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## Fowlerville Rotary holds Senior Citizens Day with over 100 in attendance

The Fowlerville Rotary held its annual Senior Citizens Day last Wednesday, March 14, at the First United Methodist Church with over 100 in attendance. In addition to a meal, guests were entertained by the Fowlerville High School Choir. Shown here is Mary Anne Crofoot greeting Jack Epley, left, and Ron Hartley. See page 10 for more photos of this event.



Norma Cole, one of the guests, and Steve MacDermaid, a Rotarian had a chance to visit prior to the meal.



Milly Lindeman is being served coffee by club member Police Chief John Tyler.

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# Upcoming Programs at the Fowlerville District Library

All Programs are intended for Fowlerville School District residents only unless otherwise stated.  
Registration usually opens 2 weeks prior to the event.  
Follow us on Facebook & [www.fowlervillelibrary.org](http://www.fowlervillelibrary.org).  
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## Winter Reading Program - March 1<sup>st</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>

All Ages are invited to celebrate March is Reading Month with the first-ever Winter Reading Program at the library! Simply stop in and get a reading log. Check in once a week for a small prize. \*Reading logs can be picked up starting March 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Battle of the Books Month of March

Teens 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. Read the books and then vote for your favorite during each week's battle. March begins on a Thursday, so weeks will run Thursday-Wednesday. Every voter will receive a prize for entering. Week 1: *Wonder* vs. *Goodbye Stranger*. Week 2: *Hoot* vs. *Fuzzy Mud*. Week 3: *Because of Mr. Terrupt* vs. *The Last Fifth Grade of Emerson Elementary*. Week 4: *The City of Ember* vs. *The Maze Runner*. \*One vote per voter per week please. Vote in person at the library.

## Garden Club: The Healing Power of Herbs - Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:30pm

Adults. This program is brought to you by local Master Gardeners of the Fowlerville Garden Club. Topics are subject to change. Group meets: March 22<sup>nd</sup>, April 19<sup>th</sup>, and May 17<sup>th</sup>. \*Register in person to attend all three sessions. Registration begins March 8<sup>th</sup>.

## Special Adult Event: Escape the Library! Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Adults. Stop Professor B. Adguy from going back in time and taking over the world! You and your team will solve puzzles, find clues, and discover the keys to save the world! You can register as a group of five OR be assigned to a group the night of the event. \*Register in person to attend. Registration begins March 15<sup>th</sup> and includes a refundable \$5 cash deposit.

## Framed Phrases - Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Adults. No experience required for this brand new hands-on workshop taught by your favorite local librarians! Create a stunning framed art piece to proudly display on your shelf or wall! \*Register in person to attend. Registration begins March 22<sup>nd</sup> and includes a refundable \$5 cash deposit.

## Reading with Spring Babies - Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30-6:30pm

Preschool-Adults. Welcome Carousel Acres to the Fowlerville District Library! Come to visit and snuggle with baby animals, share a story, and celebrate springtime at the library! \*Participation is limited. Register in person to attend. Registration begins March 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Beyond the Book: Murder on the Orient Express Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 4pm and 7pm

Adults. Sign-up to read the original mystery by Agatha Christie, then join us at the library for a special double feature event! We will start with a showing of the 1974 version of

the film beginning at 4pm. We will take a dinner break, pizza and beverages will be provided. And finally we will finish off the night with the 2017 version of the film beginning at our usual time 7pm, followed by discussion of the book and two movies! You are welcome to attend one or both of the films. \*Register in person to attend. Registration begins March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Free copies of the book will be given while supplies last to Fowlerville School District residents when you register.

## Paws for a Good Cause - Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 5-8pm

Teens 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. Join us after hours at the library for a small animal encounter provided by Carousel Acres! Snuggle with small and baby animals. Relax while we watch a fun animal movie and work on a tie blanket to be donated to

## Fowlerville Online Learning Academy raising funds for Senior Center project

Students of the Fowlerville Online Learning Academy (FOLA) are working on a special project to assist the Fowlerville Senior Center.

The Center, located at 203 N. Collins Street, is replacing doors at the two entrances to the building that are over 50 years old. The building was erected in 1949 to house elementary students.

The cost of the two doors is pegged at \$6,400 and is being covered by the Senior Center. The students want to raise an additional \$4,000 so that the main front entrance can be an electric handicapped door.

"Our goal is to raise this money by the end of March so the handicapped hardware can be installed at the same time that the new doors are installed," stated Grace Damerow, the principal of FOLA.

To that end, Damerow and the students recently sent a request to area businesses and individuals seeking donations. The suggested amounts were set at \$25, \$50, \$75, and \$100, although any contribution, including a donation above \$100, is welcome. Checks are payable to: Fowlerville Community Schools. The address is:

Grace Damerow  
Fowlerville Community Schools  
7677 Sharpe Rd., Fowlerville MI 48836

A donation, using a credit card, can also be made online. Got to: <http://tinyurl.com/FVLWindows>  
Any questions, call 517-223-6021

Up until two years ago, the school rented a room at the Center to house the Online Learning Academy. It is now located at the high school. During that time of close proximity, students interacted with seniors and even tutored some of them on how to use a computer. Two years ago, students were involved in a similar project to assist the Center with a building improvement. In that effort, approximately \$14,000 was raised to replace all of the windows.

the Livingston County Animal Shelter. Pizza and a beverage will be served. \*Registration is required and includes a 2017-2018 signed Program Permission Form. Registration begins March 30<sup>th</sup>. Register by April 11<sup>th</sup> to attend.



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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Kreeger Elementary

School News

March 23: YEARBOOK ORDERS DUE!  
March 26-30: SPRING RECESS-Have a relaxing and safe break.  
April 4: Spring Picture Day  
May 28: Memorial Day Recess-NO SCHOOL  
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LOST & FOUND  
Kreeger’s “Lost & Found” is OVERFLOWING! Is your child missing their coat, snow pants, sweatshirt, t-shirt, pants, socks, shoes, boots, hat, mittens, gloves and or scarf? Please take a minute to check when you stop in or during conferences.  
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KREEGER STUDENTS IN NEED  
We are in need of girl’s leggings and tops (sizes s-xl). If you can drop off used and clean items, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.  
\* \* \*

FOWLERVILLE SCHOOLS RECEIVE STATEWIDE 2018 EDUCATION EXCELLENCE AWARD  
Fowlerville Community Schools will receive a \$2,500 grant from the SET SEG Foundation in partnership with the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) at their 7 p.m. board meeting on March 13 at the Fowlerville High School Media Center. The district has been awarded a 2018 Education Excellence award for Kreeger Elementary’s program, Kreeger Popcorn Crew.  
The Kreeger Popcorn Crew has general and special education students working side-by-side in a full assembly line process, taking orders, filling boxes, counting money, and keeping an inventory of popcorn sold. Students then hand deliver the orders throughout the school. They currently fill more than 500 orders per month. The Kreeger Popcorn Crew program involves student from a variety of backgrounds and skill sets and builds work ethic and life skills through socialization and team building. Each crew member depends on the accuracy others, so they focus on quality control and communication. With the award money, larger popcorn machines will be purchased so the program can keep up with the demand.


“It’s an honor for us to recognize Fowlerville Community Schools and their educators, and to help support and advance their efforts,” said Lisa Truscott, SET SEG Foundation

Executive Director. “Dedicated, passionate teachers and staff in public schools are what help provide opportunities to learn, grow and build brighter, stronger futures for students and our communities and state.”  
The Education Excellence Awards are in their 25th year and are produced through a partnership between the SET SEG Foundation and MASB. This year, in celebration of the anniversary, the SET SEG Foundation awarded \$2,500 grants to 25 extraordinary Michigan public school programs. Education Excellence Award recipients receive a \$2,500 check to grow their program, an “Education Excellence Winner” road sign, and trophy. This year, the SET SEG Foundation received hundreds of applications from schools throughout Michigan working to have a positive impact on their students and community.  
The SET SEG Foundation is a branch of SET SEG and is fueled by its mission to enable students to pursue enrichment opportunities that advance learning, leadership and civic responsibility by providing services, scholarships, grants and financial support directly to Michigan public schools and Michigan public school students. For more information about the SET SEG Foundation, visit [www.setseg.org/foundation](http://www.setseg.org/foundation).

Fowlerville Fire Department Report  
Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:58 a.m. a medical emergency on Grand River Ave. in Handy Township was reported.  
At 2:26 p.m., Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, the department was dispatched to assist EMS on N. Grand Ave. in the Village. Personnel responded to Fowlerville Road in Conway Township at 4:32 p.m. for a motor vehicle accident with injuries.  
Firefighters were called to investigate smoke in a residence on Dailey Court in the Village at 5:40 a.m., Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. At 9:51 a.m. a medical emergency on Willow Street in the Village was reported. A second medical call, on Hazelnut Street in the Village, was received at 10:09 a.m. The department was dispatched to a reported medical Dutton Road in Iosco Township at 11:37 a.m. At 12:20 p.m. personnel responded to assist EMS on Chestnut Street in the Village.  
Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 noon firefighters provided mutual aid to the Howell Area Fire Department at a structure fire on Byron Road in Cohoctah Township. The department was called to extinguish a chimney fire on Stow Road in Conway Township at 1:08 p.m. At 4:50 p.m. personnel assisted at a medical emergency on Judd Road in Handy Township.  
Firefighters were dispatched to five medical emergencies Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. The first call, on Mack-in-aw Trail in Handy Township, was received at 8:09 a.m. At 11:15 a.m. personnel assisted EMS on Grand River Ave. in the Village, and at 3:56 p.m., responded to Fowlerville Road in Conway Township. The next dispatch, at 10:40 p.m., was on Grand River in the Village with the fifth being on Willow Street in the Village at 10:50 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, at 1:13 a.m. a medical emergency on Terry Street in Handy Township was reported. Personnel assisted at a medical emergency on Lange Road in Iosco Township at 6:14 a.m. At 6:22 p.m. the department was dispatched to assist EMS on Brookdale Dr. in the Village.

