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From left are Lauren and Cassie Bosworth with the duck and rabbit that are among the livestock they'll be showing at this week's Fowlerville Family Fair. They are members of the Tri-County Kids 4-H Club.

Bosworth sisters will be among 4-H'ers the group in 2015 when her daughters were old enough to showing livestock at this week's fair

By Steve Horton

Over 700 members of 4-H are expected to take part in the various judging competitions and special activities scheduled this week at the Fowlerville Family Fair.

The fair runs from this Monday, July 23, thru Saturday, July 28. Many 4-H'ers and their families, however, took part in the non-livestock judging held this Saturday (July 22) at the 4-H Building and they and others brought their livestock entries to the fairgrounds during the current weekend.

Joining them will be two sisters—Cassie and Lauren Bosworth—who are members of the Tri-County Kids 4-H Club. They are the daughters of Nick and Jeannie Bosworth and reside on the small family farm located on Bell Oak Road, just west of Herrington Road (the border between Livingston and Ingham Counties).

Jeannie, who is the club leader, noted that she helped organize

join 4-H. "The Tri-County stands for Livingston, Ingham, and Shiawassee," she pointed out. "We have or have had members from all three."

One of those members who graduated from high school last year and transitioned from being a member to a 4-H leader is Jordan Hath-the son of Jim and Julie Hath and Cassie and Lauren's older cousin. Julie and Jeannie are sisters (maiden name Bauer) and the Haths live on a small farm across the road.

Jeannie noted that Nick, Julie, and Jim are also leaders, so for them and the children 4-H is definitely a "family affair."

Cassie, at age 13, plans to bring rabbits and a duck to the fair. "I have a pen of market rabbits that are Californians and also two Polish and one Mini Satin that will be in the Show Breed judging," she said. 'My market duck is a Peking."

Both the market rabbits and the duck will be sold at the Small

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Fowlerville Family Fair returns this week for its 132nd annual run

By Steve Horton

The Fowlerville Family Fair returns this week for its 132^{nd} annual run. The official run date is Monday, July 23 thru Saturday, July 28, but open-class non-livestock judging began last week and 4-H non-livestock judging took place on Saturday.

Next up is the Fowlerville Family Fair Queen Contest, set to take place today (Sunday, July 22) at noon at the Finlan Gazebo. Young ladies who live or work in Livingston County and are between the ages of 17 and 24 years, can compete in this event.

Last year six contestants appeared on the stage. The contest is sponsored by Tanger Outlets who gives the winner a \$500 shopping spree at the mall stores. In addition, the winner receives a tiara and sash to wear, plus the opportunity to appear in the 2019 Fowlerville Family Fair commercial.

Contestants appear at the event wearing formal attire. Each of them is interviewed by the judging panel. They also are asked a follow-up question by the judges while standing on stage, and take turns answering it in front of the audience.

"The contestants are judged on such qualities as poise, personality, public speaking, and overall appearance," said Tina Kupniewski, the chairperson of the contest.

Monday, July 23, is 'Family Kick-Off' Day at the fair with gate admission being \$1 for everyone from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and regular admission prices charged after 4 p.m. Children age 4 and under are admitted free.

A program is being held in the morning at the Finlan Gazebo that focuses on this 'family' theme. The event begins at 9:30 a.m. with coffee, followed by the program that runs from 10 to 11:30 a.m. A luncheon will then conclude the activity.

During the program, the Livingston County Homemaker of the Year will be announced, with the contestants introduced to the audience. In addition, older attendees can enter their names for the Senior Citizen of the Year drawing. The lucky winner will receive a special prize.

The main speaker will be Tina Kupniewski of Wolf Creek Pure Michigan Maple Syrup. This family-owned business is located in Webberville. The Bingo Gazebo, put on by the Fowlerville Band Boosters, opens at noon.

A full day of activities are on tab for 4-H. Judging for poultry and goats, and a horse jumping clinic highlight the morning schedule, while public speaking and demonstrations along with the Llama & Alpaca Show are set for the afternoon.

The midway, operated once again by Skerbeck Entertainment, opens at 6 p.m. with a \$20 armband.

Harness Racing is the featured Grandstand entertainment. Post time for the Colt Stakes is at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$5 each with children age 4 and under admitted free. A number of 'fun' activities and numerous prize giveaways are planned to go along with the races. (See related article on the Harness Races in this issue.)

Tuesday, July 24, offers a variety of activities for fairgoers to enjoy. 4-H judging resumes with shows for swine, rabbits, horses, and dogs. There is also open class judging that day for swine.

At noon the Bingo Gazebo starts play, while over at the horse show arena will be the TRP Horse Drill Team Event.

The midway opens at 1 p.m., with a \$22 armband offered for unlimited rides that day.

The Clover Bud Mentoring Program starts at 5 p.m. in the Livestock Arena, followed by the Clover Bud Graduation and the Non-Animal Achievement Program at 6 p.m. Another special 4-H event is the King & Queen Contest at 7 p.m. also taking place in the livestock arena.

Grandstand entertainment that evening includes country music artist DeWayne Spaw putting on a free concert starting at 6 p.m., followed by the T-N-T Demolition Derby at 8 p.m. Admission to the show is \$10 with children 4 and under admitted free.

T-N-T, started in 2010 by veteran demolition derby driver Todd Sorensen, is returning for its second year at the Fowlerville Family Fair.

"We have three different demolition derby competitions," said Sorensen "There will be a Big Car Bone Stock Derby, a Gut 'n Go Car event for front-wheel drive vehicles of four and six cylinder vintage, and a heat that features mini-vans. Competitors in these three categories have restrictions on how much the cars can be modified, with the goal of encouraging more local, widespread participation.



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All profits made by FOLA will be donated to the ongoing fundraiser for the **Fowlerville Senior Center** to pay for the handicap accessible doors that were put in. If you still want to help out but don't want to rent a spot or donate items we would be more than happy to accept monetary donations!

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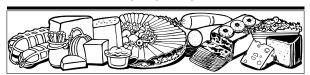
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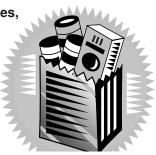
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Yoga Fitness Self-Defense - Mondays at 7pm

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Teen Tuesday Film Festival - Tuesdays at 4pm

July 24th: Sparkle (PG), July 31st: Bill & Ted's Excellent Ad-

Teens 6th-12th grades. Enjoy a free music-themed movie with friends, popcorn, and a beverage. If you are staying for the Teen Summer Reading Program at 7pm, please bring a "sack lunch", as you will not have time to go home for dinner between programs.*Seating is limited. Registration is open. If there is still seating available, drop-ins are welcome!

Summer Lunch Bunch - June 21st-August 23rd

All Ages. The library will be hosting the Summer Lunch Bunch program this summer. Join the Salvation Army for a packed lunch and family activity. After, check out our collection of books and DVDs for all ages!

Patriotic Wall Art - Thursday, July 26th at 7pm

Adults. Libraries Rock! Join the library ladies as we lead you to create a rocking craft! *Register in person to attend. Registration begins July 12th and includes a refundable \$5 cash

Movies on the Lawn @ 131 Mill Street

July 27th: Rock Dog (PG), August 3rd: Coco (PG)

All Ages. Join us on the lawn outside the *old* library building for an outdoor movie! The movie starts as soon as it's dark enough to see the picture well on the screen. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, snacks, and bug spray. Come early to pick your spot on the lawn!*Weather permitting. Drop-in event. Children 12 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Teens 13 and older must have a signed Program Permission Form or be accompanied by an adult.

Cardio Drumming - Tuesdays starting August 7th 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.

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Beyond the Book: Ready Player One - Thursday, August 9th at 7pm

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Stone Leaves Craft - Thursdays, August 16th AND 23rd at 7pm

Adults. Join the library ladies as we lead you to create a "Rock"-ing craft! At this month's session we are bringing back the stone leaves craft! Mold leaf shapes into concrete and paint it to make decorative leaf stones for your garden. To complete the craft you MUST attend both sessions. *Register in person to attend. Registration begins August 2nd and includes a refundable \$5 cash deposit.

MI Bad: Author Talk with Tom Carr - Thursday, August 30th at 7pm

Adults. Join us in welcoming Michigan Author, Tom Carr, author of Blood on the Mitten, as he shares with us about his newest book MI Bad, which tells about the thieves and heists of Michigan's history. Enjoy an engaging author talk, Q&A session, and light refreshments. *Register in person to attend. Registration begins August 16th and includes a refundable \$5 cash deposit.

Livingston Centre Historic Village to be open to visitors during fair week

The return of the Fowlerville Family Fair also brings the opportunity to visit the Livingston Centre Historic Village, located inside the fairgrounds just north of the midway. Tucked in between the camping area and the livestock barns, the village will be open each day beginning at 11:00 a.m. Several of the buildings will be staffed by docents offering free and informative tours; the others will be open for selfguided tours. Visitors can take a break from the sun for a short rest and enjoy the historic village until 7:00 p.m. every day.

Committee members will also be under the Grandstand selling raffle tickets and railroad-themed novelty items. Stop by to see representatives and learn more about this organization's preservation efforts.

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His uncle started Woodley Eggs, buying the eggs from local farmers and selling them at the Eastern Market in Detroit and to grocery stores. Richard helped him and later took over the firm-which was located in Fowlerville. He owned and operated it for over 50 years. During this timeframe, he expanded the business, selling to stores throughout Southeast Michigan.

He married Mary Bugard in 1966, and the couple has a son, Stephen.

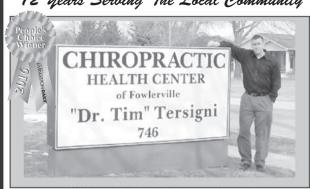
Richard and Mary reside in their rural home on Nicholson Road where they grow flowers. Richard is also well-known for his photography of local people and events.

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"Last year 72,000 anglers in Michigan participated in more than 18,000 charter fishing trips on the Great Lakes and other navigable waters," said Donna Wesander, a DNR fisheries technician who tracks charter fishing data. "These anglers caught nearly 300,000 fish that included a variety of salmon and trout, walleye, yellow perch, smallmouth bass and muskie."

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Fowlerville School Report

By Superintendent, Wayne Roedel

On Tuesday, May 8, 2018, Fowlerville Community members approved a 17.5 million dollar bond to address school building safety, replace aging infrastructure (boilers, roofs, electrical service, flooring, doors, windows, etc.), increase energy efficiency and upgrade and replace technology that is eight or more years old. Prior to that, the Fowlerville Board of Education approved a 3.5 million dollar Energy Bond to increase energy efficiency throughout the District.

