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Fowlerville Schools celebrated Homecoming this past week

Fowlerville Schools celebrated Homecoming this past week with a number of activities. This past Friday evening (Sept. 21) saw a parade go through the Downtown, followed by the varsity football game with Lansing Eastern at Brigham Field. The crowning of this year's Homecoming King & Queen took place at halftime. The schedule ended on Saturday, Sept. 22, with the Homecoming Dance.

As is traditional, the different school buildings—high school,

junior high, and Kreeger and Smith Elementaries—had theme days where students, teachers and staff dressed in appropriate outfits. This past Wednesday was 'Decade' Day at the junior high, with most of the participants wearing outfits and showing off hair styles from the 1960s, although one young lady opted for the 1950s by wearing a poodle skirt.

Among those having fun with the theme were, from left, Katie Bowling, a seventh-grade English teacher; Oliver Farmer, a seventh grader; Josie Franks, a sixth grader; Cheylyn Estes, a seventh grader; and Doug Jarvis, an eighth-grade U.S. History teacher.

See page 7 for photos of the 2018 Homecoming Court

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By Beth Lowe, Director

Banned Books Week is September 23-29: Banning Books Silences Stories

This week libraries, authors, publishers, and book stores come together nationwide to celebrate and preserve our First Amendment rights, intellectual freedom, and *FREE* and open access to information. Some of the key phrases and definitions that you hear related to this issue:

First Amendment: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.” First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution passed by Congress September 25, 1789. Ratified December 15, 1791.

Intellectual Freedom: Intellectual freedom is the right to seek and receive information from all points of view without restriction. Intellectual freedom is guaranteed under the First Amendment.

Open Access to Information: The freedom to identify, obtain and make use of information.

Banned Books: Books and works such as essays or plays which are prohibited by law or access to is not permitted.

Challenged Book: Challenges are formal, written complaints, filed with a library or school requesting that a book or other works be removed because of content or appropriateness.

Censorship: Censorship is the withholding of ideas and information that people—individuals, groups or government officials—find offensive or dangerous.

Why are these issues important?

It is important to remember that the rights given through the First Amendment allow for the sharing of ideas and information. Not only do we, as a people, have the right to intellectual freedom and open access to information, we also have the right to challenge a work. People who are challenging a book or other works are also exercising their right to free speech.

Libraries work to defend the right to free speech; through *FREE* access to information online, through *FREE* interlibrary loans, and *FREE* materials in our collections. Libraries also have procedures in place that allow for challenges to be heard. Everyone needs to remember that the right to voice an opinion is protected by both the First Amendment and by libraries, even if we don't agree with it.

Banning books is, by definition, censorship; the withholding of ideas and information that people find offensive or dangerous. As a professional librarian, I often say that not every book is for every reader. Through Reader's Advisory

interactions, our staff works to help patrons find a 'just right' book to fill their personal information needs.

Celebrate your First Amendment rights this week at the library. Check out the Constitution Week display presented by the DAR and take home a personal copy of *The Declaration of Independence and Constitution of the United States* while supplies last. Peruse the library's display of Banned and Challenged Books. See why some beloved books and classics have been banned or challenged. All books in the display are available to check out!

“Information is the currency of democracy.” –President Thomas Jefferson.

Kreeger Elementary School News

DATES TO REMEMBER:

10-12-18: Half Day. Dismissal is 12:02 p.m.

10-16-18: PICTURE DAY 9:00-11:00 A.M.

11-16-18: End of 1st Trimester for K-5th

11-21-18-11-23-18: NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING RECESS

11-29-18: Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00-7:30 p.m.

11-30-18: K-5 NO SCHOOL Parent Teacher Conferences: 9:00 a.m.-12 noon & 1:00-3:30 p.m.

12-20-18 -1-1-19: NO SCHOOL-WINTER RECESS

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END OF DAY NOTES

Please call before 3:00 p.m. if you have a note that needs to get delivered to your child before the end of the day. Thank you

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FYI: Each school building in the Fowlerville Community School District has a Child Study Team/ Response to Intervention process in place, which is a vehicle for staff members to review student performance, concerns, and collaboratively develop interventions. If you have concerns about your child's development and are interested in more information on special services, contact his/her building Principal.

‘Bring Your Bible to School’ Day is scheduled for Oct. 4

The First Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees public school students the right to read their Bibles, to pray, and to talk about God during free time at school. This year, “Bring Your Bible to School” Day is scheduled for Thursday, October 4th. For details, see Focus on the Family's website at BringYourBible.org.



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September 26 – Student Picture Day 9:15 until done (Order Forms Will Arrive Soon)
September 28 – PTC Popcorn: Volunteers needed!
October 2- Moulton / Re: Walking trip
October 3 – Student Count Day
October 3- Hunt/Spalding/LaPlante-Dillingham/Goulding: Walking trip
October 4 – Family Literacy Night 5:00 to 7:00 pm
October 10 – PTC Meeting 6:00pm
October 12- Early dismissal 12:02
October 18- PK & K Family Literacy Night 5-7
October 26- PTC Popcorn
October 31-Halloween Parade
November 9 – Student Picture Re-Take Day 9:15 until done
November 16 – End of 1st Trimester for K-5th
November 21 through 25 – NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Recess
November 26 – School Resumes

November 29 – P/T Conferences 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm (Full Day of School K-5th)
November 30 – P/T Conferences 9:00 am – Noon & 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm (No School K-5th)

Please do not park in the drop-off (Kiss & Go) lane in front of the school. This lane is to be used for parents to drop off their children and move ahead so the next car can do a drop-off.

Picture Day – Picture Day is scheduled for September 26th. Order forms will be available soon.

Medication –If your child requires any prescription or non-prescription medication during the school year, a parent or guardian must bring it to the Smith Office to drop it off and complete the necessary paperwork. School Board Policy states that children are not allowed to transport medication.

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Fowlerville Girls host CAAC Red Cross Country Jamboree, finish in 3rd place

The Fowlerville Girls Cross Country Team hosted the first of three Jamborees in the CAAC Red on Tuesday, September 18. The team finished 3rd behind solid St. Johns and Mason teams.

The girls were led by sophomore Jenna Rigotti finishing 4th with a season's best time of 20:59.5. Sophomore Lilly Copeland placed 10th overall crossing the line in 21 minutes and 49 seconds. Placing 14th overall was junior Franny Updike with a time of 21 minutes and 17 seconds. She was followed closely by sophomore Emily Hutmacher finishing with a time of 22 minutes and 45 seconds. Taking the final scoring spots for the Gladiators was sophomore Sara Spalding placing 24th with a time of 23 minutes and 35 seconds.

Arianne Davis continued to improve her racing with another personal record this season of 24 minutes and 9 seconds. Also, coming through with a season record on the home course was Abigail Davis running a time of 29 minutes 47 seconds.

The Varsity will race next at the Jackson Invitational at Ella Sharp Park on Saturday, September 22.

NOTICE TO THE REGISTERED VOTER'S OF HANDY TOWNSHIP

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For Voters who wish to receive an absentee ballot, applications to request an absentee ballot for the November 6, 2018 General Election are currently available for registered voters **who are not on the permanent absent voters list**. An application may be obtained by calling the Handy Township Clerk's office on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., or emailing requests to leisele@handytownship.org or by visiting the Secretary of State Voter Information Center to print out an absentee voter application. This will be a busy election, please submit your application as soon as possible.

Absentee Voting is available to all registered voters for any of the following reasons:

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- Because of tenets of your religion
- Anyone appointed to work as a Precinct Election Inspector
- Anyone that is in jail awaiting arraignment or trial

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Fowlerville Junior High News

IMPORTANT DATES:

Picture Day-- Tues. Sept. 25th
 COUNT DAY-- Wed. Oct. 3rd
 ½ Day of School-PD for Teachers-- Fri. Oct. 12th
 Parent-Teacher Conferences-Full day of School-- Wed. Oct. 17th- 5-7:30 pm
 Parent-Teacher Conferences-1/2 day of School- Thurs. Oct. 18th- 1-4pm and 5-7:30pm
 Fundraiser Pickup 1-4pm and 5-7:30- Thurs. Oct. 18th
 End of 1st Marking Period for 6th-12th grade- Fri. Oct. 19th

SPORTS FOR WEEK OF SEPT. 24:

Mon., 9/24: VB vs Charlotte-4:30; 7H,8H;
 SIDE BY SIDE nets at FJH; Seating in balcony.

XC vs Waverly, Holt, Okemos, Eaton Rapids, Haslett-5:00;
 HOME No admission & small concession. Course is located off East Access Road--Park at FJH lot; do NOT park in school bus lot.

Wed., 9/26: VB vs Eaton Rapids-4:30; 7A,8H; bus-3:15
 Thurs., 9/27: ATHLETE'S PICTURE DAY: XC-2:45, 8VB-3:15; 7VB-3:40. EVERYONE IS PHOTOGRAPHED; bring uniform to school

Sat., 9/29: XC @ Stockbridge Invite - times TBA

Reminder: Expect to pay admission at all athletic events. Feed your athlete on game day! Sack lunches, choice of 2 entrees, available from Hot Lunch Program. Must order by end of 1st hour on day needed.

GOING OUT FOR BOYS' BASKETBALL, COMPETITIVE CHEER, GIRLS' BASKETBALL, OR WRESTLING.... all coming up before you know it!! Make certain you have a current physical on file w/ the athletic dept. Physicals must be dated on or after April 15, 2018 for this school year.

CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

The cross country team went to Williamston on Sept. 13th at a brand new course. They battled bee stings, and warm weather, but still came up with 34 season bests! Congratulations Brett Marschall, Will Shrader, Ben Durbin, Kyler Blixt, Harrison Lamar, Liam Dean, Isaiah Beach, Morgan Harman, Lucas Anderson, Drew Showerman, Rylee Turner, Josh Porter, Tyler Dailey, Travis St Martin, Evan Rose, Cole Sova, Josh Allen, Ryder Lukasik, Tanner Pullum, Mikey Hatfield, Gabe Minock, Molly Kilpela, Annie Beach, Avery Copeland, Addi Dumont, Molly Lamar, Isabella Damerow, Riley Thomas, Nora Alverson, Delaney Misiak, Angel Hertzler, Molly Grant, Chloe Reighard, and Zoe Hertzler.

Molly Kilpela and Annie Beach both ran under 14 mins 30 seconds to earn their spots on the Gladiator Club board displayed in the gym! The coaches and your families are very proud of you!

The cross country team battled hard on Sept. 17th in East Lansing. With temperatures in the high 80's and full sun, the kids had a hot afternoon! Still five kids were able to get their seasons best time! Congratulations to Travis St Martin, Jacob Esch, Allie Davis, Isabella Damerow, and Chloe Reighard!



CSI WINNERS for 9/14/18 - Tyler Fritt, Molly Lamar, Meadow Browne, Nathan Densmore and Jozlynn Tyler.

We had 4 runners come in the top 25 in their races, Brett Marschall (25th), Molly Kilpela (11th), Annie Beach (16th), and Kaitlyn Seiter (22nd). Congratulations to all the runners!

7TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL

7th grade volleyball teams opened their competitive season with wins against East Lansing on Sept. 17th. It was a great all around team effort. Their next match is home, against the Mason Bulldogs on Wednesday at 4:30.

TEACHER AUTHOR

Emily Van Engen (aka Mrs. V), a 7th grade social studies teacher at Fowlerville Junior High, wrote a book! It is a young adult suspense novel entitled "Turn" and she wants to celebrate this achievement with the village. She is hosting a book launch party at the Fowlerville High School Media Center on Tuesday, September 25th from 7 to 8pm. The first part of the launch, she will have physical copies of her book to purchase for \$11 and she will autograph them if you would like. After signing, she will read an excerpt of her book and then open the floor for Q&A. Mrs. V wrote this book to inspire her students and she hopes you'll attend the launch party to celebrate with her!

BUS PASSES FOR ELEMENTARY BUSES

For planning purposes, the Junior High and High School are no longer able to issue late bus passes for JH and/or HS students to ride the elementary bus home. Therefore, if a student plans to stay for an after school activity, they will need to arrange their own transportation home. This will be in place for the entire school year.