Dick Scott  
MOTOR MALL

Fowlerville High School’s  
“ATHLETES” OF THE WEEK



Gymnastics State Finalists

Izzy Litz - Izzy Litz, a sophomore and a two-year member of the FHS Gymnastics Team, placed in the Top 20 at the Division II State Finals on March 10 at Rockford High School. She was 17th on vault with a score 8.95 and 20th on bars scoring 8.575. There were 25 competitors in the vault category and 29 participants on bars. She had qualified for state by placing 7th in both the bars and vault at the Regionals. She was 1st on beam and 1st overall at the CAAC league meet earlier this month. She is also a sprinter in track and belongs to the Livingston County Gymnasts.

Bekah Leonard - Bekah Leonard, also a sophomore, competed in the State Finals. She placed 6th on the floor with a score of 9.25 out of 45 participants. She had a score of 8.85 in the vault. Bekah had qualified for the state meet by placing 2nd on the floor and 7th in the vault at the Regionals. This is her second year on the Fowlerville High School team and she is a member of the Livingston County Gymnasts in Howell. She’s also captain of the high school Dance Team.




Every week through the season two Fowlerville H.S. athletes will be saluted for their efforts. Athletes will be selected by the coaching staff and Athletic Dept. For that “Winning Deal” on a new or used car or truck, see Dick Scott Motor Mall.

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Saturday, April 7th. 10 am - 12 pm. \$20 each.

Both Chick Classes receive a \$5.00 gift certificate to Fowlerville Feed & Pet when you attend.

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



# Fowlerville Junior High School News

**IMPORTANT DATES:**  
Junior High Band Concert—Monday, March 19  
Spring Break-No School—March 26-30  
Semi-Formal Dance—Fri. April 6<sup>th</sup>  
\* \* \*

**SPORTS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 19:**  
TUES., 3/20 - TRACK PRACTICE BEGINS! 2:30-3:30 in FJH gym. Bring clothes for practice, including outdoor attire--if it looks like you might go outside. Locker rooms available to change in (bring your own lock.)  
THURS., 3/22: TRACK PRACTICE-DAY #2! 2:30-3:30. PHYSICALS REQUIRED!! If not sure whether a physical is on file, contact Mrs. Recker @ 223-6179. Physicals must be current--dated by medical personnel April 15, 2017, or later.  
ALL school issued wrestling equipment must be turned into Coach Zube immediately.  
CONGRATULATIONS to all the FJH wrestlers who placed at the 3/10 league meet at Mason.  
\* \* \*

**A Night In Paris Semi-Formal Dance**  
The Junior High Semi-Formal Dance has been rescheduled for Friday, April 6th from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Tickets will go on sale the week of April 1st during all three lunches. Tickets are \$8.00 and \$10.00 at the door. If you have signed up to chaperone and are unable to make the new date, please change the document on google docs that was emailed. Tickets will be exchanged or refunded this week. Any questions, please email Ms. DeLuca delucac@fowlervilleschools.org.  
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**JH WRESTLING**  
Saturday, March 10th Wrestling Results from the League Meet at Mason: Dalton Daniel, Jimmy Buurma, and Austin Wilber each took Second Place; Aiden Bradbury and Beau Baker both took Third Place; Andrew Byerle and Jaydn Devota each placed Fifth; Houston Schloemp took Sixth; and Clayton Minock took Seventh. Good job guys.  
Our last Wrestling matches of the year and we went out with a bang! We first wrestled Eaton Rapids who beat us 32 to 10 three weeks ago. We got our revenge and won 35 to 33 and then finished by beating Okemos 23 to 9. Dalton Daniel went 2-0, David Border, Houston Schloemp, Aiden Bradbury, Beau Baker, Jesse Johnson, and Jimmy Buurma all went 1-0. Hannah Arledge-Teran, Chris Watiker, Richard Davis, Andrew Byerle, and Clayton Minock all went 1-1. Great job, way to finish the year out. The boys final record for the season was 9 and 10.  
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**To families of current 7th graders:**  
The Deadline for the Cooke Young Scholars Program is March 21, 2018 at noon. This scholarship provides opportunities for private music or other art lessons, summer



**CSI Winners from March 9<sup>th</sup> drawing-** Mikey Hatfield, Caydence Ragar, Norbert Bulsiewicz, Griffin Gonzalez

programs, supplemental academic classes and technology. This is only available to current 7th graders. The application process is lengthy so don't wait until the last minute! For more information go to <http://www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs/young-scholars/>  
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**YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM**  
The Young Scholars Program is a selective pre-college scholarship for high-performing 7th grade students with financial need. This program provides scholarship opportunity for extracurricular learning such as camps, art and music private lessons and more. Students who are accepted will be paired with an academic adviser to plan goals, seek opportunities and review potential colleges. This is a 5 year program.  
Who: High achieving (A's and B's) 7th graders with family income less than \$95,000  
When: Apply now through March 21 at noon.  
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**Spaghetti Dinner at VFW Post to raise funds for girl suffering from cancer**  
The Fowlerville VFW Post is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner to benefit a local girl who is suffering from brain cancer on Saturday, April 7. The dinner, put on by Team Destiny, will be served from 4 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$8. There will also be a Silent Auction and a 50/50 Raffle. Money raised from the dinner and other activities will help the family with medical bills. The VFW Post is located at 215 Veterans Dr. Fowlerville.

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# Annual Chili Cook-Off raises funds for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off was held last Saturday, March 10, at the VFW Hall for the purpose of raising funds for the Fowlerville July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration, including the fireworks display. There were 16 entries in the tasting contest, offered by 14 contestants.

The winners were:  
Best Presentation – Witches Night Out Committee,  
Best Spicy Hot Chili— Save-On Foods, who remain the undefeated champs in this category.  
Best Business Entry—Timer Farms.  
Most Unique Chili—Steve & Chris Whitney,  
Judge’s Choice of Best Chili—Fowlerville Police Department,  
People’s Choice Award—Fowlerville Fire Department.  
Congratulations to all of the winners! Judges were State Rep. Hank Vaupel, Mike Kelly of Champion Chevrolet, and Paul Harmon of Harmon Real Estate. Thank you for your service and your taste buds!

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



Mike LeMieux and Bob Feig manned the Fowlerville Fire Department entry and ended up winning the People’s Choice Award.



Katie and Josh Timer of Timer Farms won the Best Business Entry category. They had two choices: a mild and a hot one.



From left were Andrea Rody and Terri Ridenour of the Fowlerville Garden Club and Darlene Asel and Nickie Tomlin of the Witches Night Out Committee were sharing a table. The Witches Night Out Committee won the Best Presentation category.



The judges were, from left, Paul Harmon of Harmon Real Estate, State Rep. Hank Vaupel, and Mike Kelly of Champion Chevrolet.



Kathy Arledge, left, offered samples from Village of Fowlerville table and Kathy McConnell from the Grille in the Ville entry. The Village’s booth was later manned by Jerry Bell, a council trustee.



Mike Habba of Save-On Family Foods had two entries: one mild and one “very hot.” The latter once again was voted the Best Spicy Hot Chili.



Ken Busha, left, won the first 50/50 drawing. Selling the tickets was Jim Mayhew. Ken gave \$50 of his winnings back to the fundraiser.



From left were Matt Martin and Jane Mills with the Fowlerville Rotary chili and Chief John Tyler with the Fowlerville Police Department entry that won the Judge’s Choice of Best Chili.



Serving salads, desserts, and refreshments were, from left, front row, Melissa Stephan, Carol Johnson, and Sue Hath; and in back, Dennis Battle and Sue Charron.





Enjoying the event were, from left, Dave Roddy, a Handy Township trustee; Doug Helzerman, the area's Livingston County Commissioner; and Jerry Harvey.



Midtown Auto Service was offering samples of their special recipe. From left were Jake Schaffer, Kaitlynn Campos and Angel Schaffer.



Looking on at the model train display were Arianna Bielous being held by her grandfather, Roger Frost. Putting on the display was David Thompson.



Among the vendors at the Chili Cook-Off were, front row, from left, Garrett Wilson of Scout Troop 336 and Scoutmaster Bob Allen and Marj Carlon and Betty Cool of the Livingston Centre Historical Society; and in back, Margie Grant and Sarah Harvey selling Handmade Greeting Cards and Gifts made by students from the Livingston Intermediate School District's (LESA) Pathway School.



An election campaign is in full swing and several public officials and candidates were at the event along with family members. From left were Brandon Denby, Livingston County Register of Deeds; Alex and Marcia Hune, State Senator Joe Hune, State Rep. Lana Theis who is running for the State Senate seat being vacated by Hune due to term limits; Drew Brewer, and Dennis Brewer, a candidate for the new Livingston County Circuit Court Judge post.

# OUR THANKS TO YOU!

The Livingston County/Fowlerville Fireworks and Parade Committee would like to thank the following businesses, organizations and individuals for their support and participation in the 14th Annual Chili Cook off held on March 10, 2018.

- Aleta's Flower Shop • Ashland Aluminum • Biggby's Coffee of Fowlerville • Boy Scout Troop 336 • Carol Johnson  
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Left photo: Two individual entries were, from left, Jason and Kaitlyn Hath and Steve and Chris Whitney The Whitneys won the category for Most Unique Chili with a pizza chili recipe.



Right photo: Tom Clapp, left, and Matt Pickinson were dishing out the Fowlerville Community Theatre's chili samples.



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### Knowing God Through His Word

No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known (John 1:18).

One of the greatest benefits of reading and studying scripture is that God’s Word enables us to get to know him as much as we humanly can. As we have seen in the five weeks previous to this one, there is much power in the Word of God. It has the power to convict us when we are living outside of God’s will, to correct us when we need correcting, to cleanse us from all of our sins, to confirm us in our faith and to equip us to live godly lives.

It says in Hebrews 4:12-13, *For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable.*

God’s Word is alive! When we read the Bible it is as if God were speaking to us from its pages. God loves us and doesn’t want to see any of us miss out on the gift of salvation that Jesus gave his life to purchase for us. But God will not force us to accept it. He gave us a mind and the ability to make choices for ourselves, even though some of the choices we make may break his heart.

God wants to have a relationship with us that reflects the love and caring character of Jesus. But our relationship with God will only be as intimate as we choose to make it.