We are well into our summer bond projects and want to update the community on our progress so far.

We are replacing the Kreeger Elementary roof, which was by far our greatest need, and this project is approximately





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New roof being put on Kreeger Elementary.

70% complete. By the time this article goes to print, the roof should be completely shingled with gutters and fascia metal being installed. Some landscaping and concrete work around the building will complete this project. It's our hope, weather permitting, that all of this will be done by mid-August. Not only will the completion of this project perk up the looks of the building, but it will increase energy efficiency and more importantly keep everything in the building dry for many years to come.

You may have noticed trucks in the District working on parking lot lights or no lights on at all throughout this summer. All parking lot lights are being converted to energy efficient LED lighting. The energy savings is substantial. The light heads have a nice sleek look to them and match our existing light poles. All power is currently off to the fixtures for worker safety. We have taken care to add light shields around the perimeter of the campus so that stray light is minimized around our campus neighbors. There is additional lighting being erected in the Munn/Brigham Field parking lot as well as a portion of the East Access road. The new lights will provide for greater visibility and safety in those areas.

The District has accepted bids for boiler replacement at Fowlerville Junior High and Kreeger Elementary. Demolition of existing equipment will begin near the end of July with new boilers being installed in August and September. The new boilers will be much more energy efficient and save the District in our gas utility cost. Both of these projects are scheduled to be completed by October 1, 2018. Hopefully, we will have a typical Michigan Fall without any extreme cold weather spells.

The District is working to upgrade our computer cabling, switches and Wi-Fi capability this summer as well. This bond project is taking place at Fowlerville High School currently, and the other buildings on campus afterwards, for as long

as it takes to have upgraded infrastructure throughout the District. Once the technology backbone is replaced, the District will begin to examine the technology hardware currently in use and begin making purchases to modernize the technology devices available for use with students and staff.

Lastly this summer, we are working to complete the Door Access/Security bid process. I anticipate the Board of Education will review and accept bids for this project at



New LED lighting being installed in parking lot.

their July 24th meeting with an aggressive implementation schedule beginning with the South side of campus. It's our hope that Munn, Smith and Kreeger buildings will have the updated door security in place by the start of school but it's more realistic to think that the south side of campus will be completed by Thanksgiving and the Junior High and High School will be completed by the first of the year.

Looking forward, we are currently in the planning stages for multiple bond projects to be conducted during the summer of 2019. They include: Temperature Controls Infrastructure Package, Junior High Pavement/Parking Lot Replacement Package, Heating Package for Smith Elementary, Flooring Replacement Package for Kreeger Elementary, District-Wide Door Replacement Package (JHS mainly), Technology hardware purchases and an Athletics Package that includes a track replacement and some press box construction at various ball fields.

On behalf of the District and Board of Education, we thank you.

Rep. Vaupel's annual summer reading contest for students now underway

State Rep. Hank Vaupel of Fowlerville is holding his annual summer reading contest for students first through fifth grade. The contest concludes Sept. 1, where the winners will be invited to Lansing to be "Rep. for a Day."

"I am excited to host this reading program for the young people of our community," Rep. Vaupel said. "Studies show reading over the summer helps students with learning retention, preparing them for the following school year. It also provides a great opportunity for our youth to learn about the legislative process and how their government works."

To enter, students must fill out a special contest bookmark with 10 books they have read over the summer. The bookmarks can be found at the Howell, Hartland, and Fowlerville libraries, and there is no limit to the number of entries. The winners will be randomly drawn and invited to Lansing with their families to serve with Rep. Vaupel as "Rep. for a Day."

Questions related to the contest or other state issues should be directed to Rep. Vaupel's office by calling (517) 373-8835 or by email at HankVaupel@house.mi.gov.



Hours: Mon. thru Fri. 7:30am - 5:30 pm, Sat. 8am-1:30pm



Fowlerville High School 2018-19 Athletic Update

By Brian Osborne, FHS Athletic Director

The Gladiator athletes are gearing up for another school year with summer camps, scrimmages, weight training and team bonding activities. We hope you'll join us to support these fine young women and men as they compete for each other, the Purple and Gold, conference championships and state tournament championships.

We know that athletics will teach our student-athletes many great life lessons but please keep in mind that you will teach them lessons as well. This year please help our department in our quest to improve sportsmanship in athletics; opposing teams, officials and young impressionable kids deserve positive role models. Let's make the 2018-19 Athletic Year a memorable one for all the right reasons!

Conference Update:

In 2018-19 we will move to the CAAC Red Division with Haslett, Lansing Eastern, Mason, St. Johns and Williamston. This move was based on enrollment last February.

Upcoming Dates:

Sports Physicals: July 30th - 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Checks payable to Fowlerville Community Schools (*forms will be posted on fowlervilleathletics.com*)

Preseason Downtime: August 1st to the first day of tryouts. This is designed to make a clear distinction between summer activities and tryouts. Conditioning can and will continue for HS athletes.

Tryout Dates (times will be posted on <u>fowlervilleathletics.</u> com):

- --Football and Cheer August 6th
- --Volleyball, Cross Country, Tennis, Girls Golf and Boys Soccer - August 8th

Team Pictures:

- --FB/Cheer August 11th
- --VB, XC, TN, GLF, SOC August 14th

Meet the Glads: August 14th - Parent meeting with the Athletic Director followed by parent meetings and concession signups. The program will begin in the Competitin Gym at 6:00pm.

Thank you again for your cooperation and commitment to Fowlerville Athletics, our department and student-athletes appreciate the support! GO GLADS!

—Area Deaths—



Ardath Hoag

Ardath Hoag, age 87 of Fowlerville passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 18 2018. She was born in Lansing on December 20, 1930. She met her husband Louis Hoag at a dance and they were married in 1948. They became residents of Fowlerville, Michigan where they raised their two sons (Terry and Rick) and were happily married for 68 years. For many years she worked for the companies: Ben Franklins and Dunham's Sports. Ardath loved spending time with her family, friends and caring for their many animals. She enjoyed cooking (best pickled beets, pumpkin cookies and orange fluff), gardening, dancing and listening to country music.

Ardath joins her husband Louis, brother Paul and sister Nyra. She is survived by her sister: Carol (Cliff) Clark; her sons: Terry (Janet) Hoag, Rick (Karen) Hoag; her Grandchildren: Stacey (Michael) Elcoate, Nick (Karen) Hoag, Richard Hoag, Crystal (Shannon) Hawk, Todd (Dana) Meyers, Robert (Amanda) Meyers; her Great Grandchildren: Carter and Connor Hoag, Aurora and Avery Lynch, Aiana Lowe, Jayden and Colton, Michael and Mirah; Great-Great Grandchildren: Albany and Bentley; and numerous other relatives and special friends. She touched many lives and will be greatly missed.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, July 22, from 1-5 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, July 23, at Herrmann Funeral Home. Please leave the family a condolence at pjherrmannfuneralhome.com





Candidate for Circuit Court Judge, Dennis Brewer, knows our COURTS ARE A DISASTER. IT'S GOING TO TAKE SOMEONE WITH HONESTY AND INTEGRITY TO FIX IT.





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As I have been out knocking on doors one issue seems to be foremost in everyone's mind — Livingston County residents are tired of the corruption and scandals we're seeing in our local courts. They're tired of seeing their hard earned tax dollars wasted and our judicial system in tatters. They see a judge who is in the headlines every day for her disgraceful behavior, and they're outraged that their tax dollars are paying her to sit at home and do nothing. They keep asking, "WHO IS GOING TO STAND UP FOR US?"

Four years ago, I saw what was happening with this judge's behavior, and I stood up for the residents of Livingston County because I felt we deserved better. I was PROUD to stand up for Livingston County then, and I am proud to do it now! I was willing to stand up and oppose Judge Brennan, and I'M THE ONLY CANDIDATE IN THIS RACE WHO CAN SAY THAT. Livingston County needs to know that I will ALWAYS BE ON YOUR SIDE even when others remain silent.

SEND A MESSAGE ON AUGUST 7 THAT YOU WANT OUR COURTS FIXED.

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Fowlerville 1st **United Methodist** Church holds Vacation Bible School July 8-12

Fowlerville 1st UMC held their Vacation Bible School July 8-12 with the theme of "Celebrating God's Heroes." We are all Heroes! We learned about Daniel, Abigail and others along with the Beatitudes. The children learned that God's Heroes have HEART, COURAGE, WISDOM, HOPE and POWER! As part of VBS, we asked the children to help with a Mission Project. Over the course of the week they brought in laundry soap for the Family Impact Center. They outdid themselves with over 150 bottles. Well Done! Their reward was to squirt Pastor Scott on Thursday evening following the closing of school. A good time was had by all.



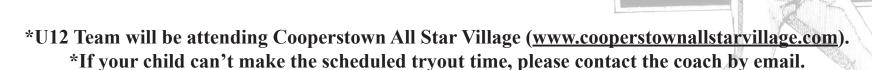


FJBA TRAVEL BASEBALL TRYOUTS



Saturday, July 28, 2018 **Countryway Ball Park** 7999 Mason Rd. Fowlerville, MI 48836

*10U & 12U 11:00am 12:30pm *9U & 11U *13U & 14U 2:00pm



The Fowlerville Junior Baseball Association (FJBA) is a non-profit, volunteer organization that strives to teach kids the proper baseball fundamentals in a competitive baseball environment. FJBA teams compete in the Kensington Valley Baseball Association (KVBSA), and each team will play 16-20 league games, depending on age group. Every team also competes in at least three tournaments each season. The U12 team travels to Cooperstown All Star Village for a week long tournament with 48 teams from around the country. The Cooperstown team is funded through a variety of fundraisers. Please visit the website for more information: www.fjbabaseball.com



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Fowlerville Family Fair, continued

"We'll then take the top finishers in the big car and mini-van heats and put them in a grand finale," Sorensen added.

But that's not all!

The main event for the evening will be a Small Car Bump 'n Run. "This has become very popular," Sorensen noted. "More and more of the younger drivers prefer this competition. We'll offer several multiple classes, with the number based on the turn-out."

A total of \$2,700 in prize money is being awarded to the top finishers, along with trophies given to the winners.

