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These members of the Livingston County/Fowlerville July 4th Fireworks Committee invited the public to attend the upcoming Chili Cook-off. From left are Claudia Mannor, Denise Brown, Tom Smith, second row, Jim Mayhew, John Tyler, and Bruce Brown.

This Saturday's Chili Cook-Off to raise funds for July 4th celebration

The Livingston County/Fowlerville Fireworks Committee will be holding the 14th Annual Chili Cook-Off this Saturday, March 10, at VFW Post 6464, located at 215 Veterans Drive in Fowlerville from 4pm to 7pm.

There will be 50/50 drawings, vendors, a Silent Auction and some really great chili! Dinner includes one sample of each chili and one bowl of the chili of your choice, salad, beverage and dessert. Prices are \$8.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for Children 5 - 12 years old, and a children's dinner consisting of a hot dog, chips, beverage, and dessert is \$4.00.

Chili will be judged for these six categories:

People's Choice: The attendees will vote for the chili entry that they think has the best taste.

Judge's Choice: Three non-partial judges will determine the overall best tasting.

Spicy Hot: The hottest chili!

Best Presentation: The contestant with the best decorated display of their table space,

Best Business/Organization Entry: This category is for all businesses and organizations who submit a chili for judging, and

Most Unique Chili: This category is for chili entries that differ from the normal.

There are still a few openings for chili entries and we always welcome volunteers!

Vendors at the event include: LESA who will be selling handmade greeting cards and candles; the Livingston Centre Historical Society who will be selling train-related items and other keepsakes; Boy Scout Troop 336 who will have fundraising

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Chili Cook-Off continued

items for sale; and Girl Scouts who will be selling cookies in the front foyer area.

New this year is David Thompson of the Livingston Centre Historical Society who will have a model train display.

For more information call Bruce or Denise Brown at (517) 223-1927. You can also e-mail your request for an entry form to: bndbus@aol.com. Please title your e-mail: Request for entry form. Rules for entering are on the entry form and pre-registration is required.

This is the major fundraiser for the 4th of July fireworks and all proceeds from this event go towards the Fourth of July Fireworks show.



There will be a model train layout at the Chili Cook-off operated by David Thompson. He has a new CSX diesel locomotive model that will be in operation. These engines frequently run through Fowlerville. David noted that he uses trains and engines, in his model layout, that have a history of running through Livingston County. He also helps maintain and operate the Train Depot in the Historical Village at the Fowlerville Fairgrounds.

Fowlerville Girls Varsity Basketball Team drops last regular season game

Fowlerville Girls Varsity Basketball Team dropped its last regular season game on Friday, Feb. 23, at Lansing Catholic, losing by a 57-49 score.

The Gladiators kept pace on the offensive end until the final quarter, but were unable to stop the Cougars who scored in double digits in each of the periods.

Lansing Catholic held a slight 13-11 lead at the end of the opening stanza and was up 30-27 at halftime. Both teams scored 15 points in the third quarter, but the Cougars had 12 points in the final period to Fowlerville’s 7 points to give them an 8-point winning margin.

Elie Smith led the Fowlerville scoring with 23 points, while Jackie Jarvis had 10. Ollie Updike and Peyton Boden each scored 6 points.

The Gladiator girls finished with a 7-3 record in the CAAC White Division and were 15-5 overall. They were playing in the Division II Districts at Haslett this past week.

Rep. Vaupel posts perfect voting record; returns part of allotted office budget

State Rep. Hank Vaupel of Fowlerville finished 2017 with a perfect voting record, taking part in all 511 roll call votes last year.

“The people of the 47th District deserve a consistent and reliable voice in the Michigan Legislature, and I am honored to fill the role,” Rep. Vaupel said.

Additionally, despite extensive work on a variety of committees, the representative gave \$8,976.20 of his allotted 2017 budget back to the state.

“I feel it is important for my office to be fiscally responsible,” he stated.

Rep. Vaupel is currently serving his second term in the state House and is chair of the Health Policy Committee. He also serves as a member of the House Committee on Insurance, Michigan Competitiveness, and Tax Policy.



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

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Chick Class - If it's your first time or if you just need a refresher course, join the rest of the chick enthusiasts for a fun and entertaining 2 hour class. The class will also be offered for **FREE** to 4-H members.
Saturday, April 7th. 10 am - 12 pm. \$20 each.

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

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

Fowlerville Junior High School News

IMPORTANT DATES:

Spring Play - Fri-Sun March 9-11
Junior High Band Concert - Mon. March 19
Spring Break-No School – March 26-30

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7TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL

The 7th grade girls traveled to Haslett Thursday night and couldn’t find their offensive groove in both contests. The A team was led by Brooke Simon with 5 points, while Katie Tait and Zaylin Rinehart added 2 points each and Ava Rajala chipped in 1 from the free throw line. Although the girls lost, they played hard for 32 minutes with only 2 substitutions on the bench, which was a contributing factor in the game.

The B team also fell short, but played hard for 32 minutes also with only 2 substitutions on the bench. Teela Theibert led scorers with 8 points and was a defensive force for the team. Ava Campbell also chipped in 2 points for the Lady Glads.

Alexis Hovorka played some very strong defense for the team, while Gracie Hancock, Kaydence Culbertson, Sam Wilt and Alaina Borowy gave the Glads some great minutes and physical play.

The 7th grade girls split against the Charlotte Orioles on Feb. 26th. Both games were hard fought, but only one was victorious.

The B team was led by Gracie Hancock who scored 14 points, while Ava Campbell and Teela Theibert chipped in 6 points each. Also scoring for the Glads was Alexis Hovorka with 2. The girls fought back after being down at halftime to keep the game close and at one point they took the lead, however, they couldn’t finish on top.

The A Team was led offensively by Brooke Simon with 11 and Ava Kuch with 8 points, but more importantly, Simon had several assists while Kuch, Katie Bigos and Katie Tait dominated on the boards. Coming off the bench providing a defensive spark for the Glads was Ava Rajala who forced several turnovers. Also chipping in 2 points each for the Gladiators were Zaylin Rinehart, Heidi Curd and Leyna Baumgartner.

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8TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL

Both 8th grade teams played at home last night vs Haslett. They played well, much improved defense in both cases. The B team fell 11-41. Faith Thomason, Dana Michalski and Alyssa Semke each had 2 points and Halle Dargie lead the Lady Glads with 5 points, The A team lost a very close game in overtime, 39-41. Andrea Ogden had 6 points, Ysenia Depa had 10 points and Levee Clark finished with 23 points.

The girls played as one large team on Feb. 26th vs. Charlotte and won 32-16. Ysenia Depa and Heather Gendron each added 2 points, Andrea Ogden , had 4 points, Zoey Yvergans added 6 points and Levee Clark led the Gladiator scoring with 18 points. They played very well as a team and will be playing their final home game of the season this Wednesday at home against Okemos.

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JH WRESTLING

Fowlerville wrestled on Feb. 24th at the JR Jaws team tournament. Short a few wrestlers and only filling 12 of the 19 weight classes. Record for the day was 2 wins and 3 losses. There were 32 teams and we started off beating Columbia 60-27. Then lost to Parkside 84-24 who took 3th place, then lost to Dexter 46-45 and Onsted 62-32, and finished the day by beating Masons B team 40-37.

Dalton Daniel 5-0, Jimmy Buurma 4-0 and Hannah

Arledge-Tevan 3-0, are the only wrestlers to go undefeated. With one loss were Beau Baker 4-1, Jesse Johnson 4-1, Richard Davis 3-1, Andrew Byerle 2-1 and Luke Zanin 2-1. Others with a winning record included Aiden Bradbury 3-2, Chris Watiker 3-2 and Houston Schloemp 2-2. Others with one win were Clayton Minock, Terry Bishop and Preston Hough.

Fowlerville wrestled both Jackson Parkside and Mason

Students in the Fowlerville FFA take part in recent districts & regionals

Students from around Livingston County who take part in the Fowlerville Agri-Science Program had the opportunity to take part in the recent FFA Chapter Development Events at, first, the district level and then the regionals.

The following are options offered: Agricultural Issues, Creed Speaking, Demonstration, Extemporaneous Public Speaking, Greenhand Conduct of Meetings, Greenhand Public Speaking, Job Interview, Junior High Conduct of Meetings, Junior High Public Speaking, Parliamentary Procedure, and Public Speaking

The list below consists of the students who have competed and those continuing to compete.

Districts:

Public Speaking -Olivia Nied: Silver (regional runner-up)
- Victoria Melchert: Silver
Creed Speaking - Lizzie Bilyk: Silver
- Ashlynn Ronning: Silver

Demonstration - Hunter Kupniewski and Lane Perkins: Silver - Sierra Piggins and Austin Cutwright: Silver - Sarah Gursinski and Cassidy Fetzer: Silver (Regional Runner-Up)

Extemporaneous Public Speaking - May Bourdon: Gold (Regional Qualifier)

Job Interview - Emma Fyke: Gold (Regional Qualifer) - Andrew Goodwin: Gold (Regional Qualifer)

Regionals

Job Interview - Emma Fyke: Gold (State Finalist - Will compete March 8, 2018 at MSU) - Andrew Goodwin: Silver (State Runner-Up)

Extemporaneous Public Speaking - May Bourdon: Silver

Jr. High students interested in joining Tennis Team invited to meeting

Any boys or girls in sixth, seventh and eighth grades who are interested in playing on the Fowlerville Junior High Tennis Team this Spring is invited to attend an informational meeting/registration night in the high school media center on Wednesday, March 14,. at 6:30pm. The cost to participate on the team is \$20 and each player will receive a T shirt.

Matches start late April and run through early June. Matches are on Saturdays from 12-2 p.m. and are played at all the Livingston County schools. We will practice two days per week, usually Monday and Wednesday from 4:30-6 p.m. Any questions please contact Coach VanEngen at the Junior High.

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Tuesday on Feb. 27th. We lost a tight one to Parkside 38-33 who just beat us 84-24 on Saturday. Then we lost to Mason 53-27. Dalton Daniel and Chris Watiker were the only wrestlers to go undefeated at 2-0. Aiden Bradbury went 2-1. Beau Baker, Jimmy Buurma, Richard Davis, Hannah Arledge-Tevan, Preston Hough, and Jonathen Davis all were 1-1 for the night. Keep up the good work guys and girls!

