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Among the parade entries was this float sponsored by the Knights of Columbus at St. Agnes Catholic Church. The theme was "Thumbs Up to America." The Knights also invited one and all to attend the church's annual 'Fun Fest' on August 19. The event offers chicken dinner and free games for kids.

Fowlerville enjoys annual 4th of July celebration

The 43rd annual Fowlerville 4th of July Celebration took place last Wednesday with events at the First Baptist Church and the United Brethren Church, musical entertainment at the Centennial Park and then at the Community Park, along with the evening parade through the Downtown and a fireworks extravaganza. Hundreds of spectators lined the parade route along Grand River to watch the variety of entries. Later in the evening an even larger crowd found places around town to watch the fireworks.

Dressed up for the local 4th of July festivities was this Fowlerville family: Wyatt Ogden, age 7, mom Kensie Ogden, and Arria Ogden, age 7.

More 4th of July photos inside. See pages 8, 9, 13, 18 & 19.



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God's Will, Plan and Purpose

Read Jeremiah 1:4-19

Key verse. "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as a spokesman to the world" (ver.5).

Have you ever questioned God about the reason for your existence here on earth? Have you ever wondered about your purpose in life or what specific deed you were created to perform? I have. Many times I have asked God the question: "What did you create me to do?" "What do you want me to do with my life?"

Back in 1989 when I committed to following Christ, I had no idea what was in store for me. I never would have believed that just a year later I would be in South Africa working on a pilot program to help introduce the people to the love of Jesus. Nor did I realize that I would have to sell my home, move to Kentucky and attend seminary for three-and-a-half years so that I could become an ordained minister. There are many other examples of God calling me out of my comfort zone and using me to perform tasks which I never believed I would be able to perform. In many ways I felt like the prophet Jeremiah.

When the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, it was not what Jeremiah wanted to hear. God told him things that he must do in order to fulfill his purpose in life.

Jeremiah was created for a specific job to do for the Lord. And just like Jeremiah, every Christian has a job to do for God. When we come into the world, God already has a plan laid out for us. We have a God-given purpose and a reason for living. Many people fail to ever realize what their purpose in life is, because they never develop a wholesome relationship with the Lord Jesus.

The issue we must face is: Are we going to fulfill our role that God has prepared for us to play, and utilize our talent and abilities to serve Him in the way He wants us to, or are we going to ignore the call of God and never realize the full potential that God has built into each of us?

All of us were created by God, in His image, for a purpose. Just as God set apart from birth Isaiah (Isaiah 49:1), Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1:5) and Paul (Galatians 1:15) for a specific purpose, he also has a specific plan for our lives.

"'For I know the plans I have for you,' declared the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11).

The Bible says that God's will is "good, pleasing and perfect" (Romans 12:2). The Bible also tells us "This is good, and

pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:3-4).

If we want to be Jesus's disciple, we must be committed to following God's will daily, whatever the cost. "If anyone would come to me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me" (Luke 9:23).

It is important for us to know God's will if we are to follow His plan and achieve the purpose for which we were created. Jesus said that His true family is those who know and do the Father's will: "Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:35). In the parable of the two sons, Jesus rebukes the chief priests and elders for failing to do the will of the Father; specifically, they "did not repent and believe" (Matthew 21:32). Basically this is saying that the will of God is to turn away from our sins and trust in Christ. If we have not taken that first step, then we have not yet accepted God's will.

How can I be sure that I am following God's will?

The Bible gives us plenty of scriptures that show us how we can determine what God's will is for our lives.

When I was a young man, I seemed to continually wrestle with knowing God's will for my life. I wanted more than anything to follow His plan. Interestingly, now that I'm "old" (turned 76 last week), I still wrestle with doing His will in my life. I have come to learn that this is not just something that a young person does early in life; it is a lifelong pursuit in order to stay in the exact center of His plan.

So then, how can we know God's plan for our lives? Over the past twenty-one years that I have been in ministry, I have discovered some essential steps in determining God's Will for my life. Here they are:

1) If we truly want to know God's will for our lives we have to spend time with God.

If you are interested in knowing God's plan for your life, then you must begin by spending time with God. You need to develop a relationship with Him. Christianity is all about relationship rather than just religion.

Relationships grow when we spend time in the presence of the one we are seeking to serve. If we want to have an intimate and healthy relationship with God, we must treat it as we would any other relationship which we cherish. Which means we have to spend time in His Word, make time for prayer, and use every opportunity we can to be involved in church and small group Bible study opportunities. When we seek these disciplines in our lives, God will begin the first steps to revealing His plan to us.

My favorite passage of scripture which I have relied on since the beginning of my spiritual journey is Proverbs 3:5-6. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

Sometimes we need to just ask God to give us wisdom to discern His will. "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him" (James 1:5).

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Last day to register for August Primary is this Monday, July 9th

Absentee ballots available for those who qualify

Residents interested in voting in the Aug. 7 primary have until Monday, July 9 to register to vote, Secretary of State Ruth Johnson announced last week.

"Because every community will have an election on this date, I encourage everyone eligible to register to vote and then cast your ballot on Election Day," Johnson said. "You have an incredible opportunity to make your voice heard on federal, state and local leadership, but you must be registered first."

