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## Merry Christmas



### Area residents to celebrate Christmas this Tuesday, Dec. 25

Area residents will join millions of others from around the world in celebrating Christmas this Tuesday, Dec. 25. Many of them will attend Christmas Eve services the day before at local churches, along with the fourth Sunday of Advent on Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Among those hosting these will be the Fowlerville United Brethren Church, shown above.

The church, as a congregation, dates back to 1888 when the Conway United Brethren Church was built on Stow Rd, near the corner of Moyer Road, on land donated by Henry R. Miller.

In 1977, the Conway and Cohoctah churches were combined to form one congregation, with the Stow Road location being used. Then 11 years later, on January of 1988, the church was relocated to its present location at 9300 W. Grand River Ave., west of Fowlerville, at a new structure that had been built. This structure was dedicated on Feb. 28, 1988.

That first building is now used for the staff offices and children's space.

Fowlerville UB has seen some incredible growth over the ensuing years. Around 800 worshippers, on average, attend one of three weekend services. These are held on Saturday at 6pm and on Sunday at 9:15am and 10:45am—all of them identical with full children's and Junior High programming.

To accommodate this growth, there have been three different building projects since the 1988 move. The second phase was a Children's Ministry Wing, then the current Auditorium, and the final phase was the Student Ministry Center. Over the summer months, the church completely renovated its two oldest buildings to handle current and future growth of the Children's Ministry and the staff office.

The church has an active outreach ministry and is "always looking for ways to serve and give back to our community." Members and staff put on or organize various events such as Outflow Serving Day, Celebrate Recovery, Married People Events, MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers), Mom's Next (Mothers of school age children), New Creations Preschool, Trunk n Treat, Jelly Bean Jam (Easter Event), Upward Soccer and several other events and programs throughout the year.

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# Kreeger Elementary School News

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**  
12-20-18 -1-1-19: NO SCHOOL-WINTER RECESS  
1-2-2019: SCHOOL RESUMES  
1-18-19: ½ DAY OF SCHOOL 12:02 DISMISSAL  
1-21-19: NO SCHOOL  
2-14-19: 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. -REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH PARENT MEETING  
2-15-19: 8:00 – 9:00 A.M. – REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH PARENT MEETING  
2-18 THRU 2-21: 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CLASS  
2-22 THRU 2-25: NO SCHOOL PRESIDENTS’ DAY RECESS  
3-1-19: END OF 2<sup>ND</sup> TRIMESTER  
3-7-19: ½ DAY OF SCHOOL - DISMISSAL AT 12:02 P.M.- PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES- 1:00-4:00 AND 5:00 – 7:30  
3-8-19: ½ DAY OF SCHOOL – DISMISSAL AT 12:02 P.M.  
3-25 THRU 3-29: SPRING BREAK RECESS  
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**END OF DAY NOTES:** *Please call before 3:00 p.m.* If you have a note that needs to get delivered to your child before the end of the day. *Thank you*  
\* \* \*

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

## Fowlerville First UMC offering two worship services Christmas Eve

Fowlerville First United Methodist Church is celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ with two worship opportunities on Christmas Eve. The Youth will once again be leading the early service at 7pm. Your heart will be touched by their hand mimes. At 10 pm will be a candle light worship of scripture and carols led by Pastor Scott Herald. Come to both for a wonderful Christ-filled evening. Fowlerville 1<sup>st</sup> UMC is located at 201 S Second St, Fowlerville.

## Fowlerville United Brethren Church offering five Christmas Eve services

The Fowlerville United Brethren Church is offering three services on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>. These will be held at 2 p.m, 4 p.m, and 6 p.m. In addition, the church is holding services on Sunday, Dec. 23, at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. All five of these services will be identical.

The church is located at 9300 W. Grand River, west of Fowlerville.

# Smith Elementary School News

**IMPORTANT DATES:**  
December 19-Jan 1- Winter Break  
January 2 – School Resumes  
January 9 – PTC Meeting 6:00 pm  
January 14 through 25 – Kindergarten NWEA Testing  
January 16 – Math Night 5:00 – 7:00 pm  
January 18 – Early Dismissal (12:02 pm)  
January 21 – NO SCHOOL  
January 25 – PTC Popcorn (50 cents per bag)  
\* \* \*

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

**Medication**–If your child requires any prescription or non-prescription medication during the school year, a parent or guardian must bring it to the Smith Office to drop it off and complete the necessary paperwork. **School Board Policy states that children are not allowed to transport medication.**  
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**There are Preschool Openings for the 2018-2019 school year!** -Livingston Educational Service Agency Early Childhood Programs continue to enroll for the 2018-2019 school year. There are many 4-year-old openings in the Fowlerville program located at Munn Early Childhood building. Head Start and Great Start Readiness Programs offer no cost/low cost preschool to income eligible or children “at risk” who qualify under federal and state guidelines. Families meeting eligibility guidelines have access to learning opportunities, health and wellness, social and disability services, and other community resources. Children of all abilities are encouraged to apply. To find out more information about applying and to see if you are eligible, call 517-548-2100 or go to [www.LivingstonESA.org](http://www.LivingstonESA.org).

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### Register of Deeds chosen to serve on Electronic Recording Commission

Brandon Denby, Livingston County Register of Deeds, was chosen by Governor Rick Synder to serve on the Electronic Recording Commission for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2019. Denby enters this assignment with over 20 years of real estate, mortgage and title insurance experience, including over 15 years as owner and operator of the title insurance based company BD Liquid Management, as well as serving in the elected position of Register of Deeds.

This commission sets the Electronic Recording Standard for the State of Michigan. Denby feels that this is an important time to be involved with the commission with new laws being enacted in 2019 regarding electronic notaries as well as remote notaries.

In 2019, Denby will also be serving as 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President and Legislative Co-Chair to the Michigan Association of Register of Deeds. “It is an honor to be appointed by Governor Synder and I look forward to representing my fellow Registrars on the Commission,” Denby said.

### ‘Twas the Night Before

*‘Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house  
Not a creature was praying, not one in the house.  
Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care  
In hopes that Jesus would not come there.*

*The children were dressing to crawl into bed,  
Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head.  
And mom in her rocker with the baby on her lap  
Was watching The Late Show while I took a nap.*

*When out of the east there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.  
Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.*

*When what to my wondering eyes should appear  
But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here!  
With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray,  
I knew in a moment this must be THE DAY!*

*The light of His face made me cover my head.  
It was Jesus! Returning just like He said.  
And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth,  
I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.*

*In the Book of Life which He held in His hand  
Was written the name of every saved man.  
He spoke not a word as He searched for my name;  
When He said, “It’s not here,” my head hung in shame.*

*The people whose names had been written with love  
He gathered to take to His Father above.  
With those who were ready, He rose without a sound  
While all the rest were left standing around.*

*I fell to my knees, but it was too late;  
I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate.  
I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight;  
Oh, if only we had been ready tonight!*

*In the words of this poem the meaning is clear;  
The coming of Jesus is drawing near.  
There’s only one life and when comes the last call,  
We’ll find that the Bible was true, after all.*

--Author unknown

**Remember to sing “Happy Birthday”  
to the Birthday Child.  
After all, whose Birthday is it, anyway?**

— Olivia Verfaillie



## Fowlerville School Report

By Superintendent,  
Wayne Roedel

### Dear Parents/Guardians and Community Members,

Thanksgiving and Christmas give me time to consider the many blessings I have and to share happy times with my family and friends. But working in the schools also gives me pause as I know that many in our school community struggle with mental health and/or personal issues that are only exacerbated during the holidays.

I am choosing this time to find someone who I know is struggling and to reach out to them to let them know I care. Many times, individuals who are in a difficult place just need to know there is hope for a brighter day and that someone else cares about them. Please consider giving the gift of joy and friendship to someone in need as we move into a hopeful and happy New Year.

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I wanted to update you on our current bond project work in an effort to keep information flowing.

As you have probably noticed, our door security systems are up and running at Smith and Kreeger and this week the High School will be brought online. The Junior High is close to being completed and work is beginning at Munn. These latter two buildings have very old doors that are difficult to work with and some are slated for replacement in the Spring. My hope is that by mid-January, all buildings will be operational. I appreciate everyone’s patience as we learn a new system and level of building security. I’m sure there will be bumps ahead, but we will work through them.

The boiler work at the JHS and Kreeger couldn’t be working better. It’s a comfort to know that we will have reliable heat this winter.

All of the parking lot lighting is fully functional and being controlled by our energy management system. We look forward to the energy savings with the use of LED lighting throughout the campus.

The Board is busy reviewing bid documents and plans for projects that will take place this summer. Those projects include replacing the flooring throughout most of Kreeger, replacing the heating units throughout all of Smith, upgrading the interior lighting to LED throughout all of Smith and Kreeger as well as many athletic improvements that include a new track facility and pressbox/scoring boxes at all of our varsity fields. There will also be a chiller/air conditioner replacement at the high school to replace a unit that is no longer functioning, LED lighting replacement at the football field complex and partial parking lot reconstruction at the junior high.

Lastly, we will be taking bids on a new energy management system. It is our hope to get bid documents out just after the first of the year. All bids will be posted on our website, in the *News and Views* and on the State website. We look forward to competitive bids on all of our projects. We appreciate your patience in advance as these projects take shape. Invariably, there will be changes and inconveniences as we perform these projects throughout the summer.

The District is engaged in a campaign to promote early literacy with parents of children birth to five and beyond. The campaign is called “Talking is Teaching”. The research is clear that talking, singing and having conversations with babies and toddlers helps their language skills develop so that

### Rep. Vaupel applauds launch of new Child Protective Services mobile app

State Rep. Hank Vaupel applauded the launch of a new Child Protective Services mobile application that he said will better protect families and residents in Livingston County.

The Mobile Investigator application allows Child Protective Services employees to remotely enter contact information for people interviewed during investigations and securely scan and upload documents.

“Mobile applications have changed the way we live daily and this new application will help Livingston County children who may be at risk of harm and danger,” said Vaupel, of Fowlerville. “By simply carrying a phone, the Child Protective Services will have the tools to help protect families in our communities.”

The Mobile Investigator application is currently on a pilot program in five counties, including Livingston County. The application will be implemented statewide by February.

when these babies begin school, they are ready to learn.

If you are in a position to influence parents of young children, stress the importance of talking and singing to their children, reading picture books to them or even talking to them about their day at work. It’s the verbal interaction and the use of words that is critical to the brain development of the child. You will hear some of the District’s School of Choice advertisements focusing on these concepts as a gentle reminder to parents and as a reminder to all that our District believes in a strong literacy partnership between the school and home.

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# Pastor Tom Tarpley

## From Me to You: An Invitation to Find Peace

Hi, I am a grateful believer in Jesus Christ who struggles with anger, binge eating, co-dependency, doubt, fear, low self-esteem, lust, mild depression, pornography, pride, and an unforgiving spirit, and my name is Tom. These are just a few of the character defects that have plagued my life for most of my life.

To state it more simply, I am a person in “*LONG TERM RECOVERY*” who is striving to achieve peace and serenity through the working of the 12 Steps of Recovery and living by the 8 Principles found in the Beatitudes. I know there are people in our community who are struggling with an assortment of hurts, bad habits and hang-ups, and have been for many years. They have tried a lot of things to help them get over their issues, but nothing has worked.