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Watering Down the Gospel—Part 2

Instead of warning the lost to turn from their sins and turn back to God, some of our modern-day preachers and teachers are telling people what their itching ears want to hear (2 Timothy 4:4). They give a diluted message, which makes people feel good for the moment, but it doesn't help them to understand the truth of the true gospel.

The definition of dilute is *to make thinner, to lessen strength, to adulterate, to reduce value or efficiency, to make fainter, or to water down*. To dilute anything changes it from its original state, therefore it does not do what it was created to do. By diluting the original message of the gospel, we reduce the power of its efficiency. We make it less than what it was meant to be. The gospel is the good news that Jesus came to save us and that for us to be saved, we must accept Him for who He is, which is the Son of God.

To reap the benefits of the saving message of the gospel, we must know for ourselves what the Word of God says about God's love, salvation, repentance, forgiveness, etc. Which means we have to read and study the Bible so as to gain a clear understanding of what it says. We cannot afford to trust our eternal future to someone else.

It tells us in 2 Timothy 3:16, *"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right."*

The Bible is God's inspired Word delivered to us through divine revelation so we know exactly what the Will of God is for all of us. It contains everything we need to know about how to live in this world.

Our problem is that we don't want to study it for ourselves. We would rather have someone else study it and then relate it to us. The main concern with that is the

Bible doesn't speak to everyone the same way. You may read a passage and hear one thing, and I may read the same passage and hear something entirely different. In the same way you may read that same passage at another time and hear something totally different from what you got the last time you read it. God reveals His purpose to us as we are able to understand it.

God's Word is a living breathing Word that speaks to us in a way that helps us determine our steps, so we can stay on the narrow path that leads to Him. Although His Word never changes, sometimes the condition of our hearts requires a different message. Therefore, when we read the scriptures for ourselves, God's Holy Spirit will reveal to us what we need at that precise time in our journey.

It says in 2:Tim. 2:15 *"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."* It doesn't say "have someone study for me," it says *"study to show thyself approved by God"*.

Achieving God's approval is my highest priority in life. I no longer live to please others nor do I care what they say about me. My old life is dead and buried. I don't have to seek the approval of men to feel good about myself. I don't need chemicals or fanacies or anything that appeals to my sinful nature to feel secure.

When we study the Word for ourselves, we are better equipped to withstand the evil temptations of this world and for witnessing to others who may be where we were before we became a follower of Christ.

Remember, scripture is good for correcting us when we are wrong, and it teaches us to do what is right. If I am doing something that is wrong, which can cause me everlasting separation from God, I want to know about it so I can make some adjustments. I don't want to continue down the road that leads to Hell; I don't care how much fun I may be having on the way.

Watering down the gospel enables us to become satisfied with who we are, and it gives us no motivation to change. It is like the drugs I used to take. They may have calmed my fears for the moment, but they did nothing to help me find a solution to overcome my fears.

A watered-down gospel is one of the most dangerous things we face as Christians today. Because without the truth of the true gospel, we are left to form our own interpretation as to what is right and wrong. The Bible tells us: *"There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death"* (Proverbs 14:12).

We may think we know and honestly believe that our lifestyle is pleasing God, when in actuality it is not. But how are we to know for sure, if we don't know the scriptures?


When I was pastoring a church full time, I always dreamed of having a large congregation. There are some things I could have done differently that would have enticed people to come. I could have offered them money as one pastor in the south did a few years ago. I could have added a lot of bells and whistles to the worship time with flashing lights and comfortable seats. I could have watered down the true gospel message and preached a prosperity gospel and just told the people the part of the gospel that makes them feel good, and left out the part about one day having to stand before God and give an account for the way we lived. I could have done a lot of things, but then I would not only have jeopardized the people's chances of reaping the benefits of God's amazing grace, but I will most certainly have jeopardized mine.

I don't think some preachers think about the day they are going to have to stand before God and explain every compromised sermon they ever preached. They are going to find out first hand what James meant when he said: *"Dear brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers in the church, for we who teach will be judged more strictly"* (James 3:1).

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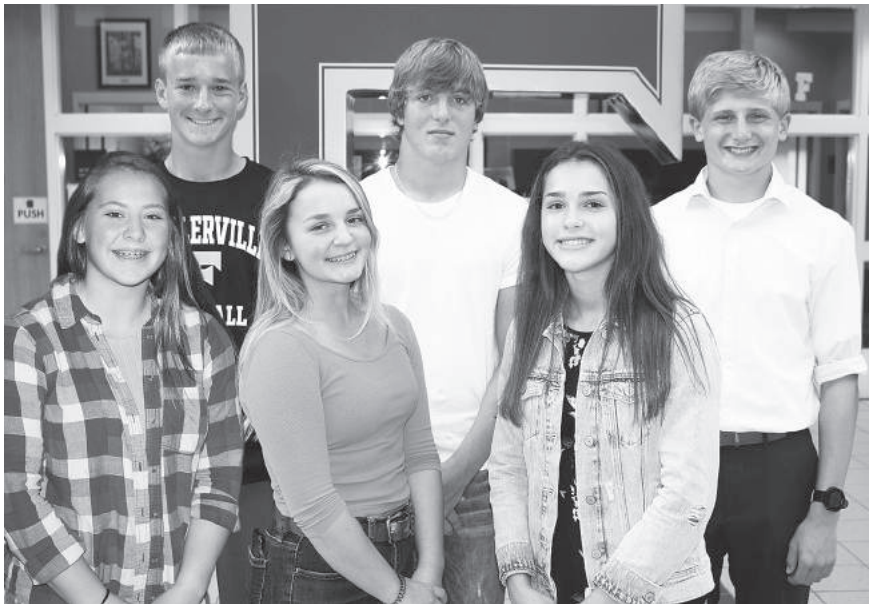
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Class Representatives are from front left, Junior Lilly Smith, Sophomore Ava Yon and Freshman Sarah Litz. Back row from left, Junior Nathan Esch, Sophomore Hunter Knaggs and Freshman Jack Shrader.



Shown here are the foreign exchange students, Felix Wiesemann of Germany, Pierre Fritel of France, Hanjo Schmidt of Germany and Jonas Nerger of Germany.



Fowlerville High School announces this year's Homecoming Court

Fowlerville High School announced this year's Homecoming Court. Five senior boys and five senior girls were nominated to be the King and Queen. They were Corey Lampman, Christian Montrose, Geoffrey Knaggs, Sam Brownlee, and James Petri and Grace Roedel, Chelsea O'Donnell, Aliza Opolka, Madi Allen, and Dalaija Franklin. The winners were crowned this past Friday, Sept. 21, during the halftime of the varsity football game with Lansing Eastern.

Also in the court were class representatives for the Juniors—Nathan Eash and Lilly Smith, Sophomores—Hunter Knaggs and Ava Yon, and Freshmen—Jack Shrader and Sarah Litz, as well as the four foreign exchange students—Felix Wiesman of Germany, Pierre Fritel of France, Hanjo Schmidt of Germany, and Jonas Nerger of Germany.

Members of the court were also featured at the Homecoming Dance held this Saturday evening, Sept. 22.

Fowlerville Girls Cross Country Team finishes 20th out of 41 teams at MSU

The Fowlerville Girls Cross Country team battled the heat and finished 20th out of 41 teams in the Bronze division at the Spartan Invitational at MSU's Forest Akers Golf Course on Friday, September 14. The varsity girls were led by Jenna Rigotti finishing the 5000m course in 21 minutes and 32 seconds. She was followed closely by Franny Updike with a time of 21 minutes and 54 seconds. Emily Hutmacher (22:01), Sara Spalding (22:53) and Lilly Copeland (23:00) rounded out the scoring for the Gladiators. Sophia Spalding (24:27) and Arianne Davis (24:40) completed the varsity team.

The Junior Varsity team also showed high effort with the high heat. Jenna Gill crossed the line in 26 minutes and 30 seconds with Reagan Esch (27:21), Jessica Davis (27:35) and Ramsey Lukasik (28:18) following closely. Abby Davis finished in 33 minutes and 27 seconds and Natalya Arbanas improved her time over last year with a time of 34:31.



Pictured here are the 2018 Fowlerville High School Homecoming Court. Front row, from left, are Grace Roedel, Chelsea O'Donnell, Aliza Opolka, Madi Allen and Dalaija Franklin; back row, from left, Corey Lampman, Christian Montrose, Geoffrey Knaggs, Sam Browne and James Petri.

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Mike Holley, left, a representative of the State Sons of the Legion and a member of the Howell Post, presented the ‘Son of the Year’ award for the State of Michigan to Bob Beck.

**Volunteer honored for long service
to Howell American Legion Post**

Bob Beck, who has been an active volunteer at the Howell American Legion Post, was surprised on Sept. 17 when he was presented with that organization’s Son of the Year Award for the State of Michigan.

Beck has been a member of the Sons of the Legion for 27 years. The Sons, which numbers around 200 members, is part of the American Legion Devereaux Post 141. The Post, which has around 450 members, includes veterans, the Auxiliary, along with the Sons of the Legion.

The award came as a surprise to Beck since he thought he was cooking for the event (Sons of the Legion Appreciation Day), not realizing it was actually being held in his honor.

There were 118 people at the event. It began with State Senator Joe Hune reading the nomination letter that was sent to the state office. He was then presented with the award by Mike Holley, a representative from the State Sons of the Legion and a member of the Howell Post. He was also given a patriotic quilt by Ellen Babas from the Howell Melon Patchers Quilting Club and a gift card to Cabala’s sproting goods store by June Holley, president of Post 141 Auxiliary. In addition, Beck received a State of Michigan Special Tribute that was signed by Gov. Rick Snyder, Senator Hune, State Representative Hank Vaupel, and State Representative Lana Theis.

Among Beck’s volunteer efforts has been heading the kitchen for the Legion’s Annual Christmas Day Dinner and cooking at the Sons of the Legion monthly Pizza Night that’s held from October thru March.

Below is the nomination letter that was submitted about Beck:

A Husband of 48 years, this individual has supported his wife (Melissa), daughter, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren in school activities, scouting activities, gun safety classes, baseball teams, auxiliary activities and according to his daughter, “In addition to the example he has been to us of selfless giving, he has taught all of us many valuable life lessons.”

A 27-year-member of the Sons of the Legion, he serves proudly, honoring the service of his brother, his father and also



State Rep. Hank Vaupel reads the State of Michigan Special Tribute given to Bob Beck. Looking on, at left, is State Senator Joe Hune. Both of these area legislators, along with State Rep. Lana Theis and Gov. Rick Snyder signed the proclamation.



Bob Beck is shown here with his wife, Melissa.

in memory of his grandfather, step-father and step-brother.

He has served in every capacity and held every office in his squadron and while many his age say “I have given enough,” he continues to lead and organize and is first to step up and serves as squadron treasurer.

He is well respected and trusted by everyone who knows him, but particularly above all, his family.

Being the outdoorsman that he is, he has always taken great pride in teaching others respect of the land. He is an important supporter in his young grandchildren’s Hunter’s Safety Education as he did with his daughter, nieces and nephews. Believing firsthand experience teaches best, he led many youth hunting and fishing excursions also donating many duck, goose and rabbit hunts to promote proper use of equipment and respect for nature.

He travels to Alaska almost every summer and is proud to have been able to share the beauty of nature with his wife, daughter and grandchildren. He feels one of his greatest accomplishments is to be able to personally show them so much of what nature has to offer.

They fished for Sockeye Salmon in the Kenai River, caught huge King Salmon in the Kasilof River, halibut fishing out around Pearl Island and even camped out at oceanside in Tutka Bay (a cove on the tip of the Kenai Peninsula, across Kachemak Bay from Homer, Alaska). He proudly shows the photos and “brags” about the life-molding trip he shared with his grandson.

For the past 25 years, the community and our local veterans reap the benefits of his trips as he has created and organized a wild game dinner fundraiser which provides funding for veteran support in excess of \$6,000 each year. Much of the game prepared for the dinner is donated by him from the Alaska trip.