The grown-ups aren't the only ones who get to drive a vehicle and entertain the audience. Kids Power Wheels Derby is another part of the show. Up to 24 area youngsters will compete. They need to bring their electric-powered mini-car to the Grandstand to sign-up. A protective bicycle helmet is required for participants.

"This part of our show lasts for several minutes and the audience enjoys watching the kids drive the small cars and do a little bumping into each other," said Sorensen.

Wednesday is Kids Day at the fair. Children ages 12 and under will be admitted free from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Activities begin at 10 a.m. with the sawdust hunt, games and giveaways at the Finlan Gazebo. The carnival opens at 11 a.m. with a \$17 armband available. At noon the Michigan Pedal Pullers Competition gets underway for kids ages 3-10 in front of the fair office, while from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. a 'Reading Corner' will be offered at the Brown Commercial Building. This event, offered by Great Start Livingston, will include stories read aloud by guest readers and book giveaways for children 18 and under. Kids Day concludes with the drawing for several free bicycles at 5 p.m. at the Finlan Gazebo.

4-H judging during the day includes dairy cattle, sheep, pocket pets, companion pets, and reptiles, while at noon a 4-H Clover Bud event will be held. In the late afternoon, starting at 5:30 p.m., the 4-H Still Exhibit Auction gets underway at the Livestock Arena.

Bingo will begin at noon, and DeWayne Spaw, the country artist, performs for free at 7 p.m. in front of the Grandstand.

The USA Demolition Derby Figure 8 Races return to the Grandstand at 8 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person. The races will offer two automobile categories: the large V-8, rear-wheel drive cars like the Monte Carlo's, Crown Vic's, Mercury Marquis's and Olds Cutlass's and the smaller, 6-cylinder, front-wheel drive vehicles of newer vintage.

The two classes will alternate their races and, depending on the number of entries, there'll be six heats for each type of car with up to seven contestants in a heat.

After these preliminaries are completed, the winner of each of the six heats in the front-wheel category will compete in the feature event for prize money and a trophy, followed by the winner of each of the six heats in the rear-wheel drive class going at it in their feature event.

That adds up to 12 heats and two feature events of smashing, crashing fun for both participants and spectators.

The drivers will be going around the Figure 8 lap with "the dreaded intersection having to be negotiated twice per lap." It's an event requiring speed, endurance, and skill with the goal of each competitor of having the last vehicle still racing around the track.

Thursday is Throwback & Ride Discount Day with \$2 gate admission for all from 9 a.m. to noon. The midway rides start at 1 p.m. with \$2 per ride offered from 1 to 5 p.m. or an all-day \$22 armband can be purchased.

A Mini-Horse Pull is scheduled for 10 a.m. in the infield grass in front of the Grandstand, followed by a Pony Pull at noon, and the State Heavyweight Championship Draft Horse



Pull at roughly 2 p.m. Admission is free for all three of these events

4-H judging takes place that day for horses and beef and feeder cattle. Bingo play once more starts at noon,. Later in the day, the 4-H Showmanship Sweepstakes is taking place at 5 p.m. at the Livestock Arena, while DeWayne Spaw will perform at 6 p.m.

The Grandstand show that evening is the Thumb Pullers Truck & Tractor Pull, with action starting at 7 p.m. Admission is \$10. Members of the Thumb Tractor Pulling Association, the organization that puts on the event, will compete in four different pick-up classes and four different tractor categories. Those pick-up truck classes include: Pro Street, Super Stock Pickups, Hot Diesels, and 2.5 Diesel Pickups. The tractor categories include: V8 Hot Rods, 8000 Diesel Pro Stock, 9300 lb Super Farm Stocks, and Light Limited Super Stocks.

In addition to all of this action, patrons will be treated to a Semi-Truck Pull.

Friday is Youth Education Day at the fair. The Ventra Community Spelling Bee for 5th thru 8th graders begins at10 a.m. in the Green Methodist Church in the Historical Village. The event is sponsored by Ventra of Fowlerville.

4-H activities include the Gymkhana Classes at the horse show arena, the judge of cats, a Livestock Judging Contest, a Rooster Crowing Contest, and the Market Large Animal Auction at 2 pm. in the livestock arena. Bingo starts at noon, and the carnival opens at 1 p.m. with a \$25 armband offered.

The evening entertainment will be the Lost Nations Rodeo at 7 p.m. in front of the Grandstand. Admission is \$10. The rodeo will once again feature the popular men's bull riding competition, barrel racing by the ladies, and a clown.

In addition to that normal fare, a Junior Bull Riding event will take place for youngsters ranging from four to 12 years of age.

"I try to have something different from year to year so people attending have something new to watch," said Shilo Walden, owner of Lost Nations. "So this fair we're including Junior Bull Riding. We usually have six-to-eight riders, and they'll be sitting on miniature bulls that weight between 500-to-700 pounds.

"It's been a few years since we've had this particular event at Fowlerville," he added.

The main attraction, though, are the larger stock along with the rodeo cowboys who attempt to stay atop them for the required amount of time.

Lost Nations will again bring 30-to-35 bulls to the fair for the Extreme Bull Riding competition, including a couple of PBR caliber bulls

Lost Nations Rodeo is a member of the Southern Extreme Bull Riding Association (SEBRA). Riders who participate in any of its shows can earn points in the national rankings of this sanctioning organization. The bulls are also graded by SEBRA on how challenging they are to stay on. A PBR (Professional Bull Riding) designation means "they're



Each rider who signs up will have a chance to perform. The top six finishers will then compete on a new set of bulls. Along with earning points, the top finishers will receive part of the prize money being awarded that night.

"I've added \$1,000 in prize money in addition to the money from the entry fees, so there could be up to \$2,000 in the pot," said Walden. "We generally get 24-to-28 riders, so with each of them getting a chance and then the top six finishers getting a second opportunity, there is over 30 bull rides."

The barrel racing, meanwhile, will feature the lady competitors, including some of the top racers in Michigan. They'll also be vying for the available prize money.

"There are quite a few barrel racers in that area of the state, so Fowlerville often has 25-to-30 contestants," Walden noted. "They have up until a few days before the show to sign up, so I don't know how many will be on hand until then."

Part of the tradition of this event is the rodeo clown, who helps divert the bull after a rider is eventually thrown or dismounts and who also attempts to entertain the crowd in between the rides.

Saturday is Service Day at the fair. Free gate admission for Veterans, Active Military Personnel, and First Responders (with proof of status) will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The carnival opens at 1 p.m. with \$25 armbands offered, while Bingo returns for its final day at noon. The 4-H Market Small Animal Auction starts at 2 p.m. at the livestock arena.

A special appearance will be made by Gorilla and Dinosaur who will be roaming the fairgrounds during the day.

That evening, starting at 7 p.m. the ATR Motorsports will be entertaining fair-goers with their Ultimate Truck Championships Monster Trucks, Mega Trucks, Tough Trucks, 4 Cylinder Pickup Races, Mini Monsters and more—all of it taking place in front of the Grandstand. Admission is \$10.

ATR Motorsports Promotions, based in Fowlerville, will once again bring nationally-recognized monster trucks back to the fair, where the drivers will be performing high-flying wheelies, ground-shaking side-by-side racing and everyone's favorite FREESTYLE event.

Mega Trucks—also a popular part of the show—are the fastest growing form of motorsports in the country right now. Starting out as backyard mud bogs trucks, mega trucks have now grown to high horsepower, extreme suspension, racing machines very similar to their monster truck idols. One big difference is the drivers are hometown favorites from your

Among those "favorites" is area driver Tom Kleinschmidt. They and other local participants will be racing and doing freestyle.

Rife noted that local participation is also encouraged in both the Tough Truck Division as well as the 4-Cylinder Pickup Races where drivers can sign-up and compete.

A Pit Party, starting at 6 p.m., will again be held. "Fans are encouraged to come on out to the meet and greet all of the drivers," said Rife, adding that "This motorized action is packed with fun from start to finish and will be the highlight of the summer that you won't want to miss!"

Monster Truck Rides will be available from Tuesday thru Saturday, starting each day at the same time as the midway. Cost for a ride is \$5 per person. The entrance is at the gate near the restrooms.

Another attraction at the fair is the Livingston Centre Historic Village. Docents will be on duty during the week to offer tours of the different buildings, dating back to the 1800's, and explain their unique background.

Livingston County Farm Bureau, meanwhile, is hosting a 'Farm at the Fair' Exhibit located in the south end of the Dairy Barn during the week. Fair visitors will learn about Michigan agriculture when they see small scale fields of corn, soybeans, wheat, oats and sugar beets. Also featured on the Farm are other famous Michigan crops like potatoes, cucumbers and bedding plants. Interesting farm facts are part of each display.

Although not a Michigan grown crop, a special exhibit traces cotton from the field to your t-shirt. Cows, pigs, sheep, goats, donkeys, rabbits and chickens are also part of the Farm exhibit. Children will be able to pet the calf, touch the goats and watch baby chicks hatch.

Still another feature is the Bee Exhibit, providing information on the importance of bees to agricultural production. As part of the exhibit, free honey sticks will be given out.

Hands-on activities make the Farm a unique experience. A corn table for playing, soy crayons for coloring, wheat heads for shucking, and wool and cotton for touching are ways that Livingston County Farm Bureau will be sharing agriculture with fair visitors each day.

A Puppet Show is planned on Kid's Day with two performances taking place between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Another special attraction available throughout the week will be The Butterfly Experience. The butterflies will be housed in a tent near the Finlan Gazebo and fair-goers can stop by, at no cost, and learn more about these creatures of the natural world.



Handy Township begins new fiscal year; budget similar to last year's figures

By Steve Horton

Handy Township began its new 2018-19 fiscal year on July 1 with a budget that is similar to last year's figures on revenues and expenditures.

Supervisor Ed Alverson, giving an overview, noted that the revenues total \$949,770. "That's down \$44,000 from last year," he said. "The reason is that in the previous fiscal year the township sold the land at the Damman Fire Station on South Fowlerville Road to the Fire Authority for that amount of money. So, we had that one-time extra amount in the previous budget."

The allocated levy that the township receives in local property taxes will be .8651 of a mill and this will generate around \$207,000 in funds. The one mill approved by voters for road maintenance and dust control brings in around \$180,000. Alverson noted that properties in the Village of Fowlerville pay the allocated millage, but not the road levy.

"State-shared revenues are estimated at \$416,000 and are up from last year," he said.

