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The victorious team was, from left, front row, Payton Johnson, Shaw Sova, Holdan Artibee, Josh DuFore, Geoffrey Knaggs, Billy Hutchins, Josh Leonard, Joey Quigley; and back row, from left, Coach Don DuFore, Nick Reason, Wes Latson, Brendan Young, Blake Howard, Coach Jim Jonas, Coach Troy Young, and Coach Wade Spalding.

Fowlerville Boys Varsity Basketball Team wins Hartland Tournament

The Fowlerville Boys Basketball Team gave themselves a special, belated Christmas present by winning the Hartland Holiday Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 29. The field included Dexter, South Lyon East, and the host-school Hartland, along with Fowlerville.

The Glads took a hard-fought 57-42 win over Hartland to take home the trophy. Josh DuFore led the way with 17 points. Geoffrey Knaggs added 13 with 12 rebounds, Billy Hutchins scored 10 points, and Brendan Young helped with 9 points. Shaw Sova, meanwhile, played great defense against the Eagles.

The game was close in the final quarter, with Fowlerville holding a 45-42 lead, when the Glads went on a 12-0 run to finish

The local cagers reached the finals by beating Dexter on Friday night by a score of 67-63. Brendan Young hit the 'go ahead' threepointer with 30 seconds left, then followed up by sinking two free throws to seal the win.

Billy Hutchins led the way with 21 points. Geoffrey Knaggs added 19 points and 12 rebounds, Young finished with 14 points, while Josh DuFore added 9.

Fowlerville is now 6-3 for the season and 1-2 in CAAC Red Division play. The team is scheduled to resume play this coming Tuesday, Jan. 8, with a non-league game at Lansing Catholic and then will host Mason in a conference match-up this Friday.



Showing off the tournament trophy were, from left, Head Coach Jim Jonas and team captains. Josh DeFore and Geoffrey Knaggs.

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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

Winter Gear for Those in Need. Check out the winter gear decorating our Christmas tree inside the Library! If you or your family is in need of warm attire for winter, please feel free to take what you need. Items donated by a Fowlerville "Small Group" of the 2|42 Community Church.

Cardio Drumming - Tuesdays at 7pm

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

<u>Beyond the Book: *The Da Vinci Code*</u> - Thursday, January 10th 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 participate. Registration begins December 20th. Books will be given while supplies last.

Yoga with Erin - Fridays at 9:30am

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

Toothpick Art - Friday, January 11th at 5-7pm

Teens 6th-12th Grade. Bring your creativity and join us at the library to design your own uniquely painted toothpick art! Snacks and beverages will be provided.*Registration is required and includes a 2018-2019 signed Program Permission Form. Registration begins December 28th. Register by January 9th to attend.

Winnie the Pooh Day - Wednesday, January 16th at 5:30-6:30pm

Families. Join us at the library to celebrate A. A. Milne's birthday, the creator of Winnie the Pooh! We will read a Winnie the Pooh story and play birthday party games! *Space is limited. Register in person to attend. Registration begins January 2nd. Preference will be given to families with children first, and registration will open to adults and teens the day of the program.

Soup Swap - Thursday, January 17th at 7pm

Adults. Celebrate National Soup Month at the Library! Bring a pot of your favorite homemade soup, stew, or chili and the recipe to share, and we will provide mugs and recipes books to take home with you! You will get the opportunity to try everyone's delicious soups. Outlets will be available for slow cookers, and copies of your recipe can be made at the Library free of charge. Please bring enough soup for 22 people to sample. *Space is limited. Register in person to attend. Registration begins January 3rd and includes a refundable \$5 cash deposit.

<u>Late Night at the Library</u> - Saturday, January 26th at 8pm—8am Sunday, January 27th

Adults. Join us for the very first adult overnight event at the Library! We have loads of activities planned including a steampunk mystery game, history show-and-tell, crafts, movies, and more! You are not obligated to stay the entire night, so come and stay as long as you want, have fun meeting new people, and make fun crafts to take home with you! Snacks and beverages will be provided throughout the night. See staff for more details. *Space is limited. Register in person to attend. Registration begins January 12th and includes a refundable \$5 cash deposit.

Fowlerville Fire Department Report

Thursday, December 27th, at 2:19 a.m. the department assisted at a medical emergency on Secluded Ridge Drive in Conway Township. A medical emergency on Grand Ave. in the Village was reported at 10:46 a.m. and at 6:30 p.m. personnel were called to remove a tree blocking Bradley Road in Iosco Township. At 6:37 p.m. the department responded to a tree blocking Nicholson Road in Handy Township.

A dispatch to a medical emergency on Spruce Street in the Village was received at 12:35 p.m., Friday, December 28th. Firefighters were called to standby at downed power lines on Grand River Ave. in the Village at 5:09 p.m.