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School News

IMPORTANT DATES:

March 8- Reading Assemblies

March 9 – End of 2nd Trimester for K-5th

March 15 – K-12th) ½ Day of School - Also Conferences from 1:00-4:00 and 5:00-7:30

March 22- Celebrate Reading Family Fun Night 5:30-7:00pm

March 26 – 30 SPRING RECESS

April 11 & 12 – 2018/2019 Kindergarten Round Up (See Info Below)

April 19- Family Fun Science Night

May 4- H. T. Smith Night at the Lansing Lugnuts Game

May 10- Family Fun Fitness Night

2018/2019 Kindergarten Round Up – H.T. Smith Elementary will be holding Kindergarten Round Up for the 2018/2019 school year. There will be a 2-day event at Smith Elementary on Wednesday, April 11th and Thursday, April 12th. The hours are 8:00 – 10:30, 1:00 – 3:00 & 5:00 – 7:00 on both days. You can come either day, during any of the 6 sessions

available. Please bring your soon to be Kindergartener with you for a brief screening session with teachers. Also please bring required enrollment items with you which include state issued birth certificate, current immunization record, vision screening (after age 3), and proof of residency (Driver License and 2 other pieces which can include mail, a utility/ phone bill, voter registration card, lease/purchase agreement, etc.) that shows your name and address together. You can pre enroll online at fowlervilleschools.org, click on the “New Student Enrollment” link. There will be 2 sections of forms to complete, the 1st section must be printed before going to the 2nd section. There are approximately 14 total pages to print. Or if you prefer, wait until Round Up. Computers and printers will be available for you to use.

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

H.T. Smith Is A Latex Free Building! – Our building is a latex and latex balloon free zone We cannot have any product containing latex in our building. Signs have been posted at the entrance doors as a reminder. Please be aware of this when you are planning birthday surprises or classroom parties. ONLY MYLAR BALLOONS ARE PERMITTED! Thank You!

Please do not park in the drop-off (Kiss & Go) lane in front of the school. This lane is to be used for parents to drop off their children and move ahead so the next car can do a drop-off. **During the school day, this is the fire lane- DO NOT PARK THERE!**

Medication –Just a reminder that ALL medications must be delivered to the office by an adult/parent/guardian. The prescription medications must have a current prescription sticker with instructions for dispensing the medication, doctor’s name, and child’s name. *Parents will have to complete a form in the office for both prescription and non-prescription medications.

Kreeger Elementary

School News

March 13-14-15: Vision Screening 3rd and 5th grades
Please call 517.223.6330:
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March 15: HALF DAY/DISMISSAL 12 noon
CONFERENCES
1:00-2:00 P.M.SCHEDULED CONFERENCES BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
2:00-4:00 P.M. PORTFOLIO CONFERENCES/OPEN HOUSE
4:00-5:00 P.M. TEACHER’S DINNER HOUR
5:00-6:30 P.M. PORTFOLIO CONFERENCES/OPEN HOUSE
6:30-7:30 P.M. CONFERENCES BY APPOINTMENT

March 26-30: SPRING RECESS
April 24: Spring Picture Day

We are in need of girl’s leggings and tops (sizes s-xl). If you can drop off used and clean items, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Fowlerville Boys Varsity Basketball

Team defeats Hartland last Tuesday

The Fowlerville Boys Varsity Basketball Team defeated Hartland last Tuesday night in an away game by a score of 59 to 50
Geoffrey Knaggs led the way with 21 points and 16 rebounds, Brendan Young added 17 points and 5 rebounds, Caiden Collins had 6 rebounds and 6 assists, and Josh DuFore had 4 rebounds.
The team is now 9-10 overall. They finished the regular season at Charlotte this past Thursday night (past the newspaper deadline.)

NOTICE OF FILING OF ORDER

DESIGNATING A DRAINAGE DISTRICT

HUFF COUNTY DRAIN

Notice is Hereby Given, that I, Brian Jonckheere, County Drain Commissioner of the County of Livingston, State of Michigan, did, on the **22nd day** of February, 2018, file in the office of the Drain Commissioner an Order Designating a Drainage District for the **Huff Drain**, according to Act No. 40, Public Acts of Michigan 1956, as amended. The route and course as tentatively described of the proposed Drain is as follows:

Proposed Huff Drain - Route & Course Description

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE FOWLERVILLE NO. 2 DRAIN, LOCATED IN SECTION 1, TOWN 3 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, HANDY TOWNSHIP, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN. SAID POINT OF BEGINNING LYING 675 FEET EAST AND 1530 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 1; THENCE NORTH-WESTERLY 905 FEET TO A POINT 895 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 1; THENCE NORTH 840 FEET; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY 80 FEET; THENCE NORTHERLY 480 FEET; THENCE WEST 130 FEET TO THE POINT OF ENDING. SAID PROPOSED DRAIN BEING 2435 FEET (0.46 MILES), MORE OR LESS.

The Boundary of the proposed Huff Drain Drainage District is described as follows:

Proposed Huff Drain – Drainage District Boundary Description:

THAT PART OF SECTIONS 35 AND 36, TOWN 4 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, CONWAY TOWNSHIP, AND SECTIONS 1 AND 2, TOWN 3 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST, HANDY TOWNSHIP, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN. MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED; AS BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 35, SAID POINT LYING 532 FEET WEST FROM THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 35; THENCE NORTH 12°47’ EAST 439 FEET; THENCE NORTH 27°51’ EAST 185 FEET; THENCE NORTH 13°37’ EAST 364 FEET; THENCE NORTH 14°39’ WEST 296 FEET; THENCE NORTH 5°03’ WEST 454 FEET; THENCE NORTH 53°49’ EAST 1027 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 70°48’ EAST 102 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 12°26’ EAST 183 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 41°23’ EAST 312 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 7°53’ EAST 202 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 31°23’ EAST 225 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 55°36’ EAST 199 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 2°36’ WEST 270 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 14°02’ WEST 251 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 53°35’ WEST 470 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 63°08’ WEST 408 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 16°37’ WEST 268 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 60°18’ EAST 209.24 FEET MORE OR LESS TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 36, SAID POINT LYING 392.16 FEET EAST FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 36; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 60°18’ EAST 150.76 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 28°23’ EAST 285 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 27°42’ WEST 433 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 28°01’ WEST 255 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 2°28’ WEST 307 FEET; THENCE NORTH 70°52’ WEST 231 FEET; THENCE NORTH 81°27’ WEST 609 FEET; THENCE NORTH 45°44’ WEST 614 FEET; THENCE NORTH 14°38’ EAST 527 FEET; THENCE NORTH 63°45’ EAST 301.80 FEET MORE OR LESS TO POINT OF BEGINNING; CONTAINING 85.56 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

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Dated this 23rd day of February, 2018.

Brian Jonckheere,

Livingston County Drain Commissioner

(3-4-18 FNV)



Pastor Tom Tarpley

The Confirming Power of God’s Word

To confirm means: to give new assurance of the validity of: remove doubt about an authoritative act or indisputable fact: to fully establish a truth or a fact.

(Merriam-Webster Dictionary)

The Word of God confirms our salvation. Salvation begins with the Word of God! Apart from God’s Holy Word, we would have no chance of being saved. *Being born again, not of corruptible SEED, but of incorruptible, BY THE WORD OF GOD, which lives and abides forever*” (1st Peter 1:23).

It is the seed of God’s Word by which we are born-again! Without “the Gospel,” as recorded in the Scriptures in 1st Corinthians 1:4, no man could know how to be saved. Without the Holy Bible, humanity would not know about the dear Savior who bled and died on the cross for our sins, was buried, and bodily resurrected the third day from the dead for our justification. John 5:39 (KJV), *“Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.”*

The Word of God is NOT merely a book, the Word of God is the inspired written instructions of God. It is alive. Notice the words, “...which lives and abides forever.” God’s Word is alive because Christ is alive. The Bible is the “seed” in our heart that can sprout into new spiritual life. This can only happen by the power of God’s Holy Spirit. Whether or not the seed dies or lives is dependent upon you. The seed is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If you believe upon Christ, then the seed of God’s Word has sprung new life in you through the Holy Spirit—God’s Holy Spirit born in you. You will have been born-again.

The bottom line is that you CANNOT be saved without the Word of God for it is the very seed which brings new life into your heart. If you refuse to accept the Bible as God’s Word, then you have no chance of experiencing your eternal salvation which Jesus paid for with his life.

There are a number of verses the Bible uses to confirm our salvation. One of the most powerful is found in the Gospel of John chapter five. *“Most assuredly I say to you, he who hears my word and believes in him who sent me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life”* (John 5:24).

Compare this verse with John 3:16, 6:27, 35, 37, 40; 10:27-29 and Romans 8:1. These verses confirm the truth of the scripture above.

The Word of God also confirms the hand of God in all of life’s bitter disappointments. Last week my best friend, Jerry V., passed on to glory. As I write this article, his lovely wife lies in the hospital in Port Huron on hospice care. The attending nurses said she has about twelve to twenty-four hours. By the time you read this she will have joined him in paradise.

I have known these two people for more than twenty-nine years, and I have seen the love they had for each other. I know neither one of them would want to live without the other. I can see God working in the midst of this sad and painful experience by taking both of them so close together.

Their sons and their wives are in agreement that this is what they would want. God even caused the wife to slip into dementia just before her husband passed. This is one time when loss of memory is a good thing.

We are all affected by the loss, and I am going to miss my friends terribly, but at the same time, I am rejoicing that they will be in the presence of the Lord together.

If it were not for the comforting words of the scripture, I would be devastated. But in the midst of my grief, I am at peace with what has happened and what is happening. Because of God’s confirming word, I have no doubt that my friends are in a much better place.

When I think about my friends, the words of the Apostle Paul in 2 Timothy 4:6-8 come to mind. *“For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the LORD, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day-and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.”*

Both of them were God fearing and lived lives that were beyond reproach. I have never known anyone who exemplified Christ the way they did. They never complained and always did whatever they could to point others to Christ. I am who I am today, largely because of what Jerry did for me many years ago. I was lost but he helped me turn my life around and set me on the right path.