Expenditures, meanwhile, are put at \$1,084,292, meaning the township board will dip into its carry-over fund balance surplus by an amount of \$134,522.

Road work is a major item in the budget and projects are expensive

Alverson pointed out that funds budgeted for road improvements that are not spent during one budget year are carried over for the next year to help pay for those projects.

Using money saved from the last budget year along with the current one, the township paid \$123,000 to repave Cemetery Road between Grand River and Sharp Road, has allocated \$73,000 for six inches of gravel and ditching on Converse Road with work to be done later this year, and paid \$92,000 for six inches of gravel, ditching and new culverts that was done recently on Van Orden Road from Nicholson Road to Wallace Road.

Dust control is another expense covered by the road funds. "We just did our second application," said Alverson. "We typically do three of them a year, with the cost being \$25,000 per application."

"The appropriations also reflect a two-percent increase in pay for elected officials and our part-time office staff," he said.

The supervisor, clerk, and treasurer will now each receive \$30,131 per year, while the two trustees will each earn \$5,073.50 per year.

Alverson pointed out that due to this being an election

year, the budget shows \$36,000 in expenses related to the upcoming August Primary and November General Election.

A large appropriation, estimated at around \$50,000, is the township's share for the Fowlerville Community Recreation Program. "Handy has about 40 percent of the participants," he said

The Village as well as Conway and Iosco Townships also are part of the program and help fund it.

The General Fund also loans the Sewer Fund between \$150,000 to \$200,000 a year due to that latter fund having more expenses for operation than incoming revenue. Alverson said that it will probably be a number of years before the Sewer Fund becomes self-sufficient and eventually begins paying back the General Fund.

Watering tips for helping drought-stressed trees

Hot, dry conditions across much of the state are leaving many trees drought-stressed and in need of water, a situation the DNR says can lead to challenges for trees now and in the future.

"Drought stress might not kill trees outright, but it weakens them and makes them more susceptible to other problems

> such as winter injury or secondary disease and insect problems," said Kevin Sayers, manager of the DNR's Urban and Community Forestry program.

In most cases, it's easy to tell if your trees have drought stress. Symptoms include:

--On deciduous trees (those that shed their leaves every year), leaves may curl or droop, turn brown at the margins (scorching), fall prematurely or exhibit early autumn color.

--Evergreen needles may turn yellow to red and eventually brown.

--Leaves may drop prematurely or become brown and stay attached. Twigs or branches may die back.

Sayers said that when watering trees, it's best to:

--Make newly planted trees and high-value trees a priority.

--Provide long, slow soakings to saturate the soil to at least 10 to 12 inches deep.

--Water newly planted trees weekly and established trees every two to three weeks.

--Water under the tree's dripline (from the trunk to the edge of the tree canopy).

--Retain water by applying 3 to 4 inches of organic mulch under the tree canopy, but not touching the trunk.

--Not water in the middle of the day or use mist sprinklers; they lose water through evaporation. Watering frequently and lightly doesn't benefit trees much, either.

--Not use fertilizer. It can injure tree roots when conditions are dry.

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Savvy Senior Column

By Jim Miller

Can a Debt Collector Take My Social Security Benefits?

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can my Social Security benefits be garnished if I have some outstanding debts? I just turned 62 and would like to start collecting my retirement benefits, but want to find this out before I apply.

Worried Retiree

Dear Worried,

Whether your Social Security benefits are garnishable or not

depends on whom you owe. Banks and other financial creditors, for example, can't touch your Social Security checks. But if Uncle Sam is collecting on a debt, some of your benefits are fair game. Here's what you should know.

Creditor Protections

If you have credit card debts, medical bills, unpaid personal loans or pay day loans, you'll be happy to know that your Social Security benefits are safe from your creditors. Section 207 of the Social Security Act prohibits debt collectors or a bankruptcy court from dipping into your bank account to take Social Security money for purposes of paying off what you owe.

Supplemental Security (SSI), Income veterans federal employee benefits, and civil service retirement benefits, and benefits administered by the Railroad Retirement Board Administration touched either.

But be aware that your creditors can still take legal action against you to recover what you owe them, and depending on your state's law, they may be able to garnish your wages and tap into other allowable assets, if you have

Government Garnishment

If, however, you owe money to Uncle Sam, it's a very different story. The federal government can garnish a portion of your Social Security benefits for repayment of several types of debts, including federal income taxes, federal student loans, state-ordered child support and alimony, nontax debt owed to other federal agencies, defaulted federal home loans and certain civil penalties. (If you receive SSI, those benefits cannot be garnished under any circumstance.)

How much can actually be taken depends on the type of debt you owe. In most situations, the government can pull 15 percent of your benefits to cover your debt, but under the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, it must leave you at least \$750 each month. That is, unless the levy is for federal income taxes. In that case, the

government isn't required to leave \$750 behind.

The other exception is for child support or alimony payments. Depending on your state laws, the court may be able to take half of your benefits or more to pay your obligations to your children or ex-spouse.

If you think your Social Security benefits might be raided to pay overdue bills, you need to address the problem – don't ignore it. Most government agencies are happy to work with you so long as you're willing to work with them.

The government typically sends several letters about a debt before it takes action. The final letter will inform you of the intent to levy Social Security payments, and after that, you have 30 days to contact the agency and work out a payment plan.

Get Help

To get a handle on your debt problems, consider contacting a nonprofit financial counseling agency, which offers free and low-cost services on managing financial problems. To locate a credible agency in your area, use the National Foundation for Credit Counseling website at *NFCC.org* or call 800-388-2227.

You also need to make sure you're not missing out on any financial assistance programs. The National Council on Aging's website (*BenefitsCheckup.org*) contains a database

of more than 2,500 federal, state and local programs that can help seniors with prescription drug costs, health care, food, utilities, and other basic needs. The site will help you locate programs that you may be eligible for and will show you how to apply.

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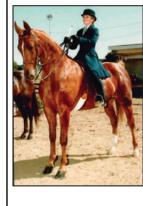
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- Admitted to the State and Federal Bar 1996
- Business Owner in Howell since 2002
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- Elected President of the Livingston County Bar Association in 2003
- Chair of the Family Law Section of the Livingston County Bar Assoc. since it began (10 yrs)
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- Advocate for vulnerable and abused children, adults and seniors
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Bosworth sisters, continued

Animal Auction on Saturday, starting at 2 p.m.

Cassie also has several non-livestock 4-H entries that were judged, including a BB gun exhibit and projects in the food, photography, and horticulture classes. She's also created a special entry that will be sold at the Still Exhibit Auction on Wednesday evening. "It's a scarecrow with a bird feeder for a face and another birdfeeder in the stomach," she said.

That auction starts in the Livestock Arena at 5:30 p.m.



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Lauren Bosworth will be showing a cat, a duck, chickens, a goose, and pigeons.

Last year the young lady earned the Reserve Grand Champion ribbons for her market duck and breed goat, plus Best of Breed for her rabbit pen and duck and a Best of Show for her food entry.

In the past she's shown a lamb and chickens at the fair along with the rabbits and ducks.

Cassie will be starting eighth grade at Webberville Community Schools next month. "I am a member of FFA and the school band," she said, adding that she plays flute for the latter group. She also takes piano lessons and plans to start taking lessons for the violin. Not surprisingly, she said the band "is my favorite subject in school."

Lauren, 12 years old, "loves cats" so she's bringing her pet to the fair for the Friday morning judging. "I'm also entering a duck in the market class, two pens of market chickens, and will be showing a chicken, a goose, and pigeons in the breed classes."

She noted that the duck is a Peking, the market chickens are Cornish Crosses, the show chicken is an Old English breed, the goose is an African, and the pigeons are Frillbacks.

At last year's fair, Lauren won a Grand Champion ribbon for her Show goose and Judges Awards for her photograph and an art drawing. She was planning to have an entry in the photography class again and for the Still Exhibit Auction will be offering a rustic coffee table.

At past fairs, Lauren has had entries in the sheep, geese, and rabbit classes along with ducks, chickens, and pigeons.

This August she'll be joining her sister in eighth grade at Webberville. "I'm in FFA and run track," she said, adding that physical education is her favorite subject in school.



Cassie has entered rabbits and a duck in the 4-H judging.

While both sisters and their parents and cousin have been active in 4-H and the Fowlerville Fair for the past few years, their experience showing livestock and being part of a fair goes back even further.

Both Cassie and Lauren recalled that they were around two years old when she started showing chickens and rabbits at the Ingham County Fair in the Open Class competition. They continued doing that until they were old enough to join 4-H and then switched to Fowlerville.

"They also helped their Grandpa (the late Louis Bauer) show his sheep at the Ingham Fair," said Jeannie, remembering their early start. "For several years my dad and I ran the poultry barn, while Julie and Jim were the superintendents for the rabbit barn," she pointed out.

"Dad, when he was younger, showed livestock at the Fowlerville Fair," Jeannie said. "My grandmother, Marie Bauer, was the secretary of the Fowlerville Agricultural Society at one time."

Jeannie, offering some family history, noted that her grandparents—Marie and Gerald—lived in Brighton and that Bauer Road was named in honor of the family. "At one time they owned the land where the Mt. Brighton Ski Lodge is now located," she said. "They then sold it and bought 150 acres north of that place on Harrington Road. There they started M & G Pheasant Farm where they raised pheasants as well as deer and processed them for food. Marie also used the pheasant feathers to create ladies hats. In addition, they processed some poultry and rabbits that were sold at the Eastern Market."





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Secretary of State Ruth Johnson has released a <u>public service</u> <u>announcement</u> calling on motorists to follow Michigan's "Move Over" law that protects the lives of emergency responders who have stopped their vehicle on a roadway.

"Twenty-four hours each day, emergency personnel are on duty working to protect us from harm," Johnson said. "We ask motorists to return the favor—and follow the law—by moving over a lane when they see police and fire vehicles, ambulances, tow trucks or other emergency responders stopped on the road or the edge of the road."

Michigan's Emergency Vehicle Caution Law, which went into effect in 2001, requires that when drivers see a stationary emergency vehicle or tow truck pulled over with its flashing, rotating or oscillating lights on, passing motorists must move over at least one lane or two vehicle widths. If moving over cannot be accomplished, motorists must slow down and pass with caution. Violators face fines or jail.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the No. 1 cause of law enforcement deaths is traffic incidents. According to a report cited by the Pew Center, each year about six to eight fire rescue and emergency medical service personnel are killed in or near moving traffic, as are 10 to 12 police officers. The Emergency Responder Safety Institute estimates that a tow operator in killed every six days in the United States while providing roadside or towing services.

