered National Champions. Since there are nearly 200 tree species that don’t yet have registered champions, the Big Tree Hunt is a great opportunity to get Michigan trees noticed nationwide.

More contest details and the entry form are available online at bigtreehunt.com. The contest will accept submissions until the deadline of September 3, 2019. If you have a question not answered on the website, email ledwards@ReLeafMichigan.org or call (800) 642-7353.

ReLeaf Michigan’s Big Tree Hunt contest is sponsored by the Arboriculture Society of Michigan, Consumers Energy Foundation, the DTE Energy Foundation, the Michigan Botanical Club, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources – Urban and Community Forestry Program.

ReLeaf Michigan’s contest is a fun activity for families, friends, or solo adventurers to participate in while enjoying the beauty of Michigan. Now grab your measuring tape, a friend or family member and head into the trees!

About ReLeaf Michigan

ReLeaf Michigan is a statewide volunteer non-profit 501(c)(3) tree planting and education organization. Its mission is to educate the public on the value of trees and how to properly select, plant and maintain them. Its board is made up primarily of arborists, foresters and researchers who are passionate about preserving one of Michigan’s greatest resources: trees.

Since 1988, ReLeaf Michigan has worked with more than 400 communities across the state, planting nearly 30,000 trees on public property in Michigan’s cities, townships and villages. Unlike most tree planting organizations, ReLeaf Michigan plants trees that are already substantial in size, resulting in a higher survival rate and more immediate environmental impact.

Howell United Methodist Women hosting spring salad luncheon May 16

The United Methodist Women of the First United Methodist Church of Howell will host a spring salad luncheon on Wednesday, May 16. Lunch will feature a buffet including homemade hot chicken salad and an array of fresh salads and pastas. Beverage and dessert are included. Lunch will be served from 11:00A.M. - 1:00 P.M. with take-outs available. Free will donations accepted. The church is located at 1230 Bower Street, Howell, across from Northwest School.

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Webberville Report

Recipient of Rosanne Fifarek Journalist Scholar Memorial Scholarship named

Maddison Stowe was awarded the Rosanne Fifarek Journalist Scholar Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is a memorial to Rosanne Fifarek’s professionalism and the impact she made on her entire school family as well as the community of Webberville.

Ms. Fifarek served Webberville Community Schools for 33 years, instructing students in language arts, history, theater, journalism, and yearbook. In every capacity, she kindled student interest, coaching students to find their passions and potentials. The scholarship is awarded to a continuing student staff member of journalism who demonstrates exceptional talent, dedication, and promise, and who excels in writing long-form narrative journalism.

Community members wishing to contribute to the scholarship fund can make checks payable to Webberville Community Schools—Attention: Rosanne Fifarek Journalist Scholar Award.



Autumn and Maddison Stowe were awarded the Rosanne Fifarek Journalist Scholar Award. Autumn was the first recipient in 2016 and Maddison was selected as the 2018 recipient.



Senior Spotlight—Dylan Diederich

By: Jake Goetz

Senior Dylan Diederich has been involved with FFA, journalism, track and attends the Wilson Talent Center. His sibling Jaymie Diederich graduated in 2010 and his parents are Darrin Diederich and Becky Diederich.

Diederich has attended Webberville since kindergarten. Diederich’s favorite class is Colleen Scott Keiser’s agri-science class where she brings in guest teacher Mr. Bill Wheeler on a regular basis.

“Hanging out with Mr. Wheeler, the same guy my parents knew when they were in school, is pretty cool to think about,” said Diederich.

Diederich said he would change one thing about his entire high school experience.

“I’d change how many opportunities I took advantage of and participated by being more involved with FFA or sports,” said Diederich.

Something Diederich is looking forward to being independent and on his own.

“I look forward to taking my life into my own hands and beginning to start of my future,” said Diederich.

Diederich has been very involved with FFA. He has participated in parliamentary procedure, the state poultry and skills contest for ag mechanics. He earned his State Degree his senior year and received a National FFA SAE grant (supervised agricultural experience) his sophomore year to focus on his interest in ag mechanics.

“Dylan is self-motivated,” said FFA Advisor Colleen Scott Keiser. “When he sees value and worth in something, he is

very goal driven.”

Diederich is attending the auto tech program at the Wilson Talent Center; he joined this program because he uses these skills on a daily basis working on his own projects. Diederich’s love for tractors, cars, and engines all started when he and his dad rebuilt a wheel horse tractor.

In the future, Diederich may attend an auto tech program and become a high performance vehicle mechanic. However, in the immediate future, he will likely enter the workforce and save for his future.

