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The current owners of the Fowlerville Veterinary Clinic presented Kathy DeForest with a watch, thanking her for her 44 years of working at the clinic. Kathy retired earlier this year. From left were Dr. Scott Butts, Dr. Dean Gibbons, Kathy DeForest, and Dr. Chris Wanczyk.

Fowlerville Veterinary Clinic hosts Grand Opening & Retirement Party

The Fowlerville Veterinary Clinic combined two special events on Sunday, Oct. 14, hosting a Grand Opening of its enlarged facility along with a Retirement Party for Kathy DeForest.

The public was invited to join the owners and staff at the clinic, located east of the village on Grand River at the corner of Hogback Road, to tour the building addition that includes four new exam rooms, plus an exit area which is designed to relieve congestion at the front entrance and streamline people coming to and leaving the clinic. The new exit area mirrors the entrance area in both size and design.

The extra exam rooms were added due to the growth in the clinic's small-animal practice.

Those attending also had the opportunity to congratulate DeForest on her retirement after 44 years of working at the clinic. She served as the secretary-receptionist at the front desk, answered the phone when working, and performed a number of other tasks.

Among the guests were four past owners of the clinic, including Dr. Art Currey, Dr. Don Jaquet, Dr. Joe Woltanski, and Dr. Dan Paternoster.

The current owners are Dr. Scott Butts, Dr. Dean Gibbons, and Dr. Chris Wanczyk.

See page 31 for more photos of this event.

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Registration usually opens 2 weeks prior to the event. Follow us on Facebook & www.fowlervillelibrary.org. Phone: 517-223-9089

Cardio Drumming - Tuesdays at 7pm

Adults. Increase your physical literacy with a fun workout from instructor Kim Griffes. Please remember to bring water and wear comfortable clothes. Spaces are limited to 20 participants on a first-come, first-served basis. **There is a small cash-only fee for this class of \$6 if you bring your own equipment or \$8 to rent a ball, bucket, and drumsticks. Drop-in class.*

Rush Clement Concert - Wednesday, October 24th at 7pm

Adults. Join us in welcoming Rush Clement, guitar extraordinaire, to the Fowlerville Library! Get ready for fun and to enjoy some classic rock music! Rush takes requests, so don't hesitate to ask for your favorite song! **Register in person to attend. Registration is open and includes a refundable \$5 cash deposit.*

Computer Basics B.Y.O.D. - Thursday, October 25th at 1:30-3pm

Adults. Bring Your Own Device. This class will cover a general overview of the computer, starting with how to turn it on, using the mouse and keyboard, working with Windows, and basic computer terminology. The Instructor is Dan Urbane of Central Michigan Consulting. You will need to bring your own laptop with you to this class. **Register in person to attend. Registration begins October 11th and includes a refundable \$5 cash deposit. This class will be held in the library's program room and is limited to 20 participants.*

Yoga with Erin - Fridays at 9:30am

Adults. Join Erin, co-owner of *SoulShine Yoga*, and your host, Ms. Beth, for weekly sessions at the Library. Yoga is accessible for adults of all ages through modifications. Please remember to bring water to drink and your own mat to practice on. **Spaces are limited to a first come-first served basis. There is a small \$5 cash-only fee for this class. Drop-ins are welcome.*

Halloween Event - Wednesday, October 31st at 6-8pm

All Ages. Decorate a police car with Chief Tyler; touch a truck, including a Fire Truck and DPW Truck; participate in a costume contest at 7:45pm; and enjoy hot chocolate, treat bags, and more! The library closes at 5pm that day. **Drop-ins are welcome!*

Beyond the Book: *Shutter Island* - Thursday, November 1st at 7pm

Adults. Featuring a book and its film adaptation. Movie begins at 7pm followed by discussion. Movie-style refreshments will be served. **Register in person to attend. Registration begins October 11th. Books will be given on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.*

Edmund Fitzgerald Presentation - Thursday, November 8th at 7pm

Adults. The Edmund Fitzgerald is the largest and undoubtedly most famous shipwreck in the Great Lakes. Vanishing with 29 lives in 1975, it epitomizes the destructive power of the gales of November, and has become legend in a top 40 song. **Ric Mixer** is one of only a handful of divers to visit the wrecksite, some 550 feet below Lake Superior. His spellbinding lecture encompasses the ship's construction near Detroit and the ship's final voyage from Wisconsin. **Register in person to attend. Registration begins October 18th and includes a refundable \$5 cash deposit.*

String Art - Friday, November 9th at 5-8pm

Teens 6th-12th grades. Transform string and pins into works of art. Start with string, pins, paper, and a board. You end with adorable art! Pizza and a beverage will be served. **Registration is required and includes a 2018-2019 signed Program Permission Form. Registration begins October 26th. Register by November 7th to attend.*

Fowlerville Varsity Football Team falls to Lansing Catholic, 21-7

The Fowlerville Varsity Football Team fell to Lansing Catholic in a home game on Friday, Oct. 12, by a score of 21-7. The loss put the Gladiators at 3-5 for the season.

Lansing Catholic scored touchdowns in the first, second and third quarters. Fowlerville finally got on the scoreboard early in the final period when Geoffrey Knaggs cross the goal line on an 18-yard quarterback keeper. Payton Johnson kicked the point after.

The Cougars gained 311 yards on offense to Fowlerville's 198 total. The Gladiators, playing catch-up, had most of their yards in the air with Knaggs completing 13 of 30 passes for 153 yards. Three of those pass attempts, however, were intercepted, thwarting Fowlerville's comeback efforts.

Andrew McFadden caught 6 passes for 63 yards, Hunter Cahoon had 2 receptions for 56 yards, and JT Maybee hauled in two throws for 18 yards. Kyle Lutz, Hunter Knaggs, and Mitchell Stobierski accounted for the other 3 receptions.

Of Fowlerville's 45 yards on the ground, Hunter Knaggs had 19 of them, Geoffrey Knaggs also had 19, and Kaleb Chappell gained 7.

On defense, G. Knaggs led with 7 solo tackles and 1 assist, Kaleb Chappell had 6 solo tackles and 2 assists, Jacob Friel had 6 solo tackles and 1 assist, Tom Salois had 5 solo tackles and 2 assists, and Mitchell Stobierski had 3 solo tackles and 1 assist.

Fowlerville finished its season at Corunna this past Friday, Oct. 20 (past the newspaper deadline.)

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Michigan Senate Report

By Joe Hune,
22nd District

A Culture of Life

A recent political cartoon struck a chord with me. The image depicts a preborn child in its mother’s womb, with a thought bubble above it, reading, “If they prove that I am 1/1,024th human, will Sen. [Elizabeth] Warren protect me?” Any humor aside, the cartoon demonstrates the ridiculousness of how far the political left will go to force the acceptance and protection of its chosen constituencies and the

lengths to which they go to deny those of us they oppose. Just ask Justice Kavanaugh.

What continues to baffle me is how anyone could not be pro-life — especially those on the left. For a political persuasion that supposedly stands for human rights, the pro-choice element has done nothing over the past 45 years to stand up for the more than 60 million Americans killed by abortion. Not only have they not done anything, they fight for its continued practice. At what point is a human human enough to have rights?

If any constituency needs acceptance and protection, it’s preborn children. That is why I will forever stand up, sound off, and vote for those voiceless among us. Protecting and promoting a culture of life is as important to me as anything, and I believe it’s fundamental to restoring our crumbling society. I am proud to have received a zero percent rating from Planned Parenthood, but I am even more proud to work with and support organizations like Live Action, National Right to Life, and Right to Life-Livingston County. These organizations work every day to restore that culture of life and to support preborn children, their mothers and their families.

During my time as a state legislator, I have met thousands of like-minded Livingston County residents with the shared goal of supporting and promoting a culture of life. If you share this goal and are interested in getting involved, there is no better organization locally than Right to Life-Livingston County. For more information on Right to Life-Livingston County, please visit their website at www.RightToLifeLivingston.org or contact them via email atrtllc@sbcglobal.net or call 810-227-5788.

If you believe life is a precious gift of God, then you know it is worth defending. Now more than ever is the time to stand up and do something.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, contact my office toll-free at 855-JOE-HUNE or by email at SenJHune@senate.michigan.gov. My website, www.SenatorJoeHune.com, is also a good resource for information.

Fowlerville Girls Cross Country Team places 10th at Greater Lansing meet

The Fowlerville Girls Cross Country team competed at the Greater Lansing XC Championships in Grand Ledge on Saturday, October 13th. The Lady Glads battled through the chilly temperatures and a sloppy 5000 meter course to finished 10th out of 34 complete teams. Sophomore Lilly Copeland’s time of 20:18.2 led the Fowlerville girls. Lilly’s 29th place earned her a spot on the podium among the best in the Lansing area.

Sophomore Jenna Rigotti crossed the finish line next for the Glads in 37th place with a time of 20 minutes and 35.3 seconds. Sophomore Emily Hutmacher’s 21:11.1 earned her the third spot for the Glads and junior Franny Updike wasn’t far behind crossing the finish line with a time of 21 minutes and 31.3. seconds. Sophomore Arianne Davis rounded out the scoring for the Gladiators with a time of 22:17.1. The sister pair of Sara (22:46.4) and Sophia (23:42.7) Spalding rounded out varsity team.

NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF HANDY, CONWAY AND IOSCO TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018

Please take notice that the 2018 General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. The polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

VOTING PRECINCT LOCATIONS:
Handy Township:
Precincts 1, 2 & 3, will all vote at Woodshire Place Banquet Facility, 6520 W. Grand River (located on the corner of W. Grand River and Hogback Roads)
Conway Township:
All Precincts will vote at the Conway Township Hall, 8015 N. Fowlerville Rd.
Iosco Township:
Precinct 1 will vote at the Iosco Township Hall, 2050 Bradley Rd.
Precinct 2 will vote at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 8201 Iosco Rd.

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By Beth Lowe, Director

What’s on my Mind this Weekend...Cyber Security!
Identity theft and cyber security are serious concerns. Many people are aware that Facebook was recently hacked. Facebook is the most popular social media platform with Gen X and Baby Boomers alike. Those born in 1980 and earlier, before the internet came about, are not native users of the internet and social media. What can Gen Xers and Baby Boomers do to stay safe online?
To maintain the security of your Facebook account, *The New York Times*, recommends a three-pronged approach: a device audit, a password change, and turn on two-factor authentication.

What is a device audit you ask? On a computer, go to your Facebook settings in the upper right-hand corner of your page window. In the browser I use, mine looks like a downward pointing triangle (a style of menu icon). Your browser may show a different style of menu icon. When the menu is pulled up, click on “Settings”. Then click on “Security and Log In” (gold security badge icon) in the left-hand column. Look at “Where You’re Logged In”. Make sure you know all the devices that you’re logged into Facebook with. You can click on “See More” to see a longer log in history.

If you do not recognize a device or see a location you haven’t been, either click on the three stacked dots (a style of menu icon) or at the end of that page section, click on “Log Out Of All Sessions”. If you “Log Out Of All Sessions”, Facebook will log you out of all your devices and places you are logged in at. Make sure you really want that before you choose that option. You will need to log in to Facebook with your password if you choose to log out of all sessions.

If you click on the three stacked dots menu, either click on “Not You?” or “Log Out”. If you choose “Not You”, Facebook will walk you through the steps to “Secure Account”. If you choose, “Log Out”, you will log out of that specific session only.

Many people have a hard time remembering passwords and choose not to change their passwords often. Make sure your passwords are complex, long, and unique. It is recommended that you change passwords after a security breach, like Facebook’s recent hacking. Make sure to use a

combination of capital letters, lower case letters, numbers, and special characters for a strong password on Facebook, you can change your password in the same window as a device audit.

The third recommendation to secure your Facebook account is to add extra security with “Two-Factor Authentication”, found on the “Security and Log In” page. Facebook will walk you through the steps. You can choose from text message or use an authentication app for when you log in from an unusual device or location. Personally, I use text message for two-factor authentication. A code is sent to you via text message. Copy and paste the authentication code into the indicated box.

Do you want to know more about how you can protect yourself online? Sign up for the free **Computer Basics** class at the library on October 25th at 1:30pm. Bring your own device or laptop and Dan Urbane of Central MI Consulting will teach you the basic settings of your device and more about basic online security settings and practices.

“No Safety, Know Pain.”—Unknown

Fowlerville Boys Varsity Soccer Team earns victory over Jackson Northwest

The Fowlerville Boys Varsity Soccer Team earned a 4-1 victory over Jackson Northwest on Tuesday night, Oct. 16. Nick Atkinson tied the game at 1-1 with a goal in the first half. The second half belonged to the Glads, with 3 goals to wrap up the win. Payton Johnson scored twice, once of a free kick from Ethan Moore. Moore later scored a goal of his own on a penalty kick. Fowlerville traveled to Mason to take on Chelsea this past Thursday (past the newspaper deadline).

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GENERAL ELECTION
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All Electors are hereby given notice that a General Election will be held in all Precincts of Handy Township on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. The Handy Township Clerk is currently available ballots for all registered voters requesting an absentee ballot for the November 6, 2018 General Election on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the township office located at 135 N. Grand Avenue. For voters who are unable to visit during office hours, the Clerk will be available on Saturday, November 3, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Emergency Absentee Ballots are available on Monday, November 5, 2018, until 4 p.m.

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

- Anyone 60 years of age or older
- Anyone who expects to be absent from the community during the times the polls are open on Election day
- Anyone physically unable to attend the Polls without assistance
- Because of tenets of your religion
- Anyone appointed to work as a Precinct Election Inspector
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Fowlerville Junior High School News

IMPORTANT DATES:

End of 1st marking period-- Fri. Oct. 26th
Halloween Dance-- Fri. Oct. 26th 2-4pm
Picture Retakes-- Fri. Nov. 9th
Thanksgiving Break--Wed-Fri. Nov. 21st-23rd
Vision Screening-- Mon-Tues Nov. 26, 27th
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SPORTS FOR WEEK OF Oct. 22

The first quarter of sports for FJH concluded this past week. Congratulations to the nearly 100 FJH students who participated in either XC or VB; such great young Gladiators! Thank you to all the wonderful coaches who worked with our young people. Now, onto BBB (boys’ basketball.) At present, we do not have a competitive cheer coach. More information on this sport will be available in weeks to come.

Mon., 10/22: BBB tryouts: 7th & 8th grades. FJH gym; locker room available for changing--bring your own lock. 8th-2:30-4:30 & 7th- 5-7. Tryouts continue daily. Coaches will have more information at the first tryout. Good luck to all.

THANK YOUS galore to the Fowlerville Fire Dept. for providing on-site care at the home XC meets this season. The presence of the volunteer firemen is reassuring to coaches, athletes, & parents.

Another successful VB PINK OUT took place at FHS on October 16-- the final home volleyball games of the 7th & 8th grade teams. THANK YOU to all who helped, both at FJH during the lunch period activities, those who donated items for the event, those who helped w/ the activities and, of course, those who participated in various ways. A local family, dealing w/ cancer, will soon be the recipient of monies raised on this day. Again, thank you.
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CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

On Monday, Oct. 15th, the cross country team ran their final meet of the season in DeWitt at the Greater Lansing Invitational. There were 28 teams and over 1,000 runners in attendance!

Two boys received medals in a race with the highest talent from all the 28 schools! Congratulations Brett Marschall for running an 11:56 and receiving 25th place, and Will Schrader for running a 12:11 and receiving 34th place!

Five boys received personal record times in their races, Will Shrader, Dillon Wieas, Lucas Anderson, Cole Sova, and Colton Huff. Additionally Dillon Wieas earned a spot in the Gladiator Club for boys running a 2-mile course in under 13:00. With a time of 12:54 he earned his name on the board in the gym with the fastest junior Glads from previous years!

In the girls races, two girls raced their way into new personal best times! Riley Thomas finished in 14:58 and Cailyn Cockerill finished in 16:08! Congratulations girls!

These runners have worked incredibly hard this season! The coaches have loved to get to know these amazing kids and see them improve every week!
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7TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL

The 7th grade A team won the first and third set against Haslett in the Pink Out and the B team swept Haslett winning all three sets handily. The teams will play their final games of the season at Charlotte on October 17th.
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ARCHERY NEWS

It’s almost time for archery! Are you interested in trying archery this year? Are you thinking you want to try out for the archery team? Information will be posted THIS WEEK on our website: fowlervillearchery.org Our archery clubs and teams are for ANY Fowlerville student in grades 4-12. This also includes FOLA students!

If you have any questions please email fowlervillearchery@fowlervilleschools.org
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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF HANDY TOWNSHIP GENERAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the Tuesday, November 6, 2018, General Election has been scheduled for Thursday, October 25, 2018, at 1:30 p.m., at the Township Hall located at 135 & 137 N. Grand Avenue, Fowlerville. The public is welcome to attend.

Laura A. Eisele
Handy Township Clerk
(10-14 & 10-21-2018 FNV)

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BUS PASSES FOR ELEMENTARY BUSES

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

Fowlerville Junior High School’s Student Council is having a food drive for the Family Impact Center. The Food Drive is from **October 16th until November 2nd**. Please send in items with your child to their classroom. (homeroom for 6th grade, 6th hour for 7th grade and 8th grade).