It was the same for me. For many years I tried to handle the problems and challenges that come from living with compulsive bad behavior traits, and other defects of character that almost always caused me grief and regret when I followed after my feelings instead of using common sense. I was totally insane because I kept doing the same thing over and over again expecting a different result. Fortunately, for me, I found a solution for my insanity in the program of Celebrate Recovery (CR).

I have been an active member in Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) for more than 26 years. AA was the only way I ever found that was able to keep me sober. I have not had a drink of alcohol since July 29, 1989. Although I am not as active in the program as I used to be, I still attend meetings occasionally. I still consider myself to be a “Friend of Bill W.”

Even though I was actively involved in AA for all those years, there were other issues and problems in my life that AA did not address. My fears, my tendency to overeat, my co-dependency (allowing the actions of someone else to control my feelings), my pride and low self-esteem issues, and several others were all a part of my life and contributed to my feelings of insecurity and hopelessness.

About three years ago, I began to read about and become familiar with another program called Celebrate Recovery. It is a Christian and faith-based program which acknowledges that Jesus Christ is our one and only Higher Power. CR uses the same 12 Steps used by AA only slightly modified to recognize Jesus as our one true Higher Power. CR also has 8 Principles of recovery which are found in the Beatitudes in Matthew chapter 5 of the Holy Scriptures. The first 3 of those Beatitudes are printed below.

1. **Realize that I am not God. I admit that I am pow-**

## From Unapproved Minutes MEETING CONWAY TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF MEETING December 18, 2018

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 pm.

Motions:

1. Approve consent agenda.
2. Approve meeting agenda with additions.
3. Motion to schedule a public hearing for the proposed ordinance prohibiting marihuana facilities in Conway Township.
4. Motion to appoint Caleb Jenkins to the Planning Commission.
5. Motion to appoint Keith Wasilenski to the Planning Commission.
6. Motion to re-appoint the existing Board of Review members.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m. Complete minutes are available at the Conway Township Hall during regular office hours, 8015 N Fowlerville Road, Fowlerville, MI 48836 517-223-0358

Next Regular Board meeting is on January 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Todd Anderson  
Conway Township Clerk  
(12-23-18 FNV)

erless to control my tendency to do the wrong thing and that my life is unmanageable.

“Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor.” Matthew 5:3.

2. **Earnestly believe that God exists, that I matter to Him, and that He has the power to help me recover.**

“Happy are those who mourn for they shall be comforted.” Matthew 5:4.

3. **Consciously choose to commit all my life and will to Christ’s care and control.**

“Happy are the meek.” Matthew 5:5.

For most of my life I was “spiritually poor.” I believed that I could accomplish whatever I wanted to accomplish through self-will and determination. As I began working my way through the program of CR, I finally came to understand that any success I achieved in overcoming my hurts, habits, and hang-ups, would come by the power of Jesus. Not by might but by faith!

The second principle was able to tear down the wall of fog and denseness of my thought process and reveal to me a loving Savior who was willing and, more importantly, able to help me as I struggled to let go of old habits and character defects that were causing me so much misery and pain.

Principle 3 is where I struggle the most. “Letting go and letting God.” Committing my life to Christ and letting Him guide me through the program as it is designed. I believe the greatest gift that God gave to all humans was the gift of His Son, Jesus. Since being in CR, I believe one of the most beneficial things we can do that will help us, not just get through life, but will show us how we can actually be victorious over the many challenges and obstacles that we face, is to get involved in CR. The rewards of being active in CR are far greater than the temporary accomplishments I was experiencing before I began the program.

CR is more than a program of recovery, it is a way of life that enhances our relationship with Jesus Christ and teaches us the principles necessary for us to live in close community with one another.

So, my gift to you this Christmas is an invitation to come and join with us as we work through the Lessons and hear the Testimonies of those who have found the peace and serenity that evaded them for so many years. If you are reading this and thinking that CR is not for you, you are exactly who this program was created for.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Alcohol and drug addiction were not mentioned as areas of CR. It was intentional. Too many people associate the word “recovery” with alcohol and drugs. This is a myth that keeps people from seeking to get help in a program that is designed to address “**ALL**” character defects, not just alcohol and drugs.

There will be no meetings on Christmas or New Year’s Day. We will resume our regular meetings on January 8, 2019 at 6 pm. Newcomers, your first dinner is on us!

*Merry Christmas and a stress free New Year!*

## Fowlerville Fire Department Report

Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, at 8:42 a.m. firefighters investigated an odor of gas on Elliott Road in Iosco Township. The source of the odor was not found. At 2:05 p.m. a medical emergency on Grand River Ave. in the Village was reported. Personnel assisted EMS on Cedar Road in Handy Township at 4:36 p.m.

The department was called to a medical emergency on Grand River in the Village at 6:19 p.m., Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Firefighters responded to a gas leak caused by a furnace malfunction on Hogback Road in Handy Township at 12:09 a.m., Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

The department was dispatched to a vehicle fire on Augres River Drive in Handy Township at 4:24 a.m., Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> and assisted at a medical emergency on Hogback Road in Handy Township at 7:09 p.m.

Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:11 a.m. a medical emergency on Jackson Street in the Village was reported. Personnel were called to a medical emergency on Pinegate Drive in the Village at 6:52 a.m. and at 10:33 a.m. responded to a medical emergency on Spruceview Lane in Handy Township. The department investigated a CO alarm activation in a residence on Jessica Circle in the Village at 10:53 a.m. Firefighters were dispatched to a medical emergency on Ann Street in the Village at 11:35 a.m.

At 3:13 p.m., Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> firefighters responded to a medical emergency on Arlene Court in Iosco Township. Firefighters were dispatched for an odor investigation on Elliott Road in Iosco Township at 8:01 p.m.

## Crossroads Church of God to host Family Friendly Night New Year’s Eve

Crossroads Church of God will host a Family Friendly Night of playing a variety of board games and cards on New Year’s Eve. Event is 6pm-9pm and we are located at 3940 Pinckney Road, Howell. Call 517-546-0722 for more information.



# Michigan House Report

By Dr. Hank Vaupel,  
47<sup>nd</sup> District



State Rep. Hank Vaupel presents a state tribute to Coach Melissa Leonard and the Fowlerville High School Dance Team to recognize the school's first dance team championship.

I would like to start this week by congratulating Martin Daniel of Fowlerville Scouts Troop 336 for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. This is a significant accomplishment, and it was my privilege to recognize it with a state tribute. For his project, Martin took the lead on building a shed for St. John’s Lutheran Church in Fowlerville. I have no doubt it will be a great blessing for the church. Congratulations again, Martin, and best wishes for all your future endeavors!

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I talked last week about the Fowlerville High School Dance Team winning its first championship, and this past Friday, I had the opportunity to present a state tribute to the team and coaches. Their recognition is well deserved, as they have become state champions only five years after being formed! Thank you for making Livingston County proud.

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I attended multiple community events over the past week, and one of them was the red carpet gala and ribbon cutting for the new Emagine theater in Hartland. The grand opening was sold out with over 800 guests in attendance, and all proceeds supported Gleaners Food Bank and LACASA. The venue is beautiful, and it is great to see a new business coming to the area. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make it happen.

I also attended the monthly Hartland Chamber of Commerce Meet and Greet, which was held at the Hartland Insurance Agency. It’s always a great opportunity to connect with local business owners and hear their ideas and concerns. Thank you to David and Barbara Walker for hosting the event.

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On Tuesday, it was a pleasure to welcome to Lansing 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students from Village Elementary School in Hartland as they toured the Capitol. When they stopped by session, I was happy to introduce them from the House floor.

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As most of you know, state Sen. Joe Hune is retiring from the Senate due to term limits, and he gave his farewell address last Thursday. Sen. Hune has been a sincere and steadfast legislator throughout his 14 years of service in the House of Representatives and Senate, and Livingston County will miss his leadership in Lansing. I offer my earnest appreciation and best wishes to Sen. Hune and his entire family.

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As 2018 is coming to a close, the Legislature has remained extremely busy. Many different issues have been brought before me over the past few weeks, and I would like to thank everyone who took the time to contact my office to express their thoughts or concerns on those bills. I will include additional updates on some of this legislation in future columns, but if you have any questions or ideas in the meantime, then please do not hesitate to reach out. I always want to hear from you.

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A very Merry Christmas to you and your family. I hope you all have a safe, happy, and blessed holiday!

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*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](mailto:HankVaupel@house.mi.gov). We are happy to hear from you!*

## Fowlerville Varsity Boys Basketball Team falls to rival Williamston, 79-54

The Fowlerville Varsity Boys Basketball Team traveled to rival Williamston’s gym on Friday, Dec. 14, for a key CAAC Red Division game. The Hornets are ranked high in the state and showed why, beating the Glads by a score of 79-54. Brendan Young led the Fowlerville scoring with 18 points, while Geoffrey Knaggs put in 16 points. Josh DuFore had six rebounds. The varsity is 1-1 in league play.



# Fowlerville High School News

## OFFICE HOURS

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

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## IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES TO NOTE:

Dec 20	1st day of holiday break
Jan 2	Return to school

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**Doors at FHS will be open at 6:45 a.m.** on school days. After school hours if your student is not participating in a sport, math lab, credit recovery or meeting with a teacher they should make arrangements to leave the building by 3 p.m.

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**Dear FCS families,** Thank you again for supporting the May 2018 Bond initiative! One of the goals of the bond is to increase the security of our school buildings. The District has begun work to install secure door access systems throughout the District. Fowlerville High School's door security system is nearly to a point where the system will be up and running. As we bring the system online we keep reminding ourselves that increased security is not always convenient but it is always comforting and we truly appreciate your patience and understanding moving forward. When FHS's system comes fully online on Wednesday, January 2nd, this is what you need to know: 15 minutes after the start of the regular school day, all doors will be locked, including the Main Entry. Doors will open at 6:45 am each school day. All visitors will need to press and release the video doorbell to request entry. It is the illuminated white button, wait until someone greets you. After you are greeted, please state your name and why you are entering the building. You MAY be asked to show a picture ID if the office staff does not recognize you. PLEASE have your photo ID out and ready to show, especially early in the year when everyone is trying to learn who are our regular volunteers. Our intention for checking a photo ID is to help make sure our buildings are as safe as possible. The person greeting you will buzz you in by unlocking the door. Lastly, when the door unlocks to let you in, PLEASE DO NOT hold the door open for the next visitor. Doing so diminishes the effectiveness of the buzz in system and consequently makes the building less secure. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

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**Money for College** Filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, known as the FAFSA, is one of the most important steps students and their families can take to pay for college. The FAFSA became available on Oct. 1. That's the first day an applicant can complete the form for the upcoming academic year. While deadlines vary for each school, awards are often granted on a first-come, first-served basis with some colleges having their own deadlines for scholarship consideration. Go to [FAFSA.gov](http://FAFSA.gov) to complete your FAFSA today!

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**Be sure to order your award winning yearbook** so you do not miss out on this years' memories. Yearbooks will be \$55.00 until 1/11/2019, after that date, the cost will go up to \$65.00 until 3/08/19. You can order at [www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com) or see the school's website for an order form to customize your book.

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**SENIORS... senior pictures** are due on January 15th. Please send them to [FHSyearbook@fowlervilleschools.org](mailto:FHSyearbook@fowlervilleschools.org) and follow the instructions for cropping and sizing. If you do not turn one in, your school ID picture will be used. Any questions, see your senior ELA teacher or Mrs. Hardenbrook (D214) for more info.

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**I urge you to read these articles regarding vaping** and the impact it has on the human body. I strongly encourage a conversation at home regarding vaping after reading the articles.