His granddaughter participated in brownies and girl scouts where he was able to show his support for these junior organizations. Each year for the community Memorial Day celebration, he provided the row boat and guide-ship for the Girl Scout & Cub Scout to lay the Naval memorial wreath out in the water. He also taught her (and many other troop members) the importance of “serving those who have served” by guiding their participation in placing flags and markers on veteran’s graves each year before Memorial Day in local cemeteries.



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Caleb Jenkins Column



You Don’t Deserve to be Right

The other day, I was driving through a subdivision and was coming up to an intersection when someone making a left toward me turned too sharply and veered into my lane, almost hitting me. I was clearly in my own lane, and I was far enough back from the intersection where I couldn’t be blamed for sticking out too far. It was just a simple case of the driver cutting his turn too much. However, as he made his turn and realized I was there, he gave me a nasty look as if I was to blame for us almost colliding. It wasn’t that big of a deal, but his reaction was kind of frustrating because it was an example of the type of attitude all too pervasive throughout our country today: he couldn’t fathom that he could be wrong.

Even if they make a clear and harmful mistake, some people

Livingston Dems to discuss ballot proposals at Sept. 26 meeting

Mark Brewer will speak at the Livingston County Democratic Party meeting.



Confused about all the proposals that will be on the ballot in November? Then come to Livingston County Democrats next meeting to learn about them.

Mark Brewer, former chair of the Michigan Democratic Party and now an attorney with Goodman Acker Law Firm of Southfield, will discuss two of the proposals that Republican lawmakers removed from the ballot. Brewer will explain how the “adopt and amend” strategy affects the proposals on raising the minimum wage and guaranteeing earned sick leave for Michigan workers. He also will discuss the party’s prospects for regaining control of the Michigan House and Senate and how that would affect the legislative agenda of Gretchen Whitmer, the party’s gubernatorial nominee.

The meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m. at the Community Unitarian Universalists-Brighton, 3333 S. Old 23, Brighton. Note that this is a change from the regular Thursday meeting night.

Speakers also will discuss Proposal 1, the proposal to treat marijuana like alcohol by legalizing the possession and use of small amounts of marijuana; Proposal 2, the anti-gerrymandering proposal, and Proposal 3, the proposal to make voting easier in Michigan by expanding the right to vote an absentee ballot and make other changes.

The party’s regular business meeting will follow. For more information, call 810-229-4212 or livcodems@gmail.com.

still refuse to admit that they did anything wrong. Somehow, they have convinced themselves that everything they do is right and any troubles must have been caused by the other person. I’m sure you know some people like that. You’ll never hear them say “sorry” or “I messed up” or even “oops.” In their minds, they can do no wrong, and the world better look out for them. Everyone else is expected to conform to their mistakes and make them feel better about themselves.

I’m sorry, but you do not have the right to always be right. I would love it if I was always right and never goofed. The goal is certainly to strive for excellence, but since I’m human, I know I can never reach perfection. I’m going to mess up from time to time. When I do something wrong, I don’t get to bend the rules to conform to my mistake. I have to ‘fess up’ and make it right. I have to take responsibility. What a crazy thought!

Of course, we are told today that making someone take responsibility for their actions is hurtful and wrong. We should just make them feel good about themselves and sweep any mess under the rug. Unfortunately, this is what happens when that mindset prevails. They start believing their own propaganda and convince themselves that they are entitled to more. Whatever they want to do is okay. Everyone else must adapt to their wants.

Again, the traffic incident was not a big deal. We both drove our separate ways and will probably never see each other again. But I do think it is a good reminder of the importance of preserving positive character traits in our society. Protecting our morals and values should be an active effort. We should reinforce in our own lives the value of good character and pass those lessons along to the next generation. Raise up a generation of good people, and be a generation of great examples.

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Fowlerville librarian discusses recent trip to Havana, Cuba

By Beth Lowe

This spring, my husband, Jeff Lowe, and I travelled to Havana, Cuba. According to U.S. Department of State, “tourist travel to Cuba remains prohibited.” However, the U.S. Embassy in Cuba states “The 12 categories of authorized travel to Cuba are: family visits; official business of the U.S. government, foreign governments, and certain intergovernmental organizations; journalistic activity; professional research and professional meetings; educational activities; religious activities; public performances, clinics, workshops, athletic and other competitions, and exhibitions; support for the Cuban people; humanitarian projects; activities of private foundations or research or educational institutes; exportation, importation, or transmission of information or informational materials; and certain authorized export transactions.”

We travelled to Cuba under the auspices of professional research and professional meetings. A little-known fact about me is that I have an interest in International Librarianship. As a graduate student, I edited articles for Eastern European librarians to be published in American professional journals. Now, I can add international library visits to my growing list of accomplishments related to this professional interest. I hope to continue to grow this interest over the course of my life as a librarian.

I contacted the Biblioteca Nacional de Cuba José Martí and arranged for visits to a total of three libraries in the Havana municipality: Biblioteca Nacional de Cuba José Martí, Biblioteca Ruben Martinez Villena, and Biblioteca Enrique J Verona. International Library Specialist at Biblioteca Nacional de Cuba José Martí, Juan Carlos Fernandez Borroto, acted as our translator and guide to Cuban libraries. Juan Carlos gave us behind-the-scenes access to the national library and municipal libraries and arranged each library’s visit for us.

Havana is made up of different areas. The libraries we visited are in areas with differing socioeconomic statuses. The Biblioteca Nacional de Cuba José Martí is located in Revolution Square, which is the center of Cuban military and government. Biblioteca Ruben Martinez Villena, in Old Havana, is where the cultural and tourist district area is centered. In 2016, President and Mrs. Obama visited this library, donating two magnolia trees and a bench. Biblioteca Enrique J Verona is in one of the needier barrios of Havana. This last library gave us the warmest welcome, greeting us with samples of their patrons’ art and coffee.



Jeff and Beth Lowe at the top of the bell tower of Catedral de la Habana. Photo by Juan Carlos Fernandez Borroto.

We booked our own travel arrangements online. Jet Blue is one of the American airlines that travel to Havana, Cuba. We booked a Casa Particular (private rooms for rent) in Centro Havana, the second poorest barrio of the city through AirBnb for the full two weeks we stayed in Havana. Our casa was within easy walking distance to the Biblioteca Nacional de Cuba José Martí, Revolution Square, as well as Old Havana. Our host, Luis, and everyone in our barrio were very welcoming. In our barrio, we bought fresh plantains and bananas from a street cart vendor, meat and cheeses at the local carnicero, and ate comida rápida (fast food) from local barrio businesses.

Our library contact, Juan Carlos, acted as a guide and took us to Castillo de San Carlos de la Cabana to see the nightly Cannon Ceremony and then helped us navigate the local bus system back to our casa. Through AirBnb; we planned to snorkel to a U.S. mail boat shipwreck with Havana Snorkeling, and we booked two guided bike tours and overnight bike rentals with Citykleta. On our own, we explored and supported many Havana small businesses that Yassar, a young entrepreneur and owner of Citykleta, recommended.

The goal of our trip was to immerse ourselves in the Havana culture. The people of Havana were warm and welcoming. They assisted us through the language barrier and gifted us with many small keepsakes and kindnesses. An aspiration we had was to support small privately-owned businesses versus government-owned businesses as much as possible.

Our experiences made us even more aware of how lucky we are to have been born in America. We take for granted our rights as Americans. Among the many rights we have as American citizens—the rights to assembly and free speech—are two rights that Cubans do not have. We witnessed Cuban business owners meeting secretly to learn marketing skills from European lecturers and discussed Cuban-banned books with some of our young guides. Little Free Libraries and home or business-based lending libraries are officially forbidden by the Cuban government; however, we saw evidence of a small lending library in a café owned by a young entrepreneur, La Flocka.

Supporting Cuban libraries and Cuban library professionals has become a personal mission for me and my husband. Currently, we are collecting children’s books to take back on a future trip. We have collected many children’s classics in English and are looking for children’s books in Spanish. Professionally, Juan Carlos and I are exploring a ‘Sister Library’ program between the Fowlerville District Library and Biblioteca Enrique J Verona, the neediest of the libraries we visited. Juan Carlos has invited me and Jeff back to Havana for the Cuban International Book Fair coming up in February. We

hope to be able to attend. If not, we will return to Havana later.

We will be sharing more about our life-changing experiences and humorous stories at the Fowlerville District Library. **Cuba Travel Talk**, scheduled this Thursday, September 27 at 7:00pm, will highlight the sights and sounds of our immersive experience in the Havana culture. Register in-person to attend. Registration is open.

“Wherever you go, go with all your heart.”—Confucius



Jeff and Beth Lowe, with Yassar and Samantha, owners of Citykleta Bike Tours in front of El Capitolio Havana, Cuba.



Beth and Jeff Lowe in front of Havana Bay.



Beth Lowe and Juan Carlos Fernandez Borroto in Plaza de la Revolución Havana, Cuba.

Electronic Waste Collection Event scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 6

The Livingston County Solid Waste Program has scheduled an Electronic-Waste Collection Event on Saturday, October 6th, from 9 am until 1 pm – no appointment necessary. The collection, made possible with a grant from Chem-Trend, will take place in the parking lot at the East Complex of the Livingston County Offices located at 2300 E. Grand River, Howell, 48843 (behind the Howell Aldi’s grocery store).

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



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Remembering Chris Tyle: athlete, teacher & coach

Chris Tyle would have been 42 years old this coming Sunday, Sept. 30. Sadly, he never reached that still-young age, passing away on March 8, 2016 at age 39 after battling cancer. He was described “as a proud MSU Alumni, Go Green!” and it was noted that “He had an impact on everyone he met. He served as an educator, a coach, and a mentor and made a lasting impression on the hundreds of students he taught throughout his life. A genuine man with a twinkle in his eye, Chris’s kindred spirit, charming personality and sense of humor were infectious and will be missed far and wide.”

Chris grew up in Fowlerville, played sports, and graduated from high school. After earning his degree at Michigan State University, he became a teacher-coach—first at Fowlerville High School and then at Waterford Kettering. While at his alma mater, he coached the wrestling team.

Chris was the son of Raymond and Susan Tyle, the husband to Bethie, and had three brothers and a sister.

In 2007, Chris was asked by the graduating class to be the guest speaker at its commencement. His mother, Sue, brought in a copy of his speech (which had been published in the Fowlerville News & Views), noting that it offered “some good advice.”

Here it is:
Friends...Romans...Countrymen. Let me try that again, Friends...Family members and the graduating Class of 2007, it is with great pleasure that I am able to stand before you today as your guest speaker. Over the past several weeks I have spent a significant amount of time throwing ideas back and forth about how I would like to address the Class of 2007, and what would be the best words I could leave them with as they are sent forth from the halls of Fowlerville High School into the “real world.”

Well, I came to the conclusion that I could not label this group, or to see them as a generalized whole. Rather the Class of 2007 is a diverse class of individuals comprised of outstanding scholars, leaders, all-state athletes, budding actors, aspiring musicians and hard core motor heads dedicated to the art of wrenching! So, I leave you with these thoughts.

I have known the majority of today’s grduates since they were in seventh grade when I began working in the Fowlerville District as a substitue teacher and junior high track coach. Over the past six years I have been afforded the opportunity to watch this group of kids grow and mature into young adults. Along the way I have found that our life paths have paralleled in many ways. As this group moved on to the high school, so did I, becoming the head wrestling coach the same year. Over the past four years, as this group continued on with their education, so, too, did I by returning to college to earn a secondary teaching certificate from Eastern Michigan University.

Over this time we have grown as human beings and matured together in our thought processes and in our actions. I can honestly say that I am a much better teacher and coach today than I was four years ago. I am grateful to share this special day with you, the graduating Class of 2007.