Items needed are: Baked beans/ pork & beans, canned fruit, fruit juice, & juice boxes, canned meals (Spaghetti O’s, Ravioli, etc.), canned meats (chicken, ham, especially tuna), canned vegetables (tomatoes, potatoes, carrots, mixed), cereal: especially “Kids’ Favorites”, condiments: mustard, ketchup, salad dressing, etc., Helpers: Chicken, Hamburger, & Tuna, Jam/ Jelly, Macaroni and Cheese, packaged meat meals, rice & pasta mixes, soaps: dish/ laundry, soups: chunky or regular, and cans of spaghetti sauce.

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Candidates in four contested state & county races offer statements

Voters in Western Livingston County (including the greater Fowlerville area) will be deciding on four contested races involving Michigan Legislative seats and Livingston County offices in the upcoming Nov. 6th General Election.

Seeking the four-year term for the 22nd District seat in the Michigan State Senate are Adam Dreher, the Democratic Party candidate, and Lana Theis, the Republican Party nominee. The winner will replace Sen. Joe Hune, a Republican, who leaves office due to term limits. The district covers Livngston County and several townships in Western Washtenaw County.

Running for the two-year term for the 47th District seat in the Michigan House of Representatives are Hank Vaupel, the Republican incumbent, and Colleen Turk, the Democratic Party challenger. The district covers Western Livingston County, along with the Hartland and Pinckney areas.

Vying for the two-year term for the District 4 seat on the Livingston County Board of Commissioners are Doug Helzerman, the Republican incumbent, and Maureen Martin, the Democratic Party nominee. The district covers

the townships of Conway, Handy (including the Village of Fowlerville), Iosco, and Unadilla, along with part of Putnam Township.

Squaring off for the new judicial seat on the Livingston County 44th Circuit Court are Dennis Brewer and L. Suzanne Geddis. Geddis is currently a district court judge, while Brewer is an attorney with 20 years of legal background who is making his second bid to serve on the Circuit Court. The term is for eight years.

Running unopposed for re-election on the non-partisan ballot are Michael Hatty, a judge on the Livingston County 44th Circuit Court, and Miriam Cavanaugh, the Livingston County probate judge. Both offices are for six-year terms.

The candiates in the four contested races that Fowlerville area voters will help decide were invited to submit statements telling voters why they are running for office, and what they hope to accomplish—what their goals and priorities will be if they are elected or re-elected. The candidates were also invited to submit some biographical information, including any experience or qualifications they would bring to the office.

Below are their submissions:

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Lana Theis
District 22 Michigan State Senate
Republican Candidate

Back in 2000, like many working families, we bought the smallest house in the neighborhood, planning to add on when we were in a better position financially. In 2005, Brighton Township passed a tree ordinance that would have cost us \$40,000 just to comply with the new rules, before we could even begin any addition. Working with friends and neighbors, I led a referendum campaign and overturned the ordinance, winning nearly 2/3 of the vote. Running a local ballot referendum showed me how big an effect one person can have when they clearly explain the issue with other members of their community. That is what encouraged me to become involved in politics.

Since 2015, it has been my honor to serve as state representative for the 42nd district, encompassing the South-Eastern portion of Livingston County. As a candidate for State Senate, I am committed to honoring the principles that drove me when I first ran for State Representative: More Leadership – Less Government. I am a conservative Republican leader who does what is right, even when it means standing up to special interest groups or the establishment.

Consistent with these principles, I voted **against** raising your gas taxes and **opposed** raising your vehicle registration fees. I believe that as taxpayers, we pay the government enough of our hard-earned money; and if the legislature correctly prioritizes the money already taken in taxes, there is no need to take more. I voted **in favor** of reducing our income taxes and I **opposed** legislation which gave massive tax breaks to business because, beyond being unfair, the government is bad at picking winners and losers. I voted **yes** on legislation which would create transparency in the Michigan Legislature and the Executive Branch.

As your next state senator, my top priorities in Lansing will be to lower our sky-rocketing auto insurance rates, reduce government spending, lower taxes, and protect life and the 2nd amendment.

One of the biggest hurdles to Michigan's prosperity is our highest-in-the-nation auto no-fault insurance system. We must pass real meaningful auto no-fault reform, which will result in savings to all drivers across Michigan. Drivers deserve to choose the level of insurance that works for them. We need to set a fee schedule and eliminate out-of-control medical costs, initiate fraud prevention mechanisms, reduce the number of uninsured drivers across Michigan and set ethical limits to trial attorney fees in this area.

Government should be not the default answer to every problem; however, it can often open a path. I believe our state government should focus on funding three primary things: 1) Public Infrastructure, 2) Public Education; and 3) Public Safety. Unfortunately, we have historically lost sight of our goals. Over the past eight years we have improved greatly, but we are not done! I share the frustrations many of you have with our roads. There is more help on the way. We are on the right path and our roads are improving; however, we need them to last longer, be made of better materials and we need to enforce our warranties.

Our schools are just starting to turn the corner, but we need to stop moving the goalposts for our kids and teachers. The 3rd grade reading requirements have helped, but again, we're not done yet. We need to institute programs to engage families in a way they haven't engaged previously. We need to institute safety training for our schools, and the kids should be prepared for active shooters the same way we prepare for fires or tornados. We need more officers on the streets to continue the reduction in crime.

As a wife, mother and a grandmother, I have endeavored to instill in my family the same traditional values that the residents of Livingston and Washtenaw counties hold dear. I am proud of the work I have done as a state representative to increase the protections for those among us who cannot

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Adam Dreher
District 22 Michigan State Senate
Democratic Candidate

I am running for state senate to make people a priority in Lansing once again. Unfortunately, our state government has gotten away from what it is supposed to be doing: Protecting our public schools; providing an infrastructure that supports our health and growth; and Promoting transparency and ethics in government. We need to get our state government back to basics.

My campaign started on November 7th, 2016. That's the day my son Daxton was born, and the day that I started looking at the world we live in in a whole new way. It's on that day I started to worry about what kind of schools we had, what kind of water we drank, what kind of roads we traveled on, what kind of healthcare we would receive. It certainly was a life changing moment, but so was the next day.

The following day was Election Day. On the way home from the hospital, my wife and I stopped to vote. My wife took the rest of that night off while Dax and I stayed up to see who our next president was going to be. That night, as the results from each state came rolling in, I held my future in my hands, while watching the future of our country unfold before me. In another one of those life changing moments, I knew I

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needed to get more involved.

I was bitten by the public service bug at an early age, and it started with service to my country. Growing up, my mother was an administrative officer at the Veterans Affairs hospital in Ann Arbor. My father was a mechanic. So in July of 2001, no one was surprised when I joined the United States Army Reserve as a mechanic. But three months later, another one of those life changing moments happened for a lot of people, and on September 11th I found myself doing what I could to get out of my contract with the Army Reserve to go active duty.

I spent 5 years in the United States Army as a Cavalry Scout, with nearly half of my time spent in Iraq. It is my time in the Army that taught me toughness and determination. It was that determination that allowed me to utilize the GI Bill and attend Eastern Michigan University, and Michigan State University College of Law, to continue serving the public. This time, I was serving our state as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney.

My time spent as an assistant prosecutor in district, circuit, and even the Supreme Court, allowed me to focus exclusively on our state's laws, and see specifically what sorts of improvements we desperately needed. I also was able to see how those laws were enforced and also interpreted. It was with this backdrop when Wisconsin was called for President Trump, I knew I had to do something.

I've always been drawn to where I'm needed the most. When it comes to our state government, that place is the state senate. Our state senate has been controlled by one party since 1985. For more than 30 years, an entire chamber of our Legislature kept our state from truly focusing on our people. Instead, the focus was on business and taxes. Don't get me wrong, they're two very important things, but when you can't keep people in your state you're not going to have any businesses—or taxes—here either. Also, because our population has not kept up with other parts of our country, we continue to lose seats in the United States House of Representatives and lose influence in our national politics. We need a government that will start focusing on our people. We need to create an environment where people will want to raise their families here.

In my first term, I hope to change the way we fund our public schools to ensure more dollars go straight to instruction, rather than other expenses. That would provide us more opportunities to retain and obtain the best teachers for our children, and make Michigan a leader in K-12 education once again. I would also like to see our state's departments, the ones tasked with keeping our air and water clean, be more independent from the governor's office. Flint should have been a huge wake-up call for our Legislature, but sadly we still struggle with water quality not only in Flint, but across the entire state. We need a state senate that will put people over politics.

Throughout my campaign I've had the great privilege of talking to a lot of voters. One of my favorite interactions has been with an older gentleman who made sure I knew who he voted for in 2016. When I told him I was the Democratic Party nominee for our state senate district, and I was hoping to hear his concerns, he responded: "I pay too much in taxes and don't see anything come of it." His jaw hit the floor when I agreed with him. But I added: "Although you may not see a return on what you pay in taxes, your children will."

I've represented our country. I've represented our state. Now I'm asking for your vote to represent our district. We need a state senator that understands the need to leave this state better off than when we found it. Because it is not just about my child, it's about all of our children.



Hank Vaupel
47th District Michigan House of
Representatives—Republican Candidate

My name is Hank Vaupel, and I am currently serving my second term as your State Representative for the 47th House District in Lansing. My wife of 47 years, Cathy and I have lived in Livingston County for almost 50 years and have 2 sons and daughters-in-law and 3 grandchildren. I received my Bachelor of Science degree and my Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Michigan State University. I proudly served in the Army as a Captain for three years.

I am running for re-election because my background as a business owner, Township Supervisor, School Board member, Planning Commission member, Township Trustee, Livingston County EDC Executive Committee member, State Board of Veterinary Medicine Chairman and my community activism which give me broad experience to continue serving the 47th District as your Representative.

In the Legislature, I currently serve as Chairperson for the House Health Policy Committee and a Co-Chair for the House Pharmacy Caucus. Over this past session, I have also served as Co Chair of the House C.A.R.E.S. Task Force which conducted state-wide forums examining solutions to mental health, addiction, and incarceration challenges to our state. To date, over 30 pieces of bi-partisan legislation have been introduced, and over 20 areas of the task force have been addressed in the state budget as a result of our task force findings.

As a result of my work in the legislature, I was humbled to receive the Legislator of the Year Award from the Michigan Association of Pharmacists, Michigan Association of Health Plans, The Michigan Community Alliance as well as the Jean Chabot Health Policy Champion award. I was also recognized by the Chamber of Commerce with their Champion of Commerce award and by the Michigan Manufacturers Association as their Manufacturing Champion.

If re-elected, I will continue to work to have affordable, accessible health care, providing early mental health to those that need it and fighting the addiction epidemic facing our communities, state and nation. Auto insurance costs, infrastructure and protecting our waters and environment will remain priorities also. Maintaining a robust economy and creation of jobs is always a priority also. I hope to earn you vote on November 6.

Lana Theis, continued

protect themselves. I introduced legislation to increase protections for minors who become victims of sexual assault, encourage mothers to choose life, and ensure we have the right to defend ourselves, our families and our property.

In 2017, I attended over 300 in-district events, held monthly coffee hours, and each week I spend 15-20 hours reading the legislation coming before me in committee and on the House floor. Because of my reputation and work ethic, I am honored to be endorsed by Sen. Joe Hune, Rep. Hank Vaupel, Sheriff Mike Murphy, all our Livingston County Commissioners, Jennifer Nash, Brandon Denby, Brian Jonckheere, Mike O'Brian, Andy Pless, Justice Bob Young, John James, Right to Life, NRA, Michigan Chamber, Michigan Farm Bureau, Small Business Association, Livingston County Association of Realtors, the Home Builders of Michigan, Associated Builders and Contractors, ABATE, Friends of Realtors, GLEP, the Michigan Freedom Network and more.

As your next State Senator, I am going to continue doing what is right, not what is easy; and I will continue to stand by my principles. More Leadership – Less Government. If you have any additional questions or wish to learn more about my campaign, please visit www.lanatheis.com. Thank you for your consideration, and I humbly ask for your support on Tuesday, Nov. 6th.



Colleen Turk
47th District Michigan House of
Representatives—Democratic Candidate

I'm a '99 Howell High graduate, and I'm running for office because after elections are over, the people's voice is largely absent from our government. I am running for office because I want citizens' voices to be the most important ones in our government – not political parties or big corporations or lobbyists, but regular, everyday citizens.

I ran the student council when I was in high school, and I graduated with a Bachelor's in Political Science and German from the University of Michigan. So, everyone who remembers me as Colleen Kelly from HHS is not really surprised that I'm running for office to fix the problems in our state.

My professional experience is varied – thanks to my husband's career in aircraft maintenance which required us to move around a lot for the first eight years or so of our marriage. But I think it's an experience particularly well-suited for a State Representative. I have extensive experience in customer service, communications, project management, and IT. Essentially, I learned how to talk with people (even the ones who are *not* happy with me), how to solve problems by driving projects through to completion, and how to use technology to maximize my efforts.

Most valuable for our state government, I believe, is my education in nonprofit administration from the University of Notre Dame. My course work there included Program Design & Evaluation, Finance, Accounting, Taxes, & Law. When I look at a budget, I know how to analyze it and explain it in a way that others can understand. When I look at proposed policies or new bills, I examine what problem they're trying to solve and whether they have any real measures in place that will indicate if the policy has a real impact – and many of them don't.

We need to start electing people like me who will apply sound logic to policy. It's not enough to agree with the principle behind some new policy – you better be able to tell me (1) what problem you're going to solve, (2) how you will know whether your solution is making the difference you expected, and (3) what the financial impact is.

My top priority is to bring that kind of truth to government. I'd like to serve constituents with me as an advisor and them as the CEO. I'll tell them the nuts and bolts of the most important issues (good, bad, and ugly - not just the ones they'll agree with), what the possible solutions are, and why I'm recommending certain solutions. I will hold quarterly town halls (in person and online), at a minimum, to educate constituents on the most **important** topics (not the most *popular* ones) with an open forum at the end. At least twice a year, I'll share a performance appraisal on the goals I set out to achieve and my progress towards them – because I should be held to the same standard working expectations as an employee in any other job.

My other top priority is restoring public education. High-quality education drives future employment prospects for our next generations and attracts new business and residents. When Amazon passed us by for their next HQ, our low student achievement scores played a role in that decision. Many current elected officials will tell you that our state is giving historic funding amounts to public education, and on a superficial level, that's true. But when you dig into the details, which is where the truth really comes out, you'll see that Governor Snyder and his party have forced the School Aid Fund to pay for \$1 billion dollars of expenses that used to be paid with other state funds. They have robbed our public education fund and are trying to sweep it under the rug, but I will not continue that practice.

Our public schools need the funds to bring back certified librarians – only 18% of Michigan's schools have even a part-time, certified librarian. We need to improve the ratio

of students to counselors in our schools – all professional organizations for psychiatrists, counselors, and nurses say that Michigan's ratios are too high. And we need to offer teachers' salaries at a level where they don't have to work a second job after teaching to full classrooms all day long. Public education used to be one of Michigan's strengths and it needs to be restored.

Michigan's natural resources need to be protected. We want to preserve our water and forests, but instead we've got a newly created panel that can be filled with out-of-state lobbyists to overrule our environmental protections in favor of business interests (check out Senate Bill 653 for the full details). It should go without saying that Michiganders deserve clean drinking water, but with what happened in Flint, Detroit's schools, and the PFAS in the Huron River, we need to elect people who will balance business' interests with the common good. The scale has tipped way too far towards business and needs to be shifted back towards the people.

My slogan for my campaign is "Vote for a Difference." Vote for a different kind of candidate – one who doesn't have the resources to quit her day job during the campaign, so she is running for office while working fulltime and raising two young boys with her husband – because that's the kind of duty she and her family feel for their community. Vote for a difference – for a candidate who wants to bring truth to government. Vote on November 6 – for a Difference.

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Doug Helzerman

**Livingston County Board of Commissioners
District 4—Republican Candidate**

I was drafted into the military in 1969 and served for two years. All but 3 of my advanced-training class (50-60 people) went to Viet Nam. I was one of the three who was sent to Korea. Going almost anywhere in the world makes you very thankful that you have the privilege of being an American. Though no one showed me disrespect when I walked through an airport in uniform, I could feel the tension. In retrospect, we can imagine that much of the Vietnam protest was not just organic, but had a certain level of funded organizers, and the “trusted” media had an agenda to legitimize the claim that the war was unjust.

We recently visited the “wall that heals” when it came to Livingston County. It helps to put history in context. My wife and I witnessed an older couple who came to see one name and had a veteran sponsor help them “trace” the name on a piece of paper. This was perhaps their first experience of the wall and the honor finally given to their loved one. Was it a son or a nephew? Did they contemplate what might have been as they viewed the name? I stand with all veterans and greatly revere those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for freedom. We can’t all do that, but we can each do our part for our families, our communities, our counties, and our country.

I believe in low taxes and limited government. Government has two basic purposes. One is to protect each person and group from tyranny, to keep the peace so that we can dwell in safety, and to protect our personal property. The other is to provide for services, in areas that can better be addressed by everyone together instead of one alone, such as maintaining roads, etc.