Along the same line as the article, recently the Village of Fowlerville passed Ordinance No. 466 which deals with Tobacco Use and Vaping. Effective Nov. 18, 2018, a minor in possession of a vape pen or vape related products will be issued an ordinance ticket which results in a fine. Please contact the Fowlerville Police Department for information regarding Ordinance No. 466.

Articles to read:

FDA launches new anti-vaping campaign aimed at teens:  
<https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/fda-launches-anti-vaping-campaign-aimed-teens-n910691>

Teens inhale cancer-causing chemicals in e-cigarettes:

Fruit flavors have the most chemicals, study finds.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/teen-inhale-cancer-causing-chemicals-e-cigarettes-n853611?cid=related>  
FHS is concerned about the health and wellbeing of our students and will continue to update you with information such as this when it becomes available.

Mr. Lusk FHS Principal

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**The Youth Activation Committee (YAC)** is a group of student leaders with and without intellectual disabilities that work to promote inclusion. YAC students strategize and plan school wide games and activities. The YAC educates, motivates and activates youth to become agents of change in their communities through advocacy for respect, inclusion and acceptance for all people. We just finished up our bowling season and are starting basketball for December/January. The FHS YAC meets every Wednesday after school 2:15-3:15. See Mrs. Connor if you are interested in joining or if you would like to help our students with basketball practice.

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**German students at Fowlerville High School** are traveling to Germany in June 2020. We are raising money to offer a full, half, and partial scholarship to three lucky travelers. Please consider donating to the Scholarships for Germany fund at <https://goo.gl/XP6TcJ>

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

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**Parents having trouble using Zangle** to view grades, e-mail questions to [connect@fowlervilleschools.org](mailto:connect@fowlervilleschools.org)

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**School Mission:** Focus on every student, every day.

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

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**FHS announcements:** <https://goo.gl/VxuWJC>

**FHS Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/FHSGlads>

**FHS YouTube channel:** <https://goo.gl/iaJC3H>

## St. Mary's of Pinckney hosting country style breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 6

St. Mary's Catholic Church is hosting a Country Style Breakfast on Sunday, January 6th at the Parish located south of M-36 on Dexter Pinckney Road. Breakfast is served 8:30-11am and is a free-will donation. Proceeds will be used to help support the funding of a new Parish road sign. A D.J. & raffles add to the fun. For further information call Heather at Parish Office 734-878-3161.

## Plans underway for Annual Fowlerville Alumni Banquet on Saturday, June 8

The Fowlerville High School Alumni Committee has begun organizing for the 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet on Saturday, June 8, 2019. It was once again held at the high school cafeteria. Any class planning to get-together before the banquet, please call Cinday (Ruttman) Krebs at 517-223-8747 for information.



*Thank you to all who have supported us in the past and who will continue to do so in the future. We wouldn't be who we are if it wasn't for you.*

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# Savvy Senior Column

By Jim Miller

## How to Cope with Seasonal Affective Disorder

Dear Savvy Senior,

What can you tell me about seasonal affective disorder? I have always hated wintertime, but since I retired and am home a lot more, the dark and cold winter months make me depressed and lethargic.

Fighting the Blues

Dear Fighting,

If you get depressed in the winter but feel better in spring and summer, you may indeed have seasonal affective disorder (or SAD), a wintertime depression that affects roughly 6 percent of Americans.

In most cases, SAD is related to the loss of sunlight in the winter months. Reduced sunlight can upset natural sleep-wake cycles and other circadian rhythms that can affect the body. It can also cause a drop in the brain chemical serotonin, which affects mood, and can increase the levels of the hormone melatonin, which can make you feel more tired and lethargic.

If you think you may have SAD, a trip to your doctor’s office is the best way to diagnose it or you can take a SAD “self-diagnostic” test at the Center for Environmental Therapeutics website at [CET.org/self-assessment](http://CET.org/self-assessment). In the meantime, here are several treatment options and remedies that can help.

**Light therapy:** The most effective treatment for SAD is sitting in front of a specialized light therapy box for 15 to 20 minutes a day. Light therapy mimics outdoor light to cause a change in brain chemicals linked to mood. It’s most effective when timed to fit a person’s individual circadian rhythm, which varies widely from person to person depending on whether they’re a night owl or a morning lark. You can calculate the proper time for doing light therapy by taking the circadian rhythm test at [CET.org/self-assessment](http://CET.org/self-assessment).

The best light therapy lamps provide 10,000 lux of illumination, many times stronger than typical indoor light, and have a diffuser screen that filters out ultraviolet rays and projects downward toward the eyes.

Some top-rated products as rated by [Wirecutter.com](http://Wirecutter.com) include the Carex Day-Light Classic Plus Lamp (\$115), Verilux HappyLight Deluxe 10,000-Lux Sunshine Simulator (\$160), and the Northern Light Technology Boxelite Desk Lamp (\$190), all of which are available at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com).

**Cognitive behavioral therapy:** Even though SAD is considered to be a biological problem, identifying and changing thought and behavior patterns can help alleviate symptoms too. To help you with this, choose a therapist who specializes in cognitive behavioral therapy and who has experience in treating SAD. To locate someone in your area, check with the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies ([FindCBT.org](http://FindCBT.org)), or the Academy of Cognitive Therapy ([AcademyofCT.org](http://AcademyofCT.org)).

**Antidepressants:** Some people with SAD benefit from antidepressant treatment, especially if symptoms are severe. Some proven medications to ask your doctor about include the extended-release version of the antidepressant bupropion (Wellbutrin XL, Aplenzin), and antidepressants selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (S.S.R.I.s), sertraline (also known as Zoloft) and fluoxetine (also known under the brand name Prozac).

But keep in mind that it may take several weeks to notice full benefits from an antidepressant. In addition, you may have to try different medications before you find one that works well for you and has the fewest side effects.

**Lifestyle remedies:** Some other things you can do to help alleviate your SAD symptoms include making your environment sunnier and brighter. So, open up your blinds, sit closer to bright windows and get outside as much as can. Even on cold or cloudy days, outdoor light can help, especially if you spend some time outside within two hours of getting up in the morning. Moderate exercise such as walking, swimming, yoga and even tai chi can also help alleviate SAD symptoms, as can social activities.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit [SavvySenior.org](http://SavvySenior.org). Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of “The Savvy Senior” book.

## Webberville Woman’s Advance Club meeting was held last Monday

By Betty Dodge

The Woman’s Advance Club of Webberville met last Monday, December 17 at the Assisted Living Home at Marsh Pointe. The hostesses, who arrived early to set up the refreshments, were President Nancy Webb, Marge Lawson, and Executive Committee Chairperson Kathy Ward. The dining room tables were already decorated for the holidays with small white trees with red stripes of garland. In one area of the room was a very large, beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

The other members also came a little early with trays full of homemade cookies of many different kinds, all freshly baked. Everyone helped brew coffee and hot water for tea, and set up two long tables with holiday cloths, centerpieces, plates, napkins, dishes for ice cream, spoons and cups. We had a round table with many gifts to choose from as the women walked in.

Two of our husbands, Bill Wheeler and Dean Dodge, helped provide transportation and carrying of our goodies. Thanks to the men for their help. The other members in attendance were: Sallie Brodie, Rosemary Cahaney, Cleo Chase (our piano player), Betty Dodge, Pat Jennings, Jill Moon and Janice Wheeler. We had 3 members traveling or snow birds in the south: Jean Johnson, Marion Sherburne and Lynn Reed. You missed a fun time!

Nancy Webb led the sing-a-long of Christmas carols and Cleo Chase played the piano. Many carols were sung and the place was full of happy voices and good cheer. Trivia time was next, with all joining in. There were questions such as: did you have an artificial tree; did you cut your tree down; did you make popcorn roping; did you go to a one room school; and did you sing carols or go caroling? Many other comments were shared. Christmas back then was so much different than today. Everyone filled in the blanks to *The Night Before Christmas* as the story was read and all remembered it.

Lastly, the residents were served the many treats and, if they needed help, we assisted them back to their tables. The attendance was smaller than usual. We gave them plastic bags and encouraged the ladies to take more cookies back to their room and take an extra gift. All seemed happy to be there and we were also pleased to see all of the smiles. This is an event we have done for several years and the joy of giving is wonderful.

Later, we had our regular business meeting. Roll call was interesting. Members were asked a special Christmas memory. One had a husband who served in WWII and was overseas. They had a young son whom he had not yet seen. She knew he was coming back to the USA but not sure when. On Christmas Eve she was getting ready to go to the children’s program and there was a knock at the door and it was her husband!

Another had been wearing her diamond engagement ring for 3 years. The Christmas leave resulted in a wedding band and 65 years of marriage was celebrated last week. Another received her diamond on Christmas Eve and they have been married over 50 years.

One member’s parents took the family back to Scotland to visit and there was no tree. They went to a Lord’s forest and chopped one down, brought it back and made handmade ornaments.

One grandmother takes her grandchildren on The Huckleberry Railroad when they reach 5 years of age. It was very cold then and her grandson forgot his coat. Out of the trunk stash, they found pants and a far too large coat for him to wear. He is an adult now and lives in Hawaii.

Many of the memories had to do with cookie baking and grandchildren in pajamas decorating them. They were happy to clean up the messes.

One remembered a group of young girls in 1965 went on a goodwill trip to Mexico City and took gifts for the children there. When walking into a store they heard the song playing, “I’ll be Home for Christmas”. The year may give away her name.

One member had 8 brothers and she was the only girl in her family. Her brothers shared their black skates with her, but oh how she wished for a white pair of Canadian Flyers skates. They skated and she tried to jump an icy spot, only to fall and injure her leg. We suspect the toe pick had something to do with the fall and injury. Those skates still hang in her garage.

Many remember homemade pajamas and grandparents homes, big families, lots of snow and cold winters. If you are willing to wait, I’ll tell you who told these stories at our next meeting in March 2019, if I can remember! We will take a short break and not meet in January and February.

2018 was a very productive gift-giving year for the club. A young lady in October visited our club and told us about a program the Webberville FFA had started after attending a convention. It was the Weekend Survival Backpack Kits, containing food for elementary students. If eligible, students could have breakfast and lunch provided for them at school, but none for Saturday and Sunday. We voted to present the project in her name for money to advance the program and it was awarded to the FFA.

We were able to donate to the food bank a large number of scarves, gloves and mittens. The high school journalism class received stamps and Christmas cards to sign and deliver to shut in people and NH residents. They sent out 1,078 cards. Personal items were donated to Homeless Angels of Lansing. Ten books

were purchased and given to the grade school library. What a great feeling to help people in need.

We wish all of you a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!



# Lee Hamilton Column

## Among My Biggest Disappointments in Politics

The other day, a friend asked what surprised me most about politics. This may seem strange, but I’d never really thought about the question.

My response was off-the-cuff but heartfelt. The biggest surprise is also among my biggest disappointments with American political life: the ongoing effort by politicians to suppress votes.

Yes it’s gone on for years. And in some respects, limiting the vote has been a feature of American politics since the beginning, when only white men with property could cast ballots. But when I began in politics, I assumed those days were past us, and everyone was on board with the idea that the more people who vote, the better. Boy, was I naïve.

The truth is, people work hard to prevent other people from voting. To be sure, some voters do it to themselves — they’re too busy, or they think their vote doesn’t matter, or they encounter long lines and turn away.