Looking back on the past four years has allowed me the opporutnity to see just how fast time passes in our lives and that in an instance things can change forever. As I look out across the gymnasium today I see young men and women and think fondly of the days when I first got to know them as 12 and 13 year old children—innocent, fun loving and wonderstruck—ready to move on to life’s “bigger things.” Well, here we are... on to bigger things, graduation and the rest of your lives.

Words of advice—do not squander your youth! I repeat, do not squander your youth! Rather, take it in stride. This period

of young adulthood you are about to embark on will be full of tests, and opportunities to learn about life. I challenge you to engage yourself, immerse yourself in living each day as if it were your last. Never stop pushing, continue to grow and learn from your successes and failures. Dream BIG, work hard at pursuing your dreams, and treat others with honesty and fairness along the way. Never lie. Period.

Karma, what goes around, comes around. It is said that no good deed goes unnoticed. I feel that it is true. It is the choices that you will make when no one is looking that will ultimately dictate the path your life will take. So, what I’m saying is strive for greatness and be a good person along the way. The kind of person you are is all that really matters.

My advice on college is that when picking a major, choose one that will allow you to make a good living and the opportunity for you to live at the comfort level of your choosing and when picking a minor, pick something you love, that you have a passion for. With the comfort of having a thriving career will come the time to pursue your dreams.

My advice to those entering a trade or the workforce—be prepared to continue your education. Everyday you will be challenged to learn new skills and techniques. I challenge you to be consistent in your daily efforts and to become a master of your craft. And some of you better have a strong back and thick skin.

To those entering the military—I admire your courage and thank you for your sacrifice. God speed on your return and may your experiences leave you empowered and prepared for civilian life.

In closing, I leave you with this—the 3 P’s: be patient, persistent and persevere when life becomes overwhelming. My great hope is that each of you finds happiness and balance in your lives.

Thank you and may you stay forever young.

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Tuesday Knitters Group will convene every Tuesday from 1:15 pm to 3:00 pm at the Williamston Area Senior Center.

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

Presentations in September –
--**Wednesday, September 26, 2018** we will have our monthly Senior Movie,

--**Tuesday, September 25, 2018** Neurgex at Home will provide a presentation on the importance of foot care. 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 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 September Wednesday at the Senior Center join us for the following activities:

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Please mark your calendars for upcoming events at the Williamston Area Senior Center:

--**Flu Shots** sponsored by Rite Aid – October 2, 2018

--**Christmas Phase 2 – Helping Others** – Saturday, October, 13, 2018

--**Williamston Area Senior Center 26th Anniversary Luncheon**, October 25, 2018



Lee Hamilton Column

Here’s Why I Believe in America

It’s so easy these days to despair about the future of our country. It feels like half the people I run into just want to pull the covers over their heads and ignore the news.

There’s dysfunction at the highest levels of government. Recent reports — the new book by Bob Woodward and a New York Times op-ed — reveal that top administration officials are so worried about the President’s impulses that they’ve formed a sort of “resistance” movement to thwart them. Many Americans express their disappointment in so many other Americans for supporting politicians who do not seem to know how to make our representative government work.

And while drama dominates the daily headlines, Congress is polarized, hamstrung, and ineffective. We’re subject to Russian election hacking with very little visible effort on the part of the federal government to do something about it. Dozens of vital issues, from economic inequality to cyber-security, are going largely unaddressed.

So it might seem odd for me to suggest that we take a step back and count our blessings. But that’s exactly what I believe we need to do right now.

Our history should give us a shot of confidence. We have overcome formidable challenges: a civil war, two world wars, recessions and depressions, and through it all, America has not just survived, but improved. In my working lifetime, I have seen this country become a better place, plain and simple.

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We have greatly improved the life of many older Americans with programs like Social Security and Medicare. We’ve improved the lives of many younger people with college scholarships and wider opportunities. And women and minorities have had doors opened to them like never before, even if there’s still room to improve.

We are the pre-eminent diplomatic and military power in the world. Though terrorism is a serious worry, we do not face an imminent threat to our overall security.

Our citizens, federal employees, and military personnel are engaged all over the world, for the most part doing their best to improve life for people elsewhere.

Perhaps most important, we have created a country where everyone has a chance to become the best she or he can be. There’s much room for improvement here, too — opportunity is not equally accessible. But there are plenty of people who’ve managed to get ahead in life even though the cards were stacked against them.

We should not sound arrogant, and we should acknowledge our mistakes, but we have much to be proud of in our record as a nation.

I don’t want to suggest we don’t have big problems. Of course we do. And just as noteworthy, progress over the decades doesn’t mean it’s inevitable.

While China invests in advanced robotics, for instance, we’re re-investing in coal. Are the current administration’s trade policies laying the groundwork for a prosperous future? I worry that they’re not. What impact will our huge and greatly expanding national debt have on our nation’s future? No one knows for certain, but it’s hard to believe things will end well if we don’t address it.

What about the inability of Congress to do its work? Nowhere is it written in the stars that things will continue on as well as they have, especially if our policy-makers don’t do their jobs.

But to confront these problems, and to start to forge solutions, you have to have a measure of confidence in the system through which we’ll address them. And in this regard, our history should give us a boost. My impression is we need it.

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

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Michigan Senate Report

By Joe Hune,
22nd District

VFW Day a Time to Honor this Service Organization

In my opinion, nothing we can do for our veterans will be enough to repay them for their service to our country and the sacrifices they made in uniform to ensure our liberty.

But, that doesn't mean we shouldn't try. For centuries, our nation has recognized the need to serve those who served us, and has worked to take care of our veterans when they return home.

The oldest combat veteran service organization is the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. According to the VFW, it traces its roots to 1899 to veterans from the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection who joined to advocate for their rights and benefits as combat veterans. As America grew, and its involvement in overseas conflicts increased, the VFW has grown too.

Today the VFW and its Auxiliary serves about 1.7 million members who are veterans of overseas conflicts in about 6,500 posts. The organization serves in many ways in many communities, continuing the fighting spirit at home to make sure our vets get access to their benefits, help transition to a new post-military career, assist struggling military families, and honoring the fallen, to name a few.

This weekend, on Sept. 29, we celebrate VFW Day, highlighting the tremendous contributions the group has made in the lives of our cherished war veterans. I encourage residents of Fowlerville and the surrounding area to join me in celebrating their work and achievements, including those of our local VFW Post 6464.

Our veterans deserve the absolute best, and it is great to know that the VFW is there to advocate on their behalf. Here's to another 119 years and more!

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

—Area Deaths—

Erma Hull

Erma Hull was born August 25, 1926 and went to be with the Lord on September 12, 2018. Erma (Bunny) worked various jobs but her main occupation was that of Domestic Engineer. She was a wonderful wife, mother, stepmother, grandmother, sister, and aunt to many. Erma enjoyed her family, bowling and going to the senior center. She was a lifetime Ladies Auxillary member at the Fowlerville VFW. She also cherished her church family at Calvary Bible Church in Cohoctah.

Surviving are her best friend and brother, Kenneth Hatt; her children, Brenda Bennett (Terry), Terri Alchin (Scott), Lisa Bell (Karl), and several grandchildren and great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, George W. Hull; daughter, Carolin Alchin; and three stepchildren, Danny Hull, Laura Waters and Linda Hanna.

Visitation took place on Monday, Sept. 17, from 2-4 p.m. & 6-8 p.m. at Herrmann Funeral Home. The funeral was held on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Allbright officiating. Burial followed at Sanford Cemetery. Please leave the family a condolence at pjherrmannfuneralhome.com

St. John's Episcopal Church holding Rummage Sale on Oct. 5-6

St. John's Episcopal Church is holding a Rummage Sale on Friday, Oct. 5, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The church is located at 504 Prospect St., Howell.

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Fowlerville Fall Festival offers lots of ‘fun’ activities at historical village

The Fowlerville Fall Festival offered lots of ‘fun’ activities, plus assorted entertainment, at the Livingston Centre Historical Village last Saturday, Sept. 15. The Village is located at the Fowlerville Fairgrounds.



The Livingston County Genealogical Society was on hand with displays of pictures from long ago families and information about their group. Pictured here are Tom Shehan, Vice President of the group, and Lois Winegar. Lois pointed out a picture of her great-grandfather, Danford Parker, who served in Company B, 8th Michigan Infantry during the Civil War.



Isabelle, age 6, and Donna Phibbs of Fowlerville took part in the Cake Walk.



Relaxing in front of the Green United Methodist Church were Hazel Keene, age 2, and her mother, Danielle Keene.



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A popular attraction was the Barrell Train. Getting ready for a ride were, from front to back, Ethen McCallum, age 6, Chloe Beaudoin, age 10, and Rylie Beaudoin, age 7—all from Fowlerville. In back was David Thompson, a member of the Livingston Centre Historical Village committee.



Making cards were, from left, sitting, Michael Pounds, age 8, and Daniel Pounds, age 10, and standing, their grandmother Karen Melton, and Emily Pounds, age 13.



Gary Zylka of Dexter was giving make-believe shaves to visitors at the barber shop. Among those who sat in the chair was Gary Towns of Fowlerville.



Providing demonstrations were these hobby blacksmiths, from left, Anto Palanjian, Don Burke, and Sam Champagne. *Photos continued on next page*



These members of the Livingston Acoustic Musical Society (LAMS) were, from left, Lynne Brownridge, Kim White, Steve Devereaux, Hayden Caruth, Sami Osler, and Doug Osler.

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Fowlerville Fall Festival, continued



Camille Guillen, a 17-year-old from Byron, was making her first appearance at a craft show, selling her homemade acorn earrings and other items. She calls her business ‘Woodburned Acorn Designs’.



Learning about how school lessons were shown on the chalkboard was A.J. Holbach of Fowlerville. Playing the part of the school teacher was Sue Charron of the Fowlerville Community Theatre.

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Making butter at the Robb Dairy Barn were, from left, A.J. Holbach, Andre Roby, Gladys Niemi, Michael Wears, Brenda Wears, and Holly Holbach.



Kimber Peach, the 2018 Fowlerville Family Fair Homemaker of the Year, was on hand at Fall Fest helping with the various activities. She is shown here drawing for the prizes at the end of the event.

Winners were:
Molly Moulton - Quilt made by Lona Foster
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Be sure to target panfish in their favorite fall locations as well, including by deep weedbeds or near drop-off points.



Pictured are members of the Woman's Advance Club of Webberville taken at the English Inn on September 17. From left, front row, Marion Sherburne, Janice Wheeler, Jean Johnson, Cleo Chase and Lynn Reed. Middle row, Betty Dodge, Pat Jennings, Nancy Webb – president and Rosemary Cahaney. Top row, Sallie Brodie, Kathy Ward and Jill Moon.

Woman’s Advance Club of Webberville celebrated their 125th anniversary

By Betty Dodge

The Woman’s Advance Club of Webberville, which was founded in 1893, celebrated their 125th Anniversary with a luncheon at the lovely English Inn in Eaton Rapids. We also have a display of our history at the Community Building, in the hall by the library. During roll call of the ladies present on September 17, 2018, each one was to look up and report a significant event of that year. Attending were members: Sallie Brodie, Rosemary Cahaney, Cleo Chase, Betty Dodge, Pat Jennings, Jean Johnson, Jill Moon, Lynn Reed, Marion Sherburne, Kathy Ward, Nancy Webb and Janice Wheeler. We actually have a Baker’s Dozen with Marge Lawson who is at home and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Events were in 1893: The Webberville Grist Mill owned by O’Nichols and Co. burned down at a loss of \$8,000; on February 26th, a team of Clydesdale horses in Michigan set a record for pulling 48 tons of sledge; Cracker Jacks, Shredded Wheat, and Cream of Wheat all came on the market; registration of motor vehicles and drivers licenses were required; Grover Cleveland was president; “America the Beautiful” was written by Katherine Lee Bates; the “Story of Peter Rabbit” was written by Beatrice Potter for a 5 year old boy (how many have read it as a child?); the zipper got a patent long before Velcro; and last but not forgotten was Mae West was born in 1893 and died in 1980. Many more facts were given and would fill a page.