As a County Commissioner, I have sought to be a team player and have asked many questions to understand the issues before the board instead of making snap decisions. I have encouraged the forward movement of our county to more efficient government, but that which is also responsive to the everyday needs of citizens. I support money-saving measures where sensible, because a dollar not spent this year is a dollar decreased in next year’s budget. I have advocated for the new state-of-the-art 911 dispatch center now underway. I agreed with “piggy-backing” a smaller project with the 911 project so as to save money on the smaller project, which was building a structure to house tactical vehicles giving them a longer life and making them available for immediate use in all weather conditions.

We are presently considering two major expenditures: the first would be a one-time infusion of money to roads in a way that will leverage state and federal funds in conjunction



Maureen S. Martin

**Livingston County Board of Commissioners
District 4—Democratic Candidate**

It is a great honor to be a candidate for District 4’s seat on the Livingston County Commission. The fourth district is a big, mostly rural district that includes the townships of Conway, Handy, Iosco, Unadilla and the southwestern part of Putnam Township – including Fowlerville, Hell and all the places around those and in between.

The issues facing the county are critical – environment, justice, mental health, community safety, economic development, road quality, transportation, eldercare and senior resources, trails, parks and open space. Recent news calls out emerging problems with water quality (PFAS) and a high rate of opioid addiction, but, you name it, and our county government touches it.

I’d like to represent you and the things you care about

with local money; second, to build a permanent building for the Meals On Wheels program that serves 1500 meals 5 days a week to residents in Livingston and Oakland counties. Again, there is a sizeable grant that will help to buy property and build the facility in Livingston County. To initiate the grant, money will need to be given by both counties. Even for a limited-government person like me, it makes sense that some expenditure now, to insure that a worthy program has facilities for 30 to 50 years into the future, has merit.

I see that part of my responsibility as a commissioner is to exercise oversight of the volunteer boards to which we appoint voting members. The Veterans’ Affairs committee is an example. Information during this election cycle from a political party has served to highlight this duty. I have done research and asked questions to make myself aware of the actual facts of this matter. The board has no authority to “micromanage” these committees, but to ask for reports on activities, which we are currently doing.

The PFAS issue must also be considered outside of the political realm. We all want clean water and a pristine world to live in. Thankfully, the governor has taken action uncovering the problems in the Huron River watershed. The major sources so far are outside of Livingston County. Our Health Department, who reports to us twice a month, is on the front lines in handling this issue. I will completely support their approach to find and minimize the effects of this pollution wherever found in our county.

I ask for your vote on November 6th so that I may continue to represent you, the residents of Western Livingston county. It is a privilege I enjoy.

on the County Commission.

We live in a wonderful place – open spaces, vibrant farm lands, lakes, rivers, magnificent trails. These places have drawn each of us to stay in this place and to build lives here. My husband Mike and I have lived here since we married in 2004; we chose Unadilla Township because we commuted separate directions from home. He drove to Lansing, and worked at MSU Extension as a botanist until he retired a few years ago. I have mostly traveled the other direction, where my degree in business has served my work in managing and fundraising for nonprofits like the Nature Conservancy and Henry Ford Museum, and for the last 17 years, the University of Michigan.

We face interesting, 21st century challenges. New or expanded pipelines crisscross the county; new development pops up almost every month; our young people can’t find ways to make a living; our elders struggle to age in place; our surface water and groundwater face threats. Our farmers struggle as development and tax value of land exceeds its agricultural value – it puts pressure on farm families in taxes and even greater pressure when the time comes to hand off the farm to the next generations.

And yet, we are making few investments in our communities, or in reaching out to neighbors, seniors, and our youth. Our communities – especially those of us here in the rural townships on this western edge of the county – need to take considered action to provide for the long-term stability of our local businesses, our farm families, our seniors and elderly, our youth.

For example: Our elderly population will triple in the next 12 years. We have woefully inadequate supports for seniors and elders. There are ways to help our elders stay in their homes every single day they wish to – such as expanding the transportation system (LETS). And we can invest even modestly in high speed internet, home visits, respite care, and library services. *Today, however, the county’s \$87 million budget directly allocates just \$155,000 for senior services.*

Some other examples of proactive county investments that I would prioritize as a member of the Commission are:

-- **Launching programs that support youth in summer jobs** with coaching and weekly support, help our youth overcome the hurdles of first jobs in cost-effective ways. These can be cost-effective, partnerships between businesses and nonprofits and government. Likewise, we can negotiate with community colleges to expand programming and even figure out ways to underwrite out-of-county tuition challenges. Our youth need a leg up as our economies shift from old ways to new.

--**We need to support our union workers and retirees** (more than 25,000 union-affiliated people live in the county). We do this by fighting for Prevailing Wage and even living wage rules; by reducing the outsourcing of county jobs; and by recruiting bids from union shops for work on our buildings, parks and roads. Unions strengthen the economy for everyone. We all gain from good - *and good-paying* - jobs. Disinvesting in paying a good wage is penny wise and pound foolish.

--**We should expand mental health and addiction services** at the county level – including encouraging or investing in residential rehab and halfway houses - and to explore and encourage alternatives to incarceration. We should expand legal aid to include ancillary services that support families and victims and aim squarely at rehabilitation and restorative justice for all.

-- **As you might guess, I think land and water preservation should be a highest priority.** Development plans should be required to fully assess environmental impacts – including those of wells, pipelines, and fracking. Fracking in Conway Township has taken more than 400,000 gallons of water and made it permanently polluted. That contaminated water is now stored underground in Unadilla Township. Do we, as residents, know the risks that this might pose? Do our current county commissioners? **The county should be assertive and drive public discussions and understanding** when dealing with pollutants like PFAS, bacteria and lead in our waters and water supply.

Finally, in order to thrive, our communities need open communications and ways to access topical information. I would work toward more inclusive and transparent communications services that connect residents to each other, to their township neighbors, and to the county.

We all deserve visionary, strategic, smart county leadership. We should do our best to make this place even better for our elders, our youth, our neighbors and our families. We can invest smartly, conservatively, and steadily, one fiscal year at a time, but starting now. I hope you will consider voting for me and investing in creative and hardworking county leadership that balances fiscal realities with common sense, smart investments in our people.

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Dennis Brewer
44th Circuit Court Judge for Livingston
County- Non-Partisan Candidate

I graduated from Thomas M. Cooley Law School with Cum Laude Honors in 1998. I have been in private practice in Livingston County for nearly 20 years. I have handled cases for hundreds of hard-working men and women in all areas of the law: family law, criminal, landlord-tenant, real estate, property, business matters and administrative hearings.

I am admitted to practice in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan and a member of the State Bar of Michigan. I was previously on the State Bar of Michigan Representative Assembly and former President of the Livingston County Bar Association. I also am a member of the Federalist Society.

My wife Melanie and I live in Hartland with our 3 sons, Caleb, Drew and Preston. I support and am active in a number of local charities and organizations, such as Pregnancy Help Clinic, Livingston County Right to Life, Love Inc, Second Chance Support Network, Forgotten Man Ministries, and others. We attend Venture Church in Hartland.

In addition to my legal experience, I also have been actively involved in our community. I was on the Board of Directors of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Livingston County for 16 years. I currently serve as the President of the Hartland Area Youth Athletic Association Executive Board. I volunteer as a coach for various youth sports in Hartland and am a member of the Hartland Lions Club.

I am running to be our new Circuit Court Judge because I have seen first-hand just how important our court system can be. It can bring justice when a crime has been committed or someone has been wronged. It can also provide compassion and care when families are torn apart. I have seen our judicial system provide hope when all hope seems lost. I'm reminded of this each and every day when I am in our courts, working with the residents of Livingston County that I represent. I hear on a regular basis that the residents of Livingston County



L. Suzanne Geddis
44th Circuit Court Judge for Livingston
County- Non Partisan Candidate

I have been an attorney for 35 years. I went to work in the Livingston County Prosecutors Office in 1988 and was an assistant prosecutor in Livingston County for 16 years.

are sick and tired of the corruption and scandal that they are seeing in their local court system. Residents are asking "Who is going to stand up for us?"

Four years ago, I stood up for the residents of Livingston County when I saw how people were being treated in the court system. I was proud to stand up for the residents of Livingston County then and I am proud to do it now. Our constitution sets forth the frame work that provides each and every one of us an imperative right of due process. I know that having a judge on the bench who is committed to following the laws before them, not acting as an activist judge, and treating every individual who comes before their court with respect are important qualities that the residents of Livingston County are looking for in their next Circuit Court Judge.

I pledge to the residents of Livingston County that as your new Circuit Court Judge that I will treat everyone fairly. I will bring honesty, integrity and real justice back to our judicial process. I will restore the faith that people have lost in our court system. I am proud to have earned the support of leaders throughout Livingston County, such as Representative Hank Vaupel, Representative Lana Theis, Sheriff Mike Murphy, Representative Cindy Denby, Register of Deeds Brandon Denby and many others.

I am asking for your support on Nov. 6th and to elect me your new Circuit Court Judge.

I was elected as District Court Judge in 2004. I have been a District Court Judge for over 14 years. I was assigned cases to the Livingston County Circuit Court for over 10 years. It is the natural progression for me to move to the next higher position in the Judiciary here in Livingston County.

This is a new position that was created by the Supreme Court, and Legislature due to the need for an additional Circuit Court Judge. I have the experience that the job requires. While I have been a District Court Judge for more than 14 years, most importantly I have done the Circuit Court job, too. I am the only person seeking this position who has judicial experience, let alone Circuit Court experience.

I have a proven record as a Judge. The Circuit Court is where the decisions are made that affect people's lives, their property, government, and the direction of this community as it moves into the future. These decisions require a proven, trusted, ethical, experienced person who can be trusted to follow the law and make the right decisions. I have that experience and proven integrity.

During my tenure as a District Court Judge, I started the Sobriety Court here in Livingston County, and I am presently the presiding Judge of the Intensive Treatment Court. Both of these specialty courts provide intensive treatment to individuals in our County who suffer from addiction issues and mental health issues. This provides the intensive oversight and guidance to assist these individuals to overcome their addictions and be productive members of the community.

This also assists in reducing the number of non-violent offenders going to jail. Especially in light of the opiate crisis that we are facing here in Livingston County, the specialty courts are extremely effective. I am proud to have been involved in these specialty courts as a Judge. It is also my hope that I will be able to take over the Veteran's Court in Livingston County and continue to provide services to our veterans and their families. I am also very proud of the fact that I have been endorsed by the Livingston County Farm Bureau Board of Directors.

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Steve Horton Column

A Shotgun Blast that had Unforeseen Consequences

A **shotgun blast could be heard** that early morning coming from the Crosswhite home. It’s sound (a pre-arranged signal) alerted neighbors that the family was apparently in trouble. And peril was precisely what they faced on that day—Jan. 17, 1847—in the form of the local sheriff and four armed men who had appeared at the front door.

What happened in Marshall, a small settlement in southwest Michigan, would have consequences that arguably helped ignite the Civil War—or at least added another bit of fuel to the steadily growing fires of passion and acrimony.

But the story also offers an added dimension, one that makes it still relevant to our own time, place, and circumstances. Then, as now, Americans deal with such issues as individual conscience pitted against the power of governmental mandate, civil disobedience versus legal authority, what constitutes an unjust law or unjust governmental action, the balance between local prerogative and federal authority, and the parameters of fair and equal treatment.

Overarching these considerations are the questions of ‘What kind of society do we wish to be?’ and ‘What do we stand for?’

All of those above-mentioned issues might, at first glance, seem overly philosophical—dry and academic. But what took place in Michigan over 170 years ago and what’s happening nowadays—a different time and place and set of circumstances between then and now, but with striking similarities—provides the human dimension and hopefully a reason for empathy.

Adam Crosswhite, his wife Sarah, and their three children were fugitive slaves. They had fled from a plantation in northern Kentucky in 1844 after Adam learned that the owner, Francis Giltner, planned to sell his eldest son.

The runaways, like many other slaves who sought to escape from bondage in the South, utilized the Underground Railroad, described in one historical account as “a secret network of financial, spiritual, and material aid for slaves.”

Operating the network were sympathetic men and women, abolitionists opposed to slavery, who offered their homes, farms, and business establishments as safe havens. They provided the fugitives with food, a place to sleep, and assistance in reaching the next stop in the escape route.

These sympathizers, using the jargon of the railroad, were called conductors. They were also referred to as stockholders—“a term used to indicate faith in the abolitionist struggle.”

In aiding the slaves, these stockholders risked fines and even jail since federal law made such assistance a crime.

In 1847, when the shotgun was fired, Michigan had only been a state for a little over ten years. While the rush of settlers that marked the 1830’s had abated a bit due to an economic downturn, the state was still drawing farmers to its cheap land and storekeepers and young professionals to the emerging towns. Those who had arrived in the decade before had established the foundations of such social institutions as local government, churches, and schools.

Most of the white population came from western New York, and many of them had ancestors who migrated there from New England after the Revolutionary War. Given that cultural background, these new Michiganders brought a zeal for reform, a strong belief in individual freedom, and a firm religious conviction—beliefs they had learned from their forefathers.

Many (perhaps even most) of the state’s residents opposed slavery—or at least an expansion of slavery into the new territories west of the Mississippi River—land that had been gained by the Louisiana Purchase.

A number of the residents were Quakers who were abolitionists, and they were a key part of the Underground Railroad. While the prudent destination for fleeing slaves was Canada where slavery was outlawed and they’d be free, several of them—like the Crosswhite family—chose to settle in southwest Michigan. They apparently felt safe due to the distance from the South, and the acceptance of their white neighbors.

When the Crosswhites arrived in Marshall, they joined a small group of other African Americans, numbering about 50. Most of them were also runaway slaves. They were part of the larger settlement of around 200 residents.

There were similar settlements in nearby Cass County where fugitive slaves enjoyed freedom in the midsts of the larger, white population.

All was well for the next three years. However, back in Kentucky, Francis Giltner, and other plantation owners remained upset at the loss of this “property.” Hearing of these settlements, they supported a plan to send a scout (i.e. spy) to Michigan to see if the runaways could be identified and returned to their owners.

The young man who showed up in Marshall told the townspeople he was thinking of moving to the area. He was introduced around town and quickly became friendly with the sheriff. While there he talked with some of the black residents and learned of the Crosswhites and how they’d escaped from Kentucky.

He apparently showed enough interest in the family that, after his departure, suspicions arose as to what he was actually up to. Hence the pre-arranged signal of the shotgun blast.

Those suspicions proved well-founded when the armed men—led by the young man who had been in town a few weeks earlier—rode up to the family home with the intent of taking its occupants back to Kentucky and slavery.

The historical accounts do not specify ‘why’ the sheriff was present. However, under the provisions of the Fugitive Slave Act of 1793, authorities in free states were required under federal law to return runaway slaves to their masters. That law had been passed as a way of better enforcing Article 4, Section 2 of the United States Constitution which required the return of fugitive slaves.

It was among the compromises made at the Constitutional Convention by the North to gain support from the Southern states—another one being to count slaves as 3/5ths of a citizen, thus boosting the South’s representation in Congress and in the Electoral College.

In the years after this law was passed, and as western expansion was occurring, “many Northern states wanted to circumvent the Act.” Some of them did so by enacting personal liberty laws, requiring a jury trial before an alleged fugitive slave was moved. Other state laws, going further, “forbade the use of local jails or the assistance of state officials in the arrest or return of slaves.”

And there were instances where local juries did not convict individuals for assisting the runaways or interfering with their capture or return.

This effort to circumvent the Act was aided when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1842 that “states did not have to offer aid in the hunting or recapture of slaves.”

Needless to say, slave owners—regarding their slaves as property and not entitled to any legal or human rights—were angered by this situation.

Anger turned out to be their response to what became known as the Crosswhite Case.

The plan by the Kentuckians was, most likely, to pack up the family and begin riding back home. However, the shotgun blast worked. A sizable crowd of residents—both white and black—began showing up, preventing their departure. A stand-off resulted, with threats made by both sides.

Finally, to resolve the matter, the opposing sides agreed to have the matter decided by a judge. As it turned out, the tables were turned. Crosswhite was able to obtain a warrant, charging the men with trespassing on his property, while a neighbor got a warrant stating that one of the armed men had threatened him with a gun.

While this legal proceeding took place, which resulted in a \$100 fine against the Kentuckians, the Crosswhite family escaped to Ontario, using the Detroit branch of the Underground Railroad.

Act Two of this drama came the following summer when Francis Giltner filed a suit against several of the men from Marshall who had been at the Crosswhite house on Jan. 17th. He sought financial damages for the loss of his slaves.

While a jury did not agree on a verdict in the first trial, a second trial heard before the U.S. Circuit Court of Michigan in Detroit resulted in the defendants being found guilty. The damages awarded to Giltner, along with the court costs, totaled nearly \$6,000—a huge sum that these men could not pay.

Faced with financial ruin, their neighbors as well as a number of citizens elsewhere in Michigan came to their rescue, raising the money. Among those helping was Zachariah Chandler, a wealthy Detroit businessman who would go on to help found the Republican Party and serve as an influential United States Senator.