Oak Grove United Methodist Menholding Chicken BBQ on August 4

The Oak Grove United Methodist Men invite you to the annual Chicken BBQ on Saturday, August 4th, 5-7pm at the Church, on Oak Grove Rd., Howell (5 miles n. of M-59). Join them for a delicious meal of barbecued chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, corn and pies & sheet cake. Free-will donation at the door. Come enjoy good food and fellowship.

Car Show being held in Downtown Pinckney this Tuesday, July 24

There will be a Car Show on Tuesday, July 24, at the Town Square Park in downtown Pinckney (M36 & Mill Street) from 5-8pm. Shows are held on the second and fourth Tuesday (weather permitting).

Fowlerville Fire Department Report

Thursday, July 12th, at 3:29 a.m. the department responded to a medical emergency on Benjamin Street in the Village. At 6:28 a.m. personnel assisted EMS on Judd Road in Handy Township and at 11:41 a.m. a dispatch was received reporting a medical emergency on Sargent Road in Handy Township. Firefighters investigated an open fire on Bull Run Road in Iosco Township at 9:44 p.m.

Firefighters were dispatched to a medical emergency on Addison Circle in the Village at 7:44 a.m., Friday, July 13th. At 12:36 p.m. the department was called to assist the ambulance on Meadow Lane in the Village.

Saturday, July 14th, at 7:22 a.m. the department was called

to a medical emergency on Layton Road in Handy Township. A second medical emergency, on Bradley Road in Iosco Township, was reported at 9:45 p.m.

The department assisted EMS on Little Rascal Drive in Handy Township at 9:58 a.m., Sunday, July 15th. At 3:42 p.m. firefighters extinguished a grass fire on Gregory Road in Handy Township.

At 10:45 a.m., Monday, July 15th, the department was dispatched to a medical emergency on Grand River in Handy Township. Firefighters were called to standby at a transformer fire on Hogback Road in Handy Township at 12:30 p.m. Personnel assisted at a medical emergency on River Rock Drive in Handy Township at 8:37 p.m. and at 11:40 p.m. a medical emergency on Samantha Drive in Handy Township

was reported.

Tuesday, July 17th, at 2:11 p.m. the department was dispatched to a medical emergency on Elliott Road in the Iosco Township and at 7:05 p.m. assisted EMS on Grand River Ave. in the Village. Personnel assisted EMS at a medical emergency on N. Grand Ave. in the Village at 10:27 p.m.

Firefighters extinguished a small grass fire on Elliott Road in Iosco Township at 12:12 p.m., Wednesday, July 18th and assisted at a medical emergency on Winegar Road in Handy Township at 1:11 p.m.







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New Adult Summer Reads

Along with all the new programs and new patrons at our new facility... we have new books coming in all the time. The following titles are on Tally's desk for processing. They will be on the shelves to check out either later today or early next week based on their release date.

Double Blind by Iris Johansen: "Kendra Michaels, a hired gun for law enforcement, is reluctant to help the FBI with their most recent case until she hears the details of the case. The body was found blocks from her home, carrying an envelope with Kendra's name on it, with a flash drive inside...." Sounds like a thriller to me!

The Sinners by Ace Atkins: "Quinn Colson finds himself having to fall back on brand-new deputies, with Old Weststyle violence breaking out, his wedding on the horizon, and

cracks opening up all over the county and shadowy figures crawling out them-and they are all heading directly for him." Seems like a face paced read!

Mystic Dragon by Jason Denzel: "As a rare celestial event approaches, Pomella feels the burden of being a Mystic more than ever. The Mystical realm is threatening to overtake the mortal world and the land is thrown into chaos. Mystics from across the world gather to protect the people, among them is the haunted and talented Shevia. As Shevia's dark intentions become clear, Pomella fears Shevia may be unstoppable." Sounds like a real fantasy adventure!

Cottage By the Sea by Debbie Macomber: "A seaside town and its eclectic community help one young

woman reclaim the light after darkness. Annie Marlow has been through the worst. She returns to Oceanside in the Pacific Northwest, the one place that has always made her happy. Annie finds that the surest way to fix the damage within is to help others rise above their pain and find a way to heal." Debbie Macomber is a solid author whose books cross between light romance and Christian fiction, this sounds to be yet another clean inspirational read.

The Other Woman by Daniel Silva: "She was his bestkept secret... In an isolated village in the mountains of Andalusia, a mysterious Frenchwoman begins work on a dangerous memoir. The woman is the keeper of the Kremlin's most closely guarded secret. Only one man can unravel the conspiracy: Gabriel Allon, the legendary art restorer and assassin who serves as the chief of Israel's' secret intelligence service." I read Daniel Silva books when I want a good international spy mystery. He always delivers with many twists and turns along the way!

Did you know that your library staff reviews books for publishers prior to their release? Here are a few new and upcoming releases at the library that we have read.

When We Found Home by Susan Mallery: "Callie Smith doesn't know how to feel when she discovers she has a brother and sister—Malcolm, who grew up with affection, wealth and privilege, and Kiera, a street-wise 12-year-old." I found this book about blended family a light summer read with everyone coming together in the end and a romance as well. I recommend it to anyone who's looking for a quick

Baby Teeth by Zoje Stage: This book has had a lot of buzz on book blogs! "Is love born or bred? What is the nature of good and evil? When is a family fit to survive." According to Book Pages, this book is for fans of The Babadook, The Bad Seed, and The Ring. Too scary for me!Jen K read it and shared that it is very suspenseful and creepy.

Belleweather by Susanna Kearsley: Kearsley is one of my personal favorite authors. She writes historical, magical, romance novels with storylines in two different time periods. I've been waiting months for this book to released in the states so that I could promote it. Belleweather lived up to my expectations. "Late summer 1759, war is raging. Legend has it that the forbidden love between a captured French-Canadian lieutenant and the daughter of the house ended tragically, but centuries later, the clues they left behind slowly unveil the true story."

Happy Summer Reading!

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Lonnie Scott of Progress Michigan

Progress Michigan leader to examine Schuette record at July 26 meeting

The head of an organization devoted to holding government accountable will speak to Livingston County Democrats this month about the record of Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette.

Lonnie Scott, executive director of Progress Michigan, will speak at the July 26 meeting of Livingston County Democrats. Progress Michigan, based in Lansing, tries to hold public officials and government accountable by investigating the actions of government officials and publicizing the results, while also promoting progressive ideas.

"Michigan's attorney general has been under Progress Michigan's microscope because he has used his state email for private business and put campaign workers on the state payroll while he runs for governor," said Judy Daubenmier of the Livingston County Democratic Party

Scott has served as chief staffer for state Reps. Alma Wheeler Smith and Jeff Irwin. He also served as state director for Enroll America, a national non-profit that spread the word about how to obtain health care through the Affordable Care Act.

He will speak at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 26, at the meeting at the Community Unitarian Universalists in Brighton, 3333 S. Old 23. Light refreshments will be served. The party's regular business meeting will follow.



Lonna Foster shows the quilt that she donated for the Livingston Centre Historic Village raffle.

Local lady creates handmade quilt for Livingston Centre Historic Village raffle

The Livingston Centre Historical Village committee will once again be holding a raffle to raise funds to repair and maintain the buildings at the fairgrounds. Tickets will be available for \$1 at the committee's booth located under the Grandstand during the upcoming Fowlerville Family Fair.

The main prize in the raffle will be for a handmade quilt, created by Lonna Foster of Fowlerville. Lonna, who said that

she enjoys piecing quilts during the winter, has donated a quilt for the annual fundraiser for each of the past eight years.

This year she has created a beautiful, scrape quilt that a lucky winner will receive.

"I started sewing when I was eight years old and haven't stopped," she said, adding that she's been making quilts for the past 30 years.

"Sewing is my therapy," Lonna said.

Besides quilts, Lonna has made dresses and tote bags, using pillow cases, plus she makes decorative towels.

Some of her dresses are included in the shoe box presents that are assembled at Trinity United Methodist Church and sent overseas during Christmastime. "One year I made a hundred dresses and they went to Africa," she said. "A local resident, who was going there for a visit, took them."



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God's Will, Plan and Purpose

"Commit your way to the Lord, Trust him and he will help you" (Psalm 37:5).

Two weeks ago I shared with you that in order to know God's Will, Plan and Purpose for your lives requires that we spend time in His presence. Last week I shared that Total Surrender was another component necessary if we wanted to know what God's plan is for our lives.

In this final segment of the series, I will share with you a third component necessary to know and follow God's plan

Total Commitment! Any goal we strive to achieve in this life requires commitment. Commitment involves making a decision, turning ourselves over to something or someone, having a focused and sometimes costly perseverance toward achieving our goal, and then reaping the consequences or rewards of our commitment.

This is the most difficult element of the three because to be committed to following the promptings of the Holy Spirit means that we sometimes have to leave lesser, but very attractive things behind.

When I was in the business of selling insurance, I was committed to making as many sales as I could. I knew I had to make a certain amount of calls each day. I had to send out a certain amount of prospecting letters each week, and I had to provide good service to my already established customer base. These three parts of my job were necessary if I wanted

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to be successful. Whenever I neglected doing any one of them, the results were seen in the number of sales I made.

Following Christ works the same way. Neglect your time with Him in the scriptures, hold back on surrendering your total will to Him, or only partially commit to following Him, and the results will be seen in the lack of intimacy in your relationship with Him.

When Jesus called the first twelve disciples to "come and follow Him," they left whatever they were doing and went with Him throughout the land. As Jesus spent time with them, and as they witnessed miracle after miracle, their faith in Him grew and they came to believe that He was who he said He was.

On the Day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and the people in the Upper Room, they committed themselves to following Christ, even if it meant their death, and their devoted commitment cost all but one of them their lives.

I have witnessed a lot of people who have turned away from Christ after facing some adversity or traumatic experience. They gave up on Him because he didn't give them what they asked for or didn't respond in the way they thought he should. This is sad because whatever life they returned to will only lead to disaster in the end.

Commitment to God doesn't mean that we will go through this life without any problems. On the contrary, it means just the opposite. Jesus says in John 15:18-25 that we are to keep in mind that the world will hate us for following and committing our lives to Him. He also said that we should remember that it hated Him first. He also said that in this world we will have trouble if we choose to follow Him, but we can also have peace (John 16:33).