Webberville Community School News

Support Webberville scholarships and field trips by supporting the Farm Breakfast at the Webberville Masonic Lodge on Sunday, May 13. Adults are \$8; seniors \$7; ages 5-12 are \$5; and under 5 is free. Breakfast is served from 8:00 to 11:00 AM.

The Webberville Middle and High School Choirs will perform in their annual spring pops concert on Wednesday, May 16. The performance will begin at 7:00 PM in the high school cafeteria.

Webberville High School will hold the 2018 Commencement Ceremony on Thursday, May 24, at 7:00 PM in the Spartan Center Gym.

Capital Area Library Events

*Registration required.

WEBBERVILLE

Family Storytime (Ages up to 6)

Engaging stories, songs and activities to help build early literacy skills.

May 16, 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Drop-in LEGO Club (Age 4 & up)

Imaginative play helps develop skills used for reading.

May 17, 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Family Storytime (Ages up to 6)

Engaging stories, songs and activities to help build early literacy skills.

May 23, 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

WILLIAMSTON

Book Discussion Group (Adults)

Today: America’s First Daughter by Stephanie Dray
May 16, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Michigan Senate Report

By Joe Hune,
22nd District

Americans and Joe Hune for Prosperity

Americans for Prosperity released their “2017 Economic Freedom Scorecard” for Michigan legislators, which tallies voting records from the previous year to rank each legislator’s commitment to standards of economic freedom. I was honored to be among the top-ranked senators in this year’s scorecard.

I’ve dedicated my time in public office to promoting economic freedom: lower taxes, less burdensome regulations, and more opportunities for jobs are all ways that this commitment has manifested itself in my work.

Economic freedom is important because it is inextricably linked to personal freedom. While some countries treat their citizens as children who are given an allowance only if they behave, America is built on the respect for an individual’s freedom of self-determination. The free American, through his economic liberty, literally creates his own country and world.

Elections for public office are held only every two or four years, but every single day free people can vote with their dollar to support companies that provide a superior service. This financial freedom allows individuals to shape their surroundings far more significantly than a central bureaucracy ever could. The competition for your business fosters greater choice, better services, cheaper goods, and even more moral business practices – all dependent on the will of the customer.

You can spend your money on the cheapest product, but it might be poor quality, unhealthy, or built by communist slave labor. Or you could choose a high-quality product, one that earned your trust, or one that was made by your American neighbors. Your economic freedom reflects your personal choices and the moral principles upon which they derive. To limit your economic choices through government mandate – or to require you to choose one product over another – is a direct attack on your expression of moral principles, and government has no business limiting your business.

I’m going to continue working for the economic freedom of Michiganders. You deserve it, and government has no right to limit it.

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

Webberville United Methodist Church serving Chicken Dinner on May 19

The Webberville United Methodist Church is having its monthly chicken dinner on Saturday, May 19, with oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, vegetables and biscuits. The meal will include coffee, lemonade, and dessert. The dinner will be served 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$9 per adult, \$4 for children 12 and under; pre-schoolers eat free. Webberville United Methodist Church is located on the corner of Holt Road and M-52.

Livingston Acoustic Music Society to gather for jam session May 19

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

Location: Fowlerville Church of the Nazarene; 8040 Country Corner Dr.; Fowlerville, MI: In the strip mall just south of the I-96 (overpass) bridge on Fowlerville Rd. We are a fun, no obligation, family friendly, music sharing, relaxed, informal group. Open to the public.

Our next LAMS Jam Session is on Saturday, May 19, 2018. Starts: 7 p.m.

For more information:
<https://www.facebook.com/LivingstonJAM/>

Ann Arbor SPARK & Livingston EDC spotlight recent activities

Two Fowlerville projects among highlights

In its recent quarterly report of economic activity and successes in Livingston County, Ann Arbor SPARK and its partner the Economic Development Council of Livingston County highlighted company expansions and new talent partnerships that are working to expand economic opportunity throughout the region.

“Ann Arbor SPARK’s work continues to drive economic progress in Livingston County,” said Phil Santer, Ann Arbor SPARK vice president, business development. “By leveraging our local and state partnerships, we’re helping businesses in Livingston County expand, find talent, and access critical training resources. When businesses invest in their growth and create jobs, our economic potential grows, too.”

Key highlights include:

--Bulletproof glass manufacturer Total Security Solutions is preparing to break ground on a new 46,000 square foot facility close to its current building in the Fowlerville industrial park. The new facility will house manufacturing, distribution, warehousing, and office operations for the company. Ann Arbor SPARK provided support to the project by helping the company with the process for applying for critical financial incentives.

--Surgical Safety Scanner recently moved into a larger building in the City of Brighton, consolidating the small company’s numerous offices under one roof with room to grow. Surgical Safety Scanner utilizes RFID tags for surgical instruments and other medical devices. Ann Arbor SPARK connected the company with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) on a grant to help offset costs of attending a key overseas tradeshow where it explored export opportunities.