But there is also an active, ongoing effort to keep people — often minority or poor voters — from casting their ballots. How do politicians accomplish this? Here’s a short, and incomplete, list:

- They require voter IDs — and then limit which IDs are valid (a gun permit is fine, for instance, but not a student ID);
- They close polling places — usually (you guessed it) in poor and minority communities;
- They limit the hours polls are open;
- They conduct sweeping purges of voter rolls, often stripping voters of their ability to vote without their knowledge;
- They restrict eligibility for absentee ballots;
- They refuse to invest in the infrastructure that sustains voting, resulting in machines that break down and long lines that discourage potential voters.

The people who oppose making it easier to vote often cite as their reason that they’re trying to prevent voter fraud. In other words, they’re defending the integrity of our democracy and of the ballot.

But here’s the thing: there is occasional voter fraud, and yes, it needs to be guarded against. But rampant voter fraud simply doesn’t exist in this country. Efforts to prove that it exists have failed. Let’s be blunt: there’s no tidal wave of illegal voting in the U.S.

What does inarguably exist, though, is an epidemic of efforts to suppress the vote. Voting is a basic right of citizenship. It’s the foundation of a democracy — people’s ability to participate and engage with the issues facing their communities and their country. That ideal lies at the core of American values, and I’m always mindful of the fact that a lot of Americans gave their lives for that ideal. Moreover, excluding groups of voters encourages resentment, risking protests and potentially violence.

I’ve always believed that you win power by convincing people that your ideas and proposals are right — or at least that you should be given the chance to prove that they’re right. Winning power by keeping people away from the polls is a perversion of what democracy is about. Our political institutions need to reflect the will of the people, and if you disenfranchise people, it means that our representative government doesn’t reflect accurately the will of the people.

Because voting laws are in the hands of the states, there are plenty of counter-examples — states that have worked to make voting easier, to expand hours, to allow same-day registration, and the like. There’s more to be done, especially making sure that the politicians who control elections aren’t themselves running for office, as happened notably in November’s elections in Georgia and Kansas. That is a conflict of interest of the most obvious sort.

This struggle, between expanding the vote and trying to limit it, is ongoing. It’s not going to be resolved any time soon. I’m always distressed when I encounter efforts to suppress the vote. But I take heart from the fact that over the course of American history, the dominant trend has been to expand citizens’ access to the polls, and I hope that over the long term, we continue in that direction.

Lee Hamilton was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.



# Fowlerville Junior High enjoys Candy Cane Conundrum

For the 18<sup>th</sup> year the Fowlerville Junior High students and staff enjoyed the Candy Cane Conundrum on the final school day before the Christmas break. This year’s event took place this past Wednesday, Dec. 19.

The way it works, explained office secretary Becky Kottong, is that each of the students and several staff members get a candy cane with a red or blue or green strip along with a number. “During three ten-minute breaks between the morning classes, students and participating staff come to the Commons area and attempt to find the two others with matching numbers. Once that’s done, they go to a table and write down their names to enter a drawing for prizes.”

This year 40 sets of participants—a total of 120—received a gift after having their names drawn. Those prizes were given out during an assembly that took place during the afternoon in the school gym.

“The prizes in the drawing are purchased from money raised during our schools’ fall fundraiser,” noted Kottong.

Receiving prizes by matching up the three candy canes is only part of the fun. During the assembly students are selected from the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades to take part in various contests.

These competitions included ‘Candy Cane Catch’ with teams of two standing on chairs and dropping candy canes onto the tinsel strung between the chairs. The winner was the team with the most canes on the tinsel.

Another one was called ‘Blindfold Drawing’ with 20 students blindfolded who then drew what the announcer said. The audience selected the best picture. Still another was the ‘Gift Wrap Up’ with two students, having their inside hands tied together, attempt to wrap a gift with the available paper, tape, and ribbon. The team with the best wrapped gift was declared the winner.

Two of the junior high teachers, Mr. Chuck Staky and Mr. Bill David (dressed as Santa Claus), emceed the contests and helped “hype up” the cheering by the different grades on behalf of their classmates who were competing.

To add to the festivities, principal Myriah Lillie, assistant principal James Fitzgerald, several teachers and staff members, along with many of the students, were dressed in holiday attire.



Competing in the ‘Gift Wrap Up’ were Alexandra McKee, at left, and Madison Groff—both seventh graders.



Attempting to wrap a present with each of their inside arms tied together were Cameron Bouton, a sixth grader, at left, and Bryce Engle, a seventh grader.



Colin Smith, an eighth grader, competed in the ‘Candy Cane Catch’.



Michael Robinson, an eighth grader, competed in the ‘Candy Cane Catch’.



Showing the picture she drew while blindfolded was Dalila Hurd, a seventh grader.



Winning prizes in one of the drawings were, from left, Colton Huff, a sixth grader, and Dominic Bailey, a seventh grader.



Junior High paraprofessionals Kami Karel, left, and Peggy Szelkowski dressed up for the occasion.



The emcees for the event were these two teachers: Chuck Staky, left, and Bill David.



Attempting to draw a picture while blindfolded was eighth grader Avery Copeland.



Enjoying the festivities were these eighth graders. From left, front row, were Sibley Falconer, Eliana Caldwell, Cora Cuc; and back row, Dillon LaPorte, Dakota Cuc, Makaya Saunden, and Maria Murphy.



Winning prizes during one of the drawings were, from left, Ryder Lukasik, a seventh grader, Cailyn Cockerill, a sixth grader, and Jillian Franks, a sixth grader.



Livingston United Way’s ‘Matching Money Monday’ raises \$245,000

Donations to the Livingston County United Way on the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Matching Money Monday, raised a total of \$245,000, pending final audit process. Donations from area residents, students, sports clubs, small businesses and companies were

matched by big-hearted local sponsors, who made the day possible.

All proceeds raised through this event help struggling local families with nutritious food in local pantries, utility and shelter assistance, and keeping families from being evicted.

Gift-giving for “In Honor Of” or “In Memory Of”, or year-end tax-deductible donations can still be made by visiting [www.lcunitedway.org](http://www.lcunitedway.org) or calling 810-494-3000.



Michigan Senate Report

By Joe Hune, 22<sup>nd</sup> District

Be Data Aware

As society relies more on technology and as mobile phone adoption becomes more widespread, we are slowly learning the impact that these technologies and devices are having on us as humans, but also in the marketplace.

Considering that the modern smartphone is only about a decade old, the industry is still very much the wild, Wild West. Take, for example, what we use our phones for and the amount and detail of personal information and location data that is collected by our phones through social media, online stores and web browsers. Nowadays our most intimate of communication occurs on our phone.

A recent and, some might say, alarming expose from the ‘New York Times’ showcased just how easy it is for an entity to harvest information to track our movements and interests. Typically, that data is sold and used to serve us advertisements, but the probability of it being used nefariously is high.

I think that more needs to be done to protect individuals’ privacy and companies should be more forthright with consumers about what is being collected about them and why. Likewise, individuals need to be vigilant and make more informed decisions about what they are sharing and with whom.

In recent weeks, my staff has responded to more than one thousand emails from constituents and others who had at some point signed an online petition or volunteered their information to some issue advocacy group that was then sent to my office in the form of an email inquiry. Many responded back, wondering how we got their contact information or to say that we had previously responded to their inquiry. Most don’t realize when signing a petition where their info is going, who will be using it, or for what purpose — they don’t consider that their information had likely been shared or sold.

When it comes to contacting your legislators, I recommend that you do so directly. You are not a product to be sold; rather, you are the customer, and we are here to serve you and to be your advocates. If you have any questions or need more information on legislative issues, please contact my office toll-free at 855-JOE-HUNE or email my office at [SenJHune@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:SenJHune@senate.michigan.gov) and my staff will be happy to assist you.

Card of Thanks

The family of Richard (Dick) St. Charles wishes to thank everyone for their kindness and outpouring of support during our time of loss. We were in awe at the number of people that stopped by and we know Dad would have been touched to see so much love for him and his family. We’d like to thank Penny Herrmann of Herrmann Funeral Home for her hugs and making the details of a funeral so much easier on all of us, especially our mother. We also want to thank Butch and Peggy Ogden of the Fowlerville VFW Post, and all the nice people who volunteered their time to provide a nice dinner and military tribute to Dad. May God bless you all!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the St. Charles family



Steve, Lisa, Tarah and Dawn

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

“Thank you for your patronage during this past year. We appreciate your support.”



Steve Horton, Lisa Tomczyk, Tarah Wasilenski and Dawn Horton

PLEASE BE NOTIFIED THAT THE HANDY TOWNSHIP BOARD ON DECEMBER 17, 2018, AT THE HANDY TOWNSHIP HALL AT 135 N. GRAND AVENUE, FOWLERVILLE, MI 48836, HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE:

TOWNSHIP OF HANDY, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
ORDINANCE NO. 222

THE TOWNSHIP OF HANDY, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

PROHIBITION OF RECREATIONAL MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS  
ORDINANCE NO. 222

An ordinance to provide a title for the ordinance; to define words; to prohibit marihuana establishments within the boundaries of Handy Township pursuant to Initiated Law 1 of 2018, MCL 333.27951, *et seq.*, as may be amended; to provide penalties for violation of this ordinance; to provide for severability; to repeal all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith; and to provide an effective date.

SECTION I  
TITLE

This ordinance shall be known as, and may be cited as, the Handy Township Prohibition of Recreational Marihuana Establishments Ordinance.

SECTION II  
DEFINITIONS

Words used herein shall have the definitions as provided for in Initiated Law 1 of 2018, MCL 333.27951, *et seq.*, as may be amended.

SECTION III  
NO MARIHUANA ESTABLISMENTS

Handy Township hereby prohibits all marihuana establishments within the boundaries of the Township pursuant to Initiated Law 1 of 2018, MCL 333.27951, *et seq.*, as may be amended.

SECTION IV  
VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

- Any person who disobeys neglects or refuses to comply with any provision of this ordinance or who causes, allows, or consents to any of the same shall be deemed to be responsible for the violation of this ordinance. A violation of this ordinance is deemed to be a nuisance per se.
- A violation of this ordinance is a municipal civil infraction, for which the fines shall not be less than \$100 nor more than \$500, in the discretion of the Court. The foregoing sanctions shall be in addition to the rights of the Township to proceed at law or equity with other appropriate and proper remedies. Additionally, the violator shall pay costs which may include all expenses, direct and indirect, which the Township incurs in connection with the municipal civil infraction.
- Each day during which any violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.
- In addition, the Township may seek injunctive relief against persons alleged to be in violation of this ordinance, and such other relief as may be provided by law.
- This ordinance shall be administered and enforced by the Ordinance Enforcement Officer of the Township or by such other person(s) as designated by the Township Board from time to time.

SECTION V  
SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any clause, sentence, word, section or provision is hereafter declared void or unenforceable for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect the remainder of such ordinance which shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION VI  
REPEAL

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION VII  
EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after publication.

The Handy Township Prohibition of Recreational Marihuana Establishments Ordinance No. 222 was adopted by the Handy Township Board on December 17, 2018 and shall have an effective date of thirty days after publication.