Invocation was given by Betty Dodge, the founding members were: Kate Turner, Carrie D. Harris, Nettie B. Alchin, Jenny Edwards, Kate Harvey, Hannah Lane, Elizabeth Donley and Nettie D. Millis. You wonder if they thought we’d still be going strong and have similar interests today. We owe them a big hand and these names may be in local peoples history.

The Executive Committee of Kathy Ward, Rosemary Cahaney, Janice Wheeler and Pat Jennings worked hard and



Pictured on the left is the 125th Anniversary program and on the right, a picture of the English Inn brochure.

put together our programs and hostesses for the year. The books are very special with the cover in our colors of green and white, a 125th banner and four lovely white daisies.

On Monday, October 15, 2018 at 1:30 pm we will meet at the Spartan Community Center at the Webberville High School, parking is behind the High School. The programs are Weekend Survival Kits by Skylar Burns and then Exercise Demo by Georganne Withey. Both will be interesting. We have 3 groups to make donations to: personal hygiene items for Homeless Angels of Lansing; funds to be used for the Webberville Elementary library books; and pillow cases and trim to make dresses for Haitian girls (cotton or cotton blend only, no satin).

Several of our members will be involved at Webberville’s Field Days and Ox Roast this coming weekend, September 21 – September 23. The Garden Club and United Methodist Women’s bazaar, Chicken BBW, library and other events. Come out and meet old friends and make new ones.

Another interesting event, the Webberville High School Class of 1973 will celebrate their 45th class reunion at the high school cafeteria on Saturday, September 22 at 5 pm.

Fowlerville Fire Department Report

Thursday, September 13th, at 7:02 a.m., personnel assisted EMS on Layton Road in Handy Township and at 3:16 p.m. responded to a medical emergency on Ann Street in the Village.

A medical emergency on Elliott Road in Iosco Township was reported at 1:10 p.m., Friday, September 14th. At 3:57 p.m. the department assisted EMS on Layton Road in Handy Township. Firefighters investigated a gas leak on Mason Road in Handy Township at 8:30 p.m. and responded to a fire alarm activation in a commercial building on Grand River in Handy Township at 8:52 p.m.

The department was dispatched to a medical emergency on Garden Lane in the Village at 11:50 a.m., Saturday, September 15th.

Personnel were called to a medical emergency on Trotters Lane in Handy Township at 6:04 p.m., Sunday, September 16th. At 6:19 p.m. a dispatch was received requesting a tanker at the scene of a structure fire on Wynnwood Drive in Howell Township. Responding apparatus were cancelled prior to arrival at the scene.

Monday, September 17th, at 12:57 a.m. a medical

emergency on Hibbard Street in the Village was reported. Personnel assisted the ambulance on Roberts Road in Iosco Township at 8:28 p.m.

The department was dispatched to a medical emergency on Eagle Ridge Drive in Handy Township at 3:58 a.m., Tuesday, September 18th and assisted EMS on Hibbard Street in the Village at 2:51 p.m. Firefighters responded to extricate a child whose foot was caught in a chair on Dailey Street in the Village at 7:17 p.m.

Personnel assisted at a medical emergency on Eagle Ridge Drive in Handy Township at 12:51 p.m., Wednesday, September 19th.

Fowlerville Varsity Tennis team loses first match of season, falling to Haslett

The Fowlerville Boys Varsity Tennis Team lost its first match of the season on Tuesday night, Sept. 18, to Haslett by a 5-3 score. The Glads are now 8-1-1 overall and 1-1-1 in the CAAC Red. Winning for the Glads were the doubles teams of Christian Montrose/Caden Flanery 6-2 6-2, Shane Sibo/Mason Sova 6-1 6-3, and Garrett Hearl/Carter Young 6-3 7-6(6).

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Webberville Library Report

By Head Librarian Peg Mawby

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You don’t need to come to a branch to use many of our services. With a CADL card students can access many free online databases, from any place that has internet access. An “A to Z” list of these resources is available at cadl.org/learn, or click on Homework Help for a list of age appropriate databases. For example, we have Britannica School and World Book for Kids for younger students. Older students will find InfoTrac student, a database with full text magazines, newspapers, and reference books. Linkedin Learning (formerly Lynda.com) offers test taking help, while Pronunciator offers language learning.

“We live outside Ingham County.”

CADL still offers a free card for your student! Our Youth One card is for anyone under 18, no matter where they live. It provides access to filtered public computers in the library, and can be used to check out one item at a time. But it also offers our full menu of digital services, including all those listed above and many more.

So one more question for you: What are you waiting for? Come in today and sign up your student for a CADL card!

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

**Friends of the Webberville Library to
Hold Used Book Sale on Sept. 28-29**

The Friends of the Webberville Library’s used book sale will take place Friday Sept. 28 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 29, 10 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in the Webberville Cultural Center Hall, 115 S. Main Street. Prices for adult hardcover \$1; paperbacks 50 cents; youth or children’s hardcover books 50 cents and soft cover 25 cents. Coffee table books \$1.50; DVDs, CDs and audio books \$1-5; romance novels - buy one, get one free.

Special limited \$5.00 bag sale will take place 2:00-4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Donations of clean used books will be accepted at the Cultural Center Hall on Sept. 25, 26 and 27 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. We are in special need of children’s books. We will also accept CDs, DVDs and audio tapes. Books must be in good condition. No text books, VCR or magazines.

Anyone wishing to help with setting up on Sept. 28. or tearing down on Sept 29 will receive a voucher good for 5 free books. The Friends are in need of a storage space for unsold items for the coming year. If you have an unused space about 10 feet X 10feet you would like to donate or if you would like to help with set up or tear down, please call 521-3854.



WES News Crew – Coner, Karley, Mikenna, Matthew and Gavin.

Webberville Elementary has News Crew that shares & enhances communication

Principal, Jeannette Kiernan started something exciting at Webberville Elementary School last year. Thanks to her fresh ideas WES has a very active student news crew. The WES News Crew comes together to share and enhance communication for our students and families. The daily broadcast may be followed on YouTube.

This creative, technological thinking helps our students overcome the fear of public speaking, and learn the organization of reporting the news. They even have a ‘green screen’!

Students have the opportunity to submit an application to Mrs. Kiernan to be part of the WES News Crew on a monthly basis. The current News Crew consists of these fifth grade students: Matthew, Gavin, Karley, Mikenna, and Coner. They’ve done a great job reporting our school events, STARS of the day, staff highlights, school rules, and jokes of the day.

**Capital Area Library Events
WEBBERVILLE**

Book Discussion Group (Adults)
This month we will share what we read over the summer. Sept. 25, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Meet Author Richard Baldwin (Adults)
A Haslett resident and founder of Buttonwood Press publishing company, Baldwin is the author of more than 20 mystery titles. Oct. 2, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Hands-on Fall Fun (Age 6 & up)
Join us each Wednesday in October after school for a fun fall craft or activity (while supplies last). Oct. 3, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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Drop-in Coloring for Adults
Relaxation and stress relief as you express yourself artistically in a relaxed, comfortable environment. Sept. 24, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Early Literacy Playtime (Ages 1-5)
Read stories, play games, create projects, and learn techniques for helping your child embrace early literacy. Sept. 25, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Family Storytime (Ages up to 6)
Engaging stories, songs and activities to help build early literacy skills--lots of interactive fun. Sept. 26, 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

SYSTEM WIDE

***CADL Business Librarian at SBDC: Google Drive-Working in the Cloud (Held at the Small Business Development Center)**

CADL’s Business Librarian presents a free Google Drive: Working in the Cloud session for small business owners. *Registration required. Sept. 26, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

***CADL Business Librarian at SBDC: Tips for Measuring Online Success (Held at Small Business Development Center)**

CADL’s Business Librarian presents a free Grow with Google session for small business owners--Tips for Measuring Online Success. *Registration required. Oct. 4, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.



Back row: Senior Kayson Lycos, Junior Jacob Goetz, Senior Dylan Preadmore. Front row: Senior Alaia Driver, Junior Eden Elzermen and Senior Skylar Byrne.



Back row: Sophomore Duncan Dusa, Senior Tyler Wyatt, Freshman Lucas Wisuri and Senior Ethen Stiffler. Front row: Sophomore Katarina Haynes, Reagan Tyler, Freshman Maddie Delaney and Senior Hannah Fairfield.

Webberville Community Schools
celebrating Homecoming this week

Webberville Community Schools is celebrating Homecoming this week. Below is the schedule of activities that will culminate with the parade through the Downtown this coming Friday, starting at 5:30 p.m., the Tailgate Party at 6 p.m. and the varsity football game with Bellevue at 7 p.m.

The Crowning of the Homecoming King & Queen will take place at halftime. The week ends on Saturday, Sept. 29 with the Homecoming Dance from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Monday, September 24th

Wall Decorating 3:15pm-5:15pm

Powder Puff Football 6:00pm

Mix up Monday Theme-MSHS

Character Shirt Day-ES

Tuesday, September 25th

King/Queen voting at lunch
Top Hat Tuesday Theme-MSHS
Hat Day-ES

Wednesday, September 26th

King/Queen voting at lunch

Christmas Day Theme-MSHS

Twin Day-ES

Thursday, September 27th

Last day of float building

Twin Day Theme-MSHS

PJ Day-ES

Friday, September 28th GAME DAY

Blue/Gold Day Theme-MSHS & ES

Pep Assembly- 2:00pm

Float Judging 4:30pm

Parade line up -5:00pm

Parade Starts- 5:30pm



Tailgate- 6:00pm
Game- 7:00pm
King & Queen Crowning- at Half time
Saturday, September 29th
Homecoming Dance- 7:30-10:30pm
Cost: \$8.00



Senior Spotlight--Skylar Byrne
By Alyssa McGalliard

Skylar Byrne is the daughter of Kevin Byrne and Beth Lowe. Byrne has four siblings who are Conner Lowe (21), Shawn Byrne (23), Hayley Sleight (24), and Tally Anton (27). Shawn graduated from Webberville in 2014.

Skylar has been part of Webberville Community Schools since 8th grade and believes that transferring to Webberville has been a great decision. “Webberville was the best choice for me,” said Byrne. “It has allowed me to become very involved in the school and community.”

Byrne is motivated to do her best in everything because she has many people in her life that push her to reach her true potential.

“Jenna Kingsley has had the most impact on me,” said Byrne. “She forced me to step out of me confront zone and got me very involved in FFA.”

Byrne has been in FFA for 4 years and continues to work hard in the program. She is the Webberville Chapter President and is serving as the Region IV President. Byrne has been on state-winning leadership teams and last year earned her Outstanding Junior Award.

“Skylar is the most outgoing, courageous, and bold woman I know. I’ve been able to watch Skylar grow since her freshman year and these things never changed about her,” said 2016 Webberville graduate Jenna Kingsley. “She’s the type of person who dances like no one is watching, and I admire that about her. I’m so excited to see where she goes after high school.”

Byrne plans to go to either Northern Michigan University or Michigan State University. She is uncertain of what she wants to pursue yet, but she is leaning towards a career in the agriculture field or elementary education.

“I have always loved working with children, but I also like agriculture and enjoy studying the topic,” said Byrne. “

Byrne has participated in many extracurricular activities: FFA, National Honor Society, Church Core, Competitive Cheer, Sideline Cheer, Benchwarmers, Journalism, and Class Club. She gives back to the community and takes initiative. In fact, she was instrumental creating the backpack program in the elementary school and has set up a little free library in the high school.

Byrne has been in sideline and competitive cheer throughout high school. She has really enjoyed getting closer to the team and appreciates all the coaches that have taught her.

“I have watched Skylar grow up over the last four years. No matter what, Skylar wears her heart on her sleeve and approaches everything with a smile and a positive attitude,” said Coach Tracey Davis. “She is true to herself.”

Cheer has been a huge part of Byrne’s high school career and Skylar is glad she got so involved and found something she is passionate about.

“What I am going to miss most about cheer is making connections with people who have the same passion as I do,” said Byrne.

Fellow senior Alaia Driver has been friends with Byrne for four years and has been connected with a strong bond. Driver has nothing but kind words about Byrne and continues to look up to her.