To register to vote, applicants must be at least 18 years old by Election Day and U.S. citizens. Applicants also must be residents of Michigan and of the city or township in which they wish to register. Polls will be open on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Voters may register in person at their county, city or township clerk's office or by visiting any Secretary of State office.

Residents can visit www.Michigan.gov/vote to find the address of their local clerk. First-time voters who have registered by mail must vote in person in their first election, unless they hand-deliver the application to their local clerk, are 60 years old or older, are disabled or are eligible to vote under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.

If a voter is already registered but needs to change their address, they may be able to update their address online at www. ExpressSOS.com. To check their registration status, residents may visit the Michigan Voter Information Center at www. Michigan.gov/vote. They can see their sample ballot and find their polling place. Residents also can find information on absentee voting, Michigan's voter identification requirement and how to use voting equipment.

Voters who qualify may choose to cast an absentee ballot. As a registered voter, you may obtain an absentee ballot if you are age 60 or older; physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another; expecting to be absent from the community in which you are registered for the entire time the polls will be open on Election Day; in jail awaiting arraignment or trial; unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons or will be working as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence. Applications for an absentee ballot should be submitted to the voter's local clerk.

Voters with absentee ballots are encouraged to put those ballots in the mail by Tuesday, July 31 to ensure timely deliv-

ery. Those who wish to receive their absentee ballot by mail must submit their application by 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4. Absentee ballots can be obtained in person anytime through 4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6. Voters who request an absentee ballot in person on Monday, Aug. 6, must fill out the ballot in the clerk's office. Emergency absentee ballots are available under certain conditions through 4 p.m. on Election Day.

Attention All Caregivers: Workshop being offered at Family Impact Centers

Do you spend at least 10 hours per week helping a family member or friend with finances, emotional support, legal issues, physical care or activities of daily living? Participating in a Building Better Caregivers workshop can help you deal with the daily challenges.

By attending you can learn how to decrease stress, manage the difficult behaviors of the person you are caring for, take better care of your own health, get help you need from others and communicate better with everyone involved.

This 6-week workshop led by certified leaders will be held at the Family Impact Wellness Center (9430 W. Grand River just west of United Brethren Church) beginning on Monday, July 9 from 12:30 - 3:00 pm. There is no charge, but preregistration is required.

Please call 517-223-4428 as soon as possible to register. The class will be limited to the first 16 participants who sign up.

Blue Notes Band & Howell Eagles to celebrate USA at July 15 event

The Blue Notes Band and the Howell Eagles Aerie 3607 invite all of you to join them on Sunday, July 15, from 3 to 7p.m. as we celebrate, honor, and show our love and respect for our great country—the USA. The club house is located at 141 Schroeder Park Drive, Howell off of D-19.

The music by the Blue Notes is a treat you won't hear anywhere else, and the band loves to play your favorite request—just ask. Food, fun, and fellowship go on and on. All of this for a mere \$5 admission fee—such a deal! Membership is not required to attend. Grab all of your relatives, friends, neighbors—even strangers—and join in the fun. See you there! More information is available at 517-548-1630 or 517-548-4313.

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Upcoming Programs at the Fowlerville District Library

All Programs are intended for Fowlerville School District residents only unless otherwise stated.

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

The Library is now OPEN at our new location 130 S. Grand Ave! Stop by and check out the beautiful new building. Our community-wide "Grand Opening" will follow in the Fall!

Yoga Fitness Self-Defense - Mondays starting July 9th at 7pm Adults. Join certified Mixed Martial Arts Instructor, John Noonan, as he leads you in a series of yoga and self-defense exercises that will help increase your flexibility and movement. Exercises are designed to be accessible to adults of all ages. Please remember to bring water to drink and your own towel or mat to practice on. Spaces are limited to 10 participants on a first-come, first-served basis. *There is a small cash-only fee for this class of \$5. Drop-in class.

Teen Tuesday Film Festival -Tuesdays at 4pm

July 10th: School of Rock (PG-13), July 17th: Footloose (PG), July 24th: Sparkle (PG), July 31st: Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure (PG)

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

<u>Summer Lunch Bunch</u> - Thursdays June 21st-August 23rd All Ages. The library will be hosting the Summer Lunch Bunch program this summer. Join the Salvation Army for a packed lunch and family activity. After, check out our collection of books and DVDs for all ages!

<u>Detroit Music Oral Histories</u> - Thursday, July 12th at 7pm Adults. After three years of conducting oral histories with more than a dozen members of the music industry, Kim Schroeder of Wayne State University will share the insights of Detroit musicians as to how and why Detroit has produced

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so much musical talent over so many years. Interviews feature musicians from a myriad of genres, including R&B, jazz, pop rock, garage rock, and classical. *Register in person to attend. Registration begins June 28th and includes a refundable \$5 cash deposit.*

Movies on the Lawn @ 131 Mill Street

Friday, July 13th: Sing (PG), July 27th: Rock Dog (PG), August 3rd: Coco (PG)

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

Beyond the Book: *I, Robot* -Thursday, July 19th at 7pm

Adults. Featuring a book and its film adaptation. Movie will begin at 7pm followed by discussion. Movie-style refreshments will be served. *Register in person to attend. Registration begins June 28th. Books will be given on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.