The Handy Township Prohibition of Recreational Marihuana Establishments Ordinance No. 222, can be purchased, examined, or inspected at the Handy Township Hall, 135 N. Grand Avenue, Fowlerville, MI 48836 on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Laura A. Eisele, Township Clerk  
(12-23-18 FNV)



## Caleb Jenkins Column



### The Most Wonderful Time

Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year, at least according to Andy Williams. Being a lifelong Michigander, I might argue that our precious couple months of summer is the most wonderful time of the year, but I'll acquiesce for the purpose of being felicitous and good-humored in honor of the season. Christmas is indeed a beautiful time of celebrations with family, reunions with good friends, and edifying reflection. While it may be chilly outside, the landscape still takes on that special and beautiful glow of freshly fallen snow, and everything gains an extra layer of calm and tranquility. Subconsciously, we seem to realize we are nearing the end of the year, and we become thoughtful as we ponder the previous year and consider what is to come.

With the last few weeks coming to a close and the atmosphere heavy with serenity, we usually are lulled into a state of apathy as the Christmas season unfolds and we head toward the dawn of New Year's. In some ways, that can be a great thing. You've worked hard over the past twelve months, and Christmas gives you an opportunity to slow down for a few minutes and recover from the stress and busy tempo of life. In that respect, the casual apathy is very beneficial. Everyone needs a break at some point. I love the structure of our holidays and how we naturally take more time to relax, recover, and catch up with family and friends at the close of the year before setting forth anew in the next.

Sometimes, though, it can be more of a strain than a blessing. The peaceful scenes and holiday commotions can actually place a burden on some. I think this can be due to many different reasons. The causes are as varied as the people themselves. Sometimes, it's due to a genuine preference for the natural busy-ness of life. The sudden transition society experiences around Christmas can be jarring and frustrating. Or perhaps it is because of an emotional challenge or some form of grief or loneliness. While most enjoy Christmas for its fellowship and reunions, there are many who cannot celebrate the season with their loved ones due to loss or separation. It seems counter-intuitive to most, but maybe scenes of the season actually cause grief for them.

If you are part of this latter group and are struggling to get through these couple of weeks, then I encourage you to hang in there. Don't fall into the apathy. Find things to keep yourself busy. If the path gets too difficult, then reach out to those around you for help and encouragement. They can keep you distracted and focused on the year ahead. There is always a lot of hope on the horizon.

However you view it, I sincerely wish you ALL a very blessed and joy-filled Christmas. Whether we have met in

person or not, your friendship and support through these articles mean the world to me, and it helps make my Christmas joyful. God bless you all.

### GED & Pathways Adult Education Workshop being offered on Jan. 8

A new year should mean some new goals for yourself. Make completing your high school education a priority in 2019. Pathways Adult Education helps people complete their high school diploma or GED. Your first step in completing your goal is to attend a workshop that will tell about the GED and where to study for it. The workshop will also share information about the Pathways Adult Education program and how to enroll.

The next workshop will be Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 9:30 am. It should last about an hour. It is in room 1421 of the Curwood Building on the main campus of Baker College, on the second floor. It's easiest to park in the

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Tip-ups are a perfect technique to use for the entire ice fishing season in Michigan. This method allows anglers to sit back and relax, yet still experience the thrill of the catch!

Early in the season stick by shallow structures where species like northern pike and walleye will congregate. Try a variety of depths to figure out where they're targeting exactly. However, if you are walleye fishing, the minnow should be hung 12 to 15 inches off the bottom. For pike the minnow should be hung three to seven feet off the bottom or just above the top of any vertical aquatic plants. The minnows should be hung in these positions for walleye and pike regardless of the over water depth.

Tip-ups become even more productive later in the season as less-aggressive fish are drawn to your presentation.

For more information on fishing during Michigan's winter, visit [Michigan.gov/fishing](http://Michigan.gov/fishing).



**Fowlerville wrestlers take 3rd place  
to start tournament season**

By Dan Coon,  
Head Wrestling Coach

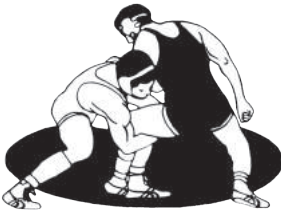
Fowlerville High's Wrestlers opened the tournament season on Dec. 8 with a third-place finish at a tough six-team tournament at Trenton. The team battled tough all day. To a novice wrestling observer, some of the scores look like a football blowout or a basketball one-sided contest, but to wrestling veteran a score of 30 to 42 is a one match swing. Each individual steps to the mat with the possibility of scoring 6 points for the team. If we get pinned rather than get the pin for us that is 12-point difference in team score

If we get lucky and catch 2 guys sleeping for them and we should have been pinned, that is a 24-point swing. With that in mind now, taking the two meets we lost, Trenton and Fordson, they were both decided by less then two matches. It was a great day overall

Fowlerville 30 vs Trenton 44  
Fowlerville 42 vs Annapolis 40  
Fowlerville 24 vs Fordson 41  
Fowlerville 58 vs Monroe 15  
Fowlerville 72 vs Divine Child 6

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112 Hannah Arledge Teran. 4-1  
119 Jim Buurma 3-2  
125 Houston Hough  
130 Deagun Gonzalez 3-1 Wyatt Daniel 3-1  
135 Brendon Bickley 3-0  
140 Ashton Philburn 5-0  
145 Jake Stahly 2-3  
152 Nathan Gendron 2-3  
160 Chris Watiker. 1-4  
171 Tom Salois 4-0  
189 JT Maybee 2-3  
215 Zach Reske 3-2  
285. Graden Waters 1-4

**JUNIOR VARSITY**  
125 Clayton Minock 2-1 2nd  
135 Jonathan Davis 2-1.2nd  
171 Noah Salois 4-1 2nd  
189 Zach Davis 3-0 1st  
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From left are Secretary Dawn Horton, Vice President Rick Hill, President Rich Ralston, and Treasurer Paul Harmon.



**Fowlerville Dawn Patrol**

Among the volunteers helping prepare and serve breakfast were, from left, Greg Hillier (co-chair of Dawn Patrol), Rick Hill, Chuck Hill, Matt Martin, Kathy McConnell, and Mike Godfredson.

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**Rotary Athletic Scholarship Winners**

From left, Rick Hill (presenter), Ollie Updike, Mitchell Bishop, and Dawn Horton (presenter).



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The Fowlerville High School Interact Club took part in holiday window decorating. Shown here are freshmen Abby Thomas and Emma Browne.

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**Fowlerville Rotary hosts Farmers Day, Veterans Day and Seniors Day Annual Programs**



Front row, from left, State Rep. Hank Vaupel, Chuck Hill, Bob Bement, Si Bement, Wayne Bowers, Levi Vogt, Myron Bartig; back row, Bob Nash, Jack Ketchum, Joe Givens, Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Stephanie Randolph, Butch Ogden, Jack Epley, John Drake, and Tom Oliver.



Front row, from left, Norm Allison, Harold Browning, Dick Hutchins, Bill Klender, Harold Allmendinger, Dick Peckens; back row, Roger Cahaney, Steven Sheldon, Ralph Martin, Ed Haller, Carol Kuch, and Phil Tatus.









In front, left to right: Fred Dillingham, Sam Champagne, Dawn Horton, Lana Theis, Dave Hune, Kim Hune, Senator Joe Hune, Marcia Hune, Hank Vaupel, Theresa Grace, Amy Shaw & Cindy Denby. Back row, left to right: Scott Kempa & Anthony Camarda.



State Sen. Joe Hune, R-Fowlerville, is shown here giving his farewell address from the floor of the Michigan Senate on Thursday, Dec. 13. Hune, who is term limited, will be leaving office at the end of the year.

## Joe Hune gives farewell speech from Michigan Senate floor

Joe Hune gave his farewell speech from the Michigan Senate floor on Thursday, Dec. 13. Hune, like a number of other legislators, is leaving his office at the end of the month due to term limits.

Hune, who grew up in Fowlerville, lives south of town (in the Gregory area) with his wife and young son. He served three two-year terms in the state House and is finishing his second four-year term in the Michigan Senate.

The Republican lawmaker, in his speech, recounted his time in the Legislature and thanked family, colleagues and his constituents in Livingston, Shiawassee, Washtenaw and Ingham counties. As a representative and then senator, his district has included at one time or the other parts of the latter three counties.

“Let me get the emotional stuff outta the way first,” Hune began. “In addition to the good Lord above, who better to have by my side during life in public service, but Marcia Hune. You all know her, you all love her, and you all wonder why she chose me. Well, I do too.”

After telling how he met his wife, Hune said, “Love you Marcia and, of course, our three-year-old son, Alex. My folks (Dave and Kim Hune) have also been my biggest advocates and defenders, and I love them for that also. In the Hune Family, the election efforts are a family affair.”

Hune then recalled how he began working at the capital as an employee 20 years ago “fresh off the farm and not even knowing how to tie a tie.”

“It was 1998,” he noted. “I was going to college and wanted to be chicken farmer. Then I applied to be a page for the House of Representatives and when I received the phone call from the House HR Department that I was hired, they said I had to report the following Monday to Chief Sergeant at Arms, Jack Porn.

“I said can you please repeat that name,” he continued, “and the HR Department said Jack Porn, and to make sure I hear it correctly, I said ‘can you spell that name?’ Jack Porn turned out to be an incredible boss, and he introduced me to the Clerk of the House, Gary Randall, who is to this day one of my closest friends and mentors.”

Hune said that he eventually went to work for Randall and it was Randall who “talked me into running for the State House

at 21 years old.”

In what is still a legendary outcome, Hune appeared to have lost the Republican Primary in 2002 by a vote. After a recount, however, Hune (now 22 years old) ended up winning with two votes. He went on to win the General Election.

After talking briefly about that first election, Hune acknowledged, and thanked, the different staff members who served with him while he was in the House and then the Senate. They included former State Rep. Cindy Denby, Stacey Murray, Scott Kempa, Sam Champagne, Anthony Camarda, Theresa Grace, Amy Shaw, and Troy Tuggle.

“Thank you all for your partnership,” he said.

Hune also thanked Dr. Hank Vaupel, who now serves in the State House, pointing out “Dr. Vaupel is another person that believed in me and helped me get through each election.

“I also need to mention my friends, Steve and Dawn Horton, who own the ‘Fowlerville News & Views’—our hometown newspaper,” Hune said. “You are family, and I appreciate all that they do for our hometown of Fowlerville.

“Over the years we have tackled a ton of issues,” Hune said. “The one I am most proud of was a bill that I had in the State House that I worked on with the Gift of Life organ donation organization and John Gleason.”

Hune explained that “the bill coordinated the organ donation process and forced local medical examiners to perform their autopsies in a manner that would protect the viability of organs and ultimately save lives.”

“The bill made it all the way through the process and was on Governor (Jennifer) Granholm’s desk,” he continued. “I was in my office in the House, and John Gleason barged in to tell me that we needed to get the Governor to sign the bill because an infant had just died from SIDS, and the medical examiner in Saginaw County wanted to perform the autopsy to go on his golf vacation for the weekend, ultimately destroying the organs.

“The Governor signed the bill within a few minutes, and Gift of Life was able to show the medical examiner the new law, like an episode of *ER*,” Hune pointed out. “Part of the baby’s GI Tract was transplanted into another child. The baby’s kidneys were transplanted into an adult and functioned as one kidney. We were able to re-name the organ donation law after the child who passed. It is now called the Kyle Ray Horning Law.”

Hune then talked of different legislators, current and former, as well as lobbyists, that he’s worked with and regards as friends—listing several of them by name and offering anecdotes or humorous comments.

He also pointed out that the friendships include people on both sides of the aisle.

“The interesting thing about the public’s perception of this town is that the public thinks that we all come to town and hate each other and nothing can be further from the truth,” Hune said. “Despite being a strong conservative, I have always befriended the Democrat Leader.”