One of the most vital teachings in the Holy Scriptures is that God can be known. It says in Jeremiah 9:24: *“But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the Lord, exercising loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,” says the Lord.*” The same Greek Word used here for glory is the same word used for the word boast. In other words, if we’re going to boast about anything it should be that we understand and know God intimately. And there is no way to gain that knowledge except from the Word.

We must spend time in the Word, cultivating our relationship with God the same as we would cultivating any relationship we care about. Many marriages fail today because two people can spend years together, but never take the time to really get to know each other. After awhile, whatever it was that drew them together in the beginning is not enough to sustain the relationship, and they wind up getting a divorce.

If we want to get to know God and to understand his purpose for us, we must have a thorough understanding of His Word and we must be willing to open up to him and reveal ourselves to him as he has done to us through his word.

We must understand that knowing God exists is not the same as knowing God personally. I know some things about the President and the Vice President and many other people in public office, but that doesn’t necessarily mean that I know them personally.

If we want to be saved and spend eternity in heaven with Jesus, we must know him for who he is. It says in John 17:3: *And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only*

*true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth.*

We can rejoice over the fact that we have a God who is willing to reveal himself to us and he earnestly wants us to obtain all the knowledge we can about him. I take this passage, as I do all of scripture, very serious, and I do my best to live my life out of love for Christ and a desire to know God as well as I can. God’s Word is his way of speaking to us to reveal himself to us and to show us how we can get to know him.

*And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory* (Eph. 1:13-14).

In the notes of my study bible, it says: “The part that the Scriptures and the gospel contained within them play at bringing people to know God is described in three important scriptures: the gospel is the agent of the new birth, that is, it is like the implanted seed without which the conception of new life cannot occur; *“He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of all he created”* (James 1:18). It is also a cleansing agent through which God gives the believing sinner a spiritual bath that results in salvation. *“to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word* (Eph. 5:26a). The Scriptures are like an educator bringing the wisdom that leads to salvation. *“You have been taught the Holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus* (2 Tim. 3:15).”

As we move into the final week before Palm Sunday, let us be more diligently seeking after the truth that is written in the Scriptures. This world is not our home. We’re only going to be here for a short time. Doesn’t it make sense that we focus on where we’re going to spend our eternity, rather than spending our time seeking after some temporary accomplishment that is only going to give us temporary happiness?

Jesus, the Son of God, spoke the truth and he declared that the only way we would ever know God was by believing in him and accepting the truth written in the Scriptures.

God’s Word is the Way, the Truth and the Life that we all seek within the deepest regions of our heart—whether some of us will admit it or not.

### Priscilla Shirer Simulcast to be offered at Family Impact Wellness Center

Priscilla Shirer and thousands of women worldwide on Saturday, April 28, as she shares truth to guide your own journey of faith. This one-day streaming event, which focuses on the power of prayer and studying God’s Word, is being held at the Family Impact Wellness Center at 9430 W. Grand River, just west of Fowlerville. Also included are three worship segments led by Anthony Evans and the praise team. This special opportunity is one you won’t want to miss!

The event begins at 9:00 a.m. and concludes at 4:30 p.m. Cost, which includes lunch, is only \$20 per person. Tickets will be available to the first 35 ladies who register, so please call Barb at 517-223-4428 as soon as possible.

### Livingston County Genealogical Society to meet April 5 at Howell church

The Livingston County Genealogical Society is meeting on Thursday, April 5, at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Howell. The topic will be: French-Canadian Migrations out of Quebec, with guest speaker Judy Nimer Muhn.

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# Fowlerville High School News

### OFFICE HOURS

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### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Spring Break Mar 24 – April 1  
Return to School April 2

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The **Sophomore class** is currently holding a fundraiser selling popcorn. Money will be collected when orders are made, if paying by check please make it payable to Fowlerville Community Schools and on the memo line please write Class of 2020. Money and orders are due March 19th to Mr. Sperry. Popcorn should be received after Spring Break for distribution.

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**Senior Parents** - If you would like to help with the senior lock-in, please contact Mrs. Collins ([collinsn@fowlervilleschools.org](mailto:collinsn@fowlervilleschools.org)) or Ms. Hart ([hartn@fowlervilleschools.org](mailto:hartn@fowlervilleschools.org)). Parents are needed to provide both your time or your resources to help make our lock-in after graduation a success! Thank you!

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**Doors at FHS will be open at 6:30 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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### Febreze Air Care Recycling Fundraising Opportunity

The Fowlerville High School Life Skills class is proud to announce our partnership with terricycle that will pay us for recycling! The items that we will be collecting are air freshener cartridges and plugs, Air freshener packaging and flexible film, Air Freshener plastic trigger heads, Febreze One bottles with trigger heads and Febreze ONE refills. We will be paid \$1/lb of waste we send to terricycle. What I love about this is we do not have to sell anything and we can expand our recycling efforts that my class is already highly involved in. The money that we make will go toward more community based instruction opportunities, and cooking supplies for our life skills class. We have drop boxes at the high school in room C201, at Little Glads, UB church in the student center and at the Fowlerville Library. If you have a business or organization that would be willing to promote and have a drop box added to your location, please contact Deanna Ragland at 223-6145 or e-mail [raglandd@fowlervilleschool.org](mailto:raglandd@fowlervilleschool.org)

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## The Humane Society is “expecting” kittens & having a Kitten Shower

The Humane Society of Livingston County, which provides medical care, food, and shelter for the homeless animals in our community, will be preparing for the busy kitten season by inviting the community to join them at a “Kitten Shower” Donation Drive taking place in locations all over the county from March 15<sup>th</sup> – April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Our shelter can quickly become overwhelmed with requests to help unwanted and orphaned kittens who not only need good homes, but require extra care and nurturing before becoming big enough to be adopted. We are partnering with local businesses and organizations to help raise awareness, funding and supplies. Many are offering discounts on items we need and these businesses are greatly appreciated.

Proper care for kittens is expensive and critical. Extra donations and supplies are especially appreciated this time of year! Some of the special items that kittens require include: KMR Formula – Powder or Canned, Nursing Bottles and Tips, Wet Kitten Food – Pate, Dry Kitten Food – Science Diet - **Kitten** and Soft Baby Blankets. The Wild Indoors in Pinckney has also donated a wonderful basket of animal items to be raffled. Tickets are only \$2 (or 3 for \$5) and are available at the shelter.

Last year we fostered slightly over 100 kittens, and while thankful we were able to do that, the need is still greater than we can supply. We have to turn away many kittens due to lack of resources. Once kittens are received, they are placed in foster until they are old enough for the necessary medical (shots/spay/neuter) to take place.

“Last year was HSLC’S best kitten season ever! Why? Because we were organized and prepared. Help us make 2018 even better! Give in a way that is meaningful in your heart, and easy on your pocketbook. Grab a couple of supplies from our kitten grocery list, pick up a gift card from a participating store, or contemplate becoming a foster family. We are your premier companion animal resource center and we need your help.” Karen Kazyak Director of Animal Welfare.

The HSLC receives zero dollars from the county, state or from any federal agency. We are 100 percent fully funded from events as well as the generosity of our donors and sponsors throughout the year – so your support is crucial! Please help us fill our playpens!!! Donations may be dropped off between **March 15th and April 15th, 2018** at the Humane Society Livingston County (2464 Dorr Rd, Howell, MI) or at these participating local sponsor locations:

--Pet Supplies Plus in Brighton – 8703 W. Grand River Ave. (50% off KMR milk and bottle supplies)  
--Pet Supplies Plus in Howell – 2649 E. Grand River Ave. (50% discount on

KMR milk and bottle kits)

--The Wild Indoors in Pinckney – 9560-9564 Chilson Rd. (Discounts on all items purchased for HSLC)

People who want to can also shop and ship conveniently on line at our [Kitten Registry on Amazon.com](http://KittenRegistry.onAmazon.com). Learn more about the Humane Society of Livingston County at [humane-livingston.org](http://humane-livingston.org) or by calling Jeannine Julien (517) 552-8050.

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Fowlerville Rotary Senior Citizens Day



Mary Tumbarella, a club member, served coffee to these guests. From left were Gene Panicacci, Joyce Hedstrand, and Ivel Farmer.



Gail York was the lucky winner of the 50/50 Drawing. At left is Tom Couling, who sold the tickets, and at right Rotary President Matt Martin. Rotary donated its proceeds from the drawing, which totaled over \$100, to the local Senior Citizens Center.



Former Rotarians Harold 'Humpy' Almendinger, front, and Dennis "Lou" Judd were having a good time visiting.



Patricia Soli came to the event with her son, Fowlerville Police Sgt. Jeff Soli.



Becky Little and Gary T. Abreham were among those attending Senior Citizens Day.

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Families are responsible and encouraged to remove all items, including items they wish to keep, prior to the scheduled clean-up. Items left, including grave blankets, wreaths, or lawn ornaments, will be removed beginning 7:00 AM on Monday, March 26, 2018. Items removed may be retrieved for up to two (2) weeks after the clean-up. Unclaimed items will be disposed of; please contact the Village Offices to schedule pick-up.

Items, including decorations/lawn ornaments, may be placed back on the graves starting Tuesday, March 27, 2018.

Kathryn M. Arledge,  
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(3-11 & 3-18-18 FNV)



The Fowlerville High School Choir entertained the seniors with several songs. The group was under the direction of William Vliek. Everyone enjoyed their musical offerings. From left, front row, were Taylor O'Berry, Chloe Johnson, Libby Palm, Faith Dillon, Claire Blauer, Alexa Aeschliman, Olivia Murray, Madison Kusmierz, Ryanne Maddox, Libby Graff, and Cherilynn Miles; back row, Luna King, Tyler Long, Sierra Elliot, Hope Biery, Grace Shea, Hunter Maddox, Choir Director William Vliek, Corey Lampman, and Gunnar Gibbons.

Fowlerville Girls Basketball Team loses in Regional Finals, 48-43

For the first time in school history, a Fowlerville Girls Basketball Team reached the Regional Finals. Playing against top-ranked Jackson Northwest at Williamston in the Class B championship held on Thursday, March 8, the Gladiators came back from a 14-9 deficit after the first quarter to trail 22-19 at halftime.