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

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

Caregiver Support Group meeting on July 18 at Catholic Charities center

The Caregiver Support Group meets at Be Our Guest Adult Day Center (a program of Livingston County Catholic Charities), 2020 E. Grand River #103, Howell on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 4:30–6:00pm. Join us to learn the latest techniques to care and support your loved one suffering with dementia and related diseases as well as tips on how to care for yourself and grow your support system. With prior notice, they also offer care for your loved one while you attend. Please call Suzi or Katie at 517-546-9910 for information or to notify staff your loved one will be in attendance. The next meeting is Wednesday, July 18.









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State Rep. Hank Vaupel (second from right) joins Congressman Mike Bishop (third from right), Carnegie Hero Fund Commission President Eric Zahren (third from left), and members of the Livingston County Sheriff's Office in recognizing Michael Rodriguez (center).



Michigan House Report

By Dr. Hank Vaupel, 47nd District

I was honored to join Congressman Mike Bishop in recognizing a local act of heroism by Howell resident Michael Rodriguez. Last July, Michael rescued a man from a sinking car that he witnessed veering into a 9-foot-deep pond when the driver experienced a medical problem. Despite viewing himself as a poor swimmer, Michael courageously swam underwater to rescue the driver and return him to safety with no injuries. For his bravery, Michael was awarded the Carnegie Medal which is given to a select few who show extraordinary courage in risking their lives to save others. Michael is an example of a true hero, and we are proud to have him in our community.

Summer in Michigan has finally arrived, and with it come many great events and activities throughout our community. While you are enjoying these opportunities, please be careful of spending too much time in the heat. Pay close attention to any weather advisories, and be sure to stay cool. Contact the Livingston County Health Department with any concerns or questions on how to stay safe at (517) 546-9850.

This is also the time of year for farmers markets, and I encourage you to take advantage of those provided throughout Livingston County. They offer tremendous local products and are a great way to interact with the community. I have been able to visit several so far this year, and it is always a fun time. You can find them at the following times and locations:

--Hartland: Saturdays, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Rural King parking lot; and

--Howell: Sundays, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. on State and Clinton

Congratulations to all involved in the planning and execution of the various Fourth of July festivities across the district. They were a great success! I enjoyed having the chance to speak with so many people throughout the day and to celebrate our country together as a community.

Due to pre-existing commitments, I unfortunately will be unable to host coffee hours this month. I have faithfully hosted coffee hours in district since taking office, and I will happily continue to do so in the future. They are a great way to hear your thoughts and concerns, so it is with regret I have to cancel them for July. However, I look forward to having them once again in August and hope you will join me then! In the meantime, please feel free to reach out to my office with any questions or thoughts.

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 <u>HankVaupel@house.mi.gov</u>. We are happy to hear from you!

The Breathers' Club to meet July 10 at St. Joseph Livingston Hospital

The Breathers' Club is a community service support group for patients affected by heart and breathing (cardiopulmonary) 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 Community Room 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: July 10, 2018. Our Pulmonary Rehabilitation Therapist is available to assist and answer questions. For recorded meeting information call: (517) 545-6020.

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF HANDY TOWNSHIP TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING DATE CHANGE FROM SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH TO THIRD MONDAY OF **EACH MONTH BEGINNING JULY 2018**

The Handy Township Board has voted to change their regular meeting date of the second Tuesday of each month to now be held on the third Monday of each month. The meeting will continue to be held at 7 p.m in the Handy Township Board Room, located at 137 N. Grand Avenue, Fowlerville, (please use rear entrance). The Public is always welcome to attend.

> Laura A. Eisele, Handy Township Clerk (6-17, 6-24, 7-1, 7-8, 7-15-18 FNV)



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St. John's Lutheran Church offers summer programs for adults and youth

Summer is here and St. John's Lutheran Church is offering programs and worship for folks who are busy but would like to stay connected to worship during the week.

On Wednesday July 18, worship with Holy Communion will be offered at 7:00 p.m. It is casual, so come as you are. It will include music, scripture, a message and prayer for healing to those who would like to receive.

"This is an opportunity to stay connected with God, with community and one another, even if you are busy every single weekend of the summer," said Pastor Diane Greble. "Wednesday worship offers a window of peace in the midst of busy weeks. We welcome anyone who is seeking these things to join us."

In addition, St. John's is offering another Community Bible Study to which anyone in the local area is welcome to participate. This four-week session will be based on the work of Bill Hybels and his study, "Just Walk Across the Room." Following the example of Jesus, participants will develop their natural, relational approach to telling their own story of faith to others.

"We believe people still need to encounter one another and know one another. We would like to help people break down the barriers through encouragement and friendship," said Greble, adding that the program will run on Tuesdays, July 17, 24, 31 and August 7 at 6 p.m. and will include a light supper. There is no cost; please register at http://www.stjohnsfowlerville.org or by calling 517-223-9108 before July 15.

Of course, summer would not be complete without Vacation Bible School (VBS)! St. John's is hosting five nights of fun, faith and friendship once again. Kids ages four through teen are invited to join us on the 'Rolling River Rampage', beginning Sunday July 8 through Thursday July 12. There is no cost and it includes a free family dinner each night. Each child needs to bring a white cotton t-shirt for the first night and they will tie-dye their shirts on Sunday evening

Pre-register your kids at http://www.stjohnsfowlerville.org or call 517-223-9108 or show up on Sunday and register then. St. John's is glad to welcome any who seek the love and grace of God, on Sunday mornings at 9:30 or at any of these events.