If you have doubts about your salvation, I encourage you to spend some time in the scriptures. God’s Word will confirm your salvation, and it will confirm that you have been forgiven for all your sins.

Do you accept the Bible as God’s Word? You must examine

Plans underway for 125th annual Fowlerville High Alumni Banquet

Plans are well underway for the 125th annual Fowlerville High School Alumni gathering and banquet. The event will be held on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at Fowlerville High School. According to president Judy Recker, the alumni will pretty much follow the format of past years. A social hour will begin about 4pm followed by pictures of the “honored classes” and dinner at 6:30p.m. Rooms will be available for the honored classes to meet and socialize. Tickets will be available after May 1st at local businesses to be announced.

The FHS Alumni Association plans to continue presenting scholarships to graduating seniors who will be recognized at the banquet. Anyone wishing to make a donation may send the donation to Ed Helzerman, 701 Devonshire, Fowlerville, MI 48836. More information will also be available soon. Classes planning to gather are encouraged to contact Cindy Ruttman Krebs, ASAP, at 517-223-8747.

Recently the FHS Alumni Association lost one of its oldest living grads, Helen Eckhart Reyhl, Class of 1938. “We know of at least one living graduate from the Class of 1937 and a few from the Class of 1938,” commented Recker. “It will be a really special occasion for the Classes of 1938, 1943, 1948, 1958, 1968, and 1993,” continued the president. So mark your calendar and make plans to attend the 125th annual FHS alumni gathering this year.

Livingston County Coin Club to host spring show on March 10 in Howell

The Livingston County Coin Club will host their spring coin show Saturday March 10, from 9:30am-3:30pm at the Howell Recreation Center, 925 W. Grand River, Howell. Contact Ken at bushman2@att.net or 223-8070 for more information.

the Holy Bible and make this decision for yourself. No one else can do it for you. Pray and ask God to open the eyes of your understanding. Salvation is a matter of the heart, let God’s Holy Word speak to your heart.



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Fowlerville High School to present murder mystery comedy March 16-18

Fowlerville High School is presenting *The 39 Steps*, the fast-past whodunit murder mystery comedy based on the 1935 Alfred Hitchcock movie by the same name. Show dates and times are: Friday, March 16, at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 17, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, March 19, at 2 p.m. at the Alverson Center for Performing Arts.

This zany two-time Tony-Award- winning comedy is full of nonstop laughs, a top-of-the-train chase, an onstage plane crash, and good old-fashioned romance. In *The 39 Steps*, a man with an ordinary existence, Richard Hannay, meets a woman with a thick accent who says she’s a spy. That night, she is murdered, and Richard Hannay becomes the main suspect! Hannay, feeling trapped is on the lam, chased by the police and a mysterious spy organization. Filled with inventive stagecraft and slapstick humor, this is a night of comedy not to be missed.

The play is directed by Betsy Ording. Starring are Wyatt Arledge as Richard Hannay, Audrey Trinka as Pamela: the

woman on the train, and Mikenna Peckens as the mysterious spy. Cole Tomlin and Curtis Wormsbacher each play a whole host of characters--sometimes simultaneously, and many other students perform a variety of other characters, including pilots, thugs, and crocodile hunters.

Fowlerville High School News

OFFICE HOURS

Administration Office 7:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Counseling Office 6:30 – 2:30 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

½ day of school, hours 4,5,6 Mar 15
Conferences Mar 15 1:00-4:00 & 5:00 – 7:30
Spring Break Mar 24 – April 1
Return to School April 2

Fowlerville High school students are busy rehearsing for the school play, *The 39 Steps*, which opens soon. The play is a fast-paced whodunit for anyone who loves the magic of theatre! This two-time Tony® and Drama Desk Award-winning treat is packed with nonstop laughs, over 150 zany characters, an onstage plane crash, handcuffs, missing fingers, and some good old-fashioned romance! In *The 39 Steps*, a man with a boring life meets a woman with a thick accent who says she’s a spy. That night, she is murdered. Soon, a mysterious organization called “The 39 Steps” is hot on the man’s trail in a nationwide manhunt that climaxes in a death-defying finale! A riotous blend of virtuoso performances and wildly inventive stagecraft, *The 39 Steps* amounts to an unforgettable evening of pure pleasure! The play runs March 16 and 17 at 7 pm, and March 18 at 2 pm. \$8 for students and senior citizens and \$10 for adults. Tickets on sale at the HS starting Monday, 3/5. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

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

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.

Time is running out to buy your high school yearbook for the low price of \$65. Go to smart-pay.com and order yours online.

Febreze Air Care Recycling Fundraising Opportunity

The Fowlerville High School Life Skills class is proud to announce our partnership with terricycle that will pay us for recycling! The items that we will be collecting are air freshener cartridges and plugs, Air freshener packaging and flexible film, Air Freshener plastic trigger heads, Febreze One bottles

FHS Presents

THE 39 STEPS

March 16 - 7pm
 March 17 - 7pm
 March 18 - 2pm



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 The Alverson Center at Fowlerville High School

with trigger heads and Febreze ONE refills. We will be paid \$1/lb of waste we send to terricycle. What I love about this is we do not have to sell anything and we can expand our recycling efforts that my class is already highly involved in. The money that we make will go toward more community based instruction opportunities, and cooking supplies for our life skills class. We have drop boxes at the high school in room C201, at Little Glads, UB church in the student center and at the Fowlerville Library. If you have a business or organization that would be willing to promote and have a drop box added to your location, please contact Deanna Ragland at 223-6145 or e-mail raglanddd@fowlervilleschool.org

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

Parents having trouble using Zangle to view grades, e-mail questions to connect@fowlervilleschools.org

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

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

The Blue Notes back playing at Howell Eagles Club this Sunday, March 11

The Blue Notes Band will begin their 2018 schedule of dances this Sunday, March 11, at the Howell Eagles Club from 3 to 7 p.m. This is a change from the previously scheduled March 18 date. The club is located at 141 Schroeder Park Dr. Howell. The band’s vast repertoire of musical selections from the ‘20s, ‘30s, and beyond are sure to start you dancing to your own favorites. Requests are encouraged.

Admission charge of \$5 opens the door to a fantastic Sunday afternoon of great music, dancing, and fun with food and beverages available for purchase. Membership is not required. Get a group together and join us! See you there!! Additional information available at 517-548-1630 or 517-548-4313.

Dansville Community Center to host euchre nights on March 3 & 17

Do you like to play Euchre? The Dansville Community Center at 1317 Mason Street in Dansville will be having Euchre Night on Saturday, March 3rd and 17th starting at 7pm. A donation of \$5 per person is asked to help pay for expenses for the night. Prizes will be awarded. Beginners are welcome. For more information contact 517-521-4547.

—Area Deaths—



Elizabeth Ann Pierce

Elizabeth Ann Pierce, 77, of Fowlerville, MI passed away after a long illness on February 19, 2018, surrounded by family and her beloved dog, Charlie.

She was born on November 2, 1940 in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, to the late Fanny and Leroy Ruedy. She became a Michigander as a child, and was currently residing in Fowlerville, MI.

She loved working in her flower beds, cheering on her beloved Ohio State, but most of all spending time with family, friends and her animals.

She is survived by her children, Vicki Hayden of Fowlerville, Sheila Lindsey of Fort Gratiot, Joe (Cathy) Hayden of Williamston; granddaughters, Samantha Lindsey of Omaha, Nebraska and Megan Lindsey of Chicago, Illinois; sister, Marilyn (Robert) Priest of Greenville, South Carolina; mother-in-law, Sophie Pierce; sister-in-law, Susi Pierce; and stepsons, Hank Pierce and Keith Pierce.

A special thank you to her devoted caregivers: Cindy Foreman, Denise Wolverton and Whitney Gallagher.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Michael Pierce.

Visitation took place from 10 a. m. – 12 p.m. on Saturday, February 24, 2018 with the funeral held at 12 p.m. at Herrmann Funeral Home in Fowlerville. Burial was in Alchin Cemetery in Webberville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Hospice; 34505 W. Twelve Mile Rd., Suite 100; Farmington Hills, MI 48331. Please leave the family a condolence at pjherrmannfuneralhome.com

Workshop on GED & completing high school diploma offered March 13

Now is the time to complete your high school diploma or GED. Don't wait! You never know what the future will bring. Begin now to create a better future for yourself.

Learn more about the Pathways Adult Education program or to answer your questions about the GED test, please attend a free workshop on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. It will be held in room 1421 which is on the second floor of the Curwood Building on the main campus of Baker College of Owosso. No reservation is necessary.

The next GED testing dates are March 7 and 21 at the Baker College of Owosso Welcome Center on south M-52. Testing is available from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. To sign up for a test go to www.GED.com at least 24 hours in advance.

For more information, call 989-729-3620.



Rita Lewis

Rita Lewis, age 89 passed away February 25, 2018 in Haslett. She was the daughter of Reinhold and Hulda Peterson and was born in Fowlerville on October 13, 1928. Rita was a long time resident of Fowlerville and member of St. John's Lutheran Church. Most recently she resided at Brookdale Meridian Assisted Living. Rita retired from the State of Michigan in 1990 and after retirement she enjoyed playing bingo and spending time at Elbow Lake.

Rita was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin and son Randy. She was also predeceased by brother Arthur and sisters Viola Swan and Betty Douglass. She is survived by sons Melvin (Karman) and Ritchie (Wendy); two granddaughters, Amy (Dan) Sanborn and Amber (Joe) Rozycki; and four great grandchildren, Taylor and Cade Sanborn and Elle and Brody Rozycki. Also surviving is her twin sister, Nita Church.

Visitation was held on Tuesday from 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. at Herrmann Funeral Home. Funeral service was held at St. John's Lutheran Church on Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. Burial followed at Greenwood Cemetery.

The family wishes to thank the caring staff at both Brookdale facilities in Haslett for their compassionate care and concern. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church. Please leave the family a condolence at pjherrmannfuneralhome.com

United Way Community Resource Fair connects with Home Show attendees

The Livingston County Home Show not only connects visitors to all the local resources for home improvements, it also showcases Livingston County United Way's 17th Annual Community Resource Fair! Visit both April 13-15 at the Howell High School Field House.