One of the men fined for his part in the stand-off was Oliver Comstock, Jr., a medical doctor who had come to Marshall in 1835. He had served as the state’s third superintendent of Public Instruction just prior to the Crosswhite incident. He was also remembered for being the superintendent of construction of the Michigan Central Railroad between Jackson and Kalamazoo.

In Kentucky, meanwhile, the story of what had happened in Michigan caused anger and prompted threats of retaliation.

One of Giltner’s neighbors was Henry Clay. At the time he was Speaker of the House and had already enjoyed a distinguished career. He had represented Kentucky in both the House and Senate, alternating between the two chambers and had also served as the Secretary of State during John Quincy Adam’s administration. Clay had also run three times as a

presidential candidate, those bids coming in 1824, 1832, and 1844, and he was a leader of the Whig Party.

In 1848, he once again sought the presidency, only to lose the nomination to General Zachary Taylor—a victorious general in the just-ended Mexican-American War. Taylor went on to win the election.

Clay, meanwhile, retired from the House, but was soon back in Congress after the state’s legislature appointed him to serve as one of its U.S. Senators.

In that role he helped fashion the Compromise of 1850—an effort to deal with the new territory that came into the United States’ possession as a spoils of the war with Mexico.

Whether or not slavery should be allowed to expand into that territory and, if so, its impact on the balance of power between the South and North were front-and-center in the national debate and political calculus.

As the name implies, compromises were made. Among them was a measure designed to gain Southern support, a new law that mandated severe penalties for those aiding runaway slaves or preventing their return. It also included a broader definition in what constituted illegal behavior, limited the previous legal rights exercised by runaway slaves, and sought to block northern states from circumventing enforcement of the law.

In explaining what became known as the Fugitive Act of 1850, an article in the Encyclopedia Britannica noted that “alleged runaway slaves were prohibited from testifying in court on their own behalf and could not have a trial by jury. In addition, the law imposed steep fines on federal marshals who refused to enforce the law or from whom a fugitive escaped; penaltites were also imposed on individuals who helped slaves to escape. Finally, special commissioners were to have concurrent jurisdiction with the U.S. courts in enforcing the law.”

But there was more. Not only were state and local governmental officials now responsible for enforcing the law, thereby aiding slave catchers, the Act demanded the same co-operation—and threat of penalty—from individual citizens.

The historical speculation is that the Crosswhite Case helped spawn this new, tougher measure, based on the belief that Clay would have heard of it from his neighbor and the angered response from others in his home state.

The demand that state and local officials, as well as individuals, assist in the re-capture of fugitives, or face fines and even jail, did not “cow” opponents of slavery or cause Northern officials to retreat. Rather it strengthened the abolitionist movement by causing many people who had been ambivalent about slavery and its spread to get off the fence, led to a more efficient Underground Railroad, and saw new personal-liberty laws passed by several Northern states, including Michigan.

These laws “forbade public officials from cooperating with the slave owners or the federal forces sent to back them up, denying the use of their jails to house the captives, and requiring jury trials to decide if the owners could make off with their abductees.”

In fact, sections in major cities like Chicago, New York, and Boston became “no-go zones for slave catchers” and when slaves were apprehended, crowds would form to oppose and resist their removal

This opposition led to the threat of federal troops being sent to assist the slave catchers.

One casualty to all of this would be the Whig Party. They had selected Taylor due to his popularity but the president had died in July of 1850. Millard Fillmore, who was from New York, succeeded him. It was Fillmore who signed the Fugitive Act and who threatened to send in the troops. He failed to gain the Whig Party nomination, but did run for president as a candidate of the anti-immigrant, anti-Catholic Know Nothing Party.

The attempt by the Whigs to bridge the growing gap over the question of slavery between its Northern and Southern wings failed, in part due to the rejection by the North of this new law.

The Democratic Party won the next two presidential elections, but it, too, could not reconcile the sectional differences. Into the vacuum came the Republican Party whose members opposed the expansion of slavery into the new territories and advocated for the repeal of the Fugitive Slave Law.

On June 28, 1864, with the Civil War still raging, the Act was repealed.

As for the Crosswhites, they returned to Marshall after the war—to a place that had been their sanctuary and would, once again, be their home.

As we discuss immigration, the fate of the Dreamers, sanctuary cities, dentention prisons, equal access to courts, and related matters, the story of this family, what happened to them, and the repercussions that followed are worth remembering.

Perhaps they’ll help us decide ‘What kind of society do we wish to be?’ and ‘What do we stand for?’



Tom Watkins

Next Michigan Governor Must Lead, Not Follow Special Interests

Commentary by Tom Watkins,
Former State School Superintendent

In January 2019, Michigan will have a new governor. The point of this column is not to praise or condemn Gov. Rick Snyder’s tenure – there was enough of that during his days as head of state. This column is about a larger problem: that of inaction beyond that of a single governor, legislative body, political party or ideology.

This is not a conservative, liberal, or progressive issue. Rather it is about a desire to actually SEE the problems facing the state and nation, address and work on them, not paper them over with political pabulum. Solutions need to be found and implemented. If they don’t produce the desired outcome, we need to stop, back up, reassess the situation and find another solution.

During the Great Depression nearly a century ago, FDR said: “Do something. If that does not work, do something else; but for God’s sake do something!”

Pretending to fix a hole in your roof doesn’t keep the rain out. As a society, we have failed to confront some of the major social, political, and economic problems of our time:



Michigan House Report

By Dr. Hank Vaupel,
47nd District

On Tuesday, I attended the annual Livingston County Focus on Life Dinner. It was great to see the outstanding attendance and hear Father Frank Pavone speak. Thank you to the many volunteers who assisted in coordinating this year’s event.

Many of our local dental offices volunteered their time to help and support residents this week at VINA’s Annual Tailgate event. VINA Dental provides dental service to Livingston County residents who cannot afford needed dental work. Thank you to all who attended, participated and organized this fun event that will help provide needed medical services to members of the community in the future.

I recently visited the residents of The Willows in Howell Township to give a legislative update about policy that has been voted by the state Legislature and what is currently being worked on.

I commend Hartland Township for the positive report they recently received from supervisor Bill Fountain. The report was presented to residents and attendees this week at the State of the Township address. I want to thank Bill for preparing this information and Hartland Township for welcoming him to speak.

Kathy Deforest recently retired from the Fowlerville Veterinary Clinic. I want to thank Kathy for her many years of service helping families and providing care for their pets.

I attended the open house for the Hartland Museum, hosted through the Hartland Historical Society. I encourage people to take the opportunity to visit the Hartland Museum and see the interesting exhibits on display. It is important to preserve the heritage and history of the Hartland Area.

I presented a tribute to Eagle Scout Dillon Foss at an Eagle Scout ceremony this week. Thank you for your coordination to complete a reflection garden at the Coughran Cemetery. The Boy Scouts of America show leadership, motivation and integrity.

Immigration, globalization, healthcare spending, global warming, federal budget deficits, stubborn poverty and the aging of society, among others.

Issues that don’t fix themselves.

Closer to home in Michigan, we have failing schools, crumbling infrastructure, dangerous roads, poisoned water, insurance rip-offs, failing criminal justice and mental health support systems, disinvestment in higher education, and disintegrating human service safety. Add to these: no mass transit system and a hodgepodge of inadequate programs to train and retrain workers who were disenfranchised by automation, technology and globalization.

In short: there is no shortage of challenges facing the next governor and legislators who will be elected this November. What’s needed in the next crop of leaders to occupy space under the Capitol dome? A willingness to listen, lead and address problems for the people of Michigan, rather than pandering to narrow special interests in an attempt to score political points and thwart progress.

Michigan – once a bellwether state for social and political progress in the nation – today is on a delayed maintenance and retrenchment program. Unless we address many of the critical issues outlined above, we will continue going down the tubes as political parties play games with our collective future.

FOCUS & RESULTS

Nearly two decades have passed since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, but the sign on the wall as you walk in the CIA’s Mission Center for Counterterrorism still reads, “**Today is September 12, 2001.**” The sign represents the sense of urgency that the officers who work there still bring to the job of protecting the country, every day, from terrorism.

We need this same sense of urgency to attack – on a non/bipartisan way – the numerous problems facing our state and nation.

DEVELOPING A SHARED VISION

Where are the shared vision and common agenda for finding real solutions to the problems facing us as Americans? Why have we allowed political polarization to stymie us from addressing issues that we all agree need to be dealt with? Instead of being resilient and adaptive to a changing world, we instead seem frozen in place, putting ourselves in danger when we stagnate and the world around us changes. We are disinvesting in education, infrastructure and in our

Fowlerville High School News

OFFICE HOURS

Administration Office 7:00 – 3:30 p.m.
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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.

Every Monday, Mrs Connor’s classroom is open to all students at all 3 lunches for a group called LUNCH BUNCH. Bring your lunch, bring a friend and join us for fun and games. Wii, Jenga, Uno, Cards, etc
Every Wednesday the YAC group meets in Mrs Connor’s class for fundraising, community service and planning school activities. Everyone is invited!

Dear FCS families,
The District has been working to install a new door access system throughout the District that will get phased in over the next several months.
Smith Elementary School is nearly to a point where the system will be up and running. I’m sure we will learn much when the system is operational and we all need to remind ourselves that increased security is not always convenient but it is always comforting.
When the systems become operational in a school, this is what you need to know.

15 minutes after the start of the regular school day, all doors will be locked, including the Main Entry.
All visitors will need to push the video doorbell to request entry.
After you are greeted, please state your name and why you are entering the building. You MAY be asked to show a picture ID if the office staff does not recognize you. PLEASE have your photo ID out and ready to show, especially early in the year when everyone is trying to learn who our regular volunteers are. Our intention for checking a photo ID is to help make sure our buildings are as safe as possible.
Lastly, when the door unlocks to let you in, PLEASE DO NOT hold the door open for the next visitor. Doing so diminishes the effectiveness of the buzz in system and consequently makes the building less secure.
Thank you for your patience and understanding

people while pretending to care about our standing in the world.

In his book *The Good Life and Its Discontents: The American Dream in the Age of Entitlement*, Robert J. Samuelson wrote more than 20 years ago that Americans would solve their most pressing problems through either consensus or crisis. Leaders would debate the country’s controversial issues until we reached agreements that, though not fully satisfying to everyone, would enjoy grudging majority support. If consensus failed, we would wait for some crisis — ill-defined and disruptive — to force us to do what we don’t want to do.

Samuelson points out our political leaders have preferred procrastination to action. They create agendas they know are anathema to their adversaries, prompting each side to vilify the other. Politics focuses increasingly on “keeping your base happy,” as opposed to governing. He continues, “Political theater triumphs over policy. Nastiness and polarization increase.”

He concludes, “It’s hard to inflict present pain for uncertain future gain. Our political system makes us vulnerable to distant crises because we don’t try to anticipate and defuse them.”

ACTION

I encourage bringing together the newly elected governor and legislative bodies early in their new term, stressing the collective value of collaborating across political divides as an essential tool to developing and implementing long-term plans able to meet the challenges confronting our state in this current age of disruption.

As Winston Churchill once remarked, “You can always count on Americans to do the right thing, after they’ve tried everything else.”

Can we, will we, come together before it is too late to do the right thing in Michigan?

Let’s come together and act. Our inaction is destined to diminish our control over Michigan’s collective future.

There is a hole in our Michigan roof, it is up to us to fix it.

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Wasting Time

1 Corinthians 6:12 “I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”—but I will not be mastered by anything.”

There are many well-meaning Christians who are being deceived by the enemy into believing that certain things they do are harmless. Getting you to waste your time is one of the devil’s best weapons of deception.

Time is something we can never retrieve. Once a specific date and time is past, it is gone forever. So it is important for Christians to consider every moment of the day as valuable because none of us know how much we have.

How much time do you spend on worthless activities such as word games or puzzles, surfing the web or scrolling through the endless, senseless chatter on facebook? How about video games?

Too many people in America are wasting time and wasting their lives on things that are meaningless. Young people today are playing video games all day instead of doing something productive. Wasting time is dumbing down our society. Who or what is your main priority? Is it Christ? Are you wasting your life on worthless activities?

“Most men, indeed, play at religion as they play at games. Religion itself being of all games the one most universally played.” – A. W. Tozer

Christianity is not a game. It is not something we should take lightly or play with as though the consequences of losing are not very important. The reality is, our Christian faith is the most important thing in our lives. If we fail at being a true Christian, we lose everything. Therefore, we need to redirect our focus back to Christ.

“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is fair, whatever is pure, whatever is acceptable, whatever is commendable, if there is anything of excellence and if there is anything praiseworthy—keep thinking about these things.” (Philippians 4:8)

“Keep your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth.” (Colossians 3:2)

You may ask the question, “What harm is it if I play a video game once in awhile or watch a movie rated R?

The question you need to ask is: “Will playing this game or watching this movie cause me to stumble?” No matter how harmless we think it may be, the things we watch and participate in does influence us.

You might say when I play a violent game it doesn’t affect me. You might not see it, but who says it isn’t affecting you? You might not act it out in the same way, but it can lead to thinking sinful thoughts, bad dreams, corruptness of speech when you become angry, etc. It will always affect you in some way.

There was a time in my life when I spent a lot of time playing the word game “Word with Friends.” I saw no harm in wasting several hours a day trying to find the word that would give me the most points and keep me ahead of my opponent. I told myself that what I was doing was beneficial to me because it was increasing my vocabulary. (It really wasn’t). Because of my addiction to winning, I would often spend the whole day trying every possible combination to come up with a high-scoring word. This was time wasted that I can never get back.

The Bible tells us in Hebrews 12:1-2 “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”

Victor Hugo once said, “Short as life is, we make it still shorter by the careless waste of time.”

We make excuses about not having time to read the Bible or attend worship. And that is all they are, “excuses.” It’s not about “having” time. It’s about making time. If it really matters, we will make time for it.

I decided to track my time for one whole day. I was surprised at how much time I wasted during that day, especially when I thought I had been busy.

The meaningless things I did added up to more hours than I care to admit. Some of the time stealers were: checking my email, repeatedly. Most of which was junk. Reading through news articles which only made me angry when I see how our government is acting. Listening to old-time music for more than three hours which triggered old unhealthy thoughts. An hour or more watching sitcoms on YouTube because I don’t like commercials that bombard you when you watch TV. I did do some things that were productive, but think of how much more I could have accomplished if I had used the hours of meaningless activities focusing on the things of Christ.

The Bible tells us that as we get closer to the return of Jesus that the evil in the world will continue to get worse. “But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, proud, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.” (2 Timothy 3:1-9)

This is what will gradually happen to all of us if we continue to allow the meaningless things in life to steal the precious time needed to build a relationship with Jesus. It will creep up on us like a thief and, before we realize it, we will be deceived into believing that the hours we spend in trivial pursuit of worthless activities is harmless. Don’t be fooled. Don’t sacrifice your eternity for the sake of something that has no real purpose.

Card of Thanks


With sincere gratitude there are really no words to express our heartfelt thanks for the sympathy and support that everyone has extended toward our family during this time of loss of our loved one, Russell Gardner. May God Bless You All!

Thank you all,

The Gardner Family

Is Your Child Being Bullied?

Parents often never know!



Dear Fellow Parents,
Bullying can range from severe physical abuse to very mild “silent treatment” or exclusion by friends. Both can have long lasting and devastating affects on children. Many parents never know about the mild and moderate bullying of their child.
According to the book Bullies and Victims in Schools; 96% of children will be bullied at least once in their lifetime. 46% of those children will suffer poor grades or will abstain from extra curricular activities because of bullying. 2% of those children will commit suicide because of constant harassment from classmates.

Is your child being bullied? Look for these signs in your child:

- Bruises, cuts, scratches, torn clothing that cannot be explained and complaints about not feeling well.
- Reluctance to go to school or requests to change school.
- Books, money, lunch or belongings stolen, damaged, scattered around or “lost”.
- Excuses to avoid going to school, or insistence that you take him/her to school even though you live close by.
- Insomnia or bed-wetting.
- Frequent requests for money.
- A sudden, unexplained, deterioration in class work and/or homework.
- Lack of participation in school activities, staying near the teacher during breaks.

- Anxiety, insecurity, distress, unhappiness, secretiveness, mood changes and anger.
- Claims of “I’m okay” when questioned about obvious unhappiness.
- Low self-esteem.
- Unhappiness at the end of weekends or school vacations.
- Few friends or no friends in class and lack of invitations to birthday parties or other social activities.
- Teasing or being laughed at by his/her peer group.

Bullying is a very difficult problem to stop. Our mission at Ohana Karate is to ensure every child has the right to feel safe and develop to their full potential. I feel that it is our responsibility to be a community leader and center for the fight against bullying.

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Gabrielle Heiser of Fowlerville High School ‘Artist of the Month’

Gabrielle Heiser will be our first ‘Artist of the Month’ for Fowlerville High School for this year. Gabrielle has enjoyed creating art since a very young child. She has taken several art classes as she was growing up. She was in Art I and is now challenging herself in AP Art Class. She will attend Lansing Community College to get her Gen. E. classes finished and then on to some sort of Art School. She would like to go into the ARTS in some capacity. Please stop by the office and see her wonderful work of art.