“Sky has influenced me by helping me become more outgoing and take more risks,” said Driver.

Byrne is considered by staff to be a hardworking, loyal and motivated young woman with outstanding potential.

“Skylar is a pleasure to have in class and to work with outside of class,” said teacher Colleen Scott Keiser who serves as the FFA and Journalism Advisor. “I am so impressed with her willingness to take on challenges and responsibilities while maintaining a positive attitude. Her attitude and kindness, paired with her drive to succeed, will carry her far in life.”

Oak Grove UMC’s Reach Out Barn
holding inventory clearance this week

The Reach Out Barn at Oak Grove United Methodist Church (6686 Oak Grove Road, Howell – 5 miles north of M-59) is having an inventory clearance Monday, September 24 thru Friday, September 28. ‘What Comes to the Barn must leave the Barn!’ Bring a bag and fill it up for a donation. Closing date is Friday, September 28. Come shop for that white elephant gift for Christmas, winter coat, boots or whatever you may need!

Barn hours are Monday and Thursday, 4:30-7:30 p.m. and Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. We are not taking donations until the barn opens on May 6, 2019. Questions, please call 517-546-3942. Barn sales go to help clients of Love INC, Livingston County.

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Self-Defense Fitness has been canceled due to lack of participation. If you were interested in this class, we encourage you to try out our other fitness classes, **Cardio Drumming** and **Yoga with Erin**.

Cardio Drumming - Tuesdays at 7pm

Adults. Increase your physical literacy with a fun workout with licensed fitness instructor, Chesney Stock, of **Exertion Nutrition**. Please remember to bring water and wear comfortable clothes. Spaces are limited to 20 participants on a first-come, first-served basis. **There is a small cash-only fee for this class of \$5 if you bring your own equipment or \$7 to rent a ball, bucket, and drumsticks. Drop-in class.*

Writers Group - Begins Wednesday, September 26th Meets Wednesdays at 2:30pm

Adults. Do you want feedback on your writing projects? Are you interested in exploring different writing exercises? If so, then join our Fall 2018 session. You are invited to bring a 1-2 page sample for feedback from the group. **Register in person to attend. Registration period is September 12th-26th.*

Cuba Travel Talk - Thursday, September 27th at 7pm

Adults. Highlighting the sights, sounds, life-changing encounters, and humorous stories of world travel while at the library! Join Library Director, Beth Lowe, as she shares her unique experience visiting Cuba as a librarian! Presentation will include a Q&A session and refreshments. **Register in person to attend. Registration begins September 13th and includes a refundable \$5 cash deposit.*

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Beyond the Book: *Kiss the Girls* -Thursday, October 4th at 7pm

Adults. Featuring a book and its film adaptation. Movie begins at 7pm followed by discussion. Movie-style refreshments will be served. **Register in person to attend. Registration begins September 13th. Books will be given on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.*

Zombie Makeup Workshop - Friday, October 5th at 5-8pm Teens 6th-12th Grade. Learn about various monster make-up products, the importance of sanitation, and the different makeup techniques that will enhance your Halloween looks! Plus learn how to make your own latex prosthetic that you can take home! Pizza and a beverage will be served. **Registration is required and includes a 2018-2019 signed Program Permission Form. Registration begins September 21st. Register by October 3rd to attend.*

Fowlerville Varsity Tennis Team battles Williamston to 4-4 tie

The Fowlerville Varsity Tennis Team battled Williamston to the very end in their match on Thursday, Sept. 13. With the Glads down 4-2 and 2 matches still going and both in the 3rd set, the Glads pulled out 2 tough wins to tie the score 4-4.

Logan Flanery won at 4 singles 6-3, 4-6, 7-5 to make the team score 4-3, while the first doubles team of Christian Montrose/Caden Flanery clinched the tie with a hard fought 4-6 6-2 7-6 (9-7) win. Earlier, Shaw Sova won 6-2 7-5 and the 4th doubles team of Carter Young/Garret Hearl pulled out a tough 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 win and Joey Quigley dropped a close match 7-6(3) 7-6(2). The team is now 8-0-1 overall and 1-0-1 in the CAAC Red Division.

Fowlerville Varsity Volleyball Team falls to Haslett last Monday

The Fowlerville Varsity Volleyball team traveled to Haslett in league play last Monday and lost a tough match in 5 games 25-17, 18-25, 22-25, 25-15, 13-15. The girls played point for point in most games and in two took the lead for the win

As always, the defense shined through for the night with Grace Wallace leading the way with 15 points and 27 digs. Natalie Juopperi also helped out with 9 points and 18 digs. Setting was Dani Ryan with 43 assists and 6 points. Livvie DuFore added 12 kills, 7 points and 14 digs and Jackie Jarvis had 12 kills and 20 digs. Leah Ash lead in blocks with 7 and had 7 kills. Freshman Abby Thomas also had 13 digs.

The Glads are 10-6-1 overall and 2-1 in league.

Fowlerville boys host Cross Country Red Division Jamboree, place 5th

The Fowlerville Boys Cross Country team hosted a CAAC Red Divison Jamboree on Tuesday, Sept. 18—one of three that are being held in the league. The team placed 5th in a tough field on competitors.

The top five finishers for Fowlerville Varsity team were: senior Blake Howard finishing 8th with a time of 17:51, freshmen Zach Curd finishing 14th with a time of 18:10, junior Jacob Nabozny finishing 22nd with a time of 18:53, freshmen Jack Shrader finishing 23rd with a time of 19:02, and to round out our top five finishers was freshmen Tyler Perras finishing 28th with a time of 19:20. Additionally, Clayton Minock set a new Personal Record (PR) in the JV race with a time of 22:16.

The boys next meet was on Saturday, September 22, in Jackson.

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Fowlerville Varsity Football Team falls to Haslett, 41-13, in CAAC Red game

The Fowlerville Varsity Football Team fell to Haslett, 41-13, in a CAAC Red Division game on Friday, Sept. 14. The loss left the Glads at 2-2 overall and 0-2 in the league.

The teams traded touchdowns in the second quarter, with Haslett holding a 7-6 lead thanks to making the PAT and Fowlerville failing to do so.

The Gladiators’ score came on a 13-yard TD pass from Geoffrey Knaggs to Hunter Cahoon. However, the Vikings then scored another touchdown in the closing seconds of the half to take a 13-6 lead.

The Vikings then pulled further away in the second half by adding three more scores—a total of 21 points—in the third period and another touchdown and PAT in the final quarter.

Fowlerville’s second touchdown came with only 1:45 left in the game on an 11-yard run by Kye Lutz. Payton Johnson booted the point-after kick.

Fowlerville had 326 yards in total offense, while Haslett had 412 yards. Having fallen behind, most of the Gladiator yardage came on passes. G. Knaggs completed 21 of 28 attempts for 207 yards.

The Vikings also gained most of their yardage in the air, making 15 of 25 passes for 338 yards.

The Glads had 119 rushing yards, while the Vikings finished with 74 yards. G. Knaggs led the Fowlerville runners with 35 yards, while Lutz gained 31 yards and Hunter Knaggs had 29 yards.

Cahoon caught 5 passes for 51 yards, Andrew McFadden had one reception for 43 yards, and JT Maybe pulled in 3 for 35 yards. Other passes were caught by Joe Palyj, Tom Salois, Mitchell Stobierski, H. Knaggs, and Lutz.

H. Knaggs led the defense with 5 solo tackles and 2 assists, Kaleb Chappell had 3 solo tackles and 2 assists, Jack Lampman had 3 solo tackles, and Nathan Gendron had 2 solo tackles and 1 assist.

Fowlerville hosted Lansing Eastern for its Homecoming game this past Friday, Sept. 21 (past the newspaper deadline.) The team travels to Mason for a league game this coming Friday, Sept. 28.

Fowlerville Junior Varsity Football Team wins fourth game, beating Haslett

The Fowlerville JV Football Team won its fourth straight game on Thursday, Sept. 13, beating the Haslett Vikings 28-20. The Gladiator offensive line controlled much of the game which led to three scores on the ground.

Adam Simon started the scoring by breaking off a beautiful 40-yard run. Nathan Ash showed his great vision with the next touchdown run in the second quarter. Randall Kuch capped off the first half with a beautiful end around TD. The last Glad score of the night was a perfect 25 yard dart from Simon to Billy Hutchins in the third. The Fowlerville JVs traveled to Lansing Eastern for a game this past Thursday (past the newspaper deadline). The Glads host Mason this Thursday, Sept. 27.

Fowlerville Varsity Volleyball Team loses to Mason in league play last week

The Fowlerville Varsity Volleyball Team lost to Mason in league play last Wednesday by scores of 28-26, 25-14, 25-11. The Glads played hard against a great Mason team. They were led by senior setter Dani Ryan with 23 assists, 9 digs and 8 points. Livvie DuFore had 22 digs, 5 kills and 4 points. Leah Ash added 7 kills and 3 blocks. Grace Wallace played strong defense with 15 digs and Natalie Juopperi added 7 digs and 4 points. Jackie Jarvis had 8 kills and 13 digs and freshman Abby Thomas added 6 digs. The team’s record is 11-7-1 and they are 2-2 in league. The Glads are off until this Wednesday, Sept. 26, when they travel to St. Johns for another league game.

Fowlerville Varsity Tennis team loses first match of season, falling to Haslett

The Fowleville Boys Varsity Tennis Team lost its first match of the season on Tuesday night, Sept. 18, to Haslett by a 5-3 score. The Glads are now 8-1-1 overall and 1-1-1 in the CAAC Red. Winning for the Glads were the doubles teams of Christian Montrose/Caden Flanery 6-2 6-2, Shane Sibb/Mason Sova 6-1 6-3, and Garrett Hearl/Carter Young 6-3 7-6(6).

Caregivers Support Group to meet at Trinity United Methodist Church

Caregivers Support Group will meet at Trinity United Methodist Church on the fourth Monday of each month at 7pm. Our next meeting is September 24. This group is open to all. If you are caregiver for a spouse, parent etc. this group is for you. Come for the fellowship & prayers. Questions talk to Judy Herald 734-498-3528. Trinity UMC is located at 8201 Iosco Rd, Fowlerville, at the corner of Bull Run and Iosco Rds.

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Students are shown here with firefighters Tom Coe, Mike Flynn and Jordan Hague – front row; Mason, Bodi, Mia, Cayden, Hank and Tyler. Back row; Jonah, Conor, Maddie, Ashlyn and Sam. Not pictured: Kira

Webberville Elementary students take part in annual art contest

In celebration of the 71st Annual Leroy Firemen’s Field Days & Ox Roast, local firefighters sponsored an art contest for Webberville Elementary School students. Kindergarten through fifth graders were given the theme *Who is Your Hero?* Students had a month to create and submit their artwork following this theme. Students will receive cash prizes at the October awards assembly.

Firefighters Tom Coe, Mike Flynn and Jordan Hague judged and selected the first, second, third place winning artwork. The winning pictures are on display at the fire hall during the Ox Roast festivities.

Congratulations to these students for their prize-winning artwork: Hank Marshall, Tyler Kubiak, Mason Campbell, Bodi West, Mia Durfee, Cayden James, Conor Kiernan, Ashlyn Kulas, Jonah Spencer, Kira Ritz, Samantha Hull, and Maddie Bowlin.



Savvy Senior Column

By Jim Miller

Choosing a Continuing-Care Retirement Community

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you give me some tips on picking an all-inclusive residential retirement community that offers independent housing along with assisted living and nursing care? My husband and I are looking to downsize and simplify, but we want our next move to be our last.

Approaching 80

Dear Approaching,

If you want your next move to be your final one, an all-inclusive retirement community – also known as a continuing-care retirement community (or CCRC) – is a great option to consider, but they aren’t cheap.

CCRCs are different from other types of senior housing because they provide all levels of housing, services and care in one convenient location.

While they vary greatly in appearance and services, most CCRCs offer apartments or sometimes single-family homes for active independent seniors. In addition, they also offer onsite assisted living for seniors who require help with basic living tasks like bathing, dressing or going to the bathroom, and nursing home care for residents when their health declines.