Jesus told the disciples before he departed to heaven, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your heart be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27)

Jesus wanted them, and us, to know that we are going to have some challenges to face when we commit to him. He want us to realize that the road to Him is not going to be an easy route to maneuver, but we can make it if we are totally committed to Him. Which means our hearts, minds, and bodies have to be committed to Him. All of us, not just part of us.

A long time ago there was a little boy who had no relationship with the Lord. He lived his life as if this world were all there was. He smoked, drank, gambled and lived a life filled with sin and debauchery. One day this little boy met a man who saw something in him that was worth the man investing some of his time with him. The man began to plant seeds of goodness, righteousness, love, patience and forgiveness into the young wayward lad. However, the young lad continued to live as he always had, but now it was not as much fun as before. The things the man had taught him began to gnaw at him and, whenever he did something that was wrong, he felt a sense of guilt that he had not felt

Years passed and he grew up into an adult, still living his life of sin and wickedness. One day he met another man who saw something in him, and he too felt like the young man was worth his investing some time. This second man sent him on a spiritual retreat. On the retreat, the young man had a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. His life has not been the same since. He made a commitment to follow Christ wherever the road might lead. He also committed his mind, body, and soul to the service of the Lord.

If you have not figured it out by now, that young, lost boy was me. I was living in a world of sin without any hope of ever being anything more than what I could make of myself. Today, I know that I am a blessed child of the King and my Father is the Lord God Himself! This gives me a sense of peace that is not understandable to people who don't know Christ.

The apostle Paul says: "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:6-7)

When we are committed to Christ, we can weather any storm and our commitment will manifest itself into a strong and obedient faith. Those committed to God will share in all of his riches. (Heb. 3:14)

Right to Life hosting 'Endorsed Candidate Meet and Greet' this Monday

Right to Life of Livingston County will host its first "Endorsed Candidate Meet and Greet" from 4 to 6 p.m. this Monday, July 23, at 2120 Grand River Annex, Suite 700 between Howell and Brighton, across from the Remax Real Estate Building (next to Trading Closets).

The public is invited to attend to meet and talk with RTL endorsed candidates from positions including Gubernatorial, State Senate, State House, Judicial and County Commission. Candidates will have a table with lawn signs and other information for the public to take. Light refreshments will be served.



Michigan House Report

By Dr. Hank Vaupel, 47nd District

This coming week is the 132nd Annual Fowlerville Family Fair. The fair serves as one of the largest local events each year, and it is a great way to enjoy the summer weather and all the community has to offer. A lot of hard work throughout the year goes into making the fair a success, and it is important to recognize and appreciate the Fowlerville Agricultural Society and all community members who contribute so many hours behind the scenes.

I am particularly looking forward to seeing the many projects and animals our young people will be submitting as part of 4-H or open class exhibits, some of which will be included in the auctions on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. These are very talented individuals, many of whom work hard all year to prepare for their presentations, and I am impressed each year by their accomplishments. Best of luck to all who are participating!

As I continue visiting businesses across the district, the condition of our roads and the high cost of auto insurance are a couple of concerns I hear mentioned the most. They certainly remain top priorities for me, and I appreciate the feedback and suggestions on ways to improve them. I look forward to continuing the discussion and working toward a solution throughout the summer and into the next legislative session.

The Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget announced a drop in the unemployment rate in June to 4.5 percent. This is the lowest it has been since July 2017, and total employment levels were at their highest so far this year. Since a year ago, total employment has increased by 32,000. Michigan is hiring, and we must ensure people are prepared to fill the job openings across the market. Legislation for continued economic growth and career preparation will remain a primary focus going forward.

I am looking forward to resuming regularly scheduled office hours next month. I hope you will join me on Friday, August 17 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!

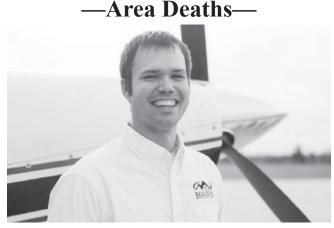


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Diego Senn

On Friday, July 13, 2018, Diego Senn, loving husband and father of four small children, died in a single engine plane accident in Spokane, Washington. He was 30 years old. All those that know and love him grieve deeply at his passing and yet celebrate the amazing life he lived and rejoice in the knowledge of his new and perfect body now home with the Lord.

Diego was born on September 29, 1987 in Aarau, Switzerland to Rodolfo and Beatrice Senn, and later became older brother to one brother and two sisters. Diego spent an incredibly rich and joyful childhood in the Amazon jungle where his parents served as missionaries in a small indigenous village. Diego attended Daniel Harden Memorial Elementary School and graduated from Puraquequara High with a 4.0.

After high school, he moved to the United States and attended New Tribes Bible Institute in Waukesha, WI and then in 2008 attended Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, IL. He graduated from Moody Suma Cum Laude with a bachelors in Biblical studies and met the love of his life while in school there. Diego and Naomi were married on June 5, 2010 in Naomi's home town of Fowlerville, MI. They had their first child on February 23, 2012 and shortly after, moved to Spokane, WA where Diego attended Moody Aviation and got his commercial pilot's license.

Diego and Naomi welcomed their premature miracle twins on March 8, 2016. The young couple dreamed of heading overseas to serve as a missionary pilot family but because of their twins' fragile health decided to stay in the U.S. until the twins were stronger. During this time, Diego served on the Moody Aviation team and eventually became one of Moody's most proficient and beloved flight instructors.

Diego is remembered for his tireless dedication to what was most important in his life: his Lord and Savior, his family, his flying, and training missionary pilots. People gravitated to him. He told the most amazing stories, embellished to the point of hilarity. He was a loyal friend and his laugh and smile lit up every room he walked into. Diego was a man of integrity, humility, and faithfulness. He spoke kindly of others and genuinely cared for them.

Diego was an unreserved family man. He would plan special surprises and adventures for them and nothing made him happier than simply spending time with them. He loved his wife and little ones with his whole heart. He protected them and led them faithfully. Diego was passionate about his calling as a missionary pilot and poured into many students' lives not only as an instructor, but also as a mentor, encourager, and friend. His greatest desire was that others would know Jesus as he did. His life was so full, and he would want it clarified that it wasn't because of any personal achievements, but because he believed and glorified the One who came to give fullness of life. Diego served his Savior to his last breath.

He was given only 30 years to live. That seems like such a terribly short and unfair length of time, yet the years are disproportionate to the number of lives he touched. His life AND his death have impacted and continue to impact thousands. His life AND his death are a vibrant testimony to the love and faithfulness of Christ. Some of Diego's favorite verses were Hebrews 12:1-3 (ESV), "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God." Diego ran his race. He ran it so very well. He is now a part of that great cloud of witnesses, praising His Savior.

Diego is survived by his wife Naomi, his four children, Lionel, Malachi, Ellanie, and a baby girl due in December, his parents Rodolfo and Beatrice Senn, his brother Rafael (Kelsey) Senn, his sisters Angelica (Jeffrey) Roszhart and Fatima Dos Santos, three nephews, his grandparents Juan and Marion Senn and Alfred and Kathi Schwarz, and literally hundreds of other family members and close friends.

It is with profound sadness that his family grieves his death. It is with firm hope that his family celebrates his new life in eternity.

Diego's memorial service was held at Fourth Memorial Church in Spokane on Friday, July 20 at 11:00 a.m. Another memorial service will be held at Community Bible Church in Brighton, Michigan on Friday, July 27. Please join us in celebrating the life of this faithful and beloved disciple and son of God.

"For this God is our God forever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end." Psalm 48:14 (NIV)

Meals on Wheels Program in need of volunteer drivers in Fowlerville area

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



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Doors open to the public at 3pm, Potts Rd takes the stage from 8pm to 12:30 am. Bring your friends and join us for a night of fun. We will also be holding a membership drive and signing people up. This is a great opportunity to check out the club and see what the Eagles are all about. You can call the club at 517-655-6510 after 3pm for more info.

Williamston Area **Senior Center**

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Free Lunch and Hearing Health Seminar by Belton on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at the Williamston Area Senior Center. Please call 888-519-5177 or 517-655-5173 for a reservation. Free lunch limited to the first 40 individuals who make a reservation.

The "Gemini" 60's music by the Twin Brothers sponsored by the Williamston Area Library will perform at the Williamston Area Senior Center on Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at 12:30 pm.

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

Presentations in July -On Thursday, July 26, 2018 a presentation on Safe Hands Warm Heart will be presented. 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)

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NEEDLE CRAFT GROUP meets after lunch between 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Crossroads United Methodist Church offering free youth archery instruction

Crossroads United Methodist Church again is offering free youth archery instruction for kids five and over this summer. This year, three sessions are scheduled Tuesday-Thursday, July 24-26, and supper will be included.

Supper will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m. and shooting will follow from 6 to 8 p.m. No advance registration is

Lessons will take place on the church grounds, corner of Haslett and Zimmer roads north of Williamston and east of Haslett. The church will provide bows, arrows and targets.

For details please call the church at 517/655-1466, email at office.umccrossroads@gmail.com, and find the church on

Capital Area Library Events WEBBERVILLE

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July 26, 1:00 p.m. − 2:00 p.m.

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Music with Gemini (Held at Williamston Senior Center)

Enjoy "Those Were the Days," a live musical performance featuring songs of the 1960s folk revival.

July 31, 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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CADL Cover Song Contest Kick-off Event (Held at

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July 28, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Kids Day at the Ingham County Fair (Held at Ingham **County Fairgrounds)**

Stop by the Shirley Clark Pavilion for a free ride on Linc's Little Reading Railroad. Our Mobile Library will be parked nearby, with giveaways and items you can check out. July 31, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Steve King and the Dittilies to perform at Courthouse Concert on July 27

A variety of area musicians have been taking center stage each and every Friday night throughout the summer on the lawn of the Historic Howell Courthouse as Concerts at The Courthouse celebrates its 20th Anniversary.

This perennially popular program is a free concert series, presented by the Livingston Arts Council and featuring rock, folk and blues entertainment at the outdoor family (and pet)friendly venue. Pack a blanket, lawn chair, and a few snacks, or come early and eat at one of Howell's many downtown restaurants before enjoying the evening's entertainment with family, friends and neighbors.

This Friday, July 27, will feature Steve King and the Dittilies performing from 7 to 9 p.m at the amphitheatre at 200 E. Grand River.