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—Area Deaths—

Todd O'Neil

Todd O'Neil (better known as Bum to all of his loved ones), age 59 of Fowlerville, Michigan went to be with the Lord on Sunday, July 1, 2018. He was born on October 29, 1958 in Caro Michigan. Todd was predeceased by his father Gary Lee O'Neil, daughter Keeley Elizabeth O'Neil and son Cody Mills O'Neil. He is survived by his wife of 39 years Karen and 2 sons: Ryan (Jamie) and Dustin (Alison). He is also survived by 9 grandchildren: Dempsey, Layne, Irelynn, Liam, Darian, Larson, Ryder, Lowell and Lydia. He is also survived by his mother Sandra O'Neil, 1 brother and 4 sisters, many nieces, nephews and friends. There will be a private celebration of his life for family and close friends.

Arrangements by Herrmann Funeral Home. Please leave the family a condolence at <u>pjherrmannfuneralhome.com</u>

Foster Care informational meeting being held on July 16

Livingston County Catholic Charities (LCCC) holds an informational meeting for persons interested in learning more about foster care on the 3rd Monday of each month, 5pm–7pm, LCCC, 2020 E. Grand River #101, Howell. The next meeting is on Monday, July 16. To RSVP call Amanda today to reserve your spot at 517-545-5944. LCCC is seeking to increase the number of available foster homes in Livingston County to serve the growing number of children entering foster care. Currently there are not enough local homes to accommodate abused and/or neglected children to keep them close to their home of origin in order to maintain stability in their lives.

Arc of Livingston Parent Support Group to meet on Monday, July 16

The Arc of Livingston Parent Support Group is a chance to get together with other parents of children or adults with disabilities to network, get and give support. Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month and will include presentations and/or discussions on topics of interest to parents. Meetings are held at The Well Church 2376 Genoa Business Park Drive in Brighton, 6:30pm-8pm. The next gathering is Monday, July 16.

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If you don't want to participate in the garage sale, but would like to help with the FOLA fundraiser, we are accepting donations of items to sell in the garage sale. Please contact us to rent spots or make item donations!

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

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Fowlerville 4th of July photos, continued



Kaleb Gonzales, age 5, was getting ready to go back into the Bounce House. He is the son of Joe and Felicia Gonzales of Pontiac.



Terry Klofft III, age 3, and Jordin Brovage, age 7, of Howell enjoyed this water game at the First Baptist Church



Cooling off on a very hot afternoon were Caleb Johnson, age 11, left, and Noah Johnson, age 12. The boys noted that while they have the same last name, they are not related.



The 1st Baptist Church of Fowlerville hosted its annual 'God and Country' Car Show. Among those who entered was Robert Storey with this 1969 Dodge Truck D100. He noted that it only has 43,900 miles.



This snazzy 2008 Chevy Camaro Z-28 LSI was brought by owner Michael Payton of Fowlerville. The car featured Rainbow Halo lights that Michael could change with his phone.



From left were Alex Tyler, Senator Joe Hune, and Kaiden Tyler. Joe once again emceed the twilight parade that went through the downtown, while Alex and Kaiden served as assistants, each of them getting a note card from the next-in-line parade entry and giving it to Senator Hune so he could introduce the entry.



Among the church members helping put on the 'God and Country' activities on July 4th were, from left, Linda Redford, Bruce Keyes, David Howe, Sue Bradley, and Scott Bradley. The church held drawings for several prizes that were donated by area businesses. The big prizes were a boy's bicycle and a girl's bicycle donated by Walmart. Copeland Rentals, meanwhile, provided the tent. Others who contributed were Advance Auto Parts of Howell, Aleta's Flowers & Gifts, Auto Zone of Howell, Biggby Coffee, DairyVille, Edelbrock, Flowmaster, Grille in the Ville, The Filling Station, Haggerty, Hemmings Motor News, Jegs High Performance, Main Street Coney Island of Webberville, Olden Days Café, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Painless Performance, Rock Auto, Shear Image, Summit Racing Equipment, Sweet Sensations, True Value Hardware of Fowlerville, Uptown Alure and YearOne.



Blake James, an 11-year-old musician-singer from Fowlerville, and the rest of the band 'Southern Drive' entertained the audience at the Centennial Park on July 4th. From left were Dave James (Blake's grandfather) on bass guitar, Sean Underwood playing the drums, Jessy James on guitar (Blake's father) and Blake (in front) who plays both the electric piano and guitar.



Offering food and refreshments was the crew from Whenever Weinies. From left were Liz Storey, Jaren Storey, Rachael Gokey, and Rob Storey.



Leading the parade was the State VFW Honor Guard. Among its members is Butch Ogden of Fowlerville.

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Performing the National Anthem was Keri Holmes, a Fowlerville singer. She later put on a country music See page 13 for more parade photos.



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Fowlerville High School Class of 1969 beginning plans for 50th Year Reunion

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Fowlerville High School graduates of 1969 interested in working on the 50 year reunion, please contact Londa Horton at: londahorton@ We welcome gmail.com. your input!

Webberville United **Methodist Church** to host 'Fun in a Bun' on July 14

Webberville Methodist Church will host 'Fun in a Bun!' Join us on July 14 from 1-3pm for FREE hot dogs, games, and a bounce house. The church is located at 4215 Holt Rd, at the corner of South M-52.