Fowlerville then came out in the third period, outscoring Northwest 9-4 to take a 28-26 lead into the final stanza. The teams went back and forth and were tied at 41-41 with only 1:47 left on the clock. But hopes of going onto the quarterfinals

were dashed when Jackson Northwest put the game away with a combination of three-point shots and clutch free throws. The final score was 48-43.

The Gladiators had reached the finals by defeating Charlotte on Tuesday, March 6, by a score of 52-40. The Glads were behind 13-11 after the opening stanza, then narrowed the difference to 23-22 by intermission. In the third quarter the local cagers outscored the Orioles 11-7 to lead 33-30. They iced the win in the final quarter by outscoring Charlotte 19-10.

Fowlerville finished the season with a 19-6 record, the most ever for a girls varsity basketball team. This included going 10-0 at home. Their District Title was the first one in over 10 years.





## Livingston County Comments

**By: Doug Helzerman,  
District 4  
Commissioner**

This month, I want to highlight some of the points made by the Board of Commissioners' chairman, Don Parker, in the recent state of the county speech.

The effects of the "Great Recession" on the county were many. Revenues to the county fell, new building came almost to a standstill, and foreclosures and unemployment skyrocketed. Since 2012 the county has shown a rebound in all of these areas. He highlighted some of the difficult times the county has weathered and thanked the board members, present and past, who held a steady hand on the county through the tough times.

Michigan is reworking new state-wide guidelines for indigent defense. Each county or groups of counties now have their own system of how to provide legal defense for those who cannot afford it. Livingston County's plan has been submitted and approved. The new guidelines will cost much more than the present method and will not be implemented until the state gives the funds for this new approach.

Don highlighted disasters that have been handled well by county dispatch and EMS in cooperation with local police, fire, local governments, and volunteers. The multi-day power outage of last March and the 53-car accident on I-96 west of Fowlerville were given as examples of Livingston County's exemplary readiness.

The sales of fuel for prop planes have remained steady but the sale of jet fuels has risen dramatically in the last five years. This is an indication of increased commercial business in Livingston County.

This past year the county has increased the number of offices that will be able to take payments by the use of a credit card. Some of these are delinquent property taxes, dog licenses, vital records, concealed pistol licenses, and register of deeds documents and recordings.

Livingston is one of the few counties that has a AAA Moody bond rating. We have a balanced budget for 2018 and last year we were able to set aside an additional 1.5 million dollars to reduce our unfunded liability in our pension fund. We have the highest median income for any county, and the

## Sen. Hune supports legislation dealing with sexual abuse of minors

The Michigan Senate last Wednesday approved legislation that would help legally address sexual assault charges and allow for extended protections against abuse in the state of Michigan.

"This topic is something that I and all of my colleagues in the Senate feel strongly about," said Hune, R-Fowlerville. "The intention of this legislation is to protect our children from future abuse and to bring justice to those who have suffered abuse in the past. No child should have to deal with the emotional hardship of criminal sexual conduct."

Senate Bills 871-880 would expand numerous existing laws and create new legal protections. The bills would allow prosecutors to bring charges of second-degree criminal sexual conduct against a minor, no matter when the act of abuse occurred. The bills would also allow charges of third-degree criminal sexual conduct against a minor up to the survivor's 48th birthday, or within 30 years of an accuser being identified by DNA evidence.

The bills would also allow victims of childhood sexual abuse to remain publicly anonymous when bringing a claim in the Michigan Court of Claims.

In addition to legal protections, the bill also would expand mandatory reporting requirements to include sports coaches, athletic trainers and college professors. If an employee fails to report such crimes, they could face a felony charge with up to two years imprisonment, a \$5,000 fine, or both. A volunteer serving in one of these positions who fails to report abuse would face a misdemeanor of up to one year in jail, or a \$1,000 fine, or both.

The legislation now heads to the House for further consideration.

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The projections for our county are for growth in the near future. We will soon be the 10<sup>th</sup> largest county in the state. With growth comes the need to spend money on roads, water, sewer, and other necessary services. We need to keep on a fiscally responsible track that makes our community a good place for families and businesses.

The national opioid crisis is here in our county, too. In 2017, law enforcement responded to 89 calls for opiate-related overdoses. Twenty-three (23) of these resulted in death. I am thankful that there are many resources in the county to help with this drug problem. I am on a task force to see if there are ways to improve the county's response by better coordination and efficiency.

To handle another health issue, that of the Hepatitis A outbreak, our health department has expanded the vaccination clinic hours, has started a special focus on high-risk individuals for vaccination, and is working to reach out to the general public for their protection.

The county board has given approval for the building of a new central dispatch (911) building that will meet all the safety and security standards needed to keep this important community asset functional in all weather and through all conceivable terrorist threats. This structure is expensive but will be covered by the fund balance that has been set aside from the monthly fees that we pay on our phones and other devices.

I agree with Chairman Parker that the state of our county is strong. I am blessed to work for you and with many like-minded commissioners, elected officials, and citizens to make our county the best it can be.

I look forward to talking with you. Contact me at [dhelzerman@livgov.com](mailto:dhelzerman@livgov.com) or 517-540-8717.

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## Smith Elementary School News

**IMPORTANT DATES:**  
March 22- Family Fun Celebrate Reading Night 5:30-7:00pm  
March 23 – Yearbook Order Deadline – Friday Morning AM  
March 26 – 30 SPRING RECESS- NO SCHOOL  
April 6 – Spring Picture Day  
April 11 & 12 – 2018/2019 Kindergarten Round Up (See Info Below)  
April 19- Family Fun Science Night 5:30-7:00pm  
May 4- H. T. Smith Night at the Lansing Lugnuts Game  
May 10- Family Fun Fitness Night

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**Yearbook Orders Must Be In By March 23<sup>rd</sup>** – This will be the only opportunity to order your H.T. Smith Elementary School 2017-2018 Yearbook. Yearbooks are \$10 and that includes sales tax. You can order online at [book.hrimaging.com](http://book.hrimaging.com) the code for H T Smith is 227907. or turn in the order envelope that your child brought home already. ALL ORDERS must be in by March 23<sup>rd</sup> in the am. We want to have the orders in the mail that day, before we go on Spring Break. THANK YOU!

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

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**2018/2019 Kindergarten Round Up** – H.T. Smith Elementary will be holding Kindergarten Round Up for the 2018/2019 school year. There will be a 2-day event at Smith Elementary on Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. The hours are 8:00 – 10:30, 1:00 – 3:00 & 5:00 – 7:00 on both days. You can come either day, during any of the 6 sessions available. Please bring your soon to be Kindergartener with you for a brief screening session with teachers.

Also please bring required enrollment items with you which include state issued birth certificate, current immunization record, vision screening (after age 3), and proof of residency (Driver License and 2 other pieces which can include mail, a utility/phone bill, voter registration card, lease/purchase

agreement, etc.) that shows your name and address together. You can pre enroll online at [fowlervilleschools.org](http://fowlervilleschools.org), click on the “New Student Enrollment” link. There will be 2 sections of forms to complete, the 1<sup>st</sup> section must be printed before going to the 2<sup>nd</sup> section. There are approximately 14 total pages to print. Or if you prefer, wait until Round Up. Computers and printers will be available for you to use. Current age requirement is 5 years of age by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

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**We are WILD About Reading-** We have several events planned for March which is Celebrate Reading Month! Students are reading to reach our school goal of 16,000 books read during the month- we know they can do it! On March 22, we have a Family Fun Reading Night from 5:30-7:00pm. Plan to attend and participate with your child in our many reading based activities.

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

### Oak Grove United Methodist Women offering beef pasties for sale this spring

The Oak Grove United Methodist Women are making their delicious beef pasties again this spring. We will take orders beginning Monday, March 26. To order, call or text Andrea at 810-923-8546, or order by email at [denanjust@gmail.com](mailto:denanjust@gmail.com). Please leave your name, phone # & quantity you would like. Cost is \$4.50 each. Place your order early - quantities are limited! Proceeds go to support the mission work of the United Methodist Women.

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**The Philosopher’s Flight** by Tom Miller–In an alternate history of World War I, where magic and science collide and women dominate the sciences and the military, a young man named Robert Weekes dreams of becoming the first male to join the elite US Sigilry Corps Rescue and Evacuation Service, a team of flying medics serving in the war effort. When Robert wins a scholarship to study at Radcliffe College, an all-women’s school, he gains an opportunity to make his dreams come true.

**White Chrysanthemum** by Mary Lynn Bracht – In Korea in 1943 sisters Hana and Emi are separated when Hana is captured by Japanese soldiers. Hana is a woman of power and strength and resolves to find her way home. Sixty years later Emi embarks on a journey to confront the past and discover peace for herself and her family. *White Chrysanthemum* tells the story of two sisters whose love for each other is strong enough to triumph over the grim evils of war.

**The Escape Artist** by Brad Meltzer – A mortician, nicknamed Zig, works at a special funeral home for the US Government’s most high-profile and top-secret cases. But he stumbles upon a dark mystery when the body of a young sergeant comes in who was once his daughter’s childhood friend, and recognizes that the body is not actually her. She is still alive, and she’s on the run. As Zig digs deeper he begins to uncover a conspiracy that goes all the way back through history to Harry Houdini.

**The Woman Left Behind** by Linda Howard – When Jina Modell is reassigned from her position

in Communications at a paramilitary organization to serve as an on-site drone operator in the field, she will have to prove to her elite GO-team that she has what it takes to complete their dangerous, covert operation.

**Brass** by Xhenet Aliu – Elsie is a waitress who falls in love with a married man from Albania. Seventeen years later, her daughter Lulu receives a rejection letter from NYU and finds herself unexpectedly stuck in Connecticut with her mother. In an attempt to unlock her future by discovering the secrets of her past, Lulu decides to find out what exactly her mother has been hiding about the father she’s never known.

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MARCH 2018 EVENTS

**Sing Along with Dewey Longuski** on Monday, March 19, 2018, from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm at the Williamston Area Senior Center. No registration, no fee, just the magical music of Dewey. You may have heard him play around town with his band, the Red Cedar River Boys.