Letter to the Editor

I am writing this letter to the members of the community of Fowlerville.

Recently, the Copeland family had to say good-bye to their Mother, Grandmother, and Great-Grandmother, Audrey.

Many times it seems that people may write a letter-to-the-editor when there are negative parts of our lives to complain about. But I would like to let everyone know what a positive experience we had with Penny Herrmann of the Herrmann Funeral Home. From the beginning when they picked up my mom until the end of the ceremony at the cemetery site, from helping us make decisions to all of the paperwork at the end, everything was perfect.

I also want to thank Pastor Tom Taprley for the personal attention to every detail of my mom’s life and making sure that all the family and friends felt refreshed when it was all over.

Last, but not least, I want to thank Ann Reid and the ladies of the First United Methodist Church for the wonderful and delicious luncheon that they prepared and served.

The community of Fowlerville is so fortunate to have such wonderful people to guide families through the process of the Going-Home Celebration.

Sincerely, Ken Copeland and Family

Fowlerville Varsity Volleyball Team loses to Mason in league play

The Fowlerville Varsity Volleyball Team lost to Mason in league play this past Wednesday by scores of 25-8, 25-21, 25-15. The Glads played hard against a great Mason team.

The team was led by senior setter, Dani Ryan with 24 assists, 11 digs and 4 points. Junior Livvie DuFore had 16 digs, 8 kills 3 blocks, 6 points. Leah Ash added 7 kills and 3 blocks. Grace Wallace played strong defense with 21 digs and Natalie Juopperi added 15 digs and 7 points. Jackie Jarvis had 7 kills and 21 digs and junior Lauren Marquette added 4 kills, 2 blocks, and 4 points. Freshman Emily Homrock and junior Haley Curd played strong at the net.

Even though they came home with a loss, the girls played a great game. The Glad’s overall record is 18-13-2 and traveled to Williamston on Saturday (Oct. 20) for their tournament. They play another league game this coming Wednesday at home with St. Johns and then host the Fowlerville Varsity Volleyball Invitational this coming Saturday, Oct. 27.

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Caleb Jenkins Column



Understanding in Office
 (Originally published 1/7/2018)

It is now time to return to our previous series on the proper traits of those in office. This time, I wanted to focus on understanding, and I think this is particularly relevant at this time due to what I believe is a common misperception concerning it. When we are looking at potential officeholders, we want those who are smart. The problem is that there are different interpretations of what it means to be smart. What should they be smart about?

That is why I used the more general term of “understanding.” For many, they want their government officials to be knowledgeable. In some circumstances, they look to candidates who are well-educated on a particular topic. For example, they would prefer that a person running for Attorney General has had legal training. In other cases, they desire a candidate who is just knowledgeable in general in that he or she is academically accomplished. They may look to see if the candidate is a college graduate for example.

However, there is also the area of common sense. A person can have extensive educational training and still not be able to use simple reason or logic to determine what should be done in circumstances that pop up. Knowledge and common sense should work hand in hand so that the official can provide a better and sounder decision. I think wisdom can also be closely tied to this point. Government officials must also be discerning and know the difference between right and wrong. They need to be able to grasp the facts through knowledge, reason through them using common sense, and apply wisdom to determine what is the right course of action.

As I’m sure you can now tell, we are putting these blocks together to build what I dubbed “understanding.”

They all work together to provide a bigger picture and a better perception, and there is one more that we must add: experience. Sometimes, experience can come through the previously mentioned elements. For example, academic (knowledge) experience can be very useful. However, practical experience also adds to the trait of understanding.

Officials are going to have a much greater grasp on the situations presented if they have had adequate life experiences. Previous jobs, hobbies, activities, and other day-to-day actions can all help to put the knowledge, common sense, and wisdom in context. In essence, the question becomes: does the theory actually work in practice?

Overall understanding as explained here is something worth having in elected officials. As I mentioned at the beginning, the exact criteria of what kind of understanding might be most desirable could change depending on the position and other circumstances. Perhaps a certain situation would require more academic knowledge, and practical experience would be less important. Or any combination of the above. That is why we, as citizens, must be wise when looking at candidates for office. We must decide what is best for the particular situation at hand, and we, too, should demonstrate understanding.

Michigan DNR Fishing Tip—

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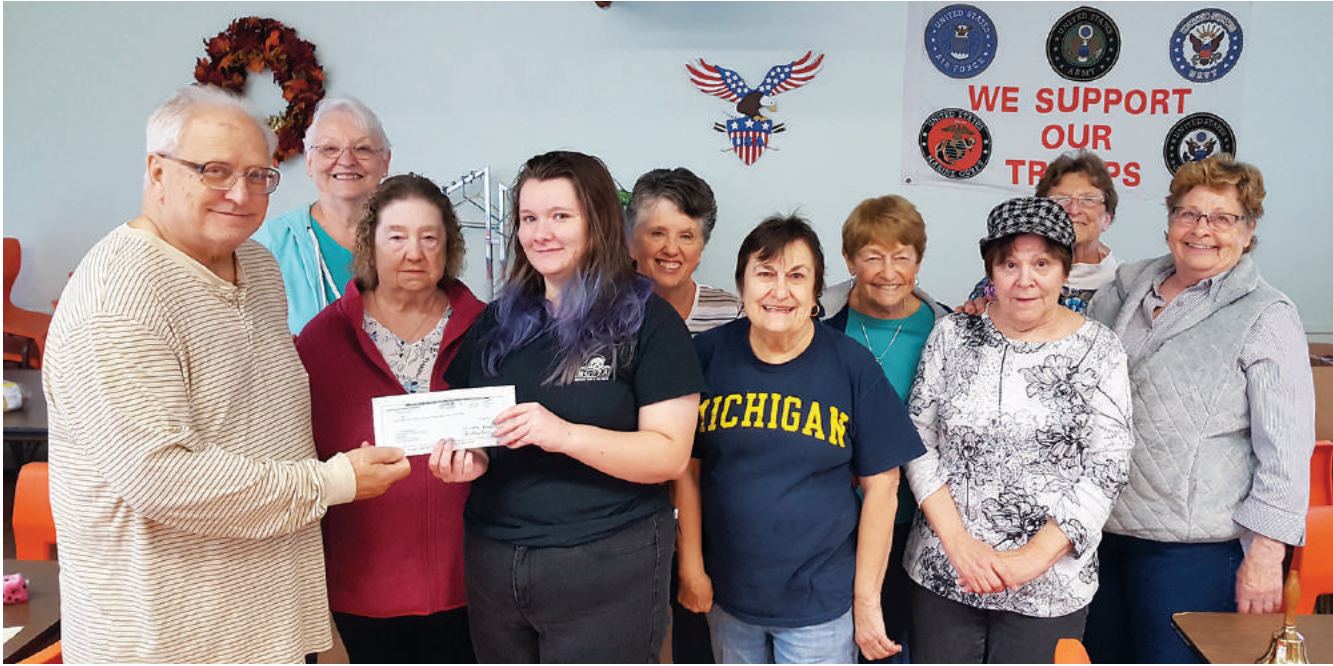
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Fowlerville Online Learning Academy student raises money for Senior Center

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solicited donations from some of her classmates, and also organized a garage sale. Altogether, she raised a total of \$2,388.14 to be put towards the project. Cassidy is pictured here presenting the check to Dean Snider, President of the Fowlerville Senior Center.



New members join Fowlerville Rotary

Two new members were inducted into the Fowlerville Rotary Club at last Wednesday's October 17th meeting by President Rich Ralston. Pictured here from left are Brent Pietila of Hartland Insurance, President Ralston and Cindy Champagne of Harmon Real Estate.

Fowlerville Fire Department Report

Thursday, October 11th, at 6:21 p.m. personnel responded to assist EMS on Penny Hollow Drive in Iosco Township.

The department was called to a medical emergency on Slawski Drive in Handy Township at 8:13 a.m., Friday, October 12th. Firefighters were dispatched to a medical emergency on Linda Ray Lane in Iosco Township at 2:19 p.m. and, at 4:14 p.m., responded to a medical emergency on Layton Road in Handy Township. At 4:32 p.m. a motor vehicle accident on I-96 in Handy Township was reported.

The department was dispatched to investigate an odor in a residence on North Street in the Village at 7:24 a.m. Saturday, October 13th. Firefighters were dispatched to a motor vehicle accident with injuries on I-96 in Handy Township at 9:03 a.m. A medical emergency on Dailey Street in the Village was reported at 9:10 a.m. Firefighters were called to ventilate a building on Grand River Ave. in the Village at 3:19 p.m. after a fire extinguisher was accidentally discharged.

Sunday October 14th, at 10:42 a.m. personnel responded to assist the ambulance on Hibbard Street in the Village. At 8:30 a.m. Monday October 15th the department was called to a medical emergency on Grand River in the Village. At 10:27 a.m. a medical emergency on Van Orden Road in Handy Township was reported and a third medical emergency, on Sharpe Road in Handy Township, was at 3:23 p.m.

Firefighters were dispatched to a medical emergency on Chestnut Street in the Village at 12:34 p.m. with a second medical emergency being on Allen Road in Handy Township at 6:20 p.m.

Wednesday, October 17th, at 12:25 p.m., the department was called to standby at a medical emergency on Crofoot Rd. in Iosco Township. Personnel assisted EMS on Grand River in Handy Township at 12:31 p.m. At 3:49 p.m. firefighters responded to a structure fire on Dailey Street in the Village.

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10-16-18: PICTURE DAY 9:00-11:00 A.M.
10-31-18: Halloween Costume Rules for Parents:
--No accessories that are of a weapon in nature (fake or real).
--Scary/grotesque masks are not allowed.
--Fake blood, vomit, wounds, etc. will not be allowed.
--Dressing up will occur after school lunches have ended.
Students will not be allowed to use the office phones to call home for costume/accessories they forgot.
11-16-18: End of 1st Trimester for K-5th
11-21 to 11-23-18: NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING RECESS
11-29-18: Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00-7:30 p.m.
11-30-18: K-5 NO SCHOOL *Parent Teacher Conferences:* 9:00 a.m.-12 noon & 1:00-3:30 p.m.
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Webberville Report



Webberville FFA Members and Alumni sort over 200 orders of fresh fruit during the 2017 Fruit and Nut Sale. This year's sale ends November 14.

Webberville FFA holding Annual Fruit and Nut Sale thru Nov. 14

Webberville FFA is holding its 46th annual Fruit, Nut, and Candy sale. Members and boosters participate in the sale to raise money to fund the National FFA Convention along with other FFA sponsored events. Members selling fruit and nut

items can also earn credit toward a new FFA jacket. Pee Jay's Fruit provides citrus from Florida and California and B&S Sales of Elwell, MI provides the candy and nuts. The Fruit and Nut sale will run through November 14. Contact an FFA member for additional information or call 517-521-3447 at extension 7961. You can also email the chapter ffa@webbervilleschools.org or contact via Facebook.

Webberville Library Report

By Head Librarian Peg Mawby
By now, most parents are aware of the new Third Grade Reading Law. If you have a child in early elementary school who is struggling, this is especially concerning. Of course, you would be worried even without the new law.

Capital Area District Libraries offer tools and resources that can help. If your child hasn't begun school yet, get a head start. CADL Webberville offers storytime sessions every Wednesday at 11:15 a.m. Children up to age 6 are invited for stories, songs, and other activities that promote early literacy skills. If you are unable to attend here, check cadl.org/events for many other storytime options at our 12 other branches.

Another wonderful, free tool that you can use with your child is ABCmouse.com, which is free to use inside CADL branches. This database has more than 3,500 learning activities for preschool, kindergarten and early elementary school kids. It is designed to help children learn to read through phonics. If you would prefer to work with your child at home, then



Help children become stronger readers by bringing them to storytimes and other library events. Resources to use at home are also available.

you might be interested in trying our free database, Early World of Learning. This site strengthens reading foundations with stories, activities and videos. Find it at cadl.org/learn. Last but not least, it has long ago been proven that reading to children every day will help them become better readers. Stop by the library today and select some books to read with your child! Capital Area District Libraries' Webberville branch is located at 115 S. Main Street in Webberville. For more information, call 517-521-3643 or visit cadl.org.

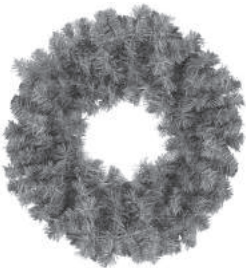
Capital Library Events

WEBBERVILLE
Hands-on Fall Fun (Age 6 & up)
Join us each Wednesday in October after school for a fun fall craft or activity (while supplies last).
Oct. 24, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Community Scanning Day (Adults)
Have email or cloud storage ready, then drop in to use equipment, software and expertise to scan your historic documents. Oct. 25, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

WILLIAMSTON
After School Halloween Movies (Ages 10-17)
Get into the Halloween spirit with fun, spooky, seasonal films. Oct. 22, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Drop-in Coloring for Adults
Enjoy increased relaxation and stress relief as you express yourself artistically.
Oct. 22, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Throwback Thursday--Haunted Hitchcock Movie Series (Adults)
Enjoy a Hitchcock film and popcorn.
Oct. 25, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

SYSTEM WIDE
Halloween at Eastwood Towne Center (Held at Eastwood Towne Center)
Stop by CADL's booth for entertainment and games, including Rock Out Entertainment, Tim the Music Man, face painting, henna tattoos and more.
Oct. 24, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Webberville Lions Club holding annual Wreath Sale now thru Nov. 12
The Webberville Lions Club is holding its annual Wreath Sale during the remainder of October through November 12th. In addition to wreaths the Lions Club will be selling 15-foot lengths of garland, 3-foot grave blankets and 5-foot grave blankets. Order deadline is November 12th. Payment is due with order. Wreaths - \$20; Garland - \$15; 3-foot Grave Blanket - \$30; 5-foot Grave Blanket - \$45. Contact Faye Hargrove at (517) 203-8391 or fayehargrove58@yahoo.com, or any Webberville Lions Club member. Thank you for your support!





Senior Spotlight—Julia LaRue

By Lydia Howard

Julia LaRue is known throughout the school for her kindness and humor and for never hesitating to help a friend.

Many of LaRue’s friends say that they have benefited from her positivity and persistence.

“Julia has taught me that even in the darkest of times you can come out of it positively,” said sophomore Savana Stiffler.

LaRue has an older brother, Joe Stanley, who graduated in 2018. She also has a younger sister, Lauren Stanley, who is a Junior, and younger brother, Logan Weiss, who is in fourth grade. LaRue lives with her Mom, Kathy Weiss, and Dad, Kevin Weiss. She is close to her mother and has felt encouraged by her. She says that her parents have taught her everything about life and have been by her side every step of the way.

“My mom is really supportive of everything I’ve done,” said LaRue.

Julia’s advice to underclassmen is to “take any opportunities that come your way.” A struggle she has overcome (she noted) is managing her homework load.

LaRue is excited to graduate and enter the next chapter of her life. Something she wishes she would have done is taking more chances, but she feels like she has had a great high school career.

LaRue has always done well academically, and her favorite class has been journalism, which she has been a part of for two years.

“I have enjoyed journalism,” said LaRue. “It has taught me different writing styles, and it gave me the ability to use my creativity.”

She has been a part of Links for two years and started FFA this year. LaRue enjoys FFA and appreciates how it is different from other things she has participated in.

“Julia is an invaluable member of both journalism and FFA,” said Colleen Scott Keiser, a teacher and FFA advisor. “She is one of the most helpful, hardworking students I have. She works through even the most challenging tasks, without a complaint.”

LaRue plans to go to Lansing Community College to become an EMT and later hopes to become a paramedic. She chose to attend LCC, due to its close location.

“I want to be able to help people,” said LaRue. “When someone is in need, I want to be there for them.”

LaRue has truly made an impact on this school by her kindness and generosity. She has made many lives better over the course of her school career.

“Julia has always been a great friend,” said fellow senior Melanie Feltner. “She’s always there to help out.”

Crossroads United Methodist Church holding Swiss steak dinner on Oct. 27

Crossroads United Methodist Church will offer the second in its 2018 fall series of Swiss steak dinners for the public on Saturday, October 27. Doors open at 4 p.m. and remain open as long as supplies last. The church is at the corner of Haslett and Zimmer roads east of Haslett and north of Williamston.

Menu for the dinner will be Swiss steak with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetables, cole slaw, rolls, dessert and beverages. Cost is \$9 for adults, with children under 10 free. Take outs are available.

At the dinner two names will be drawn for free dinners at the next event January 26, 2019. For more details, please find the church on Facebook, call 517/655-1466, email at office.umccrossroads@gmail.com, see the church website, www.umccrossroads.com.



County Commissioner Schafer supports Webberville FFA, visit high school class

Shown here were Keith Haynes, left, a member of the Webberville FFA and Ingham County Commissioner Randy Schafer prior to the start of last month’s Leroy Firemen’s Field Day parade. Haynes, a sophomore, drove a tractor with Commissioner Schafer as a passenger in the parade. Commissioner Schafer has continually supported Webberville FFA by helping with many leadership contests.

Recently, he came into Ms. Colleen Scott Keiser’s government and economics class to tell students about what being a commissioner entails.