The department was dispatched to a medical emergency on Hayner Road in Conway Township at 2:58 p.m., Saturday, December 29th and responded to standby at a medical emergency on Glover Road in Handy Township at 11:42 p.m.

Sunday, December 30th, at 1:38 p.m. a medical emergency on Chase Lake Road in Conway Township was reported.

Firefighters removed a tree partially blocking Grand River Ave. In Handy Township at 4:40 a.m., Tuesday, January 1^{st} .

The department was dispatched to a motor vehicle accident on Fowlerville Road in Conway Township at 8:17 a.m., Wednesday, January 2nd. At 8:03 p.m. personnel responded to assist EMS on Cemetery Road in Handy Township.



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Fowlerville Junior High **School News**

Important Dates:

No School-- Mon. Jan. 21st

Half-Day of School-Exams-- Thurs. Jan. 17 & Fri. Jan. 18th



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SPORTS FOR WEEK OF JAN. 7:

7th & 8th GBB tryouts are this week. 7th-2:30-4:30 & 8th-4:30-6:30. Tryouts are in the FJH gym. Girls' locker room available for changing; bring your own lock.

Mon., 1/7: 6-7-8 WRESTLING practice @ FHS wrestling room-2:30-4:15; athletes may use H.S. locker rooms

CCH practice: Mon., Tues., & Thurs.

Sat., 1/12: CCH @ Pinckney Blackout Invite- 9:30; bus-7:15

PHYSICALS REQUIRED FOR ALL TRYOUTS!

Tues., 1/8: PIZZA NIGHT @ DUKE'S PIZZA; mention the Fowlerville Athletic Boosters when you order food on Tuesday & FAB receive a percentage of the profits this date.

YEARBOOKS ON SALE

Yearbooks are now on sale. Don't delay and order today! See Mrs. Spisz in room D-13 or order online at

https://www.balfour.com/shop/yearbook?smi=107958 cost is \$32 and there is an option to donate a book to those in need.

Personalized yearbook orders are due by March 1. Final sales are March 8th

GENTLY USED BOOK SALE

Please consider donating your gently-used books to the Fowlerville Junior High Gently-used Book Sale. Books that are appropriate for teens/young adults, on down to elementary and preschool are acceptable. Other good donation considerations would be magazines, comics, how-to books, dictionaries and cookbooks. Please do not send in adult books, as our primary audience for the sale will be the junior high students.

> Books may be dropped off in the office or your child may bring them to his or her 7th or 8th grade ELA teacher. We will collect books now- February 14th. The proceeds will be used to further our literary needs in our classrooms- replacing and purchasing new books, writing and reading supplies, journals,

> Any questions please contact Katie Bowling- 7th ELA teacher at bowlingk@ fowlervilleschools.org

8TH **BOYS GRADE SEASON** BASKETBALL **SUMMARY 2018**

This years basketball season was very much a struggle in the wins/losses department, both teams unable to win a single game. The boys showed up with good attitudes each day for practice and gave effort in the games but really struggled this year with getting everything to mesh on the court during games. The B team showed improvement through the season with picking up offensive sets, playing hard defense and being unselfish on the basketball court. The A team was plagued with injuries

and, despite improving daily in practice, they really struggled to put it all together in games. The boys were a pleasure to work with each day and it was great getting to know them throughout the season. It is never fun or enjoyable to go through a season and not get a single win. It is difficult to maintain a positive attitude and to feel like we are actually improving. I personally feel that this year will be a learning experience for the players and myself, a year to reflect on how to improve and how to face adversity. I really did enjoy the players and their personalities throughout the season and I strongly hope that they continue to enjoy the sport of basketball and that they continue to improve as they develop into high school players.

Kreeger Elementary School News

DATES TO REMEMBER:

1-18-19: HALF-DAY OF SCHOOL 12:02 DISMISSAL 1-21-19: NO SCHOOL

2-14-19: 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. -REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH PARENT MEETING

2-15-19: 8:00 – 9:00 A.M. – REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH PARENT MEETING

2-18 THRU 2-21: 5TH GRADE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

2-22 THRU 2-25: NO SCHOOL PRESIDENTS' DAY RECESS

3-1-19: END OF 2ND TRIMESTER

3-7-19: HALF-DAY OF SCHOOL - DISMISSAL AT 12:02 P.M.- PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES - 1:00-4:00 AND 5:00 - 7:30

3-8-19: HALF-DAY OF SCHOOL – DISMISSAL AT 12:02

3-25 THRU 3-29: SPRING BREAK RECESS

END OF DAY NOTES

Please call before 3:00 p.m. If you have a note that needs to get delivered to your child before the end of the day. Thank

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

REMINDER ON KREEGER DOOR SECURITY **SYSTEM:**

--15 minutes after the start of the regular school day, all doors will be locked, including the Main Entry.

--All visitors will need to press and release the video doorbell to request entry. It is the illuminated white button.