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Fowlerville Fire Department Report

Thursday, June 28th, at 8:15 a.m. a medical emergency on Augres River Drive in Handy Township was reported. Personnel assisted EMS on Meadow Lane in the Village at 3:44 p.m.

The Department responded to a medical emergency on Lovejoy Road in Conway Township at 3:28 a.m., Friday, June

A dispatch to a medical emergency on Little Rascal Drive in Handy Township was received at 8:52 a.m., Sunday, July 1st and at 2:41 p.m. personnel assisted the ambulance on Gregory Road Handy Township.

Firefighters removed a tree blocking Lange Road in Iosco Township at 3:46 a.m., Monday, July 2nd and responded to a medical emergency on N. Grand Ave. in the Village at 10:42 a.m. Personnel assisted EMS on Elliott Road in Iosco Township

Tuesday, July 3rd, at 9:43 a.m. a medical emergency on Cemetery Road in Handy Township was reported. The department assisted the ambulance on S. Grand Ave. in the Village at 5:18 p.m.

A dispatch reporting a medical emergency on Grand River in Handy Township was received at 3:11 a.m., Wednesday, July 4th. Firefighters investigated a fire alarm in an industrial building on Grand River in Handy Township at 9:15 a.m.

St. John's Episcopal Church to serve Pulled Pork Sandwich Dinner July 20

St. John's Episcopal Church is serving a Pulled Pork Sandwich Dinner on Friday, July 20, from 5 to 7 p.m. The church is located at 504 Prospect Street, Howell. Dine-in is free will offering. Carry-out \$8. Questions call 810-923-4516.

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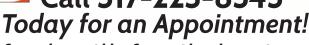


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Savvy Senior Column

By Jim Miller

How to Find Retiree Travel Perks

Dear Savvy Senior,

What types of travel discounts are available to older travelers? I just retired and am interested in learning about travel deals for people over 60.

Ready To Go

Dear Ready,

There are literally thousands of different travel-related discounts available to retirees that usually start anywhere between the ages 50 and 65. These discounts – typically ranging between 5 and 25 percent off – can add up to save you hundreds of dollars on your next trip. Here's how you can find them.

Ways to Save

The first thing to know is that most businesses don't advertise them, but many give senior discounts just for the asking, so don't be shy.

You also need to be aware that when it comes to senior travel bargains, the "senior discount," if available, may not always be the best deal. Hotels, resorts, airlines and cruise lines, for example, offer advanced bookings along with special deals and promotions from time to time that may be a lower rate than what the senior discount is. Before you book, always ask about the lowest possible rate and the best deal available.

Another way retirees with flexible schedules can save is to be flexible when you travel. Last minute travel deals can offer huge savings, as well as traveling during off-season or off-peak times, and avoiding holidays.

Club memberships can also garner you a wide variety of travel bargains. AARP, for example has dozens of travel discounts available on hotels, rental cars, cruises and vacation packages – see *AARPadvantages.com*. Annual AARP membership fees are \$16 or less if you join for multiple years.

Or, if you don't agree with AARP, there are alternative organizations you can join like the Seniors Coalition or the American Seniors Association that offer discounts on hotels and rental cars.

Types of Discounts

Here's an abbreviated rundown of some of the different travel discounts you can expect to find.

Transportation: For airline travel, Southwest has fully refundable senior fares to passengers 65 and older, and British Airways offers AARP members \$65 off economy travel and \$200 off business club travel. American, United and Delta also offer senior fares in certain markets but are extremely limited.

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For traveling by train, Amtrak provides a 10 percent discount to travelers 65-plus, and a 10 percent discount to passengers over age 60 on cross-border services operated jointly by Amtrak and VIA Rail Canada

Greyhound bus lines also offers a 5 percent discount to passengers 62 and older. And most car rental companies offer 10 to 25 percent discounts to customers who belong to membership organizations like AARP or AAA.

Hotels: Many U.S. hotels offer senior discounts (at varying ages) usually ranging between 5 and 15 percent off. For example, Marriott offers a 15 percent discount to travelers 62 and older at over 4,000 locations worldwide. And Wyndham hotel group offers 60-plus guests best available rate discounts.

Restaurants: Some restaurant chains offer senior discounts, ranging from free drinks, to senior menus, to discounts off your total order. National chains that offer these deals include Burger King, Chili's, Chick-fil-A, Dunkin Donuts, Golden Corral, IHOP and Wendy's. Offers can vary by location.

Cruises: Royal Caribbean and Carnival Cruise lines offer discount rates to cruisers 55 and over.

Entertainment and Attractions: Most movie theaters, museums, zoos, aquariums, public golf courses and even ski slopes provide reduced admission to seniors over 60 or 65. If you're 62-plus, you're also eligible for the "Senior Pass," which provides a lifetime entry to 2,000 national parks and recreation sites. You can obtain this pass in person at one of the federal recreation sites for \$80, or online for \$90 at *Store.usgs.gov/senior-pass*.

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Michigan Senate Report

By Joe Hune, 22nd District

Have Fun at the Fowlerville Family Fair!