He noted that these Legislative Leaders over the years included Diane Byran and Governor-Elect (Gretchen) Whitmer “who I shared Ingham County with” and the current Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich.

He also thanked the Senate Republican Leadership, including the current Majority Leader, Arlan Meekhof, and the incoming Leader, Dave Shirkey.

Hune finished his speech with a “thank you to the people of Livingston, Ingham, Shiawassee, and Washtenaw Counties for your trust in me,” adding “It’s been a great ride!”



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Monday, December 17, 2018**

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, Roddy and Munsell. Absent: None. Also present: Twp. Att. Kehoe and Dave Richardson. 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 presented
- To approve the regular meeting minutes of 11-19-18 as presented
- To approve the special meeting minutes of 12-12-18 as presented
- To approve the bills in the amount of \$81,328.93
- To adopt Ordinance #222 - Prohibition of Marijuana Establishments
- To reappoint Planning Commission members Redinger and Towns
- To reappoint ZBA members Newton, Herndon and Couling
- To reappoint BOR members Elliott, Wisuri and Brady
- To accept summer tax collection agreement for L.E.S.A.
- To schedule a special Twp. Board mtg. for January 2, 2019 at the WWTP at 9:30 a.m.
- To adjourn meeting at 8:12 P.M.

Laura A. Eisele  
Handy Township Clerk  
(12-23-18 FNV)





# Steve Horton Column

## Remembering a Heartfelt Message

I started working as a reporter with the *Livingston County Press* and its sister publication, *The Fowlerville Review*, in late May of 1976. The publisher of those weeklies, and several others around Michigan, was Richard ‘Dick’ Milliman. Mr. Milliman passed way in March of 2016 at the age of 89. Early on he had worked as a reporter at different newspapers, eventually covering state government for the *Lansing State Journal*. He then served as a press secretary for Gov. George Romney, and still later became a newspaper publisher. Over the course of 35 years, at one time or the other he owned weeklies and dailies in 27 different communities.

Along with operating the business, Dick wrote a column that he called the ‘Almanack’—a play on his first name and Benjamin Franklin’s famous ‘Poor Richard’s Almanack’.

One of the traditions practiced by many newspaper columnists over the years has been to offer a heartfelt message at Christmastime. During my 40-plus years as a journalist, I’ve attempted a few of these myself. However, on my first Christmas as a reporter, I wrote a column entitled “It’s time to settle on a contract.” This was in reference to the stalemate that had occurred in contract talks between the Fowlerville Board of Education and the teachers.

In urging a settlement, I wrote: “Nearly four months have passed since problems concerning the talks first surfaced. The bargaining itself has been going on since June.

“The story’s basic substance has changed little during that length of time,” I continued, adding a bit later, “The teachers have lowered several of their requests, along with dropping others. The school board, however, still feels that many of their proposals are too costly to accept.

“After seven months, the paramount question becomes ‘who is responsible for the continuing stalemate?’” I asked.

Wishing to be perceived as even-handed, I found blame on both sides as well as merit in their respective positions. I also offered a couple of recommendations.

Without researching the matter, I can’t say how much time passed before the contract was finally settled. However, I doubt that I had much influence with either side in hastening a resolution, given that I was all of 25 and had only been reporting for about seven months.

To say I lacked gravitas in the matter would be an understatement. Most of the school board members were of my parents’ generation, so I had little pull with them. The teachers, while closer to my age, saw me more as a means of conveying their position to the public than being overawed by my counsel.

That said, re-reading the commentary all these years later,

I think I did a pretty good job. The column appeared at the top of the opinon page of *The Review* in the Wednesday, December 22, 1976 edition. Newsworthy to be sure, but hardly a heartfelt message. That task was more than ably handled by Dick Milliman whose ‘Almanack’ appeared below my article. He called his piece “One solitary life..” I’ve taken the liberty of re-printing it—a holiday gift to the paper’s readers. The news comes and goes, our accompanying passions ebb and flow, but Dick Milliman (with his column) offers a message that’s more enduring, more timeless. They are indeed “words to live by.”



# Almanack By Richard Milliman

Richard Milliman, who passed away in 2016, published this column in December of 1976.

## One solitary life...

Here is a young man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was 30, and then for three years he was an itinerant preacher.

He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put His foot inside a big city. He never traveled 200 miles from the place where He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself.

While He was still a young man, the tide of public opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth, and that was His coat.

When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure of the human race and the leader of the column of progress.

I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever sailed, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as has that one solitary life.

Of course, I didn’t write that article; I only repeat it from the original and unknown author. But it seems to me that in a relatively few lines, the story of “One Solitary Life” helps us to add perspective to our activities, especially as we enjoy the holiday season each year.

What we each seek is happiness, each in his own form, and happiness comes in many guises. As long as I’m quoting, let me endorse the formula of Ralph Waldo Emerson:

“A Happy Life is to laugh often and to love much...to win the respect of intelligent persons and the affection of children...to earn the approbation of honest critics and to endure the betrayal of friends...to appreciate beauty...to find the best in everything...to give one’s self...to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition...to have played and laughed with enthusiasm and to have sung with exaltation...to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived...”

Yes, we need a credo, a purpose, a plan to our living. We need principles, truth, faith. We need prayer.

One of the most beautiful and touching prayers is the familiar prayer of St. Francis:

“Lord make me an instrument of your peace...where there is hatred, let me sow love...where there is injury, pardon...where there is doubt, faith...where there is despair, hope...where there is darkness, light...and where there is sadness, joy.

“Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console...to be understood as to understand...to be loved as to love...for it is in giving that we receive...it is in pardoning that we are pardoned...and in dying that we are born to eternal life.”

Truly, words to live by. To all of you, a blessed and joyous holiday season from the Almanack.



# Livingston County Comments

By: Doug Helzerman, District 4 Commissioner

The County Board of Commissioners has adopted a balanced budget for 2019. This balancing of the budget is very important for the future sustainability of all of the services necessary and legally required for the smooth operation of county government. Creating the budget is a year-long process of cooperation and compromise by all elected officials, department heads, and county administrators to arrive at a spending level that is completely adequate and yet frugal. We are fortunate to have a group of people that work together amicably to attain the best good for the whole

At last Monday’s board meeting, there was a lengthy ‘call to the public’ mostly centering around the appointment of people to serve on the five-member Veteran’s Services Committee for four year terms. Hansel Keene’s long and distinguished service for veterans was honored. Many stood to testify to his character and lifetime of service to veterans’ causes. He was presented a plaque by Joe Riker as a token of appreciation. Hansel had, several days before, withdrawn his name from consideration for reappointment to serve on the committee--- partly for the controversy surrounding his mishandling of a \$400 donation (which he had used to buy a plaque to honor the veterans serving at the sheriff’s department).

Hansel has refunded this money to the donor and proper receipts have been issued by the county for the other items that were given by the same donor. Subsequent state police investigations and review by the prosecutor has found no criminal activity or pattern of misbehavior. The board appointed Commissioner Bob Bezote to replace Hansel. This will give our board more direct oversight to this Veterans’ Services Committee and help to navigate the potentially troubled waters in the committee’s future. Joe Riker was also reappointed to his first full four-year term.

The board also approved a significant raise to the fees paid to lawyers handling what is called “indigent defense” for those who cannot afford legal counsel. This is a stop-gap measure bridging the transition to new state regulations that require more specific standards for delivering this constitutionally-required service. The increased price tag for these new standards is to be reimbursed (at least in the short term) by the state.

Christmas is coming quickly. I want to wish a Merry Christmas time to all. The birth of One so long ago, who was miraculously conceived before his earthly parents were married, endured that cultural shame. In his life he spoke words that still ring true today. His light exposed the hypocrisies of those with religious, educational, and political leadership who eventually killed him. His resurrection gave a reality to his teachings that has given hope to millions. His words, without swords, won the hearts and minds of the European peoples. The influence of Jesus is arguably a key ingredient to our present form of government and the freedoms that we still enjoy 2018 years later.

To close the door to Jesus and His words is to open the door to a style of government like the Soviet Union and Communist China who, after they removed Christianity from the public square, proceeded to imprison and kill millions of its own citizens.

May our country have many more Merry Christmases with continued freedom.

I appreciate your input. 517-540-8717---dhelzerman@livgov.com

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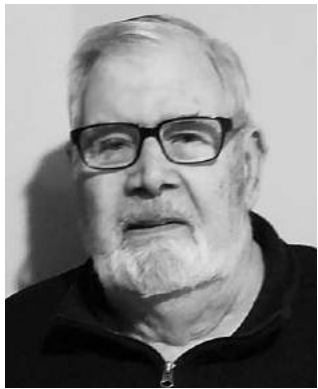


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## Want to help Michigan’s poor and middle class? Scrap the gas tax

Opinion by Al Churchill

The fact that taxes are the price we pay for a civil society notwithstanding, most of us flinch when the tax-man cometh. Good schools, police and fire protection, a corrections system, adequate public infrastructure and many other good things done with public money do not mitigate the resentment engendered by an unfair state tax code that gives advantage to the very well-to-do, never mind Michigan’s middle class and disadvantaged folks’ tax burden.

In Michigan, the federal gasoline tax is 18 cents per gallon while the state levies an additional 44 cents per gallon, a grand total of 62 cents per gallon. Altogether, that amounts to a 27 percent tax on a gas price of \$2.25.

According to the Tax Foundation, Michigan levies the sixth-highest gas tax rate in the nation.

But then, gasoline is no longer a luxury. It is a costly necessity because people do not, generally, live close to where they want to go. They do not walk to work; they drive. School districts spend enormous amounts of money on buses and gasoline because children live far from schools.

Children require transportation to sporting events, libraries and other after-school activities. Shopping and entertainment opportunities are often present only beyond walking distance. We no longer live in small, self-sufficient communities where our friends and life’s amenities are close by. Modern existence is dependent upon energy and gasoline. Like food, gasoline is essential to survival. Like food, gasoline should be free of all forms of taxation.

Michigan’s gasoline tax is regressive in that low- and middle-income taxpayers pay a higher portion of their income for both the gas tax and Michigan’s sales tax than high-wealth taxpayers. At a time when the price of gasoline has been near \$2.25 a gallon and the overall tax system is burdensome and regressive, this reality is intolerable.

Let’s provide context.

Today, fewer and fewer are pocketing a larger and larger share of the nation’s wealth. Edward N. Wolff, in his book, *“A Century of Wealth in America,”* notes that the top 1 percent in this country are in possession of 40 percent of the entire amount of wealth in the country. The top 20 percent own 90 percent of “stuff” in America. That leaves 10 percent for the bottom 80 percent.

According to researchers at the Federal Reserve, the top 10 percent of working age households were the only ones who, when adjusted for inflation, were richer on average in 2016 than they were in 2007. Everyone else was somewhere between 17 percent to 35 percent poorer. That’s most of us in Michigan.

There is no credible economic theory in existence that justifies such a level of economic inequality.

Indeed, the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy finds the Michigan tax code to be a matter of “soak the poor and middle class, spare the wealthy.” According to ITEP, the total Michigan tax rate on the top 1 percent, with average income of \$1,164,700, is 5.1 percent. This includes all Michigan taxes.

The lowest 20 percent pays 9.2 percent rate. Not all that long ago, Michigan was one of the 10 most regressive tax systems in the country, according to ITEP.

The total tax package reduces the standard of living of those taxed the most. Low income families spend most of their income just to attain a minimum level of physical and mental comfort. Even middle income families spend most of their earnings to maintain a reasonable standard of living with, perhaps, a couple weeks of vacation thrown in.