The group is described as 'America's favorite rock 'n' roll band and variety show,' showcasing hit songs from the 1930's through the present. The Dittilies began in the 1970's as a talent show skit at Bentley High School in Livonia.

From that humble beginning, the band grew through the decades, from bars around Detroit to international concerts in Canada and Bermuda and event stages in New York City and Nashville. Many fondly recall the Dittilies as a staple on Boblo Boat moonlight cruises and on Mackinac Island for the Port Huron to Mackinac boat races. In 2002, the legislature of the State of Michigan declared Steve King ("The Wayne Newton of Wayne County") and the Dittilies as "Michigan's Official Band".

Steve has taken the band far and wide, but always returns to his roots in Southeast Michigan. By the same token, the Dittilies' reportoire has grown to include music and songs

from all eras, but the core of the show remains devoted to the musical roots of rock 'n' roll. That is the winning formula that has kept the Dittilies vital and popular through the years when so many other bands have come and gone.

Concerts at The Courthouse runs from now to August 24th. In the event of inclement weather, concerts may be cancelled. Listen to WHMI 93.5FM for updates and/or visit the Livingston Arts Council Facebook page. No alcoholic beverages are permitted.

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Michigan Senate Report

By Joe Hune, 22nd District

Buy locally, support locals

"Buy local" is not just a buzz-phrase or overblown regional pride. In Michigan, there are more than 870,000 small businesses that employ 1.8 million people. In Livingston County alone, small businesses provide up to 60 percent of employment. Buying locally supports our neighbors and builds strong, economically vibrant communities.

Most likely, someone you know-whether a friend, neighbor, family member, or even yourself—works for a local business or organization. These companies provide important consumer goods and services and also serve as a critical part of Michigan's economy. When we support local businesses and events we keep our hard-earned dollars within the state.

Often, when we hear "buy local," we think of going to the farmers' market to look at the great selection of fresh Michigan produce. This is a direct way to support local farmers, crafters, and bakers, and it also gives residents a chance to interact with one another and foster a sense of community. Look up the farmers markets in your area and swing by to see all the community has to offer.

The opportunities for supporting local businesses and organizations doesn't stop at the farmers' market—there are many other ways to keep our dollars local. Instead of purchasing from an online or big-box retailer, consider looking first at nearby and locally-owned stores, you may be surprised by what you find. Downtown Fowlerville, for example has an active and vibrant business sector. If you don't find what you're looking for, you may instead find something even better!

Another way to support the local economy is by attending local events. The Fowlerville Family Fair on July 23-28 is a historic source of entertainment and family fun. The money you spend at the fair, whether to buy cotton candy or ride the Ferris wheel, supports local vendors and workers who help make the event a continued success.

There are plenty of ways to support local workers and businesses, and plenty of reasons for doing it. Half of every dollar spent in a Michigan store goes back into the Michigan economy. Data has shown that if Michiganders support local businesses and events more frequently, as many as 75,000 jobs and nearly \$9 billion in economic activity could be added to our economy.

When we support Michigan's economy, we are helping our friends, our neighbors, and our communities to prosper. These are a few easy ways to support the community through your buying and spending habits, and I encourage you to look for more ways to do so. If you are looking to shop locally or have your own business and would like to become more involved in the community, you can contact your local business development organization. Check out the Fowlerville Business Association by visiting www.Fowlerville.biz or calling 517-223-9350.

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

—Area Deaths—



Floyd R. Wagner

Floyd R. Wagner of Perry, MI, age 99, passed away on July 18, 2018. A Memorial Service will be held at the Calvary Baptist Church in Webberville on Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Visitation will be held at the church on Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Center Lake Bible Camp in Tustin, MI. Arrangements by Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, Stockbridge.

Michigan DNR Fishing Tip —

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Leads

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

Community Spelling Bee at fair offers kids chance to test their skills

The Ventra Community Spelling Bee—a key part of Friday's 'Youth Education' Day at the Fowlerville Family Fair—offers kids a chance to test their skills and win cash prizes. The contest is open to all students who have recently completed 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.

There will be two competitions: one for the 5th and 6th graders and the other for the 7th and 8th graders. The event is sponsored by Ventra of Fowlerville, the local manufacturing plant located across from the fairgrounds.

Participation is free, and winning prizes equal \$1000 in checks.

The spelling bee will be held on July 27th in the Iosco Methodist Episcopal "Green" Church, located in the Historical Village on the north side of the fairgrounds.

Registration and check-in for all spelling bee entrants will start at 9:00 am and continue until 10:00 am in the church. The 5th and 6th grade spelling bee gets underway at 10:00 am. Once this contest is over, then the 7th and 8th graders begin.

In order to pre-register, please fill out the spelling bee entry form available at the fair's web site: www.fowlervillefamilyfair.com

Entry forms must be received by the fair office by July 24. If you have any question regarding the competition, you may contact the fair office at (517) 223-8186 or email fowlervillefamilyfair@gmail.com.



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Caleb Jenkins Column



From Opportunities to Excellence

We recently celebrated America's 242nd birthday, and we took some time to recognize and appreciate what we love about our country. When people ask what's so special about the United States and what we love about it, there are some typical answers you are likely to hear: freedom, heritage, the melting pot, and I wouldn't be surprised to hear a few choruses of "popsicles in the summer." Another popular candidate would no doubt be 'opportunity.' I would wholeheartedly agree since I believe opportunity is one of the primary driving forces behind American successes.

Unfortunately, the idea of opportunity is often demonized in society today in a roundabout way. The term 'opportunity' has a positive connotation, so that ideal is praised almost universally. However, the power and purpose behind opportunity is the concept of incentives, and incentives are looked down upon by many. Regrettably so. Now, I'm not talking about the types of incentives where winners and losers are picked in a self-fulfilling manner.

Rather, I am referring to the popular example of victory trophies versus participation trophies, just on a larger scale. Participation trophies, I am confident, were originated with pure intentions. The mindset is that the task itself is worthy of praise, so let's recognize those who were willing to step up in the first place. In some instances, I think this can be justified. For example, I believe all our service men and women deserve recognition and respect for being willing to step up and defend our nation. They might not all receive toptier decorations or awards, but they still deserve appreciation for participating.

However, participation trophies, which I am now using as a general term to describe any undue praise or reward, have been abused to the extent of being harmful. When participation trophies are introduced, the incentive to excel is greatly diminished. Why should I work harder and strive for excellence if I can get the same benefits by relaxing and serving my own self-interest? With a participation trophy, the incentive is gone, and thus, the opportunity is gone.

Take the economy for example. According to socialism, a redistribution of wealth will level the playing field and create a more productive society. However, common sense tells us this isn't true. If you redistribute resources, then you are punishing success and eliminating the incentive to be better. It makes no practical sense to push yourself if you're going to lose out anyway. In turn, the economy and society are placed in this stagnant state where opportunities for improvement are ignored because it is far easier to just wait for one's participation trophy.

Incentives are seen as unfair, but I see them as opportunity. It is the chance for someone to achieve something great. And even for those who don't reach the top and get that incentive, they still got farther than they would have had they just been handed a participation trophy from the start. *Incentives* are important because they create *opportunities* for people to achieve *excellence*.

PUBLIC NOTICE CONWAY TOWNSHIP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the August 7, 2018 School Election Has been scheduled for Tuesday July 24, 2018

At 10:30 a.m. at the Township Hall 8015 Fowlerville Road Fowlerville, MI

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Todd Anderson Conway Township Clerk (7-22-18 FNV)



Harness racing to be featured this Monday night at the fair

The Fowlerville Family Fair will once again start off the week with a twilight harness race meet.

The Colt Stakes Races for Michigan Sired and Michigan Bred Horses will take place on Monday, July 23, in front of the Grandstand. Post time is 6 p.m. Two other special competitions are on tab as well—the Danny Davidson Memorial Race and an Amateur Driver Race.

At least eight of the Colt Stake Races will be held and, depending on the number of entries in each category, as many as 16 heats are possible. There are eight racing categories: 2-year-old colt pace, 2-year-old colt trot, 2-year-old filly pace, 2-year-old filly trot, 3-year-old colt pace, 3-year-old colt trot, 3-year-old filly pace, and 3-year-old filly trot.

"The total number of horses that is eligible to race in this year's program is 133 horses," noted Claudia Cary Davidson, a fair board member and chair of this event. "Owners or trainers have up to three days prior to that July 23rd date to enter a race, so there's no way of knowing how many horses will show up until then.

"This number of eligible horses is an increase from last year's numbers," she pointed out. "The Michigan Colt Stakes Program continues to remain strong due to the support of horsemen. The Michigan Harness Horseman's Association encourages our horsemen to breed to our Michigan sires to keep this fair program healthy."

The colts and fillies will be competing for around \$6,700 in purse money.

The Danny Davidson Memorial Race will honor the late harness horse owner, trainer, and driver who passed away on Dec. 26. He and his wife, Claudia, resided on a farm in Unadilla Township, between Fowlerville and Pinckney.

Six horses belonging to friends and family will take part in this special feature and, as participants, will receive a race blanket. The family of Danny Davidson will be on hand to watch the race and greet the winner. In addition, all of the horsemen and women in attendance are invited to do a 'Horses Walk' on the track and join the Davidson family for a group photo at the winner's circle.

The Amateur Driver Race will be a chance for five or six amateur drivers to compete.

As in previous years, there's a lot more going on than just the excitement of the races.

A Pick-a-Winner Contest will be held for each race, with spectators invited to buy a ticket or tickets to bet on their favorite horse. The winning ticket, pulled from the first-place horse's entries, will win a special prize donated by an area merchant. These include gas cards, Currey Maple Syrup, local business coupons, and pine trees from Mayhew's Tree Farm & Nursery.

"The first 100 kids accompanied by an adult will receive a grab bag filled with horse-related items and a T-Shirt," said Davidson. "We'll also have a Lady's Derby Hat Contest again this year, with prizes for those gals who are judged to be donning the best headwear in the Kentucky Derby style."

Some of the drivers will also be on hand for an 'Autograph Meet & Greet' with fans and will be giving away 100 T-shirts to those in the Grandstand.

Besides all of that, two people will be picked to ride in the starting car for each race, and a few lucky folks will get chance to ride in a jog cart in between the races.