CCRCs also provide a bevy of resort-style amenities and services that include community dining halls, exercise facilities, housekeeping, and transportation, as well as many social and recreational activities.

But be aware that all these services come at a hefty price. Most communities have entry fees that range from the low to mid-six figures, plus ongoing monthly fees that can range from around \$2,000 to over \$4,000 depending on the facility, services and the contract option you choose.

With more than 2,000 CCRCs in operation throughout the

U.S, finding a facility that fits your lifestyle, needs and budget will require some legwork. Here are some steps that can help you proceed.

Make a list: Start by calling the Area Agency on Aging (call 800-677-1116 for contact information) in the area you want to live for a list of CCRCs, or search websites like Caring.com.

Call the facilities: Once you’ve located a few, call them to find out if they have any vacancies, what they charge and if they provide the types of services you want or need.

Take a tour: Many CCRCs encourage potential residents to stay overnight and have a few meals in their dining hall. During your visit, notice the upkeep of the facility and talk to the current residents to see how they like living there. Also, check out the assisted living and nursing facilities, and find out how decisions are made to move residents from one level of care to another.

To check-up on a facility, call the state long-term care ombudsman (see LTCombudsman.org) who can tell you if the assisted living and nursing care services within the CCRC have had any complaints or other problems. You can also use Medicare’s nursing home compare tool at Medicare.gov/nursinghomecompare.

Review contracts and fees: Most CCRCs offer three types of contracts: Life-care, or Type A contracts, which have the highest entry fee but covers all levels of long-term care as needed; Type B, or modified contracts that have lower entry fees but limits long-term care services in the initial fee; and Type C, or fee-for-service contracts, which offer the lowest entrance fees but requires you to pay extra for long-term care if you need it.

You also need to find out what yearly price increases you can expect? How much of your entry fee is refundable to you if you move or die? And what happens if you outlive your financial resources?

Research the CCRC: Find out who owns the facility and get a copy of their most recently audited financial statement and review it, along with the copy of the contract with your lawyer or financial advisor. Also get their occupancy rate. Unless it’s a newer community filling up, occupancy below 85 percent can be a red flag that the facility is having financial or management problems.

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.



Michigan House Report

By Dr. Hank Vaupel,
47nd District

A resolution I introduced that is scheduled for action by the House next week will declare September as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Month in Michigan. Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) pose a serious threat to the health of our future generations and is entirely preventable. I strongly urge residents to increase their knowledge of the effects of pre-natal exposure to alcohol, to increase their levels of compassion for individuals affected by FASD, and to reduce the incidences of FASD that can cause birth defects, mental disorders and learning disabilities.

Next week, I will introduce a bill to request the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to prepare a comprehensive state plan on mental health and substance disorder services. This plan will identify the needs and resource requirements for providing services and support to individuals with mental illness, developmental disabilities or substance use disorders.

On Saturday, the Livingston Centre Historical Village hosted the 4th annual Fall Festival. The goal of the Livingston Centre Historical Village is to preserve the history of the community. The village is a reminder of Livingston County’s culture. I want to thank the agricultural society and community volunteers for collectively working to make this yearly event a fun experience for families in our county.

I also attended the Pregnancy Help Clinic Chocolate Walk. I want to thank the walkers and volunteers who attended the event. They make a difference to individuals that need help the most within our community.

Pastor Ryan Guenther and members of the Victory Baptist Church in Hartland, along with Pastor Tim Christoson and members from the Bible Baptist Church in Howell, visited my office in Lansing on Wednesday. I want to thank them for their service in the community.

Thank you to all who attended my September office hours. I hope you’ll be able to join me again next month on Friday, Oct. 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.

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!

Card of Thanks

The Family of Lyle (L. Roy) Glover would like to thank our friends, neighbors, family, and co-workers for their many acts of kindness in the recent passing of our father. He was a very special man and your actions reflected that so well.

We would also like to thank the ICU staff at St. Joseph Hospital in Chelsea, Pastor Tom, Fowlerville Masonic Lodge 164, the ladies of Fowlerville First United Methodist Church, along with those at Herrmann Funeral Home. Speical thanks to Julie and Sheri.

May God Bless everyone,
Mitch & Nancy Glover and Family
Tammie & Jim Byars and Family
Marshall Glover

Howell Senior Center holding Fall Purse & Jewelry Sale on Oct. 8-9

Join us this fall at the Howell Senior Center for our Fall Purse & Jewelry Sale. It will be held Oct. 8 & 9 from 9a.m. to 3 p.m. For two days we be selling gently-used purses, bags, jewelry and more at great prices! All the proceeds go to benefit the Howell Senior Center so stop by and find your next treasure!

Have any gently-used purses, bags, watches, or jewelry you’re looking to donate? We are now accepting donations at the Bennett Recreation Center during our office hours 9am-5pm. The Center is located at 925 W. Grand River, Howell. It’s FREE to come shop.

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Fowlerville Family Impact Centers invites residents to join CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 7th

The Howell/Hartland/Fowlerville CROP Hunger Walk is taking place on Sunday, Oct. 7. The Walk starts at 2pm at the First Presbyterian Church in Howell with registration at 1:30pm. This Crop walk is looking to make a difference in our local communities and in communities worldwide by raising funds to help end hunger and poverty through long-term sustainable approaches that significantly reduce or eliminate hunger.

TEAM Friends of Fowlerville Family Impact Centers invites you to walk with us and some 1,000 other communities nationwide to join together in interfaith CROP Hunger Walks around the theme “*Ending hunger one step at a time.*” Many of the walkers will be proclaiming their solidarity with the millions of neighbors around the world who have to walk to live -- as well as with the millions served by local food pantries, food banks and meal sites here in the U.S.

Our county ministries LOVE INC of Greater Livingston County, The Salvation Army and the Family Impact Centers share in the funds raised by this 2018 CROP Hunger Walk.

From combating droughts in Nicaragua to providing agricultural training in Indonesia to stocking shelves in hundreds of food pantries across the United States, CROP Hunger Walks are fighting hunger. Join us. Share your blessings. Donate.

Contact Sheila Larson: 517-861-9139 or (sheilamaelars@gmail.com) if you have questions OR donate online at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/howellmi/Team/View/81159/Friends-of-Fowlerville-Family-Impact-Center>

Howell Eagles Auxilary serving breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 7

Howell Eagles Auxilary breakfast is Sunday, October 7, from 8am-noon. the cost is \$6, all you can eat, eggs made to order, omelette, sausage, bacon, biscuits and gravy, hash browns, coffee and juice. The club is located at 141 Schroeder Park Drive in Howell.

10th Annual Headless Horseman 5K & Monster Mile Run being held Oct. 27

The 10th Annual Headless Horseman 5K & Monster Mile is ready to get everyone in the Halloween Spirit! It takes place in Downtown Howell on Saturday, Oct. 27, starting at 7 p.m. for the one-mile run and 7:30 p.m. for the 5K Run Be one of the many costumed runners who race through the streets of Howell at night and into the shadows of Lakeview Cemetery.

This year the 10K will not be offered per the request of our Police Department due to public safety concerns. However, we will be offering a Monster Mile & 5K bundle! The race will start and finish on State Street (North of Clinton near Church St.) in Downtown Howell. Round up your family and friends and come dressed as your favorite Halloween character. On-site registrations, post-race awards, and refreshments will be held on State Street. Awards will go to overall Men’s, Women’s, and Master’s. Age group awards to the top three places in each age and gender category in the 5K (age divisions based on age as of October 27, 2018).

New this year will be an exclusive post-race brew available at Downtown Howell’s Aberrant Ales. The first 300 runners (5K and 1 mile) who opt in will receive a voucher at check-in for one beer and commemorative glass (TO BE USED THIS NIGHT ONLY).

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THE CONVERSATION

What the season of fall – and science – teaches us about life and death

By Samer Zaky

I was launched as one; and ended up being trillions of them. The cells composing my body are amazing micro-machines; one hundred of them can fit into the period at the end of this phrase. Regardless of my awareness, each of these teeny tiny units strictly performs its own intricate duties: breathing in oxygen and secreting out carbon dioxide, multiplying by splitting into two, migrating around or idling for a while, and ultimately maturing to lay down the specific type of supporting structure known as matrix. The matrix surrounds the cell and sustains its specific function – like soft matrix for skin and hard matrix for bones or teeth.

A cell even has its own brain or, if you will, control panel: the nucleus. This nucleus contains the instructions for building a cell and an entire individual. This four-letter code, known as DNA and measuring 2 meters long from a single nucleus, dictates every single programmed task the cell performs during its life.

Interestingly, the function of a cell does not end at maturation or when it finishes secreting the matrix. The cell’s function is only complete after its final task which is, amazingly, to die: programmed cell death. The term “programmed” describes the organized, planned and careful dismantling of the cell’s components rather than a sudden unpredictable ruination.

Carefully dismantling life

The planned process could be compared to the careful disassembly of a Lego castle. In contrast to the instant gravity-driven wreckage on the ground, pieces are taken off and organized back into their original slots to be eventually reused and reassembled into another complex construction. This organized and programmed “ending” of the life of a cell was sensibly given the biological term “apoptosis” – from Greek “apo,” which means off/away, and “ptosis,” which means dropping, referring to the falling leaves.

What is more intriguing than the apoptosis process itself is the analogy behind its name. During autumn, leaves dry and fall off the tree. Despite leaving an obvious leafless and seemingly lifeless structure, it is only by shedding its leaves that the tree can survive the windy and sun-deprived winter, when sudden gusts could blow down a tree laden with a large surface area of leaves.

In other words, dismissing its leaves before winter, the tree prepares to reduce wind resistance and to save energy to re-blossom in the spring.

The death of the part – the leaf – as sad as it may seem, is for the sake of the life of the whole tree. If leaves do not leave (is that where their name comes from?!), the whole tree will die, taking with it the lingering leaves. Similarly, the apoptosis of a cell is a necessary sacrifice to preserve the life of the whole body.

Life goes on ...

Taking our bones as an example, the balance between the newborn and dying cells is the key to the natural turnover for our healthy skeleton. In fact, about 10 percent of our bone mass is renewed every year with cells dying and new ones taking their place. When the balance of this process is disrupted, disease results. Too many dying cells leads to the loss of bone mass, such as in a condition known as osteoporosis, which means porous bones. Too many new cells leads to bone tumors. Having their programmed death gone awry, cells multiply indefinitely and uncontrollably – a condition known as cancer – which sets the whole body to an eventual death.

On different scales – the leaf for a tree, the cell for the body, the individual for the society – what we perceive as death is actually an act of carrying on life. Mourning the separation from our beloved inevitably, and rightfully, overrides our understanding – or rather the inability to understand – death, life’s plainest and most puzzling fact and inescapable fate.

All of us will eventually drop off the tree. In fact, birth could ironically be regarded as the primary predisposing factor for death; the only guarantee not to fall off is not to get seeded in the first place.

Before it is too late

Having experienced wet eyes, I am not trying or daring to make the departure of our beloved ones into a soothing scientific technicality or underestimate the associated feelings. Indeed, despite what we can learn from trees, we are not trees: Feelings are an integrated part of our existence and are what makes us human.

Ruth McKernan, a British neuroscientist who studies how our brain functions, having struggled through the moments of



her father’s agony and endured the grief of separation, puts it this way in her book “Billy’s Halo”: “That is science and that is real life. At the moments of separation, all the theory doesn’t make it easier to bear.”

This fall, while contemplating the panoply of the fall colors and the leaves dropping, let us remind ourselves to cherish our seniors while they are around. Acknowledging that our comfort and joy are not synonymous, let us serve them with appreciation for what they have contributed in our lives.

Remembering who have passed, let us celebrate their legacy that paved the way to new blossoming generations; and certainly we shall mourn our beloved who have prematurely left. Let us decide to do the best we can, wherever and whenever we can for our family, friends, coworkers and all our fellow “leaves” in society as long as we are still connected to its branches.

Samer Zaky is a Research Assistant Professor at the University of Pittsburgh.