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

**Other March Activities at the Senior Center** – On Thursday, March 22, 2018 Senior Safety with Chief Bob Young; Legislative update with Senior Rick Jones on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 and Rep. Tom Cockran on Wednesday, March 28, 2018. These events will be held at 12:30 pm at the Williamston Area Senior Center.

**Upcoming April Events Please mark your Calendars – Blood pressure testing** by Willow of Okemos on Thursday, April 5, 2018;

**Services provided by the Michigan Long Term Care Ombudsman** on Wednesday, April 4, 2018;

**Fall Prevention by Westbrook Home Care** on Tuesday, April 17, 2018;

**Senior Health by Right at Home** on Thursday, April 26, 2018;

**Senior Concerns by Crosaires** on Wednesday, April 25, 2018;

**Senior Movie for April will be “The Bucket List”** with Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman on April 19, 2018.

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

**EUCHRE** – 9:30 am to 11:30 am.

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

Webberville FFA invites community to attend annual banquet on March 22

The Webberville FFA welcomes the community to their annual banquet on March 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. The banquet will recognize the accomplishments of FFA members this year. In addition, a silent auction will be conducted to fund scholarships for graduating seniors. The Webberville FFA and its alumni are appreciative of silent auction donations from local businesses and community members for the auction. These can be dropped off at the high school or the evening of the banquet.

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## —Area Deaths—



### Waneta R. Dorrance

Waneta R. Dorrance, 89, of Fowlerville, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 9, 2018 at The Willows in Howell.

Waneta, also known as “Toots”, was born in Conway Township on February 26, 1927 to Harold and Ruth (Antcliff) Klein. Waneta graduated from Fowlerville High School in 1947 and worked at the Byerly grocery store where she met Howard Dorrance. The couple was married in June, 1948. In the early years, Waneta worked at Citizens Insurance Company in Howell until becoming a mother. Waneta and Howard also farmed for a few years before purchasing Miner’s grocery store in 1968. The couple owned Howard’s Market (now Save On Family Foods) until March, 1985.

Waneta LOVED to cook! In 1985, the former Snack Shop became Waneta’s Diner, where popular offerings of Friday Night Cod Dinners, plate-size pancakes and homemade pies were served for five years. After selling the restaurant, Waneta continued to cook for the community by catering many weddings, graduation parties, and other special occasions, with her famous potato salad always a top request. She also cooked for the weekly Rotary Club luncheon for several years.

Being a life-long member of the First United Methodist Church of Fowlerville, Waneta was an active member of the UMW group where, again, she offered her cooking skills for the annual Turkey Supper, Mother/Daughter Banquet, funeral luncheons and other church functions.

Waneta also volunteered for the Historical Society, worked at the Fowlerville Fair most years, and overall always played an active role in service to the community. She and husband Howard were honored as Grand Marshals of the Christmas in the Ville parade in 2009.

In her spare time, Waneta also enjoyed sewing, making over one hundred quilts and blankets for friends, family, raffles and other donations for the needy and homebound. She enjoyed reading, going to Monday coffee at McDonald’s with her friends, and certainly spending time with her family.

Survivors include daughter Nanci (Calvin) Forster of Fowlerville, grandson Evan (Shayna) Forster of Byron, granddaughters Jessica Schliska of Owosso and Nicole Spicer of Jackson, KY, and five great-granddaughters. Also surviving are sisters Judy (Dennis) Haskell and Lucille (Jack) Sherwood of Fowlerville, brother Merlan Klein of Zephyrhills, FL, step-brothers Richard (Kate) Rudnicki, Jim (Dixie) Rudnicki, and step-sisters Kathryn Sovie and Linda (Al) Sliwinski. Waneta was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Howard Dorrance in 2011, son Kenneth Dorrance, and brother Don (Ruth) Klein.

Arrangements were made by Herrmann’s Funeral Home in Fowlerville. Visitation took place on Sunday, March 11 from 4:00 – 8:00 pm at the funeral home and again Monday, March 12 from 10:00 to 11:00 am at the First United Methodist Church of Fowlerville. Funeral services immediately followed at 11:00 am. Burial was at Greenwood Cemetery in Fowlerville, with a luncheon served at the church afterwards.

Memorial contributions can be made to First United Methodist Church or Arbor Hospice. Please leave the family a condolence at [pjherrmannfuneralhome.com](http://pjherrmannfuneralhome.com)

### Sandra K. (Miller) Artusi

Sandra K. (Miller) Artusi, 73, of Venice, Florida, passed away peacefully on Dec. 31, 2017. Born Feb. 18, 1944 to Russell & Beulah Miller, Sandy grew up in the Fowlerville area. She graduated from Fowlerville High School in 1962. Sandy later graduated from the Henry Ford School of Nursing.

Sandy is survived by her husband of 50 years, Ken Artusi; sons: David and Stephen (Sandra), brother: Richard (Paula) Miller; and six grandchildren. Services were held Jan. 6, 2018 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Venice. Cremation has taken place with Sandy’s ashes buried on the church grounds.

## Capital Area Library Events

\*Registration required.

### WEBBERVILLE

#### Glass Etched Votive Holders (Adults)

Learn to make a glass etched votive holder. \*Registration: 517-521-3643.

March 19, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

#### Library LEGO Check-out Challenge (Ages 4–16)

Every time you check out books at CADL Webberville this month, add three LEGO bricks to our tower.

March 26, 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

#### Family Storytime (Ages up to 6)

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

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### WILLIAMSTON

#### \*April Fool’s Day Pranks and Gags (Ages 7–14)

Have a laugh over some fun and harmless pranks for April Fool’s Day. \*Registration: 517-655-1191.

March 19, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

#### Family Storytime (Ages up to 6)

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

March 21, 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

#### Maker Monday (All ages)

Stop by our Maker Space to use crafting supplies, a button maker, Little Bits circuit projects and more.

March 26, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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### SYSTEM WIDE

#### Lansing Home & Garden Show (Held at MSU Pavilion)

Exhibits feature remodeling, gardening and more, plus giveaways and info at CADL’s booth.

March 18, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

#### Literacy Celebration Stage Show (Held at Hannah Community Center)

Meet favorite storybook characters like Pete the Cat and Rainbow Fish, plus enjoy live music and read-alouds.

March 18, 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

#### Tadpole Storytime at I5 (Held at Impression 5)

Our literacy experts teamed up with Impression 5 for science storytimes, ages 3-6. Today’s topic: The Water Cycle

March 20, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



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# Webberville Report

## Webberville Elementary hosts annual Daddy Daughter Dance on March 9

The Webberville Elementary Daddy Daughter Dance was held March 9. The event was a magical evening for over 125 girls and their dates! Food, music and fabulous dresses were all part of this special occasion. DJ, Emily Sparkia, did a wonderful job spinning the music, while photographer Kelly Gillespie of Looking Glass Photography captured the happy moments for each couple.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and helped with the decorating, the food, and dance!



These friends, Azailya, Jasmine, Rachel, Brianna and Reese enjoyed the dance.



Steve Witgen and daughter Myleigh.



Ed Stevenson with daughters Caroline and Anna.



## Senior Spotlight—Spencer Crandall

By Benjamin Theriault

Spencer Crandall is the son of Carolyn and Patrick Crandall and the older brother to Symon Crandall who's in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Webberville. Crandall is this week's Senior Spotlight student.

“My family has always been there for me,” said Crandall. “They’ve guided me down the right path in life and they’re always there to support me in what I do.”

Crandall has been at Webberville Schools his entire school career and has attended the Wilson Talent Center his junior and senior year. There, he has been a part of the Cyber Security Program to learn more about computers and computer software. Crandall also participated in BPA (Business Professionals of America) for two years.

“Spencer is a hardworking student, and he can do anything when he puts his mind to it,” said history teacher Rachael Wenzlick.

Crandall played JV basketball his freshman year, and varsity football his freshman and junior years. Crandall also played varsity golf his sophomore and junior years. Outside of school Crandall enjoys weightlifting, being with friends, and working on cars with his dad and grandpa.

“Spencer is a great guy and it was fun to be on the field with him,” said fellow senior Bret Parisian. “I see how much he likes technology, and I know he’ll get a good job and be successful.”

After high school, Crandall plans on attending Lansing Community College for two years to get his prerequisites out of the way and then transfer to Michigan State University to obtain his bachelor's degree in Computer Science. Crandall intends on pursuing a job as an information technologist.

“With technology always changing and growing, so are tech jobs,” said Crandall. “My interest for technology has really drawn me towards this job, as well as the pay.”

As Crandall's senior year winds down, he has made lots of friends and memories, but he said that he is ready to take on his future.

“I’ve had a lot of fun at Webberville, and I’ll definitely miss it,” said Crandall. “But I am ready for what’s next and I couldn’t be more excited.”

## Williamston Masonic Lodge holding Farm Breakfast on April 8

The Williamston Masonic Lodge will hold its next Family Style Farm Breakfast on Sunday, April 8, from 8 am - noon. The all-you-can-eat breakfast includes eggs, bacon, pancakes, hash browns, toast, applesauce, coffee and milk. Prices are: adults \$8; children ages 5-12 are \$3, and children under 5 are free. The Lodge is located at 141 East Grand River Avenue in Williamston.





**Webberville FFA students earn various awards at recent State Convention**

Webberville FFA Proficiency Award winners Lane Swan, Emily Wisuri, Savannah Tennant, Gracelyn Hull, and Caleb Kubiak received awards at the recent FFA State Convention held at the MSU campus.



Back row: Alaia Driver, Skylar Byrne, Maddison Stowe, Maci Kubiak, Cassie Jones, and MaKayla Smith. Front row: Jillian Loftis, Ashton Lott, Rebecca Fraley and Carson Nolan receive State FFA Excellence Awards, each maintaining a 3.30 or higher GPA. Not pictured Emma Grossbauer and Kayson Lycos



Webberville FFA Outstanding Junior Award winners Ethen Stiffler, Skylar Byrne, Alaia Driver, and Camden Jackson. Not pictured: Nolan Gorski and Branden McGowan



Cassie Jones, Savannah Tennant, and Maddie Stowe represent Webberville FFA while performing with the FFA State Choir.