Displays from about two dozen nonprofits will be available, ranging from health and human services to youth and volunteer organizations. Table space is still available for interested local nonprofit organizations. Downloadable registration forms are available at <http://www.lcunitedway.org/17th-annual-community-resource-fair-registrations-now-being-accepted/>. There is a \$30 fee per table.

There is no charge to visit the Community Resource Fair, however, regular admission fees apply to attend the adjacent Home & Garden Show. The fair and home show hours are 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 13; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 14; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 15.

For more information about the Livingston County United Way and its funded programs and initiatives, visit www.lcunitedway.org.

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MARCH 31ST, 2018**

There will be a Special Board Meeting on March 31st, 2018, at 1:00 P.M., at the Iosco Township Hall, 2050 Bradley Rd., Webberville, MI, 48892. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of this meeting, along with reviewing, receive Public input, and vote on proposed Township Annual Budget for the upcoming 2018-2019 fiscal year. Copies of the proposed budget will be available for viewing at the Township Hall during regular business hours of Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons, from 1 to 5 PM, after March 27th, 2018, or at the Special Board Meeting. Written comments must be received by Daniel A. Delmerico, Clerk, at the Township Office on or before Noon of March 29th, 2018.

Persons with disabilities or hearing impairment need to contact the Township, in writing at least 1 week prior to the meeting, so that accommodations can be arranged to allow them to participate in the budget hearing.

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Caleb Jenkins Column



Yes, But What Kind of Change?

“If I win the upcoming election, then I will not change a thing. My constant goal will be to absolutely maintain the status quo. We cannot get any better than we are right now, so I won’t bother changing anything in any such attempt to improve.”

How often have you heard that line from a campaign? Yeah, probably not very often. In today’s politics, “change” is the key word being thrown around, and understandably so. Even though there are certain circumstances when the best course of action is to preserve the good thing that is already being done, the idea of change is far more exciting and convenient for campaigns. People want to know that their elected officials are going to be active in trying to improve

their lives.

And that’s fair. If you define change as being proactive in seeking out new ways to make things better for the people of your district, then it is something that should always be pursued. So, yes, we do want change. But what kind of change? Well, I can start by pointing out the type of change that is not productive.

Change for the sake of change is ultimately going to cause more harm than good in most instances. That’s what I meant when I said that the status quo is sometimes okay. If someone wants to change something just to look good that they accomplished something, then that type of change could be dangerous. In essence, that is change at all costs, even if the change is not really beneficial.

Sometimes, though, it is obvious that some sort of change is indeed needed, but not everyone involved agrees what the answer should be. This is when it is especially crucial not to fall into the trap of undisciplined change.

When a problem is acknowledged, it is natural to want to fix it as soon as possible, so there is a potential danger that one might change the situation quickly and rashly without fully thinking about the consequences. Sure, it was change, but was it the sort of change that was needed? Will the situation be even worse because of it?

In certain circumstances, yes, the problem is so pressing that it demands immediate action. A choice must be made right away with the best judgment available at the time. There is no time for thorough research with lengthy comparisons

between various options. This is perhaps best exemplified by the military when many big decisions must be made on the spur of the moment. However, this is something that should be reserved for such split-second problems, and even then, there should be as much learning and preparation as possible beforehand to help guarantee the right decision.

The bottom line is that when looking at change, we should always do our best to examine the problem with reason and to not make snap decisions. Emotion should be held in check and utilized in its proper way, and our eyes should be wide open to the benefits and costs of the potential plans. Yes, the rhetoric of change is used often in politics, but we should look for those who will implement it properly.

The Breathers’ Club to meet March 13 at St. Joseph Livingston Hospital

The Breathers’ Club is a community service support group for patients affected by heart and breathing (cardio-pulmonary) diseases and their caregivers, family and friends. Everyone interested in learning how to live a better, fuller life or how to care for those with these conditions is encouraged and welcome to attend.

Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at noon (12:00 p.m.) in the Board Room (2nd Floor: January only) at St. Joseph Livingston Hospital in Howell. An informational speaker and pertinent topic are featured each month.

Our next Breathers Club is scheduled for Tuesday, Noon: March 13, 2018. Our Pulmonary Rehabilitation Therapist is available to assist and answer questions. For recorded meeting information call: (517) 545-6020.

Fowlerville Boys Varsity Basketball Team loses to Lansing Catholic, 62-52

The Fowlerville Boys Varsity Basketball Team lost an away game to Lansing Catholic on Friday, Feb. 23, by a score of 62-52. The Glads finished at 4-6 in the CAAC White Division. Brendan Young led the way with 24 points and eight rebounds Geofry Knaggs chipped in with 11 points and 11 rebounds and Josh Dufore added nine points

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The Organizational Meeting of the Iosco Township Board of Review will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. at the Iosco Township Hall, 2050 Bradley Rd, Webberville, MI 48892.

The Board of Review will meet to hear appeals of 2018 assessments, by appointment, on Monday, March 12, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 517-223-1836 during regular business hours or on Thursdays only 517-223-9545 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.


Resident and non-resident property owners may protest by letter. Letter appeals must be received by the last date of March Board of Review.

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Fowlerville Jr. High Drama Club to perform ‘Fey Fishing Follies’

By Steve Horton

Two fishermen, on a trip to Ireland, get more than they bargained for when the pair end up in the Land of Fey. What is fey? Well, that is the Gaelic word for fairies.

What happens to them will be told in the upcoming play—*Fey Fishing Follies*—scheduled this Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoon (March 9-11) at the Fowlerville Junior High auditorium. The two evening performances start at 7 p.m., while the Sunday matinee begins at 2 p.m.

Admission is \$ 5. Tickets are available at the junior high office or at the door.

“It’s a comedy with a lot of high jinks,” said Bill David, who wrote the play and is directing it. David is in his 28th years as a teacher at the junior high.

Putting on the play are members of the Junior High Drama Club and other students at the school. “We have about 20 kids who have parts in the show,” said David, “and another 30 or so students who are in the stage crew.

“The latter group works behind-the-scenes, doing such things as lighting, moving the stage scenery, and handling the sound effects and music,” said David.

In addition, a number of parents have pitched in to build props for the different scenes, make costumes, and take care of make-up. “I couldn’t do this without their help,” noted David.

The cast and crew began rehearsals in January after returning from the Christmas break.

There are six main characters. The two fishermen are *Biz*, played by Bryce Engle, and *John*, starring Hunter Losey. The two fairy princesses are McKenna Patterson as *Ashling* and Alaina Bowory as *Kyna*. Emmarie Ellis is *Finnen*, a leprechaun, while Abby Pryde is *Paeta*, an animal spirit who is half rabbit and half human.

While the play is a work of imagination, David noted that he did a lot of research on Irish legends and folklore to help him develop plot and to find Gallic names for his characters.

This is the third play that David has written and directed at the junior high. He started off with *Halloween Hullaboo* that debuted two years ago. Last February audiences enjoyed *Pirates Palooza*.

That latter show was held on Friday and Saturday nights and drew a large attendance both nights. “Because we did



Here is the cast of *Fey Fishing Follies*. They’ll be performing this action-packed comedy Friday and Saturday evenings and on Sunday afternoon (March 9-10-11) at the Fowlerville Junior High Auditorium.

so well, the kids wanted us to put on a third performance,” David pointed out. “That way everyone has a chance to see it.”

Most of Bill David’s school day is spent teaching the required science course for seventh grade along with other science electives that are offered. Three years ago, though, he volunteered to handle the theater class that is offered and to be the sponsor for the drama club.

In an interview he did last year, David noted that he got involved because “The administration needed someone to fill the vacancy,” adding “I’d had experience acting in high school and in Community Theater, so I said I’d take the class.”

As an instructor, David is energetic and innovative. In earlier years, he started the Jr. High Science Club and the Science Olympiad Program. For five years he sponsored the Chess Club.

He brought the same approach to this endeavor, starting

off by deciding to save the Drama Club money by writing the play rather than paying royalties for one.

“Most of the free plays that are available aren’t that good or aren’t a good fit for junior high students,” he explained in that interview from a year ago. “The good plays have royalties that are expensive for us. We only have a budget of around \$1,500, and the plays cost from \$300 to \$400 to use. I’d rather use the money for scenery and costumes.”

While putting on the play and entertaining the audience is the ultimate goal, David said that the participating students are learning different skills. “A number of them are learning how to act, memorizing their lines and moving properly around the stage. Others are learning how to apply stage make-up, to create appropriate costumes, and to handle sound effects and lighting.”

They are also having fun. Or at least David is. “It’s been a great joy to do this,” he said.

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SYNOPSIS: Grandma Rose O’Riley McFadden took the O’Riley recipe for homemade whiskey, handed down to her by her father, and gave it to her husband, Finian McFadden. He built a distillery, and now Wild Irish Rose Whiskey is one of the top selling brands in the world. The McFaddens are filthy rich because of the O’Riley family recipe. To make things even worse between the two families, many of the O’Rileys have to work for the McFaddens at the distillery because there’s no other employment in the area.

Finian and Rose have one child, Conor. When Finian died, Conor took over running the distillery—but not with absolute control. When Rose gave away the O’Riley family recipe, she purposely left out one ingredient as an “insurance policy.” To this day, only she knows what that ingredient is. For years, she’s gone in and added the ingredient to each mix. Rose always knew the family recipe was a worth a fortune; she also suspected that Finian married her for the recipe. She married him because his family had the money to start the distillery, and she hoped she could eventually convince him to include the O’Rileys. Finian turned out to be a real bastard. He hated the O’Rileys, treated them like dirt, and gave them the lowest jobs at the distillery. Rose never divulged the secret ingredient and held out hope that when Conor grew up, he’d take over the business and include the O’Rileys. Unfortunately, Conor turned out to be a chip off the old McFadden block, a real O’Riley hater.

Now, Rose’s health and mind appear to be failing, and both families are worried. If she dies before revealing the secret ingredient, it’s curtains for Wild Irish Rose Whiskey and the McFadden empire.

The McFaddens need the secret to stay in business. The O’Rileys want the secret to begin producing what they feel is rightfully theirs. Family members on both sides have their own reasons for getting their hands on that secret ingredient. To make matters worse, today is Rose’s 80th birthday, and both families have been forced to gather under one roof to honor her. It’s a family reunion in the middle of a family feud.