--Ann Arbor SPARK provided assistance to development group E&M Fowlerville Investments in applying for a 10-year property tax abatement from the Village of Fowlerville for a speculative development. When completed, the 50,000 sq. ft. facility will be able to house one large or two smaller businesses. Ann Arbor SPARK has worked with the MEDC to include the building in a number of qualified request-for-proposals for buildings from companies across the globe looking for suitable locations in North America.

--Ann Arbor SPARK assisted the Village of Pinckney with its economic development strategy and completed a marketing package for the City of Howell to help the communities tap in to the State of Michigan’s new Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) program. RRC is a statewide certification program to highlight communities that have completed strategic planning for redevelopment and establish a seamless process for developers.

--Ann Arbor SPARK, in partnership with Kettering University, connected regional employers to a detailed overview of the University’s unique experiential co-op learning offerings. Students at Kettering alternate between semesters of classes and their co-ops in order to develop a practical and technical understanding of how to apply their education. Companies that host co-op students benefit from the students’ fresh perspective and access to in-demand talent. Ann Arbor SPARK and Kettering will continue partnering on future events to expand the co-op program and build the local talent pipeline.

ABOUT ANN ARBOR SPARK

Ann Arbor SPARK, a non-profit organization, is advancing the region by encouraging and supporting business acceleration, attraction and retention. The organization identifies and meets the needs of business at every stage, from start-ups to large organizations.

Ann Arbor SPARK collaborates with business, academic, government, and community investor partners including the University of Michigan, Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw Community College, Washtenaw County, Livingston County, the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti SmartZone (LDFA), Washtenaw County etcs/Michigan Works!, the City of Ann Arbor, Bank of Ann Arbor and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. For more information, please call (734)761-9317 or visit www.AnnArborUSA.org.

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.

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The Library is now CLOSED for our big move! We’d like to remind our patrons that we have a reciprocating agreement with all of the Livingston County libraries; Brighton, Hamburg, Hartland, Howell, and Pinckney. Simply show them your Fowlerville Library Card and ID and they will issue you a card. We also have eBooks & audio eBooks available for you to download in the Axis 360 app while we’re closed. For more information on how to use the Axis 360 app, please visit our website at www.fowlervillelibrary.org.

Axis 360 will be temporarily unavailable May 19th & 20th
Please be aware that the Axis 360 app will be temporarily unavailable May 19th and 20th due to scheduled system maintenance by the developers.

Registration for the Summer Reading Program begins Wednesday, May 30th at 9:30am

The library staff will be set up with tables in front of the new library at 130 S. Grand Ave. on Wednesday, May 30th for Summer Reading Program Registration! Spaces in the Summer Reading Programs are limited, so come early to claim your spot! Registration for the Summer Reading Program will continue when the library reopens on June 15th.

Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony Friday, June 8th at 11am

Join us for our official ribbon-cutting ceremony and move into our new home! The New Home of the Fowlerville District Library may or may not be open for business, but we are excited and moving in! Our community-wide Grand Opening will follow in the Fall!

May 15th 2018

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Vonda VanTil is the Public Affairs Specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social Security Administration, 3045 Knapp NE, Grand Rapids MI 49525 or via email at vonda.vantil@ssa.gov

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Don’t forget about regulations for frogs, toads and salamanders

As spring finally approaches and 2018’s seemingly never-ending winter slips into the rearview mirror, Michigan’s native frogs and toads are beginning to call and mate in ponds, lakes and flooded river beds and woodlands throughout the state. It’s a good time for the DNR to remind people about state regulations regarding the collection and possession of frogs, toads and salamanders.

In order to protect breeding colonies, these animals (including tadpoles) may only be collected and possessed by the public from the last Saturday in May through Nov. 15. Outside of this possession season, the public is encouraged to take walks and observe them in their natural habitat but not interfere with or directly handle the animals.

When the possession season opens May 26, people 17 years of age and older are required to have a 2018 recreational fishing license to collect and possess frogs, toads and salamanders. A strict possession limit of 10 animals (in any combination) is enforced. Those interested in harvesting frogs for a meal are reminded that frogs may be caught by hand, net, trap, seine or spear. However, frogs may not be speared in Michigan at night with the aid of an artificial light. Children and youth younger than 17 do not need a fishing license, but still are subject to the possession season limit as well as harvest methods described above.

“Practicing catch-and-release techniques is a great way for parents to encourage their children’s natural curiosity about frogs, toads and salamanders,” said DNR biologist Tom Goniea. “We also strongly recommend not trying to keep wild frogs, toads or salamanders as pets, because they generally will not survive well in captivity.”