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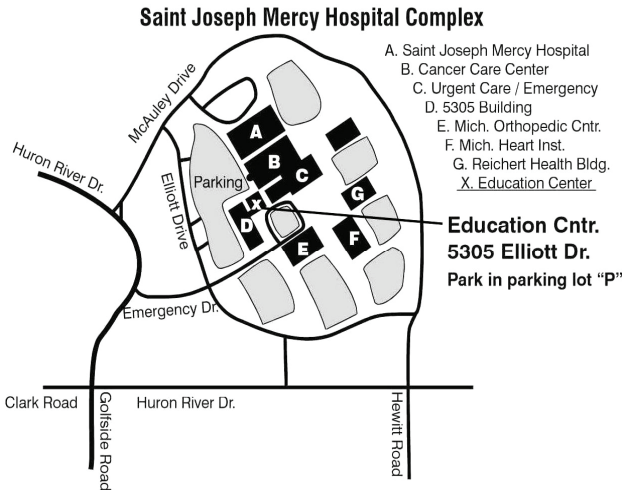
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Steve Horton Column

Some History About Immigration

Last week I wrote a news story on a lady observing her 100th birthday. During the interview, she mentioned that both her father and mother immigrated to the United States.

“Where from?” I asked.

“Poland,” she said, adding her mother had come here as a young lady—“all by herself.”

I offered that my grandmother (on my mother’s side) had done the same. In her case, she came from Prussia—part of eastern Germany.

Still another similarity was that my Grandma Amo and this lady’s mother had both arrived prior to World War I, or at least before America’s entry into that conflict which was in April of 1917. The European powers had launched their battle in July of 1914.

These women—our respective ancestors—were among the millions of people who immigrated to the United States during the early years of the 20th Century, with many of them coming from Central, Southern, and Eastern Europe. They had been preceded by earlier, large-scale migrations that occurred during the 1800s.

The flow of new arrivals accelerated after World War I ended in November of 1918 (the year my interviewee was born), with “millions of distraught Europeans seeking refuge in America.”

So many were coming, joining those already here, that it soon caused a backlash.

A historical account noted that “With the new wave of immigration came the resurgence of nativism (an emphasis of traditional customs and opposition to outside influences).”

These nativists, it was further noted, “were not only concerned with the growing influx of immigrants, but the cultural upheaval that (they felt) newcomers would bring to traditional American values.”

This anti-immigrant movement included groups like the Ku Klux Klan who felt the new arrivals were “racially inferior” to the predominantly white, Anglo-Saxon, Protestant population and would “dilute the purity of the American race.”

A recession in 1920, causing a tighter job market, prompted accusations that the immigrants were taking away jobs by working for low wages. Adding still more fuel to the fire was the fear by many of radical political movements (like Communism) and concerns by business with the growing strength of labor unions. In both cases, the immigrants were seen as being ‘hotbeds’ for this political and labor activism.

Perhaps underlying this growing angst was the dramatic acceleration of industrialization that occurred in the nation during the latter part of the 19th century and early years of the 20th century, making the nation more urban and less rural and “indeed” resulting in a social and cultural upheaval. Since

most of the immigrants lived in the bigger cities and worked in the factories, one could speculate that many Americans viewed them as the cause of the changes rather than seeing them as a consequence of industrialization.

What finally happened were a pair of Congressional laws that limited the number of new immigrants by restricting what nations or areas of the world they could come from. The first law was passed in 1921, followed by one in 1924 that had stricter language.

The end result of this legislation (as intended) was to “almost completely stem the flow of Southern and Eastern Europeans and limiting all immigration from Asia.” By 1928, the number of new arrivals had declined to around 300,000.

But for all those already here, and for their descendants, the American Dream beckoned. Many of them ended up in Michigan, including the young lady from Poland and my Grandma Amo. There were many reasons the immigrants came to this state, but the emergence of auto manufacturing in Detroit and surrounding cities, with the lure of decent wages and a decent standard-of-living, was a main motivation.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITES AND THE HOPE OF A BETTER LIFE have, of course, been primary motivations for coming to this country since the first Englishmen stepped off the boat at Jamestown, Virginia at the tailend of the 1500s.

The first white settlers to the Fowlerville area came mainly from western New York and were for the most part Protestants of Anglo-Saxon ancestry. Arriving in the mid-to-late 1830s, they cut the forests, built the log cabins, planted the crops, and began creating schools, churches, businesses, and a community life.

This homogeneity was altered a bit with the gradual arrival of more and more people of Irish Catholic background. These newcomers eventually became the nucleus of the St. Agnes Parish.

The area also soon attracted a number of families of German ancestry. Among their legacies was the establishment of St. Johns Lutheran Church.

The Irish Catholics had come to the United States in large numbers due to the hard times, including starvation, that occurred when the Potato Famine began in Ireland in 1845 and continued for the next few years.

Historical accounts tell us that these immigrants were not met by the existing population with open arms.

Information from the web site for Irish-Genealogy-Toolkit noted that “So-called ‘Elegant Society’ looked down on them, and so did nearly everyone else!”

“They were forced to work long hours for minimal pay. Their cheap labor was needed by America’s expanding cities for the construction of canals, roads, bridges, railroads and other infrastructure projects, and they also found employment in the mining and quarrying industries.

“When the economy was strong, Irish immigrants to America were welcomed. But when boom times turned down, as they did in the mid-1850s, social unrest followed and it could be especially difficult for immigrants who were considered to be taking jobs from Americans. Being already low in the pecking order, the Irish suffered great discrimination. ‘No Irish Need Apply’ was a familiar comment in job advertisements.”

The German immigrants and their offspring would also experience some ill feelings. A virulent, anti-German feeling sprung up in the United States when America entered World War I, with many German-Americans, despite their long residence, being suspected—and even accused—of disloyalty.

Fast forward to the 1970s and the ensuing years.

A number of factors, alone or in combination, resulted in more and more people re-locating to Livingston County, including the Fowlerville area. Call it ‘Urban Sprawl’ or ‘White Flight’ or whatever, but the offspring of families that had lived in Detroit or the older suburbs, now resided in what had once been a rural, farming community. Among them was a number of Americans of Polish ancestry, with many of them being Catholic.

With their arrival, St. Agnes grew into an even larger congregation.

One of the church’s annual celebrations, reflecting this heritage, is their Polish Octoberfest. It’s an event my wife and I have attended.

Polish food—including Kapusta & Kielbasa (Sauerkraut & Kielbasa) and Golabki (Stuffed Cabbage)—is featured, along with music and dancing.

In the “History and Culture of Polish Americans in Michigan”, available at the Bentley Historical Library at the University of Michigan, the introduction stated that “Poles are the second largest ethnic group in Michigan (living mainly in the Detroit and Grand Rapids areas) and have been a significant part of the history of Detroit and the state of Michigan.

“The first Polish mass migration took place in the late 19th and early 20th centuries following years of aggression and occupation of Poland by its European neighbors. During that time about 2.5 million ethnic Poles came to the United States

in search of freedom and economic stability.

“The Detroit area’s large Polish community was for many years concentrated in Poletown and Hamtramck, the latter a suburb of Detroit. Hamtramck was originally settled by German farmers, but it became a dominantly Polish industrial town in 1914 when the Dodge Brothers automotive plant was opened, providing great employment opportunities. These Polish communities became vital centers of immigrant social life, with small businesses, press, and cultural, political, veterans, patriotic and professional organizations. The heart of Polonia, however, was its Polish Roman Catholic church and its parishes. Poles were able to keep their identity by cultivating their cultural traditions, language and faith.

“The second wave of new Polish immigrants (over 200,000) came to the U.S. following World War II, when Poland became part of the Soviet Union bloc. Of these, 38,000 came to Michigan.”

The story of immigration, whether viewed at a national level or closer to home, is not necessarily a matter of history repeating itself, but there do seem to be familiar refrains.

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New – Coming to Fowlerville next month is “Scarecrows Across the ‘Ville”

The Village of Fowlerville is encouraging businesses to participate in this contest by placing a decorated scarecrow outside of their business establishments. They asked that all scarecrows be completed by Monday October 1st. Each scarecrow should incorporate the name of your business on it. Everyone who wants to participate must register their entry. You can email the Village at nfreeman@fowlerville.org or fax your entry to 517-223-7435. You must include your business name, contact name, phone number and email address.

The Village is also looking for prizes to give away. If you would like to donate a prize please contact the Village office. Judges will be Village Council members and they will choose the top three “Best Overall” winners.

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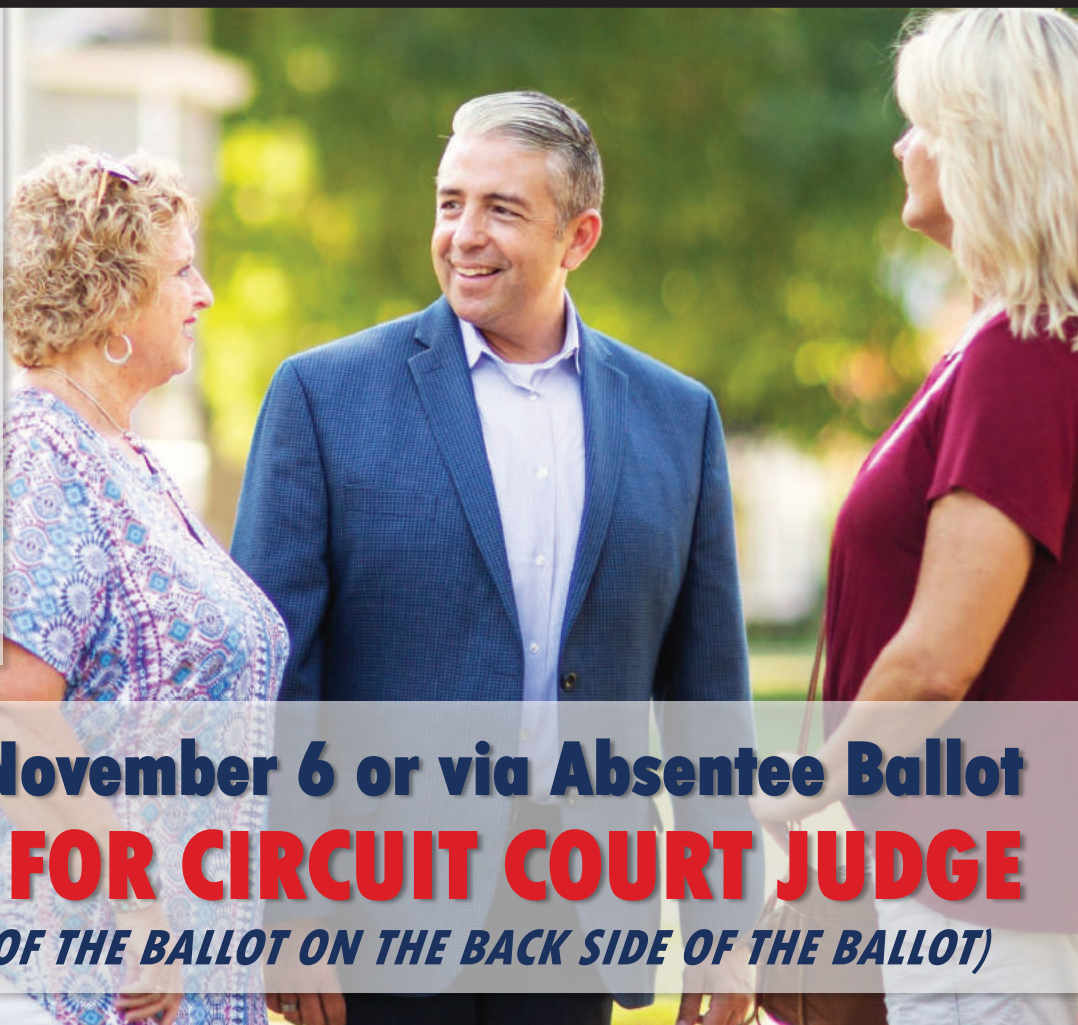
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