During their visit to the Land of Fey, the two fishermen get in a sword fight, only they initially have to rely on their poles. From left are Gavin Tschirret, Colin Smith, Hunter Losey, and Bryce Engle.



Rehearsing from the upcoming play are, from left, Emmarie Ellis, Abby Pryde, McKenna Patterson, and Alaina Borowy.

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Fowlerville Community Theatre to perform dinner-play on March 16-17

The Fowlerville Community Theatre is performing a dinner-play on Friday and Saturday, March 16-17, at the Woodshire Place. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., with the performance starting at 7:30 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$25 per person and must be purchased in advance by March 10. (See advertisement in this issue for where to purchase the tickets.)

The play is entitled “Eat, Drink, and Be Murdered (An Irish Family Feud)” and involves efforts to discover the secret ingredient in the recipe for the popular Wild Irish Rose Whiskey. That ingredient is known only by an 80-year-old lady, Grandma Rose O’Riley McFadden who got it from her father, but whose memory is now beginning to fail. The plot revolves around which of two families will control it—the McFaddens, who own the distillery and have gotten rich from the sale of the whiskey and don’t like the O’Rileys, or the O’Rileys, who feel the recipe (with the secret ingredient) rightfully belongs to their family and want to start their own distillery and avenge their ill treatment by the McFaddens.



The cast of the Fowlerville Community Theatre has been rehearsing for their upcoming dinner-play.

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Firefighters were called to investigate a smoke alarm activation in a residence on Hibbard Street in the Village at 3:08 a.m., Friday, February 23rd. A medical emergency on Allen Road in Conway Township was reported at 7:18 a.m.

At 5:46 a.m., Saturday, February 24th, personnel responded to a medical emergency on Sharpe Road in Handy Township. The department assisted EMS on Bradley Road in Iosco Township at 1:30 p.m. At 7:59 p.m. firefighters were dispatched to Alans Drive in Handy Township to assist at a medical emergency. Firefighters responded to remove a tree blocking Gregory Road in Iosco Township at 10:35 p.m.

Monday, February 26th, at 3:46 a.m. a medical emergency on Stow Road in Handy Township was reported. The department was called to investigate low hanging power lines on Fowlerville Road in Handy Township 1:14 p.m. Firefighters responded to a medical emergency on Grand River in Handy Township at 4:36 p.m. with a third medical emergency being on Layton Road in Handy Township at 9:52 p.m.

Personnel assisted at a medical emergency on Linda Ray Lane in Iosco Township at 3:31 a.m., Tuesday, February 27th. A dispatch to a medical emergency on Cedar River Drive in the Village was received at 11:08 a.m. At 1:06 p.m. the department responded to assist the Howell Area Fire Department at a large grass/brush fire on Peavy Road in Marion Township. A medical emergency on Mason Road in Handy Township was reported at 1:12 p.m.

Firefighters were called to a grass fire on Fowlerville Road in Conway Township at 1:09 p.m., Wednesday, February 28th. At 7:19 p.m. the department was dispatched for a reported field fire on Marsh Road in Conway Township.

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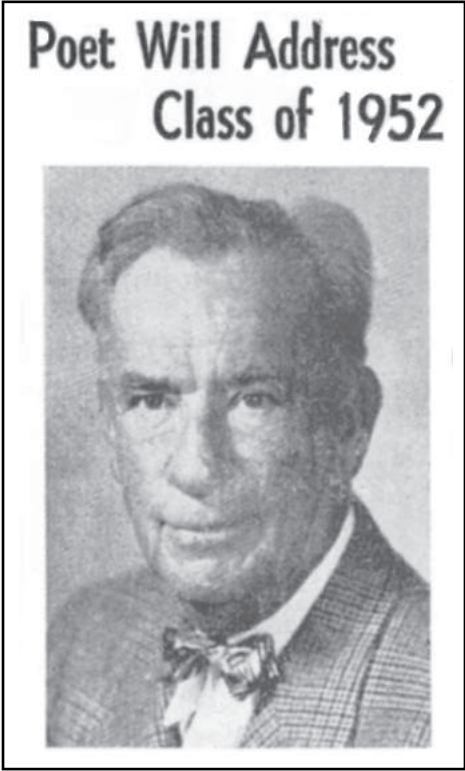
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Famous newspaper poet spoke at Fowlerville graduation in 1952

By Steve Horton

In a recent column, I wrote about the brief visit made by General Douglass MacArthur to Fowlerville on May 16, 1952—part of his motor tour from Lansing to Detroit. At the time he was offering himself as a compromise Republican candidate for the U.S. presidency. MacArthur had addressed the Michigan Legislature the day before and that morning he stopped at several towns along Grand River (then known as US-16) en route to Detroit.



It turns out that the general was not the only famous person to come to our community during that long-ago spring.

Edgar A. Guest, the well-known poet, showed up on Thursday, June 6, to deliver the commencement address to that year’s graduating seniors. An announcement in The Fowlerville Review stated that “Mr. Guest needs no introduction. He is beloved the world around because he ‘has made articulate the thoughts and feelings of the American masses’ and this includes all strata of society. “He has done this via the medium of his syndicated daily poem, his published volumes of verse and his many appearances on radio, television, and as a much sought after lecturer.”

Guest, who was born on August 20, 1881 in Birmingham, England, arrived in Detroit with his family at age nine. He eventually began working at the Detroit Free Press in 1895 at age 13 as a copy boy and then as a reporter. He would remain with the newspaper for 60 years.

In 1904 he began writing verse. His offerings, first appearing under the heading ‘Chaff,’ appeared daily and eventually “evolved into an immensely popular feature entitled ‘Breakfast Table Chat.” He began reaching a much larger readership when, starting in 1916, his column was offered for syndication. Guest was soon appearing in dozens of newspapers in the United States and Canada—a number that reached around 300.

It was reported that from the first submission until his death in 1959, Guest penned over 11,000 poems. Many of them were collected in over 20 books. His first A Heap O’ Livin’ sold over a million copies.

His poems were described as sentimental, homespun, and optimistic in their presentation.

The poet gained additional fame when he began hosting a weekly Detroit radio show in 1932. This led to other opportunities in that medium, including a network program.

In 1951, just prior to his appearance in Fowlerville, he had also tried his hand in television on a NBC series called A Guest in Your Home.

Guest’s most famous poem is “Home” and includes the opening lines—

“It takes a heap o’ livin’ in a house t’ make it home,
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Afore ye really ‘preciate the things ye lef’ behind...”

Livingston Acoustic Music Society to gather for jam session March 17

The Livingston Acoustic Music Society (LAMS) Jam Sessions are open to interested musicians, singers and listeners. We include many different instruments, styles of music and levels from beginners to accomplished. Location: Fowlerville Church of the Nazarene; 8040 Country Corner Dr.; Fowlerville, MI: In the strip mall just south of the I-96 (overpass) bridge on Fowlerville Rd. We are a fun, no obligation, family friendly, music sharing, relaxed, informal group. Open to the public.

Our next LAMS Jam Session is the St. Patrick’s Day Jam on Saturday, March 17, 2018. Starts: 7 p.m.

Fowlerville Girls Varsity Basketball Team wins semi-finals in District play

The Fowlerville Girls Varsity Basketball Team advanced to the Class B District Championship game after winning the semi-finals against Lansing Sexton this past Wednesday by a 61-44 score. The Glads were set to face Williamston in the finals on Thursday (past the newspaper deadline). The winner moved onto the Regionals this week. The districts were held at Haslett.

The victory was the team’s 17th this season—the most ever for a girls varsity squad in Fowlerville.

“We’ve been playing good basketball and have had a real good season,” said first-year coach Billie Selvia. “We’ve come together as a team.”

Against Lansing Sexton, the Gladiator offense came out with a hot hand. They scored 22 points in the first quarter and 18 in the second period to hold a commanding 40-22 lead over the Big Reds.

The team continued pulling away in the third stanza, outscoring their opponents 15-9. With a sizable lead going into final quarter of play, Coach Selvia was able to give his non-regulars playing time.

Elie Smith led the team with 21 points, all of them coming in the first half. She also had 12 rebounds. Ollie Updike scored 16 points and had 7 assists, while Grace Wallace helped with 14 points and grabbed 12 boards.

Over the course of the game, the team made 13 three-point shots.

Fowlerville Girls Varsity Basketball Team wins opener of Class B Districts

The Fowlerville Girls Varsity Basketball Team won the quarterfinals of the Class B Districts last Monday, Feb. 26, defeating Lansing Catholic 42-30. The Districts are being hosted by Haslett. The win was the 16th this season for the Glads, tying a previous high. It also avenged a loss to the Cougars three nights before in the regular season finale.

In that earlier contest, Fowlerville had trouble stopping Lansing Catholic’s offence. This time around the defense was stingier. Trailing 10-7 after the first quarter, the Glads outscored their opponents 12-8 in the second period to hold a slight 19-18 halftime lead.

The local cagers began pulling away in the second half. They outscored the Cougars 10-4 in the third stanza and 13-8 in the final quarter of play to win by 12 points.

Elie Smith led Fowlerville with 16 points, while Jackie Jarvis had 10 points.





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Nathan Walker; back row, Greg Glover (Asst. Coach), Nate Lott (Coach), and Nolan Gorski. Photo by: Lindsay Surline

Williamston Area
Senior Center

201 School Street Williamston - 517-655-5173
March 2018 Events

Williamston Area Senior Center Game Night – come join us at the Williamston Area Senior Center Monday, March 5, 2018 from 4:00 – 6:30 pm. Pizza and Salad at 4:30. Enjoy cards and other games with friends new and old. Cost: Free for members and \$3.00 for guest, all welcome adults only please. Reservations requested, call 655-5173. Please bring a nonperishable item that we will donate to the food bank.

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

Movies at the Williamston Senior Center – On, Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 12:30 pm the Senior Center will be showing “**The Best of Benny Hill**” Free Popcorn. Open to all Seniors.

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

Presentations in March – Osteoporosis by Grandhaven Manor on Thursday, March 8, 2018; **Tri County Triad** services for seniors on Wednesday, March 14, 2018; **Senior issues** by Crosaires on Thursday, March 29, 2018. These events will be held at 12:30 pm at the Williamston Area Senior Center.