Participating in the FFA State Band this year is Austin Wyatt and Emma Grossbauer.



Webberville's FFA State Convention Delegates were Dana Gorski, Haley McDonnell, and Rebecca Fraley.



State Degree winners from Webberville FFA are Emma Grossbauer, Maddie Stowe, Gracelyn Hull, Cassie Jones, Caleb Kubiak, Savannah Tennant, and Maci Kubiak. Not pictured: Dylan Diederich



Kat Haynes received silver in Creed and Hayley Williams received silver in Junior High Public Speaking at the State FFA Convention.



Cassie Jones, Skylar Byrne, Ashton Lott, Camden Jackson, MaKayla Smith, and Savannah Tennant: Webberville FFA Ag Issues team placed second in the state.



**Webberville FFA Agriculture Issue Team makes presentation**

The Webberville FFA Agriculture Issues Team presented a forum to local leaders prior to state contests. Their issue was the costs and benefits of robotic milking systems. Pictured are: MaKayla

Smith, Savannah Tennant, Camden Jackson, Representative Hank Vaupel, Senator Rick Jones, County Commissioner Randy Schafer, Ashton Lott, Cassie Jones, and Skylar Byrne. The chapter and team wish to extend their thanks to these leaders, along with the many members of the community that supported their efforts.





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The Handy Township regular Planning Commission regular meetings will no longer start at 7:30 p.m. **They are now scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. effective April 1, 2018.** The meetings will still be held in the Handy Township Board Room, located at 137 N. Grand Avenue, Fowlerville, (please use rear entrance). The Public is always welcome to attend.

Laura A. Eisele, Handy Township Clerk  
(3-18, 3-25, 4-1, 4-8, 4-15, 5-6-18 FNV)

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Laura Eisele, Clerk  
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# Steve Horton Column

**Freedom of the Press is Everybody's Freedom**

In theory you'd think government officials, serving the public and using taxpayer money, would have no problem being upfront and forthright with the public. But the reality is, of course, more complex and nuanced.

The public is not a unitary entity, single-minded in what it wants and expects. Quite the contrary. It's comprised of individuals (you and I) with a myriad of interests, backgrounds, beliefs, and priorities. And, as individuals, we tend to join or support groups, associations, and (most importantly as far as government is concerned) political parties that we find compatible, and that we feel will further our personal and shared agenda.

And of course, as we well know, there are competing interests, different backgrounds, various beliefs, and dueling priorities that are played out in the halls of government; a tug-of-war that's been going on since the first white settlers showed up in Jamestown and later stepped off the Mayflower.

As far as who gets to set the agenda and determine future direction, in our democratic republic, to the victor belong the spoils—which includes deciding how and where the money is spent, the type of laws that are passed or rejected, what regulations are put in place and how and in what manner they are enforced, and who gets to use the clout of power.

True, thank God, there are checks and balances, that temper and diffuse power, but who wins an election matters greatly.

The public (often referred to as the American people) is generally portrayed as the common folk—men and women going about their everyday business of family, work, leisure, and making ends meet. But it's, in addition, all of those group affiliations we belong to and support. In governmental policy matters, they are referred to as special interest groups, trade organizations, and lobbyists.

Because of what's at stake, because of the competing and often conflicting agenda, a lot of deal making takes place. Horse trading. Even cutting corners. And believe it or not, some of the participants—those in government as well as those seeking to influence outcome—do not operate in an ethical or even legal manner. The general welfare—the greatest good for the greatest number—is not necessarily their main concern.

As such, being upfront and forthright with the public, having their decision making and actions held up to scrutiny, is not an attitude or practice that they embrace. They prefer to operate away from public view, behind closed doors, and covered by a cloak of secrecy.

The 'fly in the ointment' to this behavior is, first of all, the elected and appointed officials and career employees who do believe in operating in an open-and-above-board manner, who believe in the notion of public trust and take their oath of office seriously, and are principled and ethical. It's also the press—or, as it's now often referred to, the media. Historically—through their very presence at meetings and legislative sessions, their reporting and commentary, and their willingness to uncover and expose questionable activities and even wrong-doing—the press has earned the title of 'public watchdog.'

**'SUNSHINE WEEK' WAS JUST OBSERVED.** To the casual observer that term might conjure up the notion of seven straight days of bright skies. In Michigan, such an occurrence would be well worth celebrating.

In fact, it's the "annual initiative celebrating the crucial need for access to information to ensure governmental transparency and accountability." That's a mouthful, but in simpler terms it means "freedom of information." The metaphor of sunshine is that of "illumination". Shining a light in those dark corners of deal-making, opening up the closed doors, and exposing improper and unethical behavior.

On the occasion of Sunshine Week, Danielle McLean, the chair of the freedom of information committee at the Society of Professional Journalists, stated: "Free press is essential in terms of telling the truth and allowing people to know exactly what's happening."

A number of people seem to think that 'freedom of the press' is a concern only of journalists, a nefarious bunch of ne'er-do-wells intent on disrupting governmental activity, unduly influencing policy decisions, and making life miserable for public officials.

But this freedom, part of the First Amendment of the Bill

of Rights, is not merely about giving journalists a free reign to poke their noses wherever they wish—although (as far as government is concerned) that's part of how they find out things—but about the American people's "right to know" what its government is doing.

I came across a guest column I published in a 1985 issue of this newspaper. It was entitled "The meaning of press freedom" and written on the occasion of National Newspaper Week' by Richard J.V. Johnson of the *Houston Chronicle* who was serving as the head of the American Newspaper Publishers Association.

Johnson—who noted that "The history of our country teaches us that a really free press was invented in America"—stated that "As citizens we must continually remind ourselves that freedom of the press is a unique right of the American people and that it is indeed the American people's freedom—not ours as newspaper people—but theirs.

"Above all, we must never forget that a free press is crucial to the preservation of all of the freedoms embodied in our Constitution," he added. "Once we lose it the other precious freedoms we enjoy will crumble."

To emphasize this point, Johnson quoted a comment made by Felix Frankfurter, the renowned U.S. Supreme Court justice. "Without a free press there can be no free society. This is axiomatic. However, freedom of the press is not an end in itself but a means to the end of a free society. The scope and nature of the constitutional guarantee of the freedom of the press are to be viewed and applied in that light."

Johnson juxtaposed this view from Justice Frankfurter with a quote from Nikolai Lenin, the leader of the Communist Party that founded the Soviet Union and turned it into a totalitarian state. "Why should freedom of speech and freedom of the press be allowed?" Lenin asked. "Why should a government which is doing what it believes to be right allow itself to be criticized? It would not allow opposition by lethal weapons. Ideas are much more fatal than guns. Why should any man be allowed to buy a printing press and disseminate pernicious opinion calculated to embarrass the government?"

The voice of freedom, of sunshine, and 'the right to know' versus that of repression and the dark sinister intent to keep people ignorant and scared. It's an age old tug-of-war.

That long-ago guest column by the head of the newspaper association added this final thought concerning this struggle: "Americans have always known—though we sometimes forget to articulate it—that a strong, free press and a strong, free country are inseparable. You can't have one without the other. No society ever has; none will.

"Freedom of the press is everybody's freedom."

**Michigan Supreme Court candidate speaking at Dems' Convention**

A lawyer who has fought for the victims of the Flint water crisis, the rights of women in the work place, and people with disabilities will speak at the Livingston County Democrats' spring convention.

Sam Bagenstos is seeking the endorsement of the Michigan Democratic Party for a seat on the Michigan Supreme Court. He will speak at the county party's March 22 convention, set for 7 p.m.

At one time, Bagenstos clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. He worked in the U.S. Department of Justice under President Obama and now teaches law at the University of Michigan Law School.

The county party's convention is in preparation for the April 15 statewide convention at which the Michigan Democratic Party will endorse candidates for statewide offices, including Secretary of State, Attorney General, and Michigan Supreme Court.

At the local meeting, party members will select members of state convention committees and consider resolutions for forwarding to the state party.

The county convention will be at RE/Max Platinum Auditorium, 6870 Grand River, between Brighton and Howell. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. Attendees are advised to park in the back, use the rear entrance, and take the stairs or elevator down to the auditorium.

**Letter to the Editor**

Conway Township has been studying the possibility of bringing fiber optic cable to the township for over a year. There are people who do not want any growth. My dad told me of people not wanting electricity 70-plus years ago. Can you imagine still burning kerosene?

Yes, it's going to be expensive on the front end. Come to the board meeting and ask for the figures. Tell the board to vote "yes" for our children's future. The board meets on the third Tuesday of the month. Be there for the March 20th & April 17th meetings. Fill the hall like we did on the fracking issue.

Bob Carusi,  
Conway Township Resident





# Michigan Senate Report

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

## National Agriculture Day

National Agriculture Day is next week, and in celebration, I wanted to share a few agriculture facts about Michigan that many people may not realize.

For example, did you know that Michigan has more than 51,000 farms providing over 300 different commodities? These farms contribute to an industry that generates more than \$100 billion each year — a substantial portion of the Michigan economy.

Agriculture accounts for nearly one million jobs in the state, too, and constitutes almost 22 percent of all the state’s employment.

In peak seasons, this booming industry attracts visitors from all over the region. Though many people picture lakes and forests when thinking of Michigan’s natural resources, our state’s farms are a verdant attraction in their own right, generating revenue through tours, on-site services and other agricultural experiences.

I’m a farmer myself and I serve as chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee. I work hard to ensure that Michigan farmers have a voice in our state’s agriculture policy: with so many jobs and staple products at stake it’s a duty I take seriously.

For farmers and others who might be interested, the 2018 Michigan Agriculture magazine is out now. Contact my office if you would like to receive a copy.

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

## Salute for the Stars & Celebrity Dance Contest raises over \$15,000 for LCCC

Five phenomenal dance teams entertained guests at Livingston County Catholic Charities’ (LCCC) Salute to the Stars & Celebrity Dance Contest on March 3 at Crystal Gardens in Howell.

Initial report shows the event raised over \$15,000 to help support LCCC Senior Outreach programs and other agency programs.