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Laura A. Eisele Handy Township Clerk (7-15 & 7-22-18 FNV)

VILLAGE OF FOWLERVILLE NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 465

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Fowlerville has adopted Ordinance No. 465, an Ordinance of the Village Council of the Village of Fowlerville, Michigan Amending the Fowlerville Village Code of Ordinances by Amending Chapter 82, Utilities, Article II, Water Service, regarding private fire hydrants.

A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the Village Clerk and on line at www.fowlerville.org.

Kathryn M. Arledge, CMMC Village Clerk/Manager (7-22-18 FNV)

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VILLAGE OF FOWLERVILLE **213 SOUTH GRAND AVENUE FOWLERVILLE, MI 48836** 517-223-3771 **MEETING MINUTES** *SYNOPSIS **MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018**

*A synopsis is a brief summary of the motions that were made at the meeting. The complete set of minutes can be viewed on the web site at www.

The Village of Fowlerville Regular Village Council Meeting was called to order by President Hill, at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Council Chambers.

Trustees present: Bielous, Heath, Helfmann, Mailloux and Schultheis. Absent: Bell. Also present: Village Clerk/Manager, Kathryn Arledge, Chief of Police, John Tyler and Village Attorney, Gordon

MOTON BIELOUS, SECOND HELFMANN, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS PRESENTED. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BIELOUS, SECOND SCHULTHEIS, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, CON-SISTING OF ITEMS 6.a. THROUGH 6.j., AS PRE-SENTED. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION HEATH, SECOND HELFMANN, TO TAKE NO ACTION AND LEAVE THE ORDIANCE AS IT CURRENTLY IS. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: HEATH, HELFMANN, SCHULTHEIS, MAILLOUX, BIELOUS AND HILL. NAY: NONE. ABSENT: BELL. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BIELOUS, SECOND HELFMANN, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 465, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FOWLERVILLE VILLAGE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 82-UTILITIES, ARTICLE II, WATER SERVICE ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: BIELOUS, HELFMANN, HEATH, MAILLOUX, SCHULTHEIS AND HILL. NAY: NONE. ABSENT: BELL. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BIELOUS, SECOND HELFMANN, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 18-23, A RESOLU-TION TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DPW) TO ENTER INTO CON-TRACTS THAT ALLOW THE VILLAGE DPW TO UNDERTAKE THE INSPECTION AND MAINTE-NANCE OF PRIVATE FIRE HYDRANTS WITHIN THE VILLAGE FOR \$100.00 PER LOCATION, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: BIELOUS, HELFMANN, SCHULTHEIS, MAILLOUX, HEATH AND HILL. NAY: NONE. AB-SENT: BELL. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BIELOUS, SECOND MAILLOUX, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:07 P.M., VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

> Village Clerk/Manager (7-22-18 FNV)



Steve **Horton Column**

Some Shared Memories of Sonny Hall— Founder of U.S.A. Demolition Derby

For many years, U.S.A. Demolition Derby has been a staple at the Fowlerville Family Fair. Their Grandstand shows have included the traditional rear-end collisions, along with Figure 8 and Autocross Eduro Races. The owner-founder of this entertainment company, Ellwood 'Sonny' Hall, and his wife Rosie—due to this long association—have become well known to local fair officials as well as to derby drivers and

But this year, Hall has a new role.

At age 80 and after 42 years in business, Sonny sold his company to Jack Fistler.

I learned about the sale when I called Hall in May with the intention of getting information from him for an article that I would be writing for the Fowlerville Fair Book about the Figure 8 Races. I didn't expect too much in the way of new information since the event is pretty much run in the same fashion year after year. But it's always a good idea to touch

Well a good thing I did, since he surprised me by saying he no longer owned the company. He then offered some background about the decision.

"Rosie and I have been doing this for a long time, and it was time to sell," Sonny said, adding that "During this transition year I'm helping him out where I can, including serving as the announcer."

So, instead of getting my update from Sonny, I got it from the new owner. And there were a few new wrinkles to the

Sonny had previously told me that they formed the company in 1975 and put on their first shows in 1976. "The Fowlerville Fair was among the earlier ones that we started doing," he pointed out.

In the interview he mentioned that the Figure 8 Race "is my claim to fame," explaining that he did the early ones around 1978 as part of the Demolition Derby shows he was putting on. Other organizers of Demolition Derbies soon embraced this new type of competition, and entertainment.

Those popular Figure 8 Demolition Derby Races—started by Sonny over 40 years ago-will return this Wednesday night (July 25) at the fair.

For those fans who've watched this show over the years, much of it will remain familiar. Once again two types of cars will be showcased: the large V-8 rear-wheel drive cars like the Monto Carlo's, Crown Vic's, Mercury Marqui's and Olds Cutlass's and the smaller, 6-cylinder, front-wheel drive vehicles of newer vintage.

The two classes will alternate their races and, depending on the number of entries, there'll be six heats for each type of car with up to seven contestants in a heat.

After these preliminaries are completed, the winner of each of the six heats in the front-wheel category will compete in the feature event for prize money and a trophy, followed by the winner of each of the six heats in the rear-wheel drive class going at it in their feature event.

Hall, in our earlier talk, said that the stars are both the vehicles "which take truly amazing amounts of punishment," along with the men and women who pilot them and are assisted by a "dedicated crew that has built this warrior auto to compete on the track."

"Countless hours of preparation have been put into each of these cars by the drivers and their pit crews," Hall pointed

out. "All of that effort results in an exciting show for the audience."

I became acquainted with Sonny in the late 1980s when I started publishing the fair book on behalf of the fair board, taking on this project a couple of years after having launched the 'News & Views.' Among those I worked with in assembling this annual publication was the then fair secretary-manager and good friend, the late Tom Braun.

It was in this same time period that Ladies Day was started with the newspaper being the sponsor and my wife Dawn being the organizer and emcee.

Tom had invited Dawn and I to come to the final day of the state fair convention, held in January 1986 at the Grand Amway Hotel in Grand Rapids. I'm guessing that year or the next one was when we were introduced to the Halls.

We attended the final day of the convention for several ensuing years and among the highlights for us (and many other fair officials) was the party that U.S.A. Demolition Derby hosted in their hotel suite. There was usually a singer, food and refreshments, and several of Sonny and Rosie's relatives joined them in welcoming the guests.

After about ten years, fair management (under new leadership) decided to go in a different direction with the book—one more ambitious than I could handle— and we parted ways. During those ensuing years, while I went to the fair to take photos and do feature articles, they were mainly of area residents. I wasn't involved in any of the behind-thescenes activities and, thus, didn't cross paths with the Sonny.

In 2016, I had the opportunity to again publish the fair book on behalf of the current board. I was given several phone numbers of people to contact about upcoming Grandstand shows, including one for USA Demolition Derby. I told the man who answered my call that I needed information for an article to put in the book. After asking a number of questions and, having gotten what I needed, I paused and asked the fellow: "Am I talking to Sonny Hall?"

He replied that I was.

"I don't know if you remember me, but I used to do the fair book years ago and used to see you at the convention," I said. "It was back when Tom Braun managed the fair."

"I do remember you," he answered. "I thought it was you while we were talking."

Tom had told me after I first met Sonny that he had a remarkable memory and that one of his endearing qualities, in addition to being a consummate gentleman, was that he could recall your name. So, I was flattered that even after all of the time since we'd last spoken, he remembered who

We then did some recollecting of those bygone days and our mutual friend, Mr. Braun. Of course, as old timers so often do, we recalled that things were better "back then."

After learning that Sonny had sold his company, I went online and came across a profile that was done on him in 2014 when he was inducted into the Michigan Motor Sports Hall of Fame. Here are a few excerpts.

Born April 10, 1939 in Flint Michigan, Ellwood Hall's father worked at Buick Motor Division in Flint and his mother was a housewife. He has one sister ten years younger. He has been what I guess you would call a "Car-Nut" all of his life. His Dad gave him the nick name: Sonny, which has stuck with him all his life as well.

The first twelve years of his life he lived in Flint, the next three years in Corunna. He then moved to Chesaning and then back again to Flint. He graduated from Kearsey High School in Flint in 1957. He married his wife of 57 years, Rose Ann, in 1957.

He started working in a body shop in 1958, then hired into Willow Run Fisher Body in the Corvair plant from 1959 to 1966. It was then he opened his own Auto Body shop called Complete Collision which he still owns and operates today.

He had been a car-nut, motor-head or some such names all of his life. He started with a 1953 Ford coupe which was purchased while he was still in high school. He went through five small block Chevys, then traded the '53 Ford in for a new 1961 Ford 2-door Sunliner. He drag raced the '53 Ford,



Respectfully Submitted, Kathryn M. Arledge, CMMC



Rosie and Sonny Hall at last year's Fowlerville Family Fair.

he ran oval track at Auto-City and Dixie Speedways in the early 1960's.

He was introduced to Demolition Derbies by a friend in early 1970's and started running in these events. After a few years he thought he could do a better job at this than other promoters. So, he incorporated and began the U.S.A. Demolition Derby Company.

The first year they had five shows. Now, 39 years later, they do 50 shows during the summer months. All of their events are held at County Fairs and Festival Grounds. He believes Demolition Derbies started in the '50's to early '60's. Everybody thought that it was a passing fad that would never last. But, it has become a grandstand spectator thriller.

Soon after starting the Demolition Derbies, he started thinking of a way to use the smaller cars that were being mass produced by the automobile companies. The gas crunch was happening and the downsizing of cars for fuel economy. His company (U.S.A. Demolition Derby Inc.) inaugurated the Figure 8 Derby.

HANDY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS

The regular meeting of the Handy Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Alverson at 7:00 P.M. in the Handy Township Board Room. Trustees present: Eisele, Shear, Munsell and Roddy. Absent: None. Also present: Att. Kehoe, Zon. Adm. Call, Ken Recker- Livingston County Drain Commission, Mike Benjamin-FTTA, and residents Joan Runkel-Runkel Orchards and Chuck Wright. Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

At the regular Handy Township Board meeting the following motions were made:

To approve the agenda as amended.

To approve minutes of 6-12-18 and 6-18-18 as presented

To pay the bills in the amount of \$200,934.36

To renew generator inspection agreements

To appoint Supervisor to CPV committee

To adopt re-zoning amendments Z-21-18 and Z-22-18

To grant Metro Act Right of Way permit exten-

sion
To approve amended resolution for Aisin Hold-

ings of America

To go into closed session for discussion of purchase of property

To adjourn meeting at 8:50 P.M.

Laura A. Eisele Handy Township Clerk (7-22-18 FNV)

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