Other March Activities at the Senior Center – Thursday, March 1, 2018 have your blood pressure checked by the Willows of Okemos.

Thursday, March 22, 2018 Senior Safety with Chief Bob Young;

Legislative update with Senator Rick Jones on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 and Rep. Tom Cockran on Wednesday, March 28, 2018. These events will be held at 12:30 pm at the Williamston Area Senior Center.

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

EUCHRE – 9:30 am to 11:30 am.
NEEDLE CRAFT GROUP - meets after lunch between 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Crossroads United Methodist Church
to show feature film on March 10

The public is invited to a free showing of the full-length feature film, “The War Room,” at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at Crossroads United Methodist Church.

“The War Room” runs two hours and is the story of a family’s trials and the power of prayer to help them through difficulties.

The church, at the corner of Haslett and Zimmer roads east of Haslett and north of Williamston, will provide a children’s movie option and free popcorn during the showing of “War Room.” The movie night is sponsored by Crossroads United Methodist Women.

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

Capital Area Library Events

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Mar. 13, 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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Mar. 15, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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WILLIAMSTON

*DIY Bath Bombs (Adults)

Make bath bombs in fun shapes and colors. *Registration: 517-655-1191. March 6, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Meet Storybook Character Peter Rabbit (Ages up to 6)

We’re hosting Peter rabbit from the books by Beatrix Potter.

Mar. 14, 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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SYSTEM WIDE

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Celebrate CADL’s 4th free annual 90-second Newbery Film Fest, featuring local contest entries and Newbery Film Fest creator, James Kennedy.

March 10, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

LEROY TOWNSHIP
2018 MARCH BOARD OF
REVIEW

The first meeting of the March Board of Review will be at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at Leroy Township Hall. No appeals will be heard at this meeting. The completed 2018 Assessment roll will be presented to the Board of Review at this meeting.

The Leroy Township Board of Review will meet by appointment only, please call:

517-521-3729 for an appointment.

Public Appeals will be heard at 1685 N. M-52, Webberville on Monday, March 12, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. – noon and 1:15 – 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday, March 13, 2018 from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. at the Leroy Township Hall.

An appeal by mail may be made by residents and non-residents and must be received no later than Monday, March 12, 2018. Please include your property identification number in your letter.

Mail letter of protest to:

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1685 N. M-52
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(ADA) Americans With Disabilities Notice
The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon 5 days notice. The building has a barrier free entrance. Contact: Cindy Young at 517-521-3729.

You may speak to the assessor during office hours any time prior to the first meeting (3/6/18) of the Board of Review, on Mon., Wed., Fri. between 9:00 – noon and 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. and Tues. 9:00 – noon.

Earl Griffes
Leroy Township Supervisor
(2-25, 3-4 & 3-11-18 FNV)





Michigan House Report

By Dr. Hank Vaupel,
47nd District

Thank you to the Michigan Pharmacists Association for naming me Legislator of the Year. I'm so honored to receive this award. The MPA's mission is to provide support for the pharmacy profession, advance the industry and provide quality health care.

My colleagues and I have worked on a great deal of legislation to support pharmacists throughout the 2017-18 legislative term. Last year, the House Health Policy Committee advanced a proposed plan to allow pharmacists to deny opioid prescriptions they do not believe were written in good faith. Pharmacists reported many times they did not feel comfortable filling a prescription but were forced to out of fear of legal ramifications. I believe pharmacists should be trusted to use their professional training and experience to determine which prescriptions are signs of abuse. The bill would provide legal immunity to pharmacists who refuse such prescriptions. This legislation currently waits to be considered by the Senate Health Policy Committee.

It's been great getting to know so many pharmacists, learning more about the industry and working together to provide solutions to the opioid epidemic, which I've been passionate about improving for years. I'm very humbled to know the association feels we have given pharmacists a voice and I look forward to continuing my close work with them as we band together to improve the health outlook of our state.

NOTICE CONWAY TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING March 20, 2018 7:00pm

The Conway Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2018/2019 at the Conway Township Hall, 8015 N Fowlerville Road, Fowlerville, Michigan 48836, (517) 223-0358, on Tuesday March 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** A copy of the proposed budget will be available for public inspection at the Conway Township Hall on March 7th, 2018 during regular business hours.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meeting Act), MCLA 41.72a (2) (3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Conway Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the hearing/meeting to individuals with disabilities such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting. To individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon ten days' notice to the Conway Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Clerk by writing or calling the following: Conway Township Clerk, 8015 N Fowlerville, Fowlerville, MI 48836 or call 517 223-0358, between the hours of 9-3 Tuesday and 9-3 Wednesday.

Todd Anderson, Clerk
Conway Township
517-223-0358
(3-4 & 3-11-18 FNV)

It was great to have the opportunity to tour Team Wellness in Detroit. The organization provides mental health services to area individuals by partnering with private businesses and public agencies who help coordinate assistance. It was a valuable learning experience and I so appreciate the important work of this organization.

Last Saturday, I participated in the annual OLHSA Walk for Warmth where the Severe Weather Network received special recognition. It was a privilege to see all of the support for such a worthy organization that assists local residents. Thank you to everyone who participated or sponsored this important event!

On Monday, I had the chance to see the Webberville FFA Agriculture Issues Team do a presentation at Webberville High School. The students did a tremendous job with a very informative presentation. The FFA is a great asset to career

Five facts you might not know about Social Security

By Vonda Vantil,

Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Most people know at least something about Social Security. For decades, Social Security has been providing valuable information and tools to help you build financial security. Here's your opportunity to find out a little more, with some lesser-known facts about Social Security.

1. Social Security pays benefits to children.

Social Security pays benefits to unmarried children whose parents are deceased, disabled, or retired. See *Benefits for Children* at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10085.pdf for the specific requirements.

2. Social Security can pay benefits to parents.

Most people know that when a worker dies, we can pay benefits to surviving spouses and children. What you may not know is that under certain circumstances, we can pay benefits to a surviving parent. Read our Fact Sheet *Parent's Benefits*, available at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10036.pdf, for the details.

3. Widows' and widowers' payments can continue if remarriage occurs after age 60.

Remarriage ends survivor's benefits when it occurs before age 60, but benefits can continue for marriages after age 60.

4. If a spouse draws reduced retirement benefits before starting spouse's benefits (his or her spouse is younger), the spouse will not receive 50 percent of the worker's benefit amount.

Your full spouse's benefit could be up to 50 percent of your spouse's full retirement age amount if you are full retirement age when you take it. If you qualify for your own retirement benefit and a spouse's benefit, we always pay your own benefit first. (For example, you are eligible for \$400 from your own retirement and \$150 as a spouse for a total of \$550.) The reduction rates for retirement and spouses benefits are different. If your spouse is younger, you cannot receive benefits unless he or she is receiving benefits (except for divorced spouses). If you took your reduced retirement first while waiting for your spouse to reach retirement age, when you add spouse's benefits later, your own retirement portion remains reduced which causes the total retirement and spouses benefit together to total less than 50 percent of the worker's amount. You can find out more at www.socialsecurity.gov/OACT/quickcalc/spouse.html.

5. If your spouse's retirement benefit is higher than your retirement benefit, and he or she chooses to take reduced benefits and dies first, you will never receive more in benefits than the spouse received.

If the deceased worker started receiving retirement benefits before their full retirement age, the maximum survivors benefit is limited to what the worker would receive if they were still alive. See www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/survivors/survivorchartred.html for a chart.

Social Security helps secure your financial future by providing the facts you need to make life's important decisions.

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

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I also connected with some of our leading agricultural experts at the annual Farm Bureau reception in Lansing to hear their thoughts on issues related to their businesses. It was great to hear their ideas for the future of agriculture.

If you have any ideas, comments or questions for my office, please do not hesitate to call us at 517-373-8835 or send an email to HankVaupel@house.mi.gov. We are happy to hear from you!

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NOTICE HANDY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Handy Township Board of Review will meet to review the 2018 Assessment Roll on Tuesday, March 6, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Township Conference Room. 137 N. Grand Avenue. **Please use rear entrance only.** The Handy Township Board of Review will meet to hear appeals related to the 2017 Assessment Roll on:

Monday, March 12, 2018 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon & 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 15, 2018 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

At the Handy Township Hall 137 N. Grand Ave., Fowlerville, Michigan **please use back entrance.**

Please call 517-223-3228 Monday, Wednesday or Thursday to make an appointment.

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Robert Graboyes Column

Government Says, Eat Your Cheese!

For those who favor a smaller, less intrusive federal government, the Trump administration has floated some really encouraging, well-thought-out policies. The “USDA America’s Harvest Box” is not among them.

The idea, presented by Office of Management and Budget Director Mick Mulvaney in the president’s proposed budget, would radically alter the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), popularly known as “food stamps.”

Currently, 42 million SNAP beneficiaries get a debit card they can use like cash to purchase unprepared foods. The card can’t be used on non-edible household goods, alcohol, or hot meals. Recipients shop in stores they choose and buy foods they prefer. If family members have dislikes, food allergies or religious proscriptions, they can avoid the problematic foods. Vegetarians can avoid meat. Southerners can buy grits. Philadelphians can buy scrapple. The government determines eligibility, loads the debit cards, and steps away.

Under the Harvest Box plan, 38 million people would lose nearly half their monthly debit card allocation, to be replaced by a big box of food selected, purchased, packaged and delivered by a new federal bureaucracy. Director Mulvaney compared this to Blue Apron, a private company that delivers ingredients for customers to cook at home. But the Harvest Box program would ship close to half a billion boxes a year, in contrast with the far smaller (and financially struggling) Blue Apron.

Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue called the Harvest Box a “bold, innovative approach,” but it’s just a domestic variation on foreign aid food programs that have existed since the end of World War I.

The proposal surprised even high-ranking Capitol Hill figures, so motives and provenance are hazy. Mulvaney

claimed the program would save \$129 billion over 10 years, but that figure doesn’t include the costs of packaging and distributing nearly 5 billion fairly heavy parcels over that period. That figure also assumes that the same federal government that couldn’t build a website for the Affordable Care Act can stage-manage a logistical task of this magnitude. (Spoiler: It can’t.)