“I enjoyed learning about the inside work of Commissioner Schafer,” said junior Bailey Jenson, reacting to that presentation.

Euchre Fun Night being held at the Webberville Library on Oct. 27

The Friends of the Webberville Library is sponsoring a Euchre Fun Night fundraiser on Saturday, October 27. Registration at 6:00 p.m. and playing begins 6:30 p.m. at the Webberville Cultural Center. The entry fee is \$10 per person to play. Prizes will be awarded and there will be a 50/50 raffle. Snacks and beverages will be provided. You are welcome to bring your own snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. Please join us for our Webberville Library fundraiser.

Williamston Eagles Club hosting annual Adult Halloween Party on Oct. 27

Williamston Eagles Club invites you to its annual Adult Halloween Party on Saturday, Oct 27th. Krosbys Conspiracy live band will be entertaining us from 8:30 pm until 12:30 am. Along with dancing, 50/50s and lots of fun, there will be costume judging at 10pm. Doors open at 3pm. Call the club at 517-655-6510 for more info. Open to the public and no cover charge. Light food and snacks will be available. The club is located at 835 High Street in Williamston

Williamston Area Senior Center

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OCTOBER 2018 EVENTS

Williamston Area Senior Center “26th Anniversary Open House” – Sunday, October 28, 2018 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Williamston Area Senior Center. Witness the unveiling of a Senior Plaque honoring the Centers founders. The original founders and Charter members of the Williamston Area Senior Center are Donna Anton, Myrtle Ebert, Mildred Hill, Frank Onweller, Arlene Rawley, Lorraine Schwartz, Marge Stillwell, Virginia Taschner, Carl VanRiper and Esther Wright. Refreshments will be served.

Christmas in October – Crafting and sewing gifts for others will be held at the Williamston Area Senior Center on, Saturday, October 13, 2018 from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. Come for all or part of the fun. Free coffee, and tea for those in attendance.

Movies at the Williamston Senior Center– On, Wednesday October 24, 2018 at 12:30 pm. Open to all Seniors.

Other October Activities at the Senior Center –
--**Tuesday, October 23, 2018** Cindy Hale will provide Hand Massages from 10:00 am to 11:30 on

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

Enhance Fitness Class on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Class fee is \$2.00 a session if paid all at one time or \$3.00 drop in fee for each class. Enhance Fitness is an evidence-based fitness class designed to improve endurance, flexibility, strength and balance. The class contains an aerobic portion, strength exercise using ankle weights, flexibility and balance exercises. Registration is required. To register call: The Williamston Community Programming Office at 517-655-7510 3939 Vanneter Rd. Williamston, MI. (The Enhance Fitness Class benefits not only your health but also the Senior Center)

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

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

On any October 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.

Halloween Treat Night being offered at Webberville United Methodist Church

Webberville United Methodist Church, located at Holt Road and M-52, will be having its annual Halloween Treat Night on Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 6 to 8 p.m. inside the church. In addition to candy treats for the kids, cider, hot chocolate and doughnuts will be served. Everyone is invited to bring their children to this safe environment.



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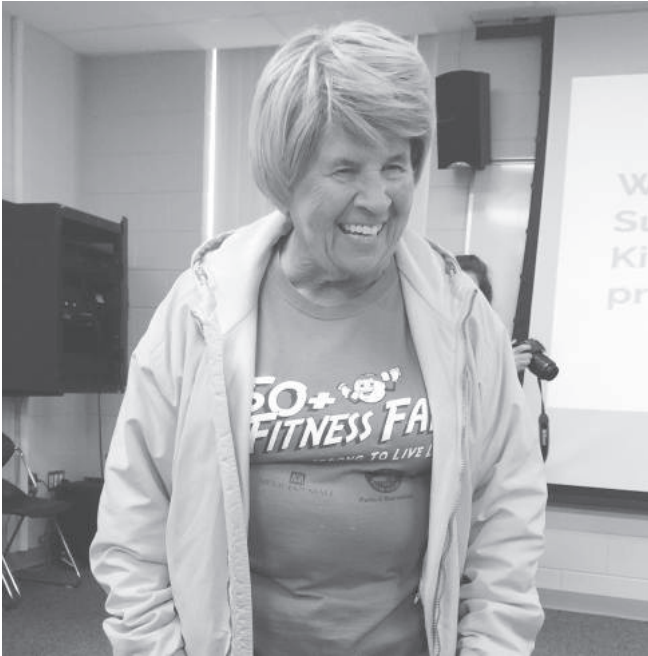
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Georganne Withey presented part of the program.




Skylar Byrne talked about the FFA Back Pack Kits.

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Webberville Woman’s Advance Club enjoys two programs on Oct. 15
By Betty Dodge, Publicity Chair

The Woman’s Advance Club met October 15, 2018 at 1:30pm at the Spartan Center Community Room in Webberville High School. We enjoyed two programs. The first one was introduced by Janice Wheeler, long involved with FFA. A high school senior, Skylar Byrne spoke. (Her photo and Senior Spotlight was featured in the September 26th issue of Fowlerville News & Views.) She transferred to Webberville in the 8th grade and joined the FFA, and is now in her 4th year. She is the Webberville Chapter President and is serving as the Region IV President and has been on state winning leadership teams.

Her involvement has been in many projects, too numerous to mention here. Two years ago she began the Weekend Survival Kits for elementary students. Some students in need receive free breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday, but need food for the weekends. Volunteers come in to help pack a sack of nourishing food, which includes grain products, vegetables, fruits and protein. This will cover 2 weekends and done discretely so classmates are not aware. Sacks are put in the children’s backpack, that are left outside of the classroom door on Fridays at the end of the school day. This is during the school year only.

Skylar Byrne did a great job of explaining Back Pack Kits, how it is funded and the need to continue. In the spring they pass out coupons for free seeds since children love to plant veggies and flowers and watch them grow. Thanks to this young lady, I’m sure she will have a wonderful future with her concern for others.

The second program, introduced by Pat Jennings, was Georganne Withey, a former teacher who is the 50-plus Exercise Co-Ordinator at the Meridian Mall, sponsored by Meridian Parks. The sessions are held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30am to 9:30am. You go in the door by the food court and drop \$1 on the table as a slight fee to help defray the instructor’s fee.

When Georganne retired 15 years ago, she recognized the need for older people to stay active, get together with others to be social, laugh, sing and cry and not be isolated at home.

They do three phases for the program: 1) warm-up 2) aerobic phase then a break and 3) cool down. She had us women working up a sweat with all 3 phases, so much energy and encouragement. Yes you can do it! What a great role model for us to follow. 50 plus becomes a family and the oldest guy just passed away at age 100. Thanks for the pep talk and example Georganne Withey!!

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Jill Moon, another former teacher, as the new Vice President of the Ingham County Home Association. The next association meeting will be held on November 14th at 10:00am. Kathy Ward has accepted the position as Trustee to Marsh Pointe.

Our next meeting will be held at the home of Sallie Brodie with a program on the History of Spooners on November 12th at 1:30 p.m.

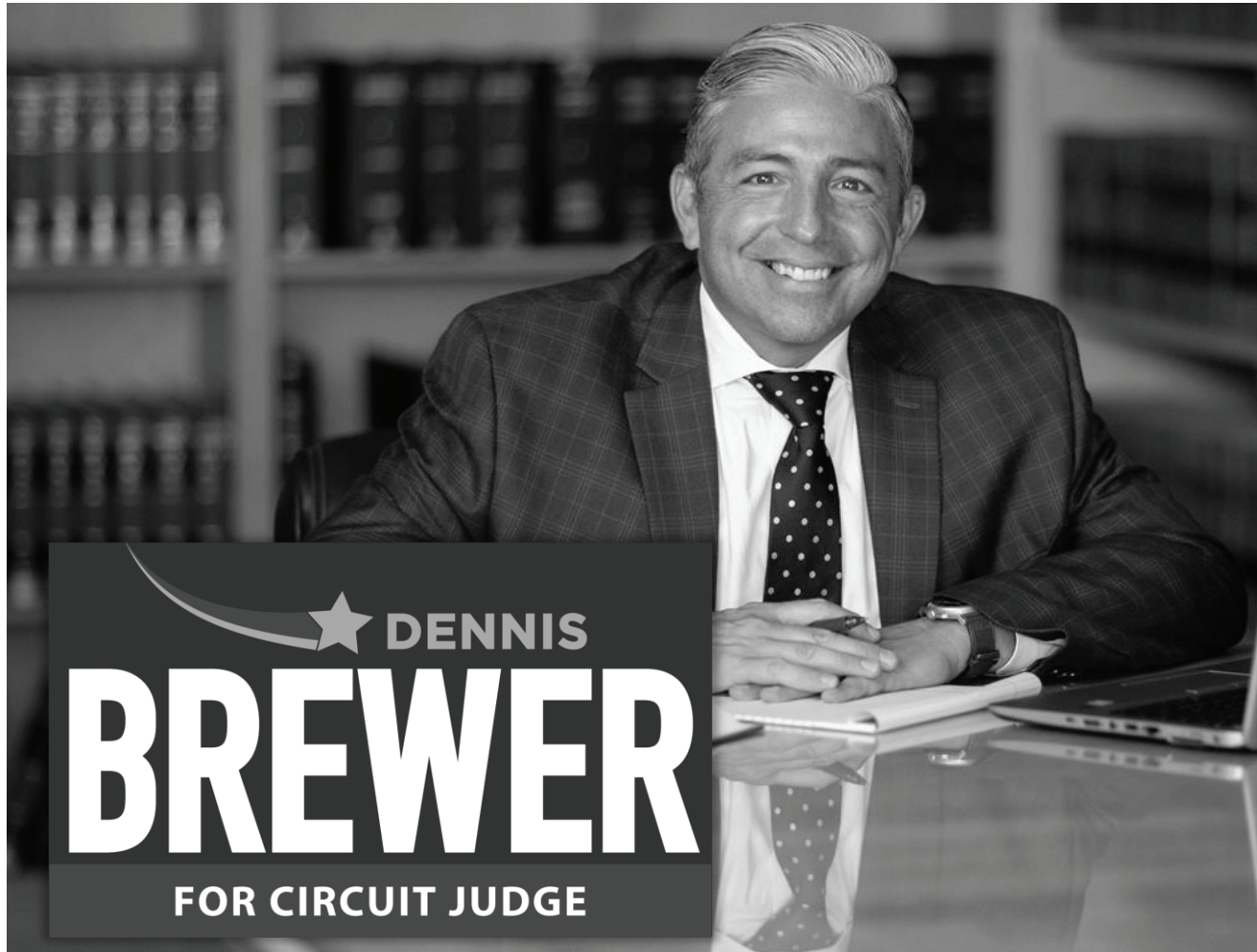
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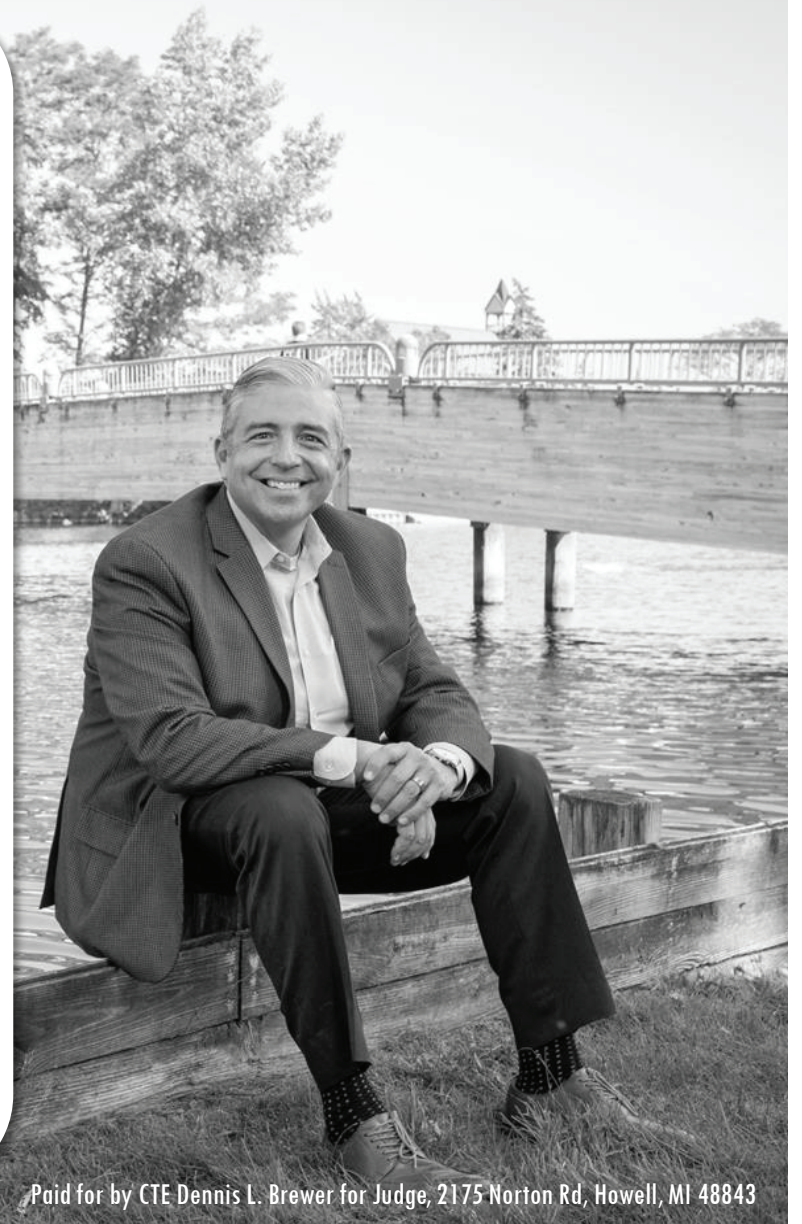
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- ✓ Youth sports coach for 8 years.
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—Area Deaths—



Eleanor Gertrude (Ellie) Richards

RICHARDS, ELEANOR GERTRUDE (Ellie) of Fowlerville, MI, 87, passed away September 30, 2018. Ellie was born April 8, 1931 in Mason, MI to Charles and Gertrude Showerman. She attended Fowlerville High School and returned to work there in later years where she was known as ‘mom’ to hundreds of school kids. She led a fun, full and loving life.

Beloved daughter, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, she lived her life to the fullest each and every day. A remarkable woman who married her best friend and the love of her life Weston (Wes) on December 6, 1958 and shared over 55 wonderful years together. Together they raised four children who were fortunate and blessed to call them mom and dad.

Ellie loved the Detroit Tigers, and she and Wes spent countless hours together watching and listening to baseball. She also loved to travel and was always up for an adventure. She was determined to ‘not let any grass grow under her feet’. Age seemed to have no limit, her passion for life was unmatched. Whether camping, boating, riding jet skis, riding roller coasters, golfing, playing games, going for ice cream, dancing in parades, going to movies, telling jokes, singing

funny songs, baking, shopping or dining out, it was always fun with Ellie. Her infectious laugh and energizing presence made all those who knew her love her deeply.

Most of all, though, Ellie loved spending precious time with her family and friends. She spent her winter months in Texas with close friends, and returned home to Michigan to spend spring, summer and fall with her family. She especially loved her grandchildren.

Ellie is survived by her children: Brian (Teresa) Richards, Linda (Tim) Clark, Jill (Steve) Redinger, and Kelly (Timothy) Brown; her grandchildren: Derek (Colleen) Richards, Kelsey Richards, Kevin (Beth) Clark, Kristen (Eugene) Ritter, Kayla Brown, and Carla Redinger; her brother: Dick (Angie) Showerman; and many extended family members and close friends. She was preceded in death by her husband Wes, parents Charles and Gertrude Showerman, and in-laws Fennick and Marguerite Richards.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Party for Ellie will be held starting at 4:00 p.m. November 17, 2018 at St. Mary’s Church at 509 N. Main St, Morrice, MI that will include sharing stories of love and laughter, dinner, music and dancing, just what Ellie would love. All are encouraged to attend that knew and loved Ellie and share fond memories and laughter in celebration of this great woman and her incredible, full life.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be sent to P.O. Box 154, Fowlerville, MI. Donations will be presented to the Fowlerville Athletic Boosters and Fowlerville Band Boosters in honor of her work with Fowlerville Schools. Ellie will forever be in our hearts, and her laughter will always ring in our ears. Heaven received a special angel, indeed. Fly high and give dad/grandpa a hug and kiss from all of us. Love you lots and lots.

Howell Carnegie District Library
Upcoming Adult Events

Frankenstein 200th Anniversary Celebration with Free Film Showing Friday, October 26, 2018, 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Historic Howell Theater, 315 E Grand River Ave, Howell. Celebrate the bicentennial of Mary Shelley’s groundbreaking work of Gothic horror and science fiction with a presentation on “The Monster Inside” by Gina Brandolino of the University of Michigan followed by a free showing of The Bride of Frankenstein classic movie. Presented in partnership with Retro-a-go-go. Drop In, no registration required.