The teams competed in the judged dance competition for the overall Dance Competition trophy.

Teams included: Michael Gackler & Lynne Smelser, coached by Melissa Rollins of A BeYOUtiful Balance; Tracy Patterson & Branden Cathey (returning dance team), coached by Tony Argiero & Megan Simon of The Dance Project; Kelly Roth & Eric Guerin, coached by Michelle Marzejon of Michelle’s Academy of Dance & Performing Arts Center; Leslie & Sam Johnson, coached by Ayla Eichenhofer; and Peggi & Michael Bourke, coached by Molly Iott of Arthur Murray Ann Arbor Dance Studio. Each team chose an electrifying dance routine to perform and they spent weeks practicing for their performance.

The winning team was Team #4 – Leslie and Sam Johnson who performed a beautiful dance to a song from A White Christmas, “The Best Things Happen While You’re Dancing.” All dances can be viewed on Livingston County Catholic Charities’ Facebook page along with photos (courtesy of photographer, Sarah Robinson).

In addition to the dance competition award, a second award, Fan Favorite, was given out to the team that raised the most funds through both on-line voting during the weeks leading up to the event and in-house voting at the event. Team #5 – Peggi & Michael Bourke took home the Fan Favorite award!

A total of \$5,930 was raised through voting which support LCCC’s Senior Outreach programs that serve home bound and low-income county seniors. In fiscal year 2016/2017, LCCC served over 1,000 seniors; the majority report living at or below 150% of the national poverty level.

Dian Shields and Linda Bauby were honored as the community Stars for all of their work with seniors in our community; and a lively dance performance by The Dance Project dance team, Tony Argiero and Megan Simon, were all part of the evening.

After the awards, the dance floor was opened up for guests to enjoy some lively dancing. Tracy Patterson of Team #2 taught the crowd some fun line dancing moves.



# Michigan House Report

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

I delivered testimony last Wednesday in the House Health Policy Committee in support of legislation I introduced to make prescription drug prices more transparent.

Prescription drug prices have increased astronomically over the last few years. In 2016, drug price increases accounted for 100 percent of net earnings for major pharmaceutical companies: a net income of \$8.7 billion. These increases have continued to catch the attention of state legislatures. Thirty-six bills have been introduced in 24 states as of last month.

My proposed solution would reveal the true costs behind manufacturing drugs and bringing them to market. Individuals should not have to ration their health care, or other aspects of their life, in order to afford essential medicine that saves or drastically improves their lives. The committee will vote on the measure in the coming weeks.

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The Michigan Department of Treasury is actively working to combat tax-related identity theft. Throughout tax season, the department selects individual income tax returns for identity confirmation. If this happens, the individual will be asked to confirm their identity by taking a short online quiz, submitting paperwork, or answering questions over the phone. Once identity is verified, the tax refund will be issued in about a month. If you or someone you know has been a victim of identity theft, please report the situation to the Treasury Department. For more information, visit [www.Michigan.gov/IdentityTheft](http://www.Michigan.gov/IdentityTheft).

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This week was packed with great local events! On Saturday, I attended a charity dinner hosted by VINA Dental. The money raised assists individuals in our community who are unable to afford dental work and are uninsured. I also volunteered as the master of ceremonies for a bowling event benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters, and participated as a judge for the Fowlerville 4<sup>th</sup> of July Chili Cook-Off. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported these meaningful events.

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I was honored to present tributes to Fowlerville Community Schools and the Livingston Educational Service Agency for receiving awards from the SET SEG Foundation, an organization committed to investing in positive educational programs. They were chosen from a long list of nominees for their exceptionally beneficial programs designed to improve students’ life skills. Well done to all involved!

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I had another great opportunity to read to local students as I continue to recognize March is Reading Month. This week, I visited Charyl Stockwell Academy and Village, Creekside and Round Elementary Schools in Hartland. I continue to be impressed by the young people throughout our district.

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Thank you to all who attended my March office hours. I hope you’ll be able to join me again next month on Friday, April 20 at the following times and locations:

--2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Fowlerville Farms, 941 S. Grand Ave. in Fowlerville;

--4 to 5 p.m. at Biggby Coffee, 11325 W. Highland Road in Hartland; and

--5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at All Star Coney Island, 934 Michigan Ave. in Howell.

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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!*

## League of Women Voters: Introduction to ‘Promote the Vote’ Campaign

The League of Women Voters Brighton/Howell Area Unit is pleased to offer an educational event titled: “Promote the Vote”. The presenter will be Susan Smith, who is on the state Board of the League of Women Voters of Michigan and is currently working on the Promote the Vote ballot proposal campaign. The event will be held on Wednesday, March 21, at the Howell Carnegie Library from 6-7:30 pm. Please use the doors in the back of the library to enter the Meabon Room. For questions or other information, you can contact us at: [info@LWVBrightonHowellArea.org](mailto:info@LWVBrightonHowellArea.org)

## League of Women Voters offering Voter Registration Training on March 26

The League of Women Voters Brighton/Howell Area Unit is pleased to offer Voter Registration Training on Monday, March 26, at the Brighton Library from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. The presenter will be Ann Bollin, CMC, CMMC, Brighton Charter Township Clerk. Learn how to register voters and find out about opportunities to volunteer for the VOTE 2018 outreach projects.



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## NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO HANDY TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 213

Please be notified that the Handy Township Board on March 13, 2018, at the Handy Township Hall at 135 N. Grand Avenue, Fowlerville, MI 48836, has adopted certain amendments to the Handy Township Public Water Service Ordinance No. 213 which amendments are as follows:

### AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amendment to Section 3, Regulations, Subsection F. entitled “Water meters” shall have a new subsection (1) added which shall read as follows:

1. Meter reading-inability to obtain reading. The Township must be able to read the meter(s) at a property in order to provide an accurate bill for usage. In the event the Township is unable to read the meter for any reason, the property owner will be notified by telephone of the inability to read the meter or a written notice of said inability will be left at the premises. The property owner will then have 7 days from the date of the notification to provide for an actual meter reading. If the Township is unable to obtain an actual meter reading within said 7 days, then the Township will provide an estimated bill for usage based upon previous readings plus a 20% surcharge to reimburse the Township for the time and costs incurred by the Township in trying to obtain an accurate meter reading as well as protecting the Township from under billing for usage.

These amendments were adopted by the Handy Township Board on March 13, 2018, and shall have an effective date of thirty days after publication.

The Handy Township Public Water Service Ordinance No. 213 can be purchased, examined, or inspected at the Handy Township Hall, 135 N. Grand Avenue, Fowlerville, MI 48836, between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Laura A. Eisele, Township Clerk  
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## Livingston County United Way holds annual breakfast this past Thursday

Hundreds of local community leaders gathered this past Thursday morning to celebrate the work of the Livingston County United Way and its commitment to making Livingston County a great place to grow up, a great place to raise a family and a great place to retire, for everyone.

Steve Williams, Principal of EctoHR, Inc. and Livingston County United Way President, emceed the “Spirit of the Community” program, which was a rollicking storybook-themed journey through United Way’s Year in Review. Williams recognized outgoing board members Shirley Barton and Scott Griffith for their years of service, introduced incoming board members, and provided an overview of progress made this past year.

Newly elected board members included community volunteer Carole Damon, Greg Hillier from Walmart Supercenter of Fowlerville, and John O’Malley from St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Health Facilities. The entire Board of Directors can be found on the Livingston County United Way’s website [www.lcunitedway.org](http://www.lcunitedway.org).

The 2017 Campaign Co-chairpersons, Howell Public Schools superintendent Erin MacGregor and realtor Carol Griffith, of Griffith Realty, recognized Pacesetter and top partners, Campaign Champions, and thanked all donors for their commitment and support of the organization’s work.

United Way Board members Jeff Blagg and Melissa Schwartz emceed the Year in Review Storybook presentations, along with “actors” Scott Griffith, Erin MacGregor and Carol Griffith. Through the classic tale of the 3 Little Pigs, the team illustrated Livingston County United Way’s commitment to: assisting families to thrive, successful youth, and overall community health and wellness.

Several special volunteers were recognized for their exemplary service to others:

**Natalie Cortez** - from Howell High School, Young Person of Distinction

**Howell High School Senior Survivors** – Youth Organization of the Year

**Patti Palazzolo** - Charles W. Itsell Volunteer of the Year  
**Brian Donovan** - Donald Epley Lifetime Community Service award

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Learn more about the Livingston County United Way’s community impact work in its 2016 Annual Report now available online at [LINK](http://LINK), or visit [www.lcunitedway.org](http://www.lcunitedway.org).

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**Annual Fur Ball help support important programs at County Human Society**

The Humane Society of Livingston County, which provides medical care, food, and shelter for the homeless animals in our community, will hold its 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Fur Ball on Saturday April 14, 2018, at Crystal Gardens, 5768 East Grand River, Howell.

This year we will be “mixing it up” with a Las Vegas Style Casino Night! The evening will also include strolling dinner, premium bar, live and silent auction, DJ and much more! A silent auction begins at 5:30pm; dinner will begin at 6:00pm, and Gaming will begin at 8:15pm.

Tickets are \$110 (or \$200 per couple) until April 1, when the ticket price will increase to \$125. Tickets can be purchased at [www.furballlivingston.org](http://www.furballlivingston.org). All proceeds will help provide care for the homeless animals at the Humane Society of Livingston County. Sponsorship opportunities for interested businesses are available, and auction items are still being accepted.

Last year, thanks to the generosity of the Livingston County Community, HSLC cared for over 900 unwanted, neglected and homeless cats and dogs, and responded to nearly 1,000 additional requests for help from the community. The HSLC receives zero dollars from the county, state or from any federal agency. We are 100% percent fully funded from events as well as the generosity of our donors and sponsors throughout the year – so your support is greatly appreciated!

“Our annual Fur Ball is a win-win for everyone. It is a lovely evening of celebration honoring our wonderful supportive community and directly benefitting the animals we serve.” said Karen Kazyak, Director of Animal Welfare at HSLC. “Together we can continue moving forward towards a day when shelters will no longer be needed and every pet will have a home.”