Some imagine the Harvest Box as a way to reduce fraud, abuse and bad food choices among SNAP beneficiaries. No doubt, some use SNAP cards to purchase junk food or luxury items. Some violate the rules by selling SNAP benefits for cash — sometimes for alcohol or drugs. But, most likely, this social engineering scheme won’t deter these behaviors and will cost taxpayers considerably more than they currently spend on SNAP.

The Harvest Box would effectively nationalize a good-size chunk of the food distribution sector, drawing tens of billions of dollars in annual revenue away from private-sector grocery stores.

Unless the sun rises in the west tomorrow, there will be favoritism in the food selections. After the Iowa caucuses and Wisconsin primaries, the corn and cheese content of Harvest Boxes will soar. Given Florida’s pivotal role in American elections, we might also expect a stick of sugar cane in each box. Millennials will demand guacamole.

Ultimately, there will be irresistible pressure to complicate matters further by differentiating boxes for vegetarians, families with nut allergies, those avoiding gluten, and so forth. And if you argue, “If the government pays for your food, the government gets to pick what you eat,” then prepare to hear the same argument applied to, say, health care. And for those OK with the government playing food nanny, remember that America’s costly and debilitating obesity and diabetes epidemics were partially spawned by bad nutritional advice from government experts.

Someone asked me to speculate as to why the administration offered this proposal. For an answer, I quoted the character Vin (Steve McQueen) in the classic film, “The Magnificent Seven.” Vin was a gunslinger hired to defend an impoverished village. After a pivotal battle, he was captured by the bandit Calvera (Eli Wallach), who asked him why he had accepted such a hopeless job. Vin responded, “It’s like a fellow I once knew in El Paso. One day, he just took all his clothes off and jumped in a mess of cactus. I asked him that same question, ‘Why?’” Stunned, Calvera asked why the man had done so. Vin responded, “He said, ‘It seemed to be a

good idea at the time.””

Robert Graboyes is a senior research fellow with the Mercatus Center at George Mason University, where he focuses on technological innovation in health care. He is the author of “Fortress and Frontier in American Health Care,” and he teaches health economics at Virginia Commonwealth University. He wrote this for InsideSources.com.

St. Joseph Mercy Livingston’s annual charity ball to help surgical services

St. Joseph Mercy Livingston will host more than 400 business leaders and community members at its annual charity ball being held at Crystal Gardens Banquet Center in Howell on Saturday, April 21, 2018. This year’s ball, *Sock Hop Soirée*, will involve a fun and festive 1950’s theme. Funds raised will benefit the enhancement of surgical services at St. Joe’s Livingston and the St. Joseph Mercy Brighton Health Center, which includes construction of new operating rooms, the purchase of advanced technology, and the expansion of inpatient and outpatient surgical procedures being offered.

The surgical service upgrades are part of St. Joe’s Livingston and Brighton’s Transformation Project, a \$41.1 million investment to revolutionize healthcare and better serve patients and families close to home, in Livingston County. Together, St. Joe’s Livingston and Brighton perform over 4,600 surgical procedures each year, many of which are being performed on a recently acquired *da Vinci® Si* robotic surgery system. That number is expected to increase to 5,500 over the next several years.

The ball begins at 6 p.m. with a cocktail reception, followed by dinner, music and dancing, live entertainment and more. Guests are encouraged to wear their most festive fifties fashion and should be prepared to twist the night away while they enjoy interactive games and special guest appearances.

This year’s \$15,000 Presenting Sponsor is Caretel Inns of Brighton. Platinum Sponsors (donating \$10,000) are Emergency Physicians Medical Group, PC and WellBridge of Brighton/WellBridge of Pinckney; Gold Sponsors (donating \$7,500) include Anesthesia Associates of Ann Arbor, PLLC; Huron Valley Radiology, PC; and IHA.

Sponsorships and tickets to the event are still available. For more information, please contact the St. Joe’s Livingston’s Office of Development at [517-545-5151](tel:517-545-5151) or visit <http://www.stjoeslivingston.org/2018-livingston-ball>.



Lee Hamilton Column

The Presidency

Because we live in such tumultuous political times, it's easy to believe that today's intense public focus on the Trump presidency is something new — an obsession like none we've ever seen before. Yet to one degree or another, the president has always been at the center of the public's attention.

This is because he or she is the central actor in American government. The sheer complexity of our system, with its three branches, separation of powers and competing centers of power, demands someone who can make it work.

So we have high expectations for the president in this country. We want him or her to run the government efficiently and effectively, to work hard to resolve our problems, lead the world, inspire the nation, console us in times of disaster, serve as an example for young people, represent the national interest, and in a sense carry our hopes and desires for the country on his or her shoulders.

Which is why, no matter who's president, there is enormous public curiosity about every detail of his life and actions. When I was in Congress, the subject would come up whenever I was back home in the district, at formal public meetings and in casual conversations. People wanted to know about his family, his personal characteristics, his strengths and failings, and what he was doing to make the country work.

This fascination is exacerbated by the news media, which focuses attention on the president and much less on Congress, a body that by its nature is diffuse and complicated.

Presidents are both ordinary and extraordinary. They have all the strengths, vulnerabilities and limitations of the rest of us. They may be perceptive, politically astute, even wise, but they all make mistakes — the internment of Japanese-Americans under Franklin Roosevelt, Ronald Reagan's dereliction of duty in Iran-Contra, the handling of the Vietnam War under LBJ.

Yet there's also something out of the ordinary about the people who become president. You have to be driven by ambition to seek the office in the first place, as well as highly competitive and disciplined in both thought and speech. The most effective presidents are unusually persuasive. The greatest among them have a real connection to the American people, a sense of high moral purpose and the ability to summon Americans to reach toward that purpose.

Because as unrelentingly difficult as the job is, in many ways the toughest part is persuasion: trying to build support for one's goals. We talk about the president as being the most powerful person in the world, but over the decades I've been struck by how often presidents talk about the limitations on their power. Looking out from the White House, what they see are opposition and constraints.

Which may be why every president seeks to expand the power of the office, usually with some degree of success. This is not all bad — presidents do need power to get things done. But this trend has diminished the role of Congress and, fundamentally, of representative government. President Nixon had some 300 people on his staff; presidents these days may have as many as 2000.

This has allowed the president to insulate himself. Presidents are hard to reach today. They don't want to be scrutinized on policy, and far too often, Congress has played along. The presidential press conference has also faded in importance. Presidents rarely have to answer questions in a free-wheeling give and take session with journalists or other politicians.

And so it's harder to understand why the president does what he does now, why he makes the choices he does. Presidents need oversight and scrutiny, they need a Congress that will press them and insist on consultation. They get very little of that pressure today. Don't get me wrong: I favor a strong president, but I also favor a strong Congress. And these days, we have a Congress marked by passivity and inability to exercise its constitutional responsibilities.

I'm equally impressed by the responsibility we have as citizens in choosing our leaders. We get what and whom we choose. Presidents really do make a difference in our lives. No choice as a citizen is more important.

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Amanda Schnetzer Column

Recovering Our Common Purpose— Remembering Reagan's last address

On January 11, 1989, Ronald Reagan made his last address from the Oval Office. His goal was to connect with his fellow Americans and share a few thoughts, some of which he had been "saving for a long time." One of these was his view of the United States as a "shining city upon a hill." Reagan used his vision of that city to remind Americans of our common values.

John Winthrop, the Puritan Pilgrim, takes credit for the earliest use of the phrase "city upon a hill" in the American context. Winthrop extolled qualities like justice, humility, patience and community that he believed should mark the Puritans' service of God in the New World. "For we must consider that we shall be as a city upon a hill. The eyes of all people are upon us," he preached.

Reagan took inspiration from Winthrop and frequently made the words "city upon a hill" his own. For a Generation X'er like me, Reagan's frequent invocation, but particularly in this parting address, had profound effect as I searched for a spot on the political spectrum in the late 1980s and landed somewhere just right of center. More than 18 minutes into his 21-minute speech, Reagan acknowledged thinking about these words a lot during the waning days of his presidency and wondering if he had "ever quite communicated" what he meant. So he seized the moment:

"In my mind, it was a tall, proud city built on rocks stronger than oceans, windswept, God blessed, and teeming with people of all kinds living in harmony and peace — a city with free ports that hummed with commerce and creativity, and if there had to be city walls, the walls had doors, and the doors were open to anyone with the will and the heart to get here. That's how I saw it, and see it still."

If you break it down, this passage is consistent with the principles and policies that we could stand to reaffirm today.

Built on rocks, God blessed. Reagan believed national pride and patriotism were important but should be thoughtful and informed. For him, you could be confident in knowing that America is special, even exceptional, and built on a firm foundation of freedom.

Yet you also should be humble enough to know that our freedom is fragile and not to be taken for granted. Families, schools and communities have a responsibility, Reagan believed, to ensure that all young people know "America is freedom." The way to get there, he implored, was to teach history better and foster civic engagement.

Humming with commerce and creativity. Reagan believed in American global leadership, both political and economic. For him, you could actively engage in markets abroad and protect the needs of small business and working-class Americans at home. The two were not mutually exclusive, as they sometimes are viewed today.

Open doors, people of all kinds. Reagan believed that America must remain "a beacon ... for all the Pilgrims from all the lost places who are hurtling through the darkness." His goal, articulated early in his presidency, was a policy that is "fair to our own citizens while it opens the door of opportunity for those who seek a new life in America."

These three principles offer a way of forging the unity that so many of us desire. Our national motto, *e pluribus unum*, translates into "one out of many." A full embrace of these values would help us remain a diverse people with a common purpose.

Reagan used the values of Winthrop's "shining city on a hill" to describe an America in which broad sectors of society could find themselves. He pursued policies that broadened prosperity, accelerated communism's collapse, and rallied voters of all kinds. Young and old, white collar and blue collar, Republican and Democrat.

For Reagan, I think the "shining city upon a hill" meant a nation that was both confident and humble, capitalist and compassionate, principled but able to compromise, both embracing of our diversity and remaining true to the universal foundation of freedom that has bound us together in this democracy project for more than 240 years. All qualities that are under stress in our political system today.

Besides Winthrop, Reagan may be the single American most associated with the "city upon a hill" phrase. But the fact that Republicans and Democrats, presidents and non-

presidents alike, have all found inspiration in a phrase first uttered on a ship bound for the New World nearly 400 years ago reinforces that we've always had common purpose as a nation.