There's nothing quite like the All-American fun of a local fair. The sights, the sounds, and the smells all bring back some of my favorite childhood memories. From the colorful lights of the midway at night to the sweet smell of cotton candy and the call of the auctioneer, the Fowlerville Family Fair is one of our great community traditions.

With plenty of events and activities at the fair, there's something for everyone to enjoy. The kids always love walking through the animal barns and seeing the 4-H livestock auction. Many Fowlerville youth participate in 4-H at the fair and remain involved as a member of the Michigan 4-H Clover Society throughout their lives.

4-H serves as a great learning opportunity. It helps to foster not only an interest in agriculture, but also develops skills and abilities that become lifelong assets: leadership, responsibility, hard work, and community involvement. I'm grateful that I was involved in 4-H as a kid and am pleased to know that the younger generations are still excited to participate.

This year will mark the 132nd Fowlerville Family Fair, and it will run from July 23 to July 28. It's amazing to think of all the decades of memories that have been made throughout our fair's history and all the generations of people who have been brought together to enjoy wholesome, family fun.

This year will be no different. With themed days, 4-H activities and grandstand events like demolition derbies,

tractor pulls, and a rodeo, it's no secret why this is a special time for the community.

It also encourages us to take a step back from the rush of everyday life and enjoy time with friends and family. What better way to get back to our roots than making some new summertime memories at the Fowlerville fair?

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

Monitoring Your Social Security Earnings Record Can Really Pay Off By Vonda VanTil

You work hard for your money. You're saving and planning for a secure retirement. Now you need to make sure you're going to get all the money you deserve. Regularly reviewing your Social Security earnings record can really pay off, especially when every dollar counts in retirement.

If an employer did not properly report just one year of your work earnings to us, your future benefit payments from Social Security could be close to \$100 per month less than they should be. Over the course of a lifetime, that could cost you tens of thousands of dollars in retirement or other benefits to which you are entitled. Sooner is definitely better when it comes to identifying and reporting problems with your earnings record. As time passes, you may no longer have easy access to past tax documents, and some employers may no longer be in business or able to provide past payroll information.

It's ultimately the responsibility of your employers — past and present — to provide accurate earnings information to Social Security so you get credit for the contributions you've made through payroll taxes. But you can inform us of any errors or omissions. You're the only person who can look at your lifetime earnings record and verify that it's complete and correct.

So, what's the easiest and most efficient way to validate your earnings record?

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- --Under the "My Home" tab, select "Earnings Record" to view your online *Social Security Statement* and taxed Social Security earnings;
- --Carefully review each year of listed earnings and use your own records, such as W-2s and tax returns, to confirm them;
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More detailed instructions on how to correct your Social Security earnings record can be found at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10081.pdf.

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







Fowlerville 4th of July photos, continued



This 1918 Moline Universal Tractor, now 100 years old, is owned by John Tomlin II. The tractor has appeared in numerous Fowlerville parades over the years.



Volunteers for Mitchell's Hope were at the parade. The group advocates an end to the stigmas of addiction and mental illness and to show the intersection between addiction and mental illness and to let people suffering from an addiction that "you are not alone."



Krebsview Farms entered this float, complete with this John Deere Diesel tractor, to promote the Fowlerville Family Fair's Tractor & Truck Pull on July 26 and the Shiawassee County Fair pulling event on August 5. The tractor is sponsored at those pulls by Krebsview Farms, Randy's Tire & Towing, and Razor's Edge Road Grading.



The Champion Force Athletics' Howell cheerleaders walked in the parade. The group provides cheerleading for ages 4 to 18 years.



The First United Methodist Church had a float, promoting its upcoming Vacation Bible School this coming week, July 8-12. The program's theme is "Come Be a Hero with Jesus." Shown here is Pastor Scott Herald.



Taking part in the Mitchell's Hope parade entry was James McCurk.

See page 18 for more photos.



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Webberville Report

Williamston Area Senior Center

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JULY 2018 EVENTS

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Free Dental Exams and Oral Health Workshop for Seniors at the Williamston Area Senior Center on Tuesday, July 10, 2018. This event is sponsored by the Tri-County Office of Aging, Delta Dental and the Williamston Area Senior Center.

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

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

Bring a Smile Card Embellishment – Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 12:30 pm.

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

PRESENTATIONS IN JULY -

--Wednesday, July 11, 2018, Mind Games sponsored by the Williamston Area Library;

--Wednesday, July 18, 2018 we will have a discussion on Home Care by Forrest Wood;

--Thursday, July 26, 2018 a presentation on Safe Hands Warm Heart will be presented. These events will be held at 12:30 pm at the Williamston Area Senior Center.

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

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

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

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

Crossroads United Methodist Church hosting Vacation Bible School in July

"Jesus Is Our Rock (Star)" is the theme of the 2018 Crossroads United Methodist Church summer Vacation Bible School on July 16-19. Kids at this year's VBS will have a rockin' good time in music, drama, games, crafts, science projects and Bible stories.

Crossroads VBS will begin with dinner and run from 6 to 8 p.m. each evening. Children aged three through entering fifth grade are eligible. There is no charge.

The church is located at the corner of Haslett and Zimmer roads north of Williamston and east of Haslett.

For details and to register, please find the church on Facebook and contact the church at 517/655-1466, office. umccrossroads@gmail.com, and www.umccrossroads.com.