Regardless, when the season closes Nov. 15, all living frogs, toads or salamanders collected and in possession from the open season must be released back into the wild.



Savvy Senior Column

By Jim Miller

New Shingles Vaccine Provides Better Protection for Seniors

Dear Savvy Senior,

A good friend of mine got a bad case of shingles last year and has been urging me to get vaccinated. Should I?

Suspicious Susan

Dear Susan,

Yes! If you're 50 or older, there's a new shingles vaccine on the market that's far superior to the older vaccine, so now is a great time to get inoculated. Here's what you should know.

Shingles, also known as herpes zoster, is a burning, blistering, often excruciating skin rash that affects around 1 million Americans each year. The same virus that causes chickenpox causes shingles. What happens is the chickenpox virus that most people get as kids never leaves the body. It hides in the nerve cells near the spinal cord and, for some people, emerges later in the form of shingles.

In the U.S., almost one out of every three people will develop shingles during their lifetime. While anyone who's had chickenpox can get shingles, it most commonly occurs in people over age 50, along with people who have weakened immune systems. But you can't catch shingles from someone else.

Early signs of the disease include pain, itching or tingling before a blistering rash appears several days later, and can last up to four weeks. The rash typically occurs on one side of the body, often as a band of blisters that extends from the middle of your back around to the breastbone. It can also appear above an eye or on the side of the face or neck.

In addition to the rash, about 20 to 25 percent of those who get shingles go on to develop severe nerve pain (postherpetic neuralgia, or PHN) that can last for months or even years. And in rare cases, shingles can also cause strokes, encephalitis, spinal cord damage and vision loss.

New Shingles Vaccine

The Food and Drug Administration recently approved a new vaccine for shingles called Shingrix (see *Shingrix.com*), which provides much better protection than the older vaccine, Zostavax.

Manufactured by GlaxoSmithKline, Shingrix is 97 percent effective in preventing shingles in people 50 to 69 years old, and 91 percent effective in those 70 and older.

By comparison, Zostavax is 70 percent effective in your 50s; 64 percent effective in your 60s; 41 percent effective in your 70s; and 18 percent effective in your 80s.

Shingrix is also better than Zostavax in preventing nerve pain that continues after a shingles rash has cleared – about 90 percent effective versus 65 percent effective.

Because of this enhanced protection, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that everyone age 50 and older, receive the Shingrix vaccine, which is given in two doses, two to six months apart.

Even if you've already had shingles, you still need these vaccinations because reoccurring cases are possible. The CDC also recommends that anyone previously vaccinated with Zostavax be revaccinated with Shingrix.

You should also know that Shingrix can cause some adverse side effects for some people, including muscle pain, fatigue, headache, fever and upset stomach.

Shingrix – which costs around \$280 for both doses – is (or will soon be) covered by insurance including Medicare Part D prescription drug plans, but be aware that the shingles vaccines are not always well covered. So before getting vaccinated, call your plan to find out if it's covered, and if so, which pharmacies and doctors in your area you should use to insure the best coverage.

Or, if you don't have health insurance or you're experiencing medical or financial hardship, you might qualify for GlaxoSmithKline's Patient Assistance Program, which provides free vaccinations to those who are eligible. For details, go to *GSKforyou.com*.

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.

St. Joseph Mercy Livingston to host Hernia Night on May 31

St. Joseph Mercy Livingston will host Hernia Night, a free informational evening for members of the community looking for relief to hernia-related symptoms, including nausea, pain or discomfort in the groin area, a bulge or pressure in the lower abdomen.

The event will be held Thursday, May 31, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Livingston - Joe's Java Café & Marketplace, 620 Byron Rd., Howell.

Robotically-trained St. Joe's surgeons will be on hand to demonstrate the da Vinci™ Surgical System, discuss the latest, minimally invasive treatment options, and answer any questions. Free hernia screenings will also be available following the presentation.

RSVP: For more information or to register, please call 810-494-6881.

Oak Grove church to re-open The Reach Out Barn on Monday, May 21

The Reach Out Barn (Helping Others Through Resale) will open on Monday, May 21, at 4:30 p.m. at the Oak Grove United Methodist Church, 6686 Oak Grove Rd, Howell (5 miles north of M-59). Barn Hours: Mondays & Thursdays from 4:30-7:30 p.m. & on Wednesdays & Fridays from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. (closed on holidays & in extreme weather). Clean and gently used donations are appreciated. Come see what we have to offer – we also feature a boutique area.

Proceeds from the Reach Out Barn help residents in need in Livingston County through Love INC. Questions? Please call the church office at 517-546-3942.

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