Learn more about the Humane Society of Livingston County’s Fur Ball, sponsorship opportunities, and tickets at [humane-livingston.org](http://humane-livingston.org) or by calling **Jeannine Julien** (517) 552-8050.

**Williamston Eagles Club hosting annual Chili Cook Off on Saturday, March 24**

Williamston Eagles Club is hosting their annual Chili Cook Off on Saturday, March 24th. Registration begins at 2:30pm, with judging at 4pm. First place trophies go to the top 3 winners of each category. Chili categories are: Spicy, Traditional and White Chili. There will be a separate category for any soup, with one first place trophy. Cook off participants are to submit a full crock pot of chili or soup for judging. Entrants are invited to eat free after the judging. Bring us your best chili or soup and you might go home with a first place trophy!

If you don’t want to participate in the cook off, you can come and enjoy a chili dinner after the 4pm judging. For \$5.00 you can have a bowl of chili (or soup) with your favorite toppings; onions, cheese, sour cream and crackers, along with cornbread and a salad. Doors open at 1:00 pm on cook off day. No entry fee and everyone is welcome. Club is located at 835 High St. Call 517-655-6510 for more info.

**Free Vision Screening for Children to be offered at Webberville Easter Egg Hunt**

A Free Vision Screening for Children is being offered during the Webberville Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31, starting at 10a.m. at the Webberville High School football field. The screening is sponsored by the Webberville Lions Club and is part of the group’s Project KIDSight.

The screening is primarily intended for children ages one to six, but older children are welcome.

Project KIDSight is a vision screening program to detect potential vision disorders in children that can cause permanent vision loss when treatment is delayed. Through Project KIDSight, your child’s vision will be tested with a high tech camera that will quickly (1 second) and accurately determine whether your child’s vision is a Pass or a Refer. When the result of the vision screening is a Refer, the child should be examined by an ophthalmologist or optometrist as soon as possible.

Five percent of all preschool age children experience vision loss from an undetected vision disorder, and treatment options increase when vision problems are detected early in a child’s life. Normal vision can usually be restored with eye glasses, contact lenses and sometimes patching.

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The bidding documents consist of plans and specifications as prepared by Mielok Associates, Inc., 114 Rayson Street, Suite 2C, Northville, MI 48167. Documents may be downloaded from Pipeline Suites. Contact Richard Gorski or Shawn Debo at the George W. Auch Company 248-334-2000 if you need assistance viewing or obtaining documents from Pipeline Suites. A copy of the documents will also be available for review at the offices of the George W. Auch Co., 735 S. Paddock Street, Pontiac, MI., 48341, 248-334-2000, on or after **March 20th, 2018**.

A Pre-Bid meeting will be held at Fowlerville Community Schools Facility & Maintenance Building, located at 7577 Sharpe Road, Fowlerville, MI 48836 on Wednesday **March 28th, 2018** at 1:00PM. Site visits will follow the pre-bid meeting.

The envelope bearing your proposal must identify your company, the proposal being bid and addressed to the attention of Wayne Roedel, Superintendent, Fowlerville Community Schools, 7677 Sharpe Road, Suite A, Fowlerville, MI 48836. Bids must be delivered no later than **12:00 noon, Thursday April 5th, 2018** to Fowlerville Community School District at the address noted above or the George W. Auch Company. Each proposal must be submitted on the forms furnished by the construction manager and must be completed in full. Each proposal shall be sealed in an opaque envelope and marked with the name of the bidder. A bid bond executed by a **U.S. Treasury listed surety company** acceptable to the owner, or a cashier’s check in the amount of at least 5% of the sum of the proposal payable to Fowlerville Community Schools shall be submitted with each proposal in excess of **\$23,881**. All proposals shall be firm for a period of sixty (60) days.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at a meeting convened at the Fowlerville Community Schools Administration Building located at 7677 Sharpe Road, Suite A, Fowlerville, MI 48836 starting at 2:00 p.m. on April 5th, 2018.

Successful bidders whose proposals are \$50,000 or more will be required to furnish a Satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of their bid. The cost of the Bond shall be included in each proposal.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids in whole or in part and to waive any informalities therein. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept that bid which in its opinion, is in the best interest of the Owner.

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# Caleb Jenkins Column



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Thus, it is understandable that the Allies saw a need to liberate Korea by ensuring Japan ended its atrocious occupation. Through a series of geopolitical maneuvering on the part of the emerging major world powers, the result was an invasion by the Soviet Union to push Japan out of the northern areas of the peninsula, and the United States ensured Japan’s removal from the south. This is the aforementioned critical moment that ultimately created such regional disorder. Rather than working

with the United States and the United Nations to ensure a secure and united Korea, the Soviet Union decided to continue its control over the north and instead institute a communist government. The US and UN, meanwhile, continued their plans to establish a free and Western government in the south, and thus, North and South Korea were born.

Today, we know that the two Koreas are vastly different in their systems of government and overall way of life. Indeed, North Korea’s economy and social structure have seemingly been on the edge of collapse for years, and its people suffer dreadfully because of the totalitarian demands of its rulers. In South Korea, the people enjoy an overall vibrant economy with the freedoms expected in a modern state. The reason for this stark contrast is often attributed to the use of communism in the North and Western ideology in the South, and while I would argue that this is true, the interesting part is that this was not always the case.

In fact, when the two Koreas were first formed at the conclusion of World War II, North Korea had a distinct edge. This was due to a variety of different factors that included extensive support for North Korea by Russia and China and rampant abuse and fraud by the newly formed South Korean government. North Korea was in a much better position to succeed right out of the gate, and those who supported the communist movement touted the state as a prime example of the superiority of communism while pointing to the South as a failure of Western ideology.

However, this was temporary. The unsustainability of North Korea’s policies was soon revealed, and when South Korea eventually started to properly implement Western ideology, it was evident that those practices were indeed superior, the results of which we see today. So, what’s the lesson here? For us, it is simply this: don’t be discouraged by initial failures. When we know we are doing what is right, it can be

disheartening to experience setbacks. It can sometimes cause us to question if we should continue down that road. But if we know that we are in the right, then we must not give up. Success will come, but we have to be patient. Stay on the path.

## Livingston Centre Historical Society hosting Egg Hunt on March 31st

The Livingston Centre Historical Society is sponsoring our third annual egg hunt on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at the Fowlerville Community Park at 11:00 a.m. The park is located on N. Grand Ave. just before the Fowlerville High School. We will be in the back of the park in the large pavilion.

We will divide into three groups by age; 4 and under, 5 through 8, and 9 through 12. Each group will run separately. Baskets will be provided. You might want to bring your own in case we have a larger than expected turn-out.

Our barrel train will make its spring debut with free rides for the children. We have a great time and, who knows, a special bunny might show up!

This is the first of our yearly activities. Our next will be our annual “Grandma’s Attic” sale on May 17, 18 and 19<sup>th</sup>. We are accepting donations for this now and up until May 16<sup>th</sup> so please keep us in mind as you do your spring housecleaning! For more information, please call Marj at 517-223-3831.

## Parkinson’s Support Group to meet March 27 at St. Joseph Hospital

The Livingston County Parkinson’s Support Group will meet at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27, in Community Room 2 of St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital, 620 Byron Road, in Howell. Park in the rear west parking lot and enter through the west entrance canopy. The speaker is Lance Scheumacher. The topic is the Stephen Ministry Program at the 1st. Methodist Church in Howell. After the formal presentation, an open discussion will take place. For more information, contact Dr. Stuart Blatt at [sblatt63@gmail.com](mailto:sblatt63@gmail.com) or at 810-923-8970.

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## HANDY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS

The regular meeting of the Handy Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Alverson at 7:00 P.M. in the Handy Township Board Room. Trustees present: Eisele, Shear, Munsell and Roddy. Absent: None. Also present: Att. Kehoe, Zoning Admin. – Call, Sue Kelly and Karen Pierce-Sierra Club and residents: Chuck Wright and Ken Donal.

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

- To approve the agenda as amended.
- To approve meeting minutes of 2-13-18 and 2-26-18 as presented.
- To pay bills in the amount of \$107,231.05.
- To amend developmental standards.
- To adopt land combination form.
- To accept Recreation Agreement as amended.
- To accept the Road Millage ballot language for August 2018 election.
- To reduce listing price for Twp. Owned property.
- To approve amendment to Water Ordinance.
- To approve farmland lease agreements.
- To renew lawn mowing contract with Klaus Gardening for 2018 mowing season.
- To change location of April 10, 2018 Board meeting to Fowlerville Jr. High Auditorium.
- To change Board of Trustees meeting date to the 3rd Monday of each month starting July 2018.
- To adopt language for jury duty compensation.
- To adjourn meeting at 8:41 P.M.

Laura A. Eisele  
Handy Township Clerk  
(3-18-18 FNV)



Fowlerville FFA students compete at state finals

These Fowlerville FFA students competed at the state finals held during the recent Michigan FFA State Convention at the MSU campus. They were: from left, back row-Emma Fyke, Lane Perkins, Donovan Tennant, Austin Cutright, Collin Munsell, Ben Butcher, Sabrina Lanker, FFA Advisor Curtis Refior, Adrian Donohue; second row- Olivia Mantay, Cassidy Fetzer, Kristi, Ashlyn Ronning, Courtney Steffee, Lillian Thomas, Lilly Copeland; kneeling-Tyler Bigos, Megan Bourdon, Abby Holland, Tori Melchert, Andrew Goodwin; and sitting- Jewel Sabodka, Sabrina Cox, Selena Lopez, Hunter Kupniewski, and Morgyn Muck



Emma Fyke, a FFA member, was congratulated by her advisor, Curtis Refior. Emma was a gold recipient placing top five in the category of Job Interview.



Receiving a Plaque and Trophy were FFA member Hunter Kupaeniewski, left, and FFAAdvisor Curtis Refior. Hunter was the gold recipient in the category 'Food Processing and Systems' and will be attending 2018 National FFA Convention in October.



Receiving the Certificate of Achievement Outstanding Chapter in the Michigan FFA Pop Tab Drive for Fowlerville was Andrew Goodwin, left, from Colin Randall, a Michigan FFA State Officer.



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