A tax on these groups can directly diminish their quality of life. Unlike low- and middle-income families, the quality of life for very wealthy folks is minimally impacted by a higher level of taxation.

Few would call a tax code fair if middle class and low-income citizens paid a higher portion of their income than the wealthier among us. Yet, that is exactly what we do in Michigan. Clearly, discretionary income has been shifting dramatically upward and away from America’s middle class. That reality ought to be integrated into the tax code. Bottom line is that we need to eliminate the gasoline tax, the flat rate income tax, the sales and excise tax and any other taxes that burden middle class and low income citizens more than the wealthy.

On the other hand, a fair tax system maintains that citizen contributions to government services be based on ability to pay. The level of taxation that taxpayers experience should depend upon what they can afford, not necessarily what they earn. A progressive income tax, like a consumption tax on luxuries, is not only fairer, it’s immensely more logical.

*Al Churchill is a Ford UAW retiree and lives in Livonia. This column appeared in Bridge Magazine, an online publication.*



## Seeking some outdoors relief from the holiday rush

By John Pepin

Michigan Department of Natural Resources

*“Where the great big river meets the little river, follow the drinking gourd.” – Traditional*

With the dizzying blur of holiday rush around my head, I stepped out into the cold snow off the edge of the frozen steps. Icy winds wrapped tightly around me, trying to find their way down through the threads of my wool jacket and flannel to the bones beneath my skin.

However, I pressed on, looking for silence, sense and reflection.

Often, when things get too loud, hard to understand or cluttered, the sights, sounds and feel of the natural world have a way of talking softly to me, deep inside, bringing comfort and helping me sort things through to find quiet moments of recharge and resolve.

On this night, I had a dragging case of holiday humbug bringing me down as I trudged through the snow, which covered my boots up past the bottom of my blue jeans. The night is so black in December, it often seems so much later than it really is.

This wasn’t a typical walk for me. I wasn’t out in a great natural setting, necessarily. This was more of a desperation move to get out, get anywhere, get a walk around the neighborhood.

The night didn’t offer up much to hear other than the persistent howl of the wind and the sporadic passing of cars, which moved by in a rumble, quickly on their way. The loud yacking of the gulls, which is often heard at night all the way up from the lakeshore, was gone.

From one yard, the tinkling of wind chimes came to my ears from beyond a garden fence, the sound edging its way in between spaces in the wind.

The dark trees stretched their long boney fingers out toward the sky, where the big dipper was tipping low again. I had seen it from the window of an airplane a week or so ago.

Seeing the constellation reminded me how the dipper is called “the plow” in England and how a peg-legged sailor during the Civil War instructed slaves to traverse the Underground Railroad to freedom.

He taught them a song called “Follow the Drinking Gourd,” which meant follow the big dipper, with its front edge pointing to the north star.

Not far down the block, I came upon a sign posted at the front of a big house, which was decked out in pretty, blue holiday lights, with at least two wreaths hanging near the overhanging eaves of the roof.

The sign, written in three languages, read: “No matter where you are from, we’re glad you’re our neighbor.”

I followed the sidewalk, down a steep hill toward the lake, where you could see out past a fence, over the water a long way. Any chance the wind had of reaching my bones seemed slight now – with with the movement of my walk – I was warm all over.

After a couple turns, I was the closest I had been to the lakeshore. Here, the mighty roar of crashing waves joined the scream of the winds. Together, they drowned the sound of silence.

As I headed on, I noticed the holiday lights adorning most

every home. Some decorators preferred white lights only, some red or blue only, not as many Santa or reindeer figurines as I might have expected.

I found myself in front of one house I’d seen several times on my lakeshore drives. At night, the holiday lights hung in a fruit tree in the backyard made a colorful, whirling display. However, the showpiece attraction, though smaller, was on the house itself – red, green, orange and blue lights marked out a peace sign.

**As is generally the case when I walk**, the spirit moving inside me brings a song to my heart and mind – a selection made on the big cosmic jukebox. I am often humored, dumbstruck or fascinated with the tunes that pop from nowhere into my mind in these moments.

Tonight, the song selected went way back to 1854 and the pen of Stephen Foster. I was familiar with modern versions by Mavis Staples and Bob Dylan.

The melody first coursed through my body, followed by the lyric.

*Let us pause in life’s pleasures and count its many tears  
While we all sup sorrow with the poor  
There’s a song that will linger forever in our ears  
Oh, hard times come again no more  
Tis the song, the sigh of the weary  
Hard times, hard times, come again no more  
Many days you have lingered around my cabin door  
Oh, hard times come again no more*

Foster, who had written many well-known tunes, is said to have written his melody No. 28, more often known as “Hard Times (Come Again No More),” after reading “Hard Times” by Charles Dickens.

The song continued as I pushed through the snow back up the big hill.

*While we seek mirth and beauty and music light and gay  
There are frail forms fainting at the door  
Though their voices are silent, their pleading looks will say  
Oh, hard times come again no more  
‘Tis the song, the sigh of the weary  
Hard times, hard times, come again no more  
Many days you have lingered around my cabin door  
Oh, hard times come again no more  
There’s a pale drooping maiden who foils her life away  
With a worn-out heart, whose better days are o’er  
Though her voice it would be merry, ‘tis sighing all the day  
Oh, hard times, come again no more.*

A decade after Foster wrote his “Hard Times,” the famous songwriter died an alcoholic at age 37. In his last days, he is said to have sung the song often.

An article in *The Guardian* said, “The attending nurses at the Bellevue Hospital opened his worn leather wallet to discover his fortune: 38 cents and a scrap of paper that read ‘Dear friends and gentle hearts.’”

Stepping past a tall stone wall, I wondered what Foster would think to know that more than 160 years after he wrote his song, people would still remember.

Kicking the snow off my boot heels on the concrete steps, I looked out of the wind and took a big deep breath of cold air and held it. Letting it out, I sensed that the boa constrictor of holiday stress I’d felt earlier had loosened its grip. I felt a little better now.

Inside the door, I looked for the wooden peg to hang up my coat. The soft lights burned warmly, illuminating the room, welcoming my shadow back home.



**Williamston Eagles offering live country music on New Year’s Eve**

Williamston Eagles Club will be ringing in the new year with live country music from the Potts Road Band. A light dinner of smoked brisket or pulled pork sandwich with slaw and chips will be available for purchase from 6 pm until gone. (Kitchen closes at 9 pm so volunteers can enjoy the night.) Table snacks provided, also a champagne toast and balloon drop at midnight.

Potts Road plays a great selection of modern country music and is sure to please everyone! Gift basket raffles, card board game, Jello Shots, and fun! The New Year’s Eve party is open to the public with no cover charge. Doors open at 3 pm. Band takes the stage from 8:30 until 12:30 am. Club is located at 835 High Street. Call the club after 3 pm at 517-655-6510 for more info.

**Crossroads United Methodist Church to offer Christmas Eve ceremonies**

You may celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ at candlelight Christmas Eve ceremonies on Monday, December 24, at Crossroads United Methodist Church.

The service begins at 6 p.m. at the church, corner of Haslett and Zimmer roads east of Haslett and north of Williamston. Pastor Marty Johnston will lead readings and music that will end with the singing of “Silent Night” by candlelight. Coffee and cookies will be served following the service.

For details, please call the church at 517/655-1466, email at [office.umccrossroads@gmail.com](mailto:office.umccrossroads@gmail.com), or find the church on Facebook.

**Webberville Girls Varsity Basketball Team falls short in game with Morrice**

The Webberville Girls Varsity Basketball Team fell short in their recent game against rival Morrice High School, losing 54-29. Senior Reagan Tyler led the way for the Spartans with 9 points and 10 rebounds. Senior Carli Ross also contributed 6 points and 9 rebounds for the Lady Spartans.



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Webberville Report



**Webberville FFA picks up the tab for the Ronald McDonald House**

By Katarina Haynes

Maddie Stow, Gracelyn Hull, Maci Kubiak, Alaia Driver, and Ethan Stiffler are shown here bringing in pop can tabs to the 2018 State FFA Convention. The local chapter collected 115-lbs and placed third in the State competition. All the tabs that FFA collects go to the Ronald McDonald House. Webberville FFA is collecting again this year and asks others in the community to help. Community members who would like to turn in aluminum can tabs may drop them off at the Webberville High School or Elementary School offices. Let’s pull together and help out the Ronald McDonald House!



Journalism staff members Katarina Haynes, Skylar Byrne, and Bailey Jenson participate in card decorating for Operation Christmas Cheer. The staff make sure over 1,000 cards are ready to be given out to people in our community.

**Webberville students take part in another Operation Christmas Cheer**

By Alyssa McGalliard

Webberville Middle and High School has had another successful year with Operation Christmas Cheer. Each year the school has cards donated for the 6th through 12th grade students at Webberville to decorate. The Journalism Staff and FFA, along with the advisor Colleen Scott Keiser, are the biggest reason why this service is successful each year.

“Operation Christmas Cheer brings joy to everyone in our community,” said senior Camden Jackson. “It’s enjoyable for everyone who is involved.”

This year, Webberville Community Schools was able to decorate over 1,000 Christmas cards to deliver around the community. The journalism staff is thankful for the Woman’s Advance Club for donating 1,078 cards to Webberville Schools for Operation Christmas Cheer. The students and faculty appreciate everyone’s support in donating cards and helping this service, allowing it to keep moving forward.

“I am thankful for Woman’s Advance Club for donating these cards,” said journalism member Julia Larue. “They made Operation Christmas Cheer possible. Without them, we wouldn’t have had enough cards.”

Thanks to the students and faculty at Webberville Community Schools, every card was decorated that was donated to us. The Journalism Staff is thankful for all the participation in our community to make this possible.

“Operation Christmas Cheer is a great opportunity to serve the community and spread Christmas spirit” said Journalism and FFA member Skylar Byrne.



**Senior Spotlight—Leah Nichols**

By Stella Wilder

“A gifted artist who is relentless when it comes to self-improvement,” said band director Gary Franks about this week’s feature senior, Leah Nichols. Nichols has attended Webberville since kindergarten and after 7 years of band, 5 years of track, 2 years of National Honor Society and cheer and one year in cross country; anyone around her can tell that Nichols strives for greatness, working hard at everything she does.

“The thing I will miss most about Leah is seeing her accomplish more than she thought she could do,” said Cross Country and Track Coach Greg Glover. “She’s a very driven student who strives to do her best and take on challenges,”

Nichols is the daughter of Tom and Sarah Nichols with an older brother, Josh Nichols, who has already graduated.

“My family is built on a foundation of love and perseverance. We may not always be dealt the best hand in life, but we roll with the punches together,” Nichols said.

She describes her friends and fellow seniors as the most supportive she’s ever had. Nichols and fellow senior and friend Stevie Fordyce have known each other since kindergarten, but started to click in the beginning of 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

“Leah has helped me and is still helping me become more confident in life. She is the most outgoing friend I have,” said Fordyce. “She really influences me and helped make me who I am.”

Nichols believes that the best part of Webberville is the school spirit and band. She hopes to attend college at Grand Valley State University. She said that she is still unsure of what exactly she wants to go for, but knows that she wants to do something in the medical field.

As she looks forward to graduating and pursuing her future, Nichols leaves the underclassmen with this advice, “Have fun and don’t let drama get in the way of schoolwork.”