Haunted Michigan with Jon Milan and Gail Offen Tuesday, October 30, 2018, 7:00pm-8:00pm, Meabon Room Hear from local authors and historians Gail Offen and Jon Milan about the legends and haunted places of Detroit and Michigan including the Dogman, Nain Rouge, Eloise Asylum, and more. Drop In, no registration required.

For more information, visit the Information Desk at the Howell Carnegie District Library at 314 W Grand River Ave, call 517-546-0720 x106, or see the library’s website at www.howelllibrary.org. The library’s hours are Monday-Thursday 10am-8pm, Friday-Saturday 10am-5pm, and Sunday 12pm-4pm September through May.



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Zemper Legacy Monument Unveiling & Dedication Ceremony planned Nov. 4

A larger-than-life bronze sculpture of Duane Zemper will be unveiled Sunday, November 4, 1 PM at the Howell Carnegie District Library, 314 W. Grand River Avenue in Downtown Howell.

Commemorating the accomplishments and contributions of the local hero and icon Duane Zemper, the day’s festivities are the culmination of two and a half years of vision and community involvement spearheaded by a collaboration of Howell Rotary, Howell Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation, and the Howell Carnegie District Library.

Everyone is encouraged to attend. Acknowledgements for the dozens of businesses, community members and organizations whose generosity brought this project to life will be followed by the official unveiling by local dignitaries and Mr. Zemper’s family. The ceremony, on the library lawn, will include lively storytelling and fun activities for all ages.

A reception at the Howell Opera House will follow, featuring the Emmy-award-winning documentary, “Through the Lens of Duane Zemper” with cake and refreshments to celebrate what would have been Mr. Zemper’s 99th birthday.

Internationally-renowned sculpting team Colin and Kristine Poole of Santa Fe, New Mexico, will be present for the event and will debut their short film, “The Making of The Zemp Legacy Monument,” documenting the process of creating this monumental bronze sculpture from conception to completion. They will be available for a “meet the artist” session at the Opera House.

The Duane Zemper Legacy Monument Dedication Ceremony begins at 1 PM, Sunday, November 4 at the Howell Carnegie District Library in Howell. Reception to follow the dedication at the Howell Opera House from 2 - 5 PM. All festivities are open to the public.

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Duane Zemper would have celebrated his 99th birthday on the day of the unveiling. After a distinguished, yet humble, life he passed away in July of 2016.

He was a World War II hero, a distinguished athlete, an honored photographer, an historian, a mentor for many students, lifelong Rotarian and one of the founders of the Howell Archives. Mr. Zemper is responsible for finding, preserving and duplicating long-lost photographs of Howell’s early years. Most of the historic photographs of Howell displayed in publications and in businesses and restaurants are the result of this work.

“Zemp knew the importance of preserving history for future generations,” said Mike Hall, chairman of the Duane Zemper Legacy Project, a collaboration between the Howell Rotary, the Howell Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation, and the Howell Carnegie District Library.

“The bronze statue is a culmination of two and a half years of planning and fundraising by the Duane Zemper Legacy Project,” said Hall. “Contributions from dozens of businesses, community organizations and community members made the statue a reality and we are so excited to place it in downtown Howell on the library lawn, a place that Zemp loved. Art is vital to the health of any community and with this important sculpture, our City is enhanced and Duane’s legacy will live on for future generations.”

The seven-foot tall statue of Mr. Zemper realistically depicts him later in life with his camera, books, his signature

bolo tie, a Rotary pin and other mementos so important to him.

“Anyone who knew Duane—and so much of the community did—will immediately recognize him in the statue,” said Hall.

“His athletic achievements as a cross-country runner in high school and at Eastern Michigan University (then Michigan Normal School) made him a top athlete in the state and kindled his love and ongoing support of high school sporting events,” said Brent Earl, a close friend of Duane Zemper and member of the Legacy Project.

He and two other college teammates would have qualified for the 1940 Olympics, but the nation was engulfed in war. He was inducted into the Eastern Michigan University Athletics Hall of Fame in 1990.

After joining the war effort, the U.S. Army sent him to Yale University to study photography. Always the athlete, he set the world record for sit-ups while at Yale: 3,450 in three hours and 42 minutes. He only stopped because he had to go to class.

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From Unapproved Minutes MEETING CONWAY TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF MEETING October 16, 2018

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

Motions:

1. Approve consent agenda with amendments.
2. Approve meeting agenda with additions.
3. Motion to approve a special meeting to review the Personnel Policy Manual October 30 at 6 p.m.
4. Motion to advertise Stow Road property for sale.
5. Motion to decide on IT service at the special meeting.
6. Motion to hold a public hearing regarding the Cemetery Ordinance amendments November 20 at the regular board meeting.
7. Motion to adopt the Cemetery Advisory Committee by-laws with amendments.
8. Motion to amend the fee schedule as presented.
9. Motion to hold a public hearing for the Daisy Lane Special Assessment District.
10. Motion to approve the credit card statement.
11. Motion to adopt Resolution 181016-01 regarding the Clerk’s salary.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m. Complete minutes are available at the Conway Township Hall during regular office hours, 8015 N Fowlerville Road, Fowlerville, MI 48836 517-223-0358

Next Special Board meeting is on October 30, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Next Regular Board meeting is on November 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

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Junior Varsity Girls Cross Country Team competes at East Lansing meet

The Fowlerville Junior Varsity Girls Cross Country Team competed at the East Lansing Invitational on Thursday, October 11. In the freshman race, Fowlerville had a strong showing with all four girls finishing in medal position and earning personal records. Gabby Damerow led the Fowlerville girls and placed 6th overall racing to a new personal with a time of 23:07.5. Jenna Gill crossed next for the freshman girls, also in medal position, earning 9th place with a time of 24 minutes and 5.6 seconds. On her heels was Reagan Esch finishing in 11th place with a time of 24:25.5 and Hannah Arledge-Teran crossed in 17th place with a new PR time of 25:54.1.

In the Junior Varsity race, Ramsey Lukasik led the Fowlerville girls finishing in 42nd place and racing to a new personal record time of 24 minutes and 10.3 seconds. Jessica Davis crossed next for the Glads finishing in 51st place with a time of 24 minutes and 53.4 seconds. Abby Davis (28:46) and Abby Fear battled it out until the end finishing within a second of each other. Abby Fear, running a new season record, finished just ahead of her teammate with a time of 28:45.0

Fowlerville Boys Cross Country Team finishes 19th at Greater Lansing meet

The Fowlerville Boys Varsity Cross Country Team competed in the the Greater Lansing Cross County Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 13. It was a cold, wet sloppy day to race but the Glads persevered through the elements and finished 19 out of the 37 teams that competed.

The top finisher for the Gladiators was Blake Howard. He took 64th (with a time of 17:39) out of 258 athletes who ran in the race. Next up for Fowlerville was Zachary Curd with a time of 17:57. Jacob Nabozny finished with a time of 18:28, Jack Shrader was not far behind with a time of 18:30. In the middle of the pack was Tyler Perras 18:42 and Trevor Peterson 18:44. Rounding out the finishers for the Gladiators was Brock Howard with a time of 19:06.

Fowlerville Junior Varsity Football Team falls to Lansing Catholic

It was a back-and-forth battle between both teams, but Lansing Catholic was able to end the Fowlerville Junior Varsity Football Team’s seven-game winning streak on Oct. 11 by a 27-24 score. The game was played on the Cougars’ home field.

Billy Hutchins and Gavin Camps came up with amazing catches all night, high pointing the ball over Catholic defensive backs. Adam Simon continued his yeoman play by moving the ball down the field and scoring multiple times.

The JV Glads ended their season this past Thursday (past the newspaper deadline), hosting Corunna.

Junior Varsity Boys Cross Country runners compete at East Lansing meet

The Fowlerville Junior Boys Varsity Cross Country runners competed at the East Lansing Invitational on Thursday, October 11. In the freshman race, Clayten Minock led the Fowlerville boys and raced to a new personal record time of 19 minutes and 4.2 seconds, beating his previous best by over 20 seconds. Clayten also finished in medal position placing 13th overall. Freshman Noah Miller also had a great race finishing in 40th place with a new personal time of 21 minutes and 41.8 seconds, shaving over 30 seconds off his previous best.

In the Junior Varsity race, Bryson Scott was back on the course to led the Fowlerville boys finishing 31st with a time of 18 minutes and 45 seconds. Josh Harper crossed next for the Glads in 51st with a new personal record time of 19 minutes and 1.7 seconds. Pierre Fritel with a time of 21:25.8 and Brenden Harman with a time of 23:49.3 rounded out the team.

The Fowlerville JV Boys raced at CAAC Red Jamboree Championships on Thursday, October 18 in Williamston (past the newspaper deadline).

Howell Presbyterian Church holding ‘Treasures & Treats’ Craft Show

Treasures & Treats Craft Show will be held on Friday, Nov. 2, 4-7 p.m and Saturday, Nov. 3, 10am-3pm. at 323 W. Grand River, First Presbyterian Church of Howell For more information www.fpchowell.org

Trinity United Methodist Church Annual Mini Mall Nov. 10th

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MEETING MINUTES
*SYNOPSIS
MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2018**

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

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

Trustees present: Bell, Bielous, Copeland, Heath and Helfmann. Absent: Schultheis. Also present: Village Clerk/Manager, Kathryn Arledge.

MOTION BELL, SECOND HEATH, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS PRESENTED. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BELL, SECOND HEATH, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, CONSISTING OF ITEMS 6.a. THROUGH 6.h., AS PRESENTED. VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BELL, SECOND BIELOUS, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:52 P.M., VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathryn M. Arledge, CMMC
Village Manager/Clerk
(10-21-18 FNV)

Three Michigan Attorney General candidates offer views

Note: Bridge Magazine, an online news publication, did a question-and-answer session with each of the three major candidates running for Michigan Attorney General—Dana Nessel, Tm Leonard and Chris Graveline. Below are excerpts from those interviews.

Three candidates with extensive legal backgrounds and vastly different approaches to public policy are defining this year’s race for Michigan Attorney General.

With the November general election closing in, the Democratic, Republican and Independent candidates spoke to Bridge Magazine about what they would bring to the state’s highest law-enforcement office. (Two others, Libertarian Lisa Lane Gioia and Gerald T. Van Sickle of U.S. Taxpayers, also are on the ballot.)

Democratic candidate Dana Nessel highlighted her dedication to protecting the state’s most vulnerable and said fighting for clean air and water would be her first priority. Nessel is a former prosecutor who is known for her work on a landmark case that found Michigan’s ban on same-sex marriage to be unconstitutional and is the first openly gay person to run for statewide office in Michigan. She vows to litigate Trump administration policies in court.

Republican Tom Leonard said he’d be a “rule-of-law” Attorney General dedicated to enforcing the state’s existing laws. He promised to expand state resources for mental health treatment courts and for prosecuting elder abuse cases. He is now Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives and has been an outspoken supporter of President Trump.

Independent candidate and former Assistant U.S. Attorney Chris Graveline nearly missed the boat for November — he fell short of the necessary 30,000 signatures to make the ballot and sued state elections officials, claiming the number is unconstitutionally high. A U.S. District Judge agreed with him in August and put him on the ballot. Now, he’s hoping to convince Michigan voters that he offers political independence that would serve them the best in the Attorney General’s office.



Dana Nessel: To fight for environment, most vulnerable as Attorney General

Who is Dana Nessel

Affiliation: Democratic

Age: 49

Residence: Plymouth

Current job: President of non-profit Fair Michigan

Philosophy: “As Attorney General, I think the question that has to be asked is, ‘How can this office be used to best protect the public?’ Because that’s really how I see this office. It’s there to protect people who often don’t have the means to protect themselves.”

Democratic Attorney General candidate Dana Nessel is running on a platform of environmental, consumer and civil rights protection.

Nessel is a former prosecutor at the Wayne County Prosecutor’s office who later became known for her work on a landmark case that found Michigan’s ban on same-sex marriage to be unconstitutional and eventually helped lead to the legalization of same-sex marriage around the country. She is the first openly gay person to run for statewide office in Michigan.

Bridge: What do you see as your top two or three priorities as Attorney General?

Nessel: (The Attorney General’s office is) there to protect people who often don’t have the means to protect themselves. So I would say that, for me, my biggest priority right now involves ensuring that people in Michigan have clean and safe drinking water.

The first day in office, I want to make a concerted effort to shut down (Enbridge) Line 5. I believe that this has the possibility of ultimately being the biggest oil spill in American history. I also look at PFAS. I’m incredibly concerned about it. This is a situation which I think we’ve only hit the tip of the iceberg in terms of the depth of this issue, and the problem that it poses for millions of people in our state. And I look at the situation in Flint right now and issues of lead, and many other dangerous toxins that are in people’s water all around state. It is an enormous concern.

The AG is uniquely situated to do something about all of

these issues. I think that if we don’t have clean and safe drinking water, then we really don’t have anything.

Clean air issues are also important. We have a number of areas in the state of Michigan where we have astronomical rates of asthma and respiratory disease. And none of this has to be the case. We really need to have an AG that appreciates that part of the job is enforcing basic environmental laws.

In addition to that, I really want to restore the Consumer Protection Division of the office to its former greatness that Frank Kelley was able to achieve. There are so many things that the AG can do to protect consumers. Scams and cons, predatory lenders, seniors that are being exploited, and that includes products that are harming people as well. There’s so much that (current Attorney General Bill Schuette) could be doing to better protect people. But that means, frankly, going after companies that exploit people.

Bridge: Attorney General Schuette devoted much his office’s resources to contesting policies of the Obama administration. You have talked about aggressively doing the same against the Trump administration. What’s your view on deciding when to sue, or join in a suit, against the federal government? What kind of process would you use to make those decisions?

Nessel: I think what’s most important is to ask yourself the question: By filing this lawsuit, will this result in greater protection for Michigan residents if it’s successful?

I truly believe that we have a federal government right now that isn’t very concerned about protecting regular people, poor people, working class people in our state. If the only way to get the federal government to do its job and to protect people is to file lawsuits against them, it is a necessary tool in our arsenal of the AG to allow greater protection of our state residents.

I’ll give you an example of a suit I would absolutely join. The Republican AGs, many of them are suing to attempt to dismantle the ACA (Affordable Care Act) and they have targeted the mandate that involves people with previous medical conditions. We have hundreds of thousands of people in the state that need those protections; they’ll lose their health insurance without that mandate. And so the Democratic AGs, 17 of them, are fighting very forcefully to defend the ACA and that existing conditions mandate. I would absolutely join in that event to protect people in our state who need health insurance.

Bridge: What would you say to Republican voters as to how you could also represent their interests in the Attorney General’s office?

Nessel: Most issues that I talked about wanting the AG to be the most active in are issues that affect everybody. Clean drinking water affects everyone in our state. It’s not just the the kids that were drinking lead infused water in Flint, it’s the kids who are in Kent county drinking PFAS and it’s people all around the state that have to be concerned and are suffering from fatal diseases as a result of the impurities in our water.

It doesn’t matter what your income level is, and it doesn’t matter what your race is and it certainly doesn’t matter whether or not you vote red or blue. Those issues affect us all the same. I want to help everybody irrespective of what party they belong to, irrespective of whether or not they decide to vote for me on November 6. Everyone deserves those kind of protections.

Bridge: Truth Squad looked at the Michigan Republican Party’s ad tying you with Weinstein, Cosby and Nassar and found it foul. But it noted that your former firm did market itself to people accused of sex crimes using the example of cross-examining a 12-year-old. Even if it was your partner’s case, how do you square with voters your commitment to protecting abuse victims with your firm’s choice to do that?

Nessel: Not only was it not my case, not only did I not use that language, but we weren’t working together anymore and I didn’t have control over the website at that time. I had signed over the URL to him. Not only did I not know whatever cases he was working on, but I didn’t know whatever he was posting on the website.

I was assured that he would be transferring it over to his PLLC, which was kept completely separate from mine. I don’t condone the language that he used, and had we been working together, which we weren’t, I would never have allowed that to be used in terms of any case. As much as I firmly believe that all people who are accused of crimes are entitled to a vigorous defense... I don’t condone the language he used and it’s hard for me to be held responsible for what somebody I used to work with did when I was not present and am no longer professionally affiliated with him. I think that is a standard that we wouldn’t hold most people to.

Bridge: Your name was still on the firm. Was that just a formality? What were you doing at the time?

Nessel: I was campaigning. I was not working with him anymore and he got a separate PLLC, I went off on the campaign trail and he maintained the website with the understanding that he was going to be transferring them over to his PLLC and restructuring it and creating it so it (only said his name). In the meantime, he continued to post things on it and it still had my name on it. But I didn’t control it, it wasn’t my case, I didn’t benefit financially from any of those cases during that time period and obviously I was incredibly unhappy when I learned of what was up there because I don’t condone what he wrote. I was embarrassed and disturbed by it.

Bridge: Line 5 and the Flint water crisis are two issues that Attorney General Schuette has taken some criticism over and which would likely fall into the lap of the next attorney general as well. You said that those are big priorities for you. What are some practical steps you would or even could take as an AG on those issues?

Nessel: On Line 5 you could file suit in the court of claims to seek an injunction shutting it down. I don’t want to say it’s the easiest process in the world, but a lot of important lawsuits are not the easiest process in the world. I’m saying it can be done, it ought to be done, it needs to be done. And that is what I plan to do.