Country music to be performed at Williamston Eagles Club on July 28

Kick up your heels to the country tunes of Potts Rd Band at the Williamston Eagles Club on Saturday, July 28th. Come early for dinner: grilled New York Strip or chicken breast, baked potato, green beans or ear of corn, salad and dessert—all for \$12. Dinner is 5-8pm, or until we run out.

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

Capital Area Library Events

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Minecraft Monday (Ages 9–17, held at 3845 Vanneter Rd.)

Beat the heat and enjoy playing Minecraft at the library. July 9, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

ARK Animal Encounters (Held at 3845 Vanneter Rd.)
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July 11, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Ice Cream Sundae Picnic (Held at 3845 Vanneter Rd.)

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supplies last). July 12, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Webberville United Methodist Church to serve Chicken Dinner on July 21

The Webberville United Methodist Church is having its monthly chicken dinner on Saturday, July 21, with oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, vegetables and biscuits. The meal will include coffee, lemonade, and dessert. The dinner will be served 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$9 per adult, \$4 for children 12 and under; pre-schoolers eat free. Webberville United Methodist Church is located on the corner of Holt Road and M-52.





Caleb Jenkins Column



No Speech Without Reason

As long-time readers know, I am a fan of classic philosophical and political writing. I tend to steer more toward the blended political-philosophy genre as generally the most interesting and beneficial, but I will occasionally indulge in some general life philosophy mostly just as a brain challenge. Since I first started reading such literature, Thomas Hobbes' *Leviathan* has been near the top of my list of things to read, but somehow, I never got around to it until recently when I bought the Penguin Classics edition and started going through it in my precious few moments of free time.

Reading it, I knew *Leviathan* was important for its historical, philosophical, and political significance, but anyone who talked with me about it focused on Hobbes' depiction of his model government and society. Certainly, that is the major premise of the work and for what *Leviathan* is famous, but to my surprise, there is much more covered before and after the section on government. The book actually begins with an analysis of mankind and the mannerisms and social norms that define us. Hobbes uses this to establish a foundation and pave the way to his discourse on governmental systems, but it is admittedly rather interesting in its own right.

Based on a previous knowledge of the overall subject matter and on what I have already read, I know I don't agree with much of Hobbes' analyses and opinions, but I have found a few nuggets of gold hidden in this scrutiny of mankind. One of them is found in chapter 4 of Part One where Hobbes examines speech. As he discusses the origins of modern language and usage, he gives this very interesting statement: "The Greeks have but one word...for both *Speech* and *Reason*; not that they thought there was no Speech without Reason; but no Reasoning without Speech..."

Unfortunately, he is accurate in saying there is a lot of speech without any reason, but it doesn't have to be that way. And it shouldn't be that way. There is this common misperception that any thought that enters a person's head should be spoken. There is no filter or checks. It just gets blurted out. Yes, we have the right Constitutionally to the freedom of speech, and

that should wholeheartedly be defended. However, it does not diminish the First Amendment to personally put restraints on our own tongues. We can hold ourselves accountable to a higher standard

When we speak without reason, there is a much higher likelihood we will regret what we said down the road. The old saying of "act in haste, repent at leisure" is particularly applicable here. Speaking rashly and irresponsibly doesn't just impact other people; it impairs our reputation and diminishes the validity of our argument. A few well-thought-out words are of far more worth than an essay of rushed and nonsensical thoughts. Clearly, this has been a problem for society throughout history. Indeed, it was evident enough for Hobbes to bring it up in his writings. Sadly, despite all the time past, we have yet to learn the lesson. Perhaps it can't be changed for the entire society, but we can change it individually in our own lives.

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Coilah Hicks has a special interest in the series of wild fires that have been burning in southern Colorado. The Fowlerville woman said that her 16-year-old granddaughter Abigail Hicks is part of the effort to assist firefighters battling the blazes.

"Abigail joined a group of teens who went to the area to provide assistance," said Coilah, explaining that they have set up places for the firefighters to rest, eat, and refresh themselves.

The young lady is the daughter of Fowlerville High graduate Dean Hicks.



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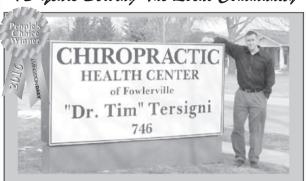
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Cindy is currently our longest working staff member; she has been working at the library for over 25 years! Cindy is a help at the circulation desk and is known for leading many of our crafting classes. She is our "Crafting Queen" due to her mad crafting skills!

Kate is one of the quieter staff members. As one of our Circulation Assistants, Kate has shared her technological skills, calm demeanor, and excellent customer service skills with us for over 5 years. Kate assists many patrons with their mel.org interlibrary book loans with a smile.

Ms. Audrey works a little bit in every department as a Department Head Assistant. Her 3+ years on staff has honed her research skills as our Historical Liaison and Programming Assistant. As one of the Technology Liaisons, she often teaches one-on-one Technology lessons. You can find her at the Circulation Desk, in programs, especially with the teens, or around the library.

Mrs. D is our Early Childhood expert and leads our free school-year program "From A-Z with Mrs. D". We are so lucky to have had her expertise for the past 5+ years. Mrs. D is also an accomplished artist and most of the cool art you see around the library has been created by her!

Ms. Tally is our Cataloging Coordinator. She has been with the library for 7+ years. Currently, she works behind the scenes ordering, cataloging, and managing our materials. You can also

find her working with the teens in programs and doing outreach.