**Williamston Area Senior Center**

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DECEMBER 2018 EVENTS

**New Year Celebration** - Thursday, December 27, 2018. Bring in the new year with a toast at the Williamston Area Senior Center.

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**Enhance Fitness Class** on Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Class fee is \$2.00 a session if paid all at one time or \$3.00 drop in fee for each class. Enhance Fitness is an evidence-based fitness class designed to improve endurance, flexibility, strength and balance. The class contains an aerobic portion, strength exercise using ankle weights, flexibility and balance exercises. No pre-registration required. The Williamston Community Programming Office is located at 3939 Vanneter Rd. Williamston, MI.; telephone number 517-655-7510. (The Enhance Fitness Class benefits not only your health but also the Senior Center)

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

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**Tuesday Knitters Group** – meets from 1:15 pm to 3:00 pm.

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**On any December Wednesday** at the Senior Center join us for the following activities:

–EUCHRE – 9:30 am to 11:30 am.

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



# Fowlerville Junior High School News

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

No School-- Mon. Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>  
Half Day of School-Exams-- Thurs. Jan. 17 & Fri. Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>  
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**SPORTS FOR WEEK OF JAN. 2:**

Friday, Jan. 4: OPEN GYM-2:30-4:30; athletes trying out for winter sports are encouraged to attend; FJH gym. Bring clothes to work out. 7th & 8th girls' basketball candidates encouraged to attend.  
Wed.-Fri., 1/2-1/4: WRESTLING conditioning for grades 6-7-8 @ FHS gym. Wrestling information sheets available in the office if you missed seeing Coach Zube.  
Mon., 1/7: 7TH & 8TH GBB tryouts begin; 2:30-4:30 & 4:30-6:30 PHYSICALS REQUIRED TO TRY OUT/ PRACTICE. Note: FJH hopes to have sufficient numbers of girls to make 2 teams: please come out for GBB.  
6-7-8 WRESTLING PRACTICE begins; 2:30-4:15; FHS wrestling room; PHYSICALS REQUIRED TO PRACTICE  
Sat., 1/5: CCHEER @ Brighton Invite-9:00; bus-tba  
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**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL**

Both teams lost in Charlotte on Dec. 12th. The B team fought back from being down 16 to within 2 points by playing great defense but still lost in the end. Eric Miller, Joash Rowe and Mason Kirby each added 1 point, Connor Tochman added 3, Nick Petri and Alex Jonas each had 4 points, Tyler Hyden had 7 points and Jacob Chapman led the Gladiators with 8 points.  
The A team lost as well, Ben Winiarski had 2 points, Lucas Anderson had 3 points, Breylin Tschirhart and Jacob Yarbrough each had 4 points, Caleb Shermoe added 5 points and Brady Hanna led the Gladiators with 17 points.  
The boys sadly lost both games as they finished off their season on Dec.18th. They were defeated away in Ionia and in the last game of the season here at home against Howell St. Joseph. Some of the highlights from Ionia, the B team scoring was as follows: Luke Henry, Owen Browne and Mason Kirby each had 2 points, Alex Jonas led the scoring with 5 points and some nice rebounding. Ben Winiarski and Jacob Loveland each had 2 points, Caleb Shermoe and Jacob Yarbrough each had 3 points, Lucas Anderson added 4 points and Brady Hanna lead the scoring with 6 points.  
The boys played again last night and lost to Howell St. Joseph. The game consisted of a combined effort from both 8th grade teams. Breylin Tschirhart had 1 point, Mason Kirby and Lucas Anderson each had 2 points, Brady Hanna and Owen Browne each had 3 points, Caleb Shermoe added 7 points, Blake Nagafsky and Jacob Loveland each added 8 points each and Jacob Yarbrough led the Glads with 9 points. Thank you boys for an enjoyable season and have an enjoyable holiday,  
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JANUARY 17TH, 2019

There will be a Public Hearing during the regular Board meeting of the Iosco Township Board at 8:00 P.M., at the Iosco Township Hall, 2050 Bradley Rd., Webberville, MI 48892, on Thursday, January 17th, 2019. The purpose of the meeting will be to hear public comments on the proposed Iosco Township Recreation Plan for the years 2019-2023. The Board will also vote on whether or not the Plan will be approved, after the Public Hearing portion of the Meeting.

Dan Delmerico  
Township Clerk  
(12-23-18 FNV)



—Area Deaths—



**Richard (Dick) St. Charles**

Dick St. Charles of Byron, formerly of Fowlerville, was called to heaven on December 12, 2018. He was born on February 24, 1933 in Webberville, Michigan to Clara and Eli St. Charles. Dick loved to play any kind of cards, mostly poker, Carom, cook for all of us, hunt with his sons, fishing, and most of all spend time with his kids and grandkids, watching and cheering them as they played softball over the past thirty-five years.

He is preceded in death by his parents and ten brothers and sisters. He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Donna (Ackerman) and seven children: Renee (Fred) Koch, Ric (Cindy) St. Charles, Rob (Jenny) St. Charles, Rod (Sharon) St. Charles, Roxy (Wayne) Parkhurst, Shelley (Brian) Culbertson, and Ryan St. Charles, eighteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Also surviving him are brothers: Ronnie (Judy) St. Charles, Randy St. Charles and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held at Herrmann Funeral Home in Fowlerville, MI on Wednesday, December 19 with visitation from 2-4pm. In lieu of flowers or cards, we ask that you consider a donation to The Family Impact Center ([family-impactcenters.com](http://family-impactcenters.com)) in Fowlerville or Gleaners Community Food Bank ([gcfb.org](http://gcfb.org)).

**GriefShare seminar offered to the community starting in January**

Griefshare is a hope-filled support group for grieving adults designed to assist in healing and rebuilding your life after the loss of a loved one. Healing is generated by providing a safe place for you to share your grief story and to experience the relief of knowing that you are not alone.

Join our 13-week Griefshare seminar, which will be held on Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> – April 15<sup>th</sup>, from 10am to noon. The cost is \$15 for your workbook. Seminar will be held at Shepard Of The Lakes Lutheran Church, 2101 Hacker Rd., Brighton, in Room 200. For additional information, or questions, contact Judy Gamary at (248)231-0922.

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It is being offered only one morning on Monday, January 7, from 10am – noon. It will be held at Shepard Of The Lakes Lutheran Church, 2101 Hacker Rd., Brighton, in Room 200. For additional information, or questions, contact Judy Gamary at (248)231-0922.



**Sharon (Gunn) McOwen**

Sharon (Gunn) McOwen, age 74 of Fowlerville, Michigan, passed peacefully at home on December 16, 2018 following a long illness. She is survived by her husband of over 55 years Bob, son Terry (Andrea), daughter Denise "Jen" (Matt) Zielinski and grandchildren Hunter and Ashton Zielinski. She is preceded in death by her mother Erma E. Groll, absent father Allan Dale Gunn, and her mother's sister Edna (Henry R.) Davis.

Sharon grew up in Sylvania, Ohio and graduated from Sylvania High School in 1962; she continued her education at Owens Community College. She raised her family in Whitehouse, Ohio where she served as Member and later President of Council for over ten years before relocating to Fowlerville in 2002. She was also an instrumental member of AWACC which was created to prevent a large state prison from being built in Whitehouse. Her favorite activities included embroidery art, scout leader for both boys and girls, team bowling, square dancing, cake decorating and spoiling her many Pomeranian dogs.

She was a devoted and loving wife, outstanding mother and a terrific grandmother! Her compassion and wonderful smile touched so many people and will be greatly missed by all those that knew and loved her.

A memorial was held in her honor at Heart of the Shepherd Lutheran Church, 228 N. Burkhart Rd., Howell, on December 23rd at 1 pm.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Sharon's name to the American Diabetes Association or to the Alzheimer's Association. Please leave the family a condolence at [piherrmannfuneralhome.com](http://piherrmannfuneralhome.com). Arrangements by Herrmann Funeral Home of Fowlerville.

**Howell Eagles hosting New Year's Eve Party**

Howell Eagles will be hosting a New Year's Eve Party, no cover charge and open to the public, potluck, bring an appetizer dish if you wish, balloon drop and champagne toast at midnight, pizza at midnight and the one and only Pat Moore will be the DJ for the night. The Club is located on Schroeder Park Drive in Howell.

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## Area woman's father wrote book of poems, including one about Christmas

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Zach Reske, in his second year of wrestling, is simply amazing with his attitude and work ethic. He came out to dominate and got the team 6 points with a pin at 2:56.

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Fowlerville wrestlers finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in second team tournament of year

By Dan Coon,  
Head Wrestling Coach

The Fowlerville Wrestlers competed in their second team tournament of the year at Heritage High School on Dec. 15, and we finished 3<sup>rd</sup> again with 8 teams this time. Our first meet with Laingsburg was a grouping of all the extra wrestlers of all the teams because Laingsburg was called back on their travel to Saginaw because school administration thought the weather was too foggy to travel. Laingsburg loss, our gain, because our 6 extra guys received the mat time in that they had not expected.

This was an outing to bring out some new faces to their first Varsity starts of the year, or for the first time ever. Jordan Devota, Clayton Minock (enough Varsity action to get his Varsity letter with a couple more matches), Jonathen Davis, Jack Stahly (Varsity letter day), Devin Harvey (long lay off) and Austin Wilber. The new guys in the lineup made a difference on the day.

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- Fowlerville 52 vs Bullock Creek 29
- Fowlerville 30 vs Mt Pleasant. 46
- Fowlerville 24 vs Portland 53
- Fowlerville 48 vs Traverse City Central 32
- 103. Jordan Devota 2-1
- 112 Hannah Arledge Teran. 2-3
- 119 Jim Buurma 2-3
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Genesis House held an open house on Dec. 13 to celebrate it’s 25th Anniversary. Genesis House is a program of Livingston County Community Mental Health, and it serves men and women who are recovering from mental illness. The program began in Howell in 1993 and has been in Fowlerville since 1999. Within the Clubhouse, which is located on West Grand River in the Village, members and staff work side-by-side to complete the daily operations and run the program.

The Clubhouse also helps members to secure and maintain employment in the community through a variety of programs. They have served over 250 members since their inception, and over 100 members have worked in the Transitional Employment Program.

At the event, several members told their heartfelt recovery stories to the audience. There were nearly 100 guests who attended the open house during the evening.

“Genesis House is proud to be a vital part of this community,” said Mike Leahy, the program director, “and we are happy to say that we have found the Fowlerville community to be tremendously welcoming and supportive.

“Genesis House was also blessed to receive a

generous \$500 donation from the congregation of St. John’s Lutheran Church in Fowlerville,” Leahy added.

St. John’s Lutheran donated money that members had raised from the church’s annual Pig Roast, held in August, to three organizations. Each of them received \$500. One of the recipients was Genesis House, while the other two were the Lutheran Disaster Response and Second Chance Support Network.

Lutheran Disaster Response helps when earthquakes, fires, floods, hurricanes, tsunami’s, drought, and other natural disasters strike, while the Second Chance Support Network assists men and women released from jail or prison to grow in faith and integrate into their local community, including church.

“The members and staff of Genesis House were thrilled to receive such a generous donation, and the funds will be utilized to help members reintegrate into the community in a variety of ways,” said Leahy.



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From left were Laura Southwell of the Genesis House staff, Jason Ellis from St. John’s Lutheran Church, Mike Leahy, the Director of Genesis House, Mike Wall from St. John’s Lutheran Church, and Val Bougher from St. John’s Lutheran Church. Genesis House received \$500 from St. John’s at its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House.

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