Ninety-five percent of everything that goes through that pipeline doesn’t even serve Michigan residences, it doesn’t even serve Americans. It’s a Canadian pipeline for Canadians. And on Flint, I would be inheriting both the criminal and civil cases. In terms of the prosecution I would be able to reopen those investigations and be certain that everyone who is criminally responsible is properly charged. In the civil suits, I want to make sure that the civil suits are settled in a fair and equitable manner that protect people who were injured by the acts of the state.



Tom Leonard: Vows to be ‘rule-of-law’ Michigan Attorney General

Who is Tom Leonard

Affiliation: Republican

Age: 37

Residence: DeWitt Charter Township

Current job: Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives

Philosophy: “I am going to be a rule-of-law attorney general. I will ensure that the U.S. and the state constitution are both being upheld, but also the laws of this state as they are passed by our legislature and signed by our governor.”

Michigan Republican Attorney General candidate Tom Leonard says bringing more accountability to state and local governments, providing resources to prosecute elder abuse and improving mental health treatment for offenders are his priorities should he become Attorney General.

Leonard currently serves as the Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives. He spent six years in the state legislature after working as an assistant Attorney General under Mike Cox. Before that, he worked as a drug prosecutor in Genesee County.

Leonard spoke with Bridge Magazine about what his first order of business would be if elected to follow Bill Schuette as Attorney General and how he’d choose whether to join lawsuits against the federal government.

Bridge: What do you see as your top two or three priorities as Attorney General?

Leonard: In no particular order, first, Attorney General Schuette has put a Public Integrity unit within the attorney general’s office. This is something that I want to see expanded, and I want to appoint a state integrity officer that would oversee this unit. That Public Integrity unit would continue to prosecute corrupt politicians, but I want to see it expanded (so it) is holding government on all levels accountable.

For instance, there’ll be times during my coffee hours that I hear from constituents that feel like their local government is stonewalling them on FOIA (the state Freedom of Information Act) or they are violating the Open Meetings Act. I want to make certain that there is a state integrity officer that they can come to to hold government accountable.

Second, when I was in the prosecutor’s office in Genesee County, we started a first-of-its-kind elder abuse task force. It had one prosecutor, two investigators, we had support staff, we had a hotline put in place and it was very, very successful. I want to put something like that within the Attorney General’s office. I want to see something like that go statewide. I want to make certain that any prosecutor in the state of Michigan, if they have (an elder abuse case) that they feel should be prosecuted, they’ve got an avenue or they got somewhere to go to, and that those cases are not falling through the cracks.

And then third, I want to continue the focus we have had on mental health in the state of Michigan. I believe it’s way too important. Nearly 25 percent of our prison population suffers from mental illness. And when they do, the cost of that inmate goes from about \$38,000 per year to well over \$100,000 per year. (Many local prosecutors are) fans of treatment courts, I believe we need to continue to expand treatment courts. I want

to be there to assist our local prosecutors to ensure that we are never in a situation where we can't expand these treatment courts throughout the state. I think by doing that it's not only the right thing to do, but I think in the long run, it will cut down on prison costs.

Bridge: *Attorney General Schuette devoted much his office's resources to contesting policies of the Obama administration. Dana Nessel has talked about aggressively doing the same against the Trump administration. What's your view on deciding when to sue, or join in a suit, against the federal government? What kind of process would you use to make those decisions?*

Leonard: I am going to be a rule-of-law attorney general. I will ensure that the U.S. and the state constitution are both being upheld, but also the laws of this state as they are passed by our legislature and signed by our governor. If I were to get involved in a lawsuit to contradict what the federal government's doing, that would be my litmus test. Has the federal government put something in place that is violating the laws of this state or violating the state or U.S. Constitution?

Bridge: *Can you give an example of a suit you would join?*

Leonard: Obviously this is a big hypothetical, but let me give you an example. Several months ago, the Trump administration and Jeff Sessions had said that they were going to come down hard on federal prosecuting marijuana cases. If the Trump administration decided to do that, and by doing so they were going to violate or put into jeopardy our Medical Marijuana Act as it was passed by this legislature, certainly that is something that I would have to consider stepping in. Because the federal government would be coming in to do something that was going to violate a state law that was passed by the legislature. Certainly that is something that you'd have to consider bringing a lawsuit in federal court.

Bridge: *What would you say to Democratic voters as to why you would also represent their interests in the Attorney General's office?*

Leonard: The Attorney General's office is no place for politics. You need a rule-of-law attorney general, and that is what I intend to do. There was a very contentious election back in 1990 and John Engler, the Republican, became governor, ousted a sitting Democrat. And there was a current Democrat Attorney General by the name of Frank Kelley that had been there for a couple decades. Obviously they were on opposite sides of the aisle.

Within days of Governor Engler becoming governor, he walked over to the Attorney General's office to meet Attorney General Kelley. Attorney General Kelley walked up, extended his hand and said, 'Governor, we're from different parties, we may not agree on issues, I may have worked against you. But from this day forward, I am your attorney. And I don't ever want you to be afraid to call me for help, because that's what I intend to do. I intend to do the same thing as the state's next Attorney General, whether or not there's a Republican or a Democrat in that office.'

Bridge: *If Roe v. Wade is overturned at the federal level, would you as the top law enforcement officer enforce the current abortion laws in Michigan?*

Leonard: I will be a rule-of-law Attorney General and whatever law is on the books, I will enforce it. So if Roe v. Wade is overturned and the current law is still there, it will be enforced. If the legislature and the governor decide to amend that law or change it, then that new law will be enforced.

Bridge: *Line 5 and the Flint water crisis are two issues that would likely fall into the lap of the next Attorney General. How would you tackle these issues?*

Leonard: We have a plan in place (for how to approach Line 5) and there will be something that will be coming that will become public very soon. Editor's note: That plan was released by Gov. Rick Snyder on Oct. 3, one week after this interview took place. Here is Leonard's statement on the plan.

The Attorney General has to protect our natural resources, and there is no resource that we have that is more precious to the state of Michigan than our Great Lakes. So we need to do something with Line 5. We need to tell Enbridge the time for excuses is over.

However, coming in and saying that we're going to shut this thing down in one day to me is dangerous. Nearly 70 percent of the Michiganders in the Upper Peninsula draw their propane off of this line. We cannot come in just to score political talking points and say we're going to shut something down and leave tens of thousands of our residents without the ability to heat their homes. So certainly, we've got to put a plan in place, which will be announced very soon.

We're going a little bit out of the scope of the Attorney General, but I believe the answer would be putting a tunnel in place. Making certain that we've got something there that will keep that line secure.

In terms of Flint, the last thing I want to do as a former prosecutor is say what a current prosecutor should or shouldn't be doing when there's an ongoing and pending litigation. Clearly the independent prosecutor Todd Flood, the current Attorney General, they likely have information in front of them that you and I are not privy to, that may not come out until later. What I will tell you is this: When I become the state's

next Attorney General, within days I will be sitting down with my top deputies, I will be combing through those files, learning everything that they have in front of them right now, and taking what I believe is the best course of action forward to resolve this.



Chris Graveline: Why Michigan needs an Independent Attorney General

Who is Chris Graveline

Affiliation: Independent

Age: 45

Residence: Berkley

Most recent job: Assistant United States Attorney

Philosophy: "I think the most important priority is to get partisanship out of the Attorney General's office... Government is supposed to be doing the work of all people regardless of political party."

Independent Attorney General candidate Chris Graveline came to the November ballot in a nontraditional way: via lawsuit.

Graveline served in the U.S. Army, worked for the U.S. Department of Justice prosecuting the Abu Ghraib prison abuse cases and eventually led the organized crime unit of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Detroit. He said he quit that job to run as an Independent for Attorney General to reduce partisanship in the office, but he failed to get the 30,000 signatures necessary to make the ballot.

In late August, a U.S. District Judge determined that minimum-signature requirement was unconstitutionally high and granted him a preliminary injunction so he could appear on the ballot. He spoke with Bridge about why he fought to run, how he'd tackle the state's big issues and why Michiganders should pick an Independent as state Attorney General. The conversation has been edited for length and clarity.

Bridge: *What do you see as your most important priorities as Attorney General?*

Graveline: I think the most important priority is to get partisanship out of the Attorney General's office. I think that both parties have identified the Office of Attorney General throughout the United States as being a very important and powerful positions to further their particular political goals, and they've taken the political discourse out of the political arena and now have turned it into the courtroom.

For example, many attorney generals came together and sued the tobacco companies back in the '90s, got a fairly large settlement to help offset medical costs. Now what you're seeing is the two parties are not working together across party lines to accomplish those types of goals.

Now, they're banding together and pursuing the party's goals. The current Attorney General (Bill Schuette) and the Republican Attorney General's Association, for example, sued the Obama administration over the Affordable Care Act and over EPA regulations simply to thwart what the Democrats were trying to do. Now the Democrats, they have banded together and formed the Democratic Attorney General's Association and already have sued the Trump administration (around) 134 times, once again simply thwart what's going on the federal government.

Who's doing the work of the people? Is that really what governments are set up to do? Government is supposed to be doing the work of all people regardless of political party and when you use the resources of the Attorney General's office to sue on behalf of the political parties, essentially, what that has become are the paid law firms for either the Republicans or the Democrats. I find that to be unacceptable.

Bridge: *Why run as an Independent? What would an Independent AG look like for voters?*

Graveline: The biggest difference it would be for voters would be a re-emphasis on the actual job. So many times, the parties identify this position as one in which to put candidates forward who they hope will potentially run for governor someday. I'm not running for governor. I'm running to actually be the Attorney General.

(The job requires partnering with local law enforcement), so one of my first priorities is after meeting the staff and figuring out where we are with various investigations, I would endeavor to travel to every one of the counties in the state and meet with the local officials there to talk about what resources do they lack? What are the individualized, localized problems and where could this Attorney General's Office fit into that? So what

you would see from Chris Graveline being the Attorney General is an emphasis on where can we help with violent crime in our urban cities? Where can we help in fighting the opioid crisis? A re-emphasis on consumer protection.

Bridge: *What would you say to voters who do align with either the Democratic or Republican parties about how you would represent their interests in the AG's office?*

Graveline: I think it's what I'm presenting to the voters of the state of Michigan is a philosophical argument about how should government run. If you believe that the attorney general's office should be there to further your political party's agenda, you'll have candidates on the ballot in which to vote for.

Why should they trust that I can do this? I have 20 years of experience of doing this. I have been a public servant my entire career. I started off with seven years in the Army, transitioned into the Wayne County prosecutor's office, was brought back to Washington, D.C. to the Department of Justice to be a human rights prosecutor, and I've been an assistant United States attorney in the city of Detroit for the last nine years. I have a proven track record of accomplishments of handling large investigations. I believe that anyone who takes a look at my record will see that I am an even-handed, fair prosecutor who uses innovative means to accomplish the goal.

Bridge: *AG Schuette devoted a lot of his office's resources to contesting policies of the Obama administration. Dana Nessel has talked about aggressively doing the same against the Trump administration. What's your view on deciding when to sue, or join in a suit, against the federal government? What kind of process would you use to make those decisions?*

Graveline: People have asked me, 'Who do you take your cue from on how would you run the attorney general's office?' I thought Frank Kelley did an outstanding job as our attorney general.

And he laid out three principles. One, is it a sufficiently serious matter for which the Attorney General's office should get involved? And what he meant by that is, does it affect a number of people within the state and not just an issue of local concern. Two, will it set sound legal precedent? And three, does it vindicate some important interest within the state of Michigan? I would use those same three principles in determining whether I joined lawsuits and whether to bring lawsuits on behalf of the state of Michigan.

Bridge: *U.S. Attorney Barbara McQuade was an early supporter of yours and political observers have said you likely would split votes with (Democrat) Dana Nessel. Would you have any regrets if you help to put (Republican) Tom Leonard in office?*

Graveline: Let's put it this way — hopefully, I take a lot of votes away from Dana Nessel. And hopefully I take a lot of votes away from Tom Leonard. I think the argument that this should be a nonpartisan office is the best of the arguments when you take a look at what the role of the Attorney General should be. If you take a look at my resume, of the three candidates, I think I have the strongest resume.

I think I can appeal to both Democratic voters and Republican voters. I think my background is unique: I grew up in mid Michigan, I married into a farming family, I still bale hay every summer. I'm the only (military) veteran in this race. I think those are all attributes that can appeal to Republican voters. I have worked in the city of Detroit as a prosecutor. I understand urban issues. My last five years, I spent every day trying to think of ways to drop the homicide rate in the city of Detroit. I think that has a lot of appeal to Democratic voters as well.

Bridge: *Line 5 and the Flint water crisis are two issues that would likely fall into the lap of the next Attorney General. How would you tackle these issues? And does an Attorney General really have the power to shut Line 5 down?*

Graveline: Let's start with the Flint water crisis. I'm very cautious about saying much about what types of decisions I would make. I've handled high-profile cases before; While I was in the army, I prosecuted the Abu Ghraib prison abuse cases. I know from experience that what you read in the papers is about 25 percent of what's actually known by the investigators. So without (reviewing existing case files), I can't say I would have done this or that with the Flint water crisis.

I can say this, I think that the amount of money spent by bringing in the outside prosecutors is way too much money. I mean, the contract is for approximately \$4.9 million. I would have preferred to see the Attorney General, if he decided that conflict-free counsel was necessary, that he reach out to another county prosecutor within the state and ask that county prosecutor to actually do the investigation. Then, as the Attorney General, you could have offered that county prosecutor four or five assistant attorney generals to go to that county prosecutor's office to do the work of the county. That saves taxpayers money and is far more efficient than just spending \$5 million to bring in outside counsel.

On Line 5, I think it's a complicated issue. It's an oversimplification to just say shut it down today. The Attorney General can revoke the easement. I believe federal law also applies in the federal Pipeline Safety Act. I think you have to get in and see all the facts. There are many facets and I think just saying "let it be" or "shut it down tomorrow" are too easy and, quite frankly, just soundbites.

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Fowlerville Veterinary Clinic hosts Grand Opening & Retirement Party

The Fowlerville Veterinary Clinic combined two special events on Sunday, Oct. 14, hosting a Grand Opening of its enlarged facility along with a Retirement Party for Kathy DeForest.

The public was invited to join the owners and staff at the clinic, located east of the village on Grand River at the corner of Hogback Road, to tour the building addition that includes four new exam rooms, plus an exit area which is designed to

relieve congestion at the front entrance and streamline people coming to and leaving the clinic. The new exit area mirrors the entrance area in both size and design.



Among the staff at the Grand Opening were, from left, front row, Dr. Lisa Race, Dr. Chrissy Besonen- Fletter, Dr. Lisa Walker, Dr. Nicole Morgan; back row, Tanya Kirby, Lauren Murray and Carolyn, Claudia Cary Davidson, Dr. Sarah Gramer, Deb Dey, Linda Brodersen, and Laura Morgan.



Attending the event were, from left, Peter Glover, Nancy Glover, Mitch Glover, Diane Slider, and Tom Slider. Tom served as the builder of the addition to the clinic.



Attending the Grand Opening, held on Sunday, Oct. 14, were these current and past owners of the Fowlerville Veterinary Clinic. From left were Drs. Scott Butts, Dan Paternoster, Joe Woltanski, Don Jaquet, Art Currey, Chris Wanczyk, and Dean Gibbons.



Guests were treated to a lunch buffet and could also enjoy several ‘fun’ activities. Roasting marshmallows over the fire was the Hatt family of Fowlerville. From left were Caleb, Kristel, Rebekah, and Adam.



Joining Kathy DeForest at her Retirement Party were several members of her family. From left, front row, were Zane Whitt, Kathy DeForest, Jillian DeForest; back row, Kyle DeForest, Julie DeForest, Sylvia Whitt, Nikki Whitt, and Thad DeForest.

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, Roddy, Shear and Munsell. Absent: None. Also present: Att. Kehoe. Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

- To approve the agenda as amended.
- To approve meeting minutes of 9-17-18 & 9-24-18 as presented.
- To pay the bills in the amount of \$139,291.41
- To approve quote for painting of hydrants at Red Cedar Crossings
- To adopt Zoning Amendment Z-33-18, Conditional Re-Zoning
- To adopt Zoning Amendment Z-34-18, Signs
- To approve sponsorship for Christmas in the ‘Ville
- To renew contract for website maintenance
- To adjourn meeting at 7:48 P.M.

Laura A. Eisele
Handy Township Clerk
(10-21-18 FNV)

Millville UMC Women hosting turkey supper, bake & craft sale

The Millville United Methodist Women will be hosting a Turkey Supper, Bake and Craft Sale on Saturday, October 27 from 5 to 7pm. The meal will consist of turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, homemade dressing, Key West vegetable medley, cole slaw, and rolls. Dessert will be either pie or cake. All profits from this meal will go towards various mission projects.

The bake sale will offer you a variety of baked goods to choose from. The meal is for a free will offering and take outs will be available. We look forward to seeing you! Millville UMC is located at 1932 N. M-52, which is 9 miles south of I-96 on M-52. For more information contact the church at 517-851-7853.

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