One of our newer staff members is Gail. Gail works at the Circulation Desk helping patrons with their various needs. Gail's great attitude and friendly demeanor is a great addition to our staff! You may remember her from her 30+ years working at the Fowlerville post office.

Another new face at the library, Jen K, can be found at the Circulation Desk or around the library while her duties as Administrative Coordinator takes her to various areas. Jen K

works primarily behind the scenes assisting the Director with managerial matters; however. Jen K loves helping patrons at the Circulation Desk as she is needed.

Jen M is our new Program Coordinator. We are fortunate to have her on staff as she brings 7+ years' experience as a Program Director in a nearby community with her. She can be found in many of our programs and around the library. She is bringing a "breath of fresh air" to our programs with lots of new ideas! Keep an eye out for her updates to our programs.

Ben is our Page. He has worked at the library for 10+ years shelving our books twice a week. Ben's expertise shows in the speed and accuracy with which he shelves materials! No one else on staff can come close to his shelving skills.

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Livingston County Genealogical Society to meet on July 12 in Howell UMC

The Livingston County Genealogical Society will be meeting on Thursday, July 12, at the First United Methodist Church of Howell at 7 p.m. The church is located at 1230 Bower Street. The topic by guest speaker Jill Arnold is "The Genealogy of a House." The meeting is open to the public and free of charge. Questions, call 810-227-7745.

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Fowlerville 4th of July photos, continued



With the August 7th Primary and the November General Election coming later this year, the parade saw a number of incumbents and candidates greeting voters. Adam Dreher, is the Democratic candidate for the 22nd State Senate District. His wife Rachel and son Daxton were with him.



Dennis Brewer is the candidate for the new Livingston County Circuit Court Judgeship.



Fowlerville Village President, Carol Hill, also took part in the parade.



Carla Wilson, left, and Tiffany Rhine were among the contingent of Fowlerville United Brethren Church members who handed out souvenirs during the parade and also rode on the parade float. The church hosted an after-parade event that included kids games, musical entertainment, and food and refreshments and provided a good viewing area for the fireworks.



Livingston County District Court Judge, Suzanne Geddis, is running for the new Livingston County Circuit Court Judge seat. With her is husband, Bill McCririe.



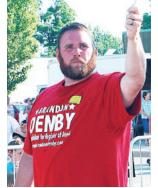
Monica Copeland is also a candidate for the new Livingston County Circuit Court Judge position. With her is campaign volunteer Bill Mollison.



Coral Black was campaiging on behalf of her daughter, Tara Pearson, who is seeking to become the new Livingston County Circuit Court Judge.



These members of the Fowlerville Recreation Baseball Association enjoyed the parade and promoted tryouts taking place on August 12th for players ages 9 to 14 years.



Shown here is Brandon Denby, Livingston County Register of Deeds.



Livingston County Commissioner for District 4, Doug Helzerman.



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The Grand Marshals of this year's parade were members of the Fowlerville Fire Department. Since the firefighters, driving their trucks, are a key part of the annual parade, they did not ride at the head of the parade, but instead came near the end. At the very end were Bob Feig, the deputy chief, and Larry Davis, a captain.



Heather Montgomery rode her horse, while Levi Montgomery had his bike in the parade. The pair are from Fowlerville.



Makayla Smith, left, the 2017 4-H Queen at the Fowlerville Fair, and Jenna Kingsley, the 2017 Fowlerville Family Fair waved to the crowd and also invited everyone to attend the fair during the week of July 23-28.



Maria's School of Dance was making its first appearance at a local July 4th parade. Those taking part performed a dance routine. A number of them traveled to Walt Disney World 'Magical Kingdom' in Florida and were scheduled to do the routine this Saturday, July 7.

The Accidentals to perform at Concerts at the Courthouse on Friday, July 13

A variety of area musicians will take center stage each and every Friday night throughout the summer on the lawn of the Historic Howell Courthouse as Concerts at The Courthouse celebrates its 20th Anniversary. This perennially popular program is a free concert series presented by the Livingston Arts Council throughout the summer, featuring rock, folk and blues entertainment at the outdoor family (and pet)-friendly venue. Pack a blanket, lawn chair, and a few snacks, or come early and eat at one of Howell's many downtown restaurants before enjoying the evening's entertainment with family, friends and neighbors.

This year's "Best Of" series continues with the return of The Accidentals after their spectacular show last summer. The group will perform on Friday, July 13, from 7-9 p.m. at the Courthouse Amphitheater in Downtown Howell.

Named among Yahoo Music's "Top 10 Bands to Watch in 2017," The Accidentals' adventure began in their hometown of Traverse City, MI, when Larson, a sophomore cellist, and Buist, a junior violinist, were paired for a high school orchestra event. The gifted young musicians became fast friends and before long, bandmates. Having both grown up in musical families with professional pianists for fathers and vocalists for mothers, their shared influences bounced between classical, jazz, bluegrass, country, alt-rock, and the obscure.

Concerts at The Courthouse runs every Friday night from June 29th to August 24th. In the event of inclement weather, concerts may be cancelled. Listen to WHMI 93.5FM for updates and/or visit the Livingston Arts Council Facebook page. No alcoholic beverages are permitted.

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