At times we have faltered in its pursuit and needed a call to action to get us on track. Now is one of them. These words helped found a nation. They can help us reaffirm our nation again and again.

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Governor honors thriving food and ag industry in March

Governor Rick Snyder has declared March as Michigan Food and Agriculture Month, to honor and celebrate the diversity and abundance provided by Michigan's farmers and the state's growing food and agriculture sector. The diversity of the food grown here, easy access to water, and the various microclimates created by our proximity to the Great Lakes make Michigan the ideal location for all facets of the food and agriculture chain.

"The food and agriculture sector is one of our state's critical economic drivers, contributing more than \$101 billion to the state's economy each year," said Gov. Rick Snyder. "There is a tremendous opportunity for food and ag businesses to take a national leadership role in research and development, food processing, and exports from Michigan."

"Not only is March a great time to thank our farmers, it's also a time to look at the industry's abundant business and career opportunities," said Jamie Clover Adams, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development director.

"From technology-based careers to microbiologists to having your own food-based company, the possibilities are limitless. MDARD stands ready to help new and established companies grow right here in Michigan."

Throughout Michigan Food and Agriculture Month, MDARD will partner with Grand Traverse Pie Company, McDonald's of Michigan, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Michigan Farm Bureau, and others to highlight the various facets of the state's food, forestry and agriculture sectors.

Michigan food and agriculture facts:

--Our farmers produce more than 300 agricultural commodities on 10 million acres of farmland. Michigan ranks in the top ten for 36 commodities, and is the largest producer of eight commodities, including asparagus, tart cherries, cucumbers, squash, Niagara grapes, and three varieties of dry beans.

--Michigan ranks third in the nation for farmers markets.

--Michigan is home to more than 140 wineries and more than 300 micro-breweries.

--Agriculture, food processors, and related businesses employ 923,000 Michiganders—22 percent of the state's workforce.

--Michigan has nearly 10 million acres of farmland and 51,400 farms.

--Michigan exports about one-third of its agricultural commodities each year, generating nearly \$2.12 billion. Almost 52 percent of all Michigan's agricultural exports go directly to Canada, our number one export market. Rounding out the top countries eager for Michigan-grown products are China, Mexico, Japan, and Thailand.

--Michigan is home to 2,166 licensed food processors generating nearly \$25 billion in economic activity - making the state 19th in the nation for food processing.

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Savvy Senior Column

By Jim Miller

How to Get Cash for Your Life Insurance Policy

Dear Savvy Senior,
I have a life insurance policy that I've been paying on for years that I really don't need any longer. I've been thinking about letting it lapse, but I've heard that I can actually sell it for a nice payout. What can you tell me about this?

Interested In Selling

Dear Interested,

Selling a life insurance policy, even a term life policy that you don't want or need any longer – a transaction known as a “life settlement” – has become a popular option among retirees in recent years that could use some extra cash. Here's how it works.

A life settlement is the sale of an existing life insurance policy to a third party company for cash. Life settlements are typically best suited for people over age 65 who own a policy

with a face value of \$100,000 or more or someone younger who has experienced a significant change in health.

Historically, if an owner of a life insurance policy decided they no longer needed it, they would either let the policy lapse or turn it in for a meager cash surrender value. But now, with the life settlement option, you can actually sell your policy for more than the cash surrender value would be, but less than its net death benefit.

Once you sell it, the life settlement company then becomes the new owner of the policy, pays the future premiums and collects the death benefit.

How much money you can expect to get with a life settlement will depend on your age, health and life expectancy, the type of insurance policy, the premium costs and the cash value of your policy. You may be able to receive four to eight times more than the policy cash surrender value.

If you're interested in a life settlement here are some things you should know:

Shop around: Because payout can vary, to ensure you get the best price for your policy get quotes from several companies. Also, find out what broker and transaction fees you'll be required to pay. Coventry, the nation's first and largest provider of life settlements, offers some of the highest cash payouts for life insurance policies. To get started, visit CoventryDirect.com or call 888-858-9344. To search for other providers or brokers, the Life Insurance Settlement Association provides a directory at LISA.org.

Be prudent: Life settlements are regulated in most states. Find out from your state insurance commissioner (see NAIC.

org for contact information) if the life settlement company you're interested in is properly licensed.

Protect your privacy: When you sell your life insurance policy, you will have to sign a waiver authorizing the release of medical and other personal information so that the buyer can determine how much to offer for your policy. Before accepting any offer, make sure that the company has procedures in place to protect the confidentiality of your information.

Understand the tax implications: The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act recently updated the tax treatment of a life settlement to be treated the same as the surrender of a policy back to the insurance company. This can be complicated, so be sure to consult a tax advisor.

Other Options: If you want to keep your life insurance policy but could use some extra cash, you may have some other options. For example, some life settlement companies may allow you to keep part of the policy's death benefit while eliminating your premium obligations. You can also ask your life insurer if you can borrow against your policy, or if you're in poor health, see if you're eligible for accelerated death benefits. You should also find out if you're able to convert the cash value of your policy into an immediate annuity (through a 1035 Exchange), which would make regular payments to you for a set number of years or for the rest of your life.

Income Tax Filing Requirements for Retirees

Dear Savvy Senior,
What are the IRS income tax filing requirements for seniors this year? I didn't file a tax return the past two years because my income was below the filing requirements, but I got a part-time job late last year, so I'm wondering if I'm required to file this year.

Part-time Retiree

Dear Part-time,

Whether or not you are required to file a federal income tax return this year will depend on how much you earned last year (in 2017), and the source of that income, as well as your age and filing status.

Here's a rundown of this tax season's (2017) IRS tax filing requirement thresholds. For most people, this is pretty straightforward. If your 2017 gross income – which includes all taxable income, not counting your Social Security benefits, unless you are married and filing separately – was below the threshold for your filing status and age, you probably won't have to file. But if it's over, you will.

Single: \$10,400 (\$11,950 if you're 65 or older by Jan. 1, 2018).

Married filing jointly: \$20,800 (\$22,050 if you or your spouse is 65 or older; or \$23,300 if you're both over 65).

Married filing separately: \$4,050 at any age.

Head of household: \$13,400 (\$14,950 if age 65 or older).

Qualifying widow(er) with dependent child: \$16,750 (\$18,000 if age 65 or older).

To get a detailed breakdown on federal filing requirements, along with information on taxable and nontaxable income, call the IRS at 800-829-3676 and ask them to mail you a free copy of the “Tax Guide for Seniors” (publication 554), or see IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p554.pdf.

Check Here Too - There are other financial situations that can require you to file a tax return, even if your gross income falls below the IRS filing requirement. For example, if you had earnings from self-employment in 2017 of \$400 or more, or if you're receiving Social Security benefits and half your benefits plus all other income, including tax-exempt interest, exceeds \$25,000 (or \$32,000 if you are married filing jointly), you'll probably need to file.

To figure this out, the IRS offers an interactive tax assistant tool on their website that asks a series of questions that will help you determine if you're required to file, or if you should file because you're due a refund. It takes less than 15 minutes to complete.

You can access this tool at IRS.gov/filing – click on the “Do I Need to File?” button. Or, you can get assistance over the phone by calling the IRS helpline at 800-829-1040. You can also get face-to-face help at a Taxpayer Assistance Center. See IRS.gov/localcontacts or call 800-829-1040 to locate a center near you.

Check Your State - Even if you're not required to file a federal tax return this year, don't assume that you're also excused from filing state income taxes. The rules for your state might be very different. Check with your state tax agency before concluding that you're entirely in the clear. For links to state tax agencies see Taxadmin.org/state-tax-agencies.

Tax Preparation Help - If you find that you do need to file a tax return this year, you can get help through the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (or TCE) program. Sponsored by the IRS, TEC provides free tax preparation and counseling to middle and low-income taxpayers, age 60 and older. Call 800-906-9887 or visit IRS.treasury.gov/freetaxprep to locate a service near you.

Also check with AARP, a participant in the TCE program that provides free tax preparation at around 5,000 sites nationwide. To locate an AARP Tax-Aide site call 888-227-7669 or visit AARP.org/findtaxhelp. You don't have to be an AARP member to use this service.

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Michigan Senate Report

By Joe Hune,
22nd District

Appealing Your Property Tax Assessment

Do you think your property tax assessment is incorrect? If so, you may be able to appeal it to your local Board of Review and, if necessary, to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

This may sound like a time-consuming process, but it is easier than you think and could save you a significant amount of money this year. To start, visit your local assessor’s office and obtain a copy of your property record card. Check these records for errors to make sure the card accurately reflects your property. The assessor may make adjustments, but if not, you can make your case with the Board of Review.

Feel free to ask your assessor questions after receiving your notice of assessment. If the tentative taxable value has increased by more than the rate of inflation (more than 2.1 percent) and you have made no additions or improvements to your home, you may have an opportunity to appeal. Be sure to ask for any important deadlines as they vary for each city and township.

In order to submit to the March Board of Review, check with your local office to make an appointment. You may also appeal based on financial hardship; for this appeal, you must meet requirements for both income and asset levels adopted by your local unit of government.

Also remember to complete the correct forms determined by your local assessor. Once completed, write a letter addressed to the Board of Review outlining your appeal request. You can find a detailed example letter at www.SenatorJoeHune.com. To support your case include printed photographs and copies of all documents supporting your appeal. You may only have a few minutes for a presentation, so be concise, courteous and organized.

Furthermore, if you’re not satisfied with the judgment of the Board of Review, you may be able to appeal the decision to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

To appeal an assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal, there are some deadlines: An appeal must be filed on or before July 31 for residential or agricultural property, and by May 31 for other property. An appeal must be filed within 35 days after the assessor, county treasurer or county equalization director denies a claim for exemption.

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

‘Mary Poppins Jr.’ to be performed by Hartland youth theater group

‘Mary Poppins Jr.’ is being performed by the Hartland Players Encore Youth Theater group at the Hartland Performing Arts Center in March.

The Center is located at 9525 E. Highland Rd. Show times are Saturday, March 10, 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 11, 2:30 p.m. Tickets may be reserved at the main branch of the Croma Library or purchased online at www.hartlandplayers.org. The ticket price is \$8 Adults/ \$6 Students and Seniors.

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