--Wait until someone greets you. After you are greeted, please state your name and why you are entering the building. You MAY be asked to show a picture ID if the office staff does not recognize you. PLEASE have your photo ID out and ready to show, especially early in the year when everyone is trying to learn who are our regular volunteers. Our intention for checking a photo ID is to help make sure our buildings are as

-- The person greeting you will buzz you in by unlocking

--Lastly, when the door unlocks to let you in, PLEASE DO NOT hold the door open for the next visitor. Doing so diminishes the effectiveness of the buzz in system and consequently makes the building less secure.

Thank you for your patience and understanding!

Jick Scot **MOTOR MALI**

Fowlerville High School's "ATHLETES" OF THE WEEK



Jud Scott



JV Girls Basketball

Brynn Bertl is a sophomore on the JV girls basketball team this season. She is one of the co-captains and shows true leadership on and off the court. I expect Brynn to have a great season and to be one of our leading scorers.

Morgan Byerle is also a sophomore on the JV girls basketball team. She is also one of the co-captains this season. Morgan gives it her all every time she is on the court. She is a true athlete and I expect a lot from her this season.

JUD'S FOOTBALL FORECAST

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

NFL Playoffs - Wildcard Round: Indianapolis 20 at Houston 24 Seattle 23 at Dallas 19

SUNDAY. JANUARY 6

NFL Playoffs - Wildcard Round: LA Chargers 27 at Baltimore 24 Philadelphia 20 at Chicago 23

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

National Championship: Alabama 27 vs Clemson 20

LAST WEEK: W - 16 L - 6 **SEASON:** W - 184 L - 101

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Mandie Beauchamp

Surrounded by family, Mandie Beauchamp, 43, of Fowlerville, MI, passed away on December 29, 2018 at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, MI.

Mandie was born on April 27, 1975 in Detroit, MI, to Pamela (Barnum) Roy and Daniel Shea. Mandie graduated from Fowlerville High School in 1993. Mandie and Jason Beauchamp were married March 18, 1995, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. She loved spending time with her friends and family. Mandie truly enjoyed working in childcare and had a special way of bringing out the best in her children. She was an active supporter of her four children's sporting events. Mandie was best known for her outgoing personality, infectious smile, love for her children, and compassionate heart.

Mandie is survived by her husband: Jason Beauchamp; their four children: Kyle (Melinda) Beauchamp, Nathan Beauchamp, Kallie Beauchamp, and Natalie Beauchamp; grandson: Kayson Beauchamp; parents: Pamela (Clyde) Roy and Daniel Shea; grandmother: Florence Barnum; brothers: Matthew Shea, Zachary Roy and Adam (Mackenzie) Roy; sister-in-laws: Jessica Beauchamp, and Jodie (Mel) Smith. Mandie is also survived by many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Mandie was preceded in death by grandfathers Walter Barnum and Edward Shea, grandmother Jean Shea, and father-in-law Michael Beauchamp.

Visitation and Funeral Service for Mandie was held this past Friday, January 4, 2019 at 2:00 P.M. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Howell, MI where Pastor Mark Franck officiated.

Memorial contributions in Mandie's name may be made to The Beauchamp Family with envelopes available at the funeral home. Please visit Mandie's Book of Memories at www.keehnfuneralhome.com.



Lawrence Reason

Lawrence Reason, July 25, 1950-December 16, 2018. Born to Henry and Marian (Huff) Reason. He is survived by his wife Sandra (Harman), his son Lawrence and two daughters, Sandra Bleile and Lisa (Andy) Ogden, a brother Roger (Linda) and a sister Patricia (Francis) Palmerton. His parents and brother Charles "Lavern" preceded him in death. Lawrence graduated from Fowlerville in 1968 and attended MSU short course. There will be a cremation with no services.

Fowlerville High School News

OFFICE HOURS

Administration Office 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Counseling Office 6:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
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IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES TO NOTE:

MIFORIANT DATES AND TIMES TO NOTE:	
Jan 7	Attendance appeals
Jan 15	Senior pictures due
Jan 16	Full day exams 1 & 2
Jan 17	½ day exams 3 & 4
Jan 18	½ day exams 5 & 6 End of Semester
Jan 21	Holiday break
Jan 23	Semester 2 begins
Jan 29	Vision screening 9th grade
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Doors at FHS will be open at 6:45 a.m. on school days. After school hours if your student is not participating in a sport, math lab, credit recovery or meeting with a teacher they should make arrangements to leave the building by 3 p.m.

Livingston County Department of Public Health is providing Vision Screening on January 29th, for students in grade 9. Also screened are last-year follow-ups and parent/teacher requests. Please email Mr. Lusk at luskb@fowler-villeschools.org and provide your child's name if you do not want your child screened or if you have a concern for your child and your child is not in above grades. Technicians will accept parent/teacher requests on the day of screening. Please call the Health Department at (517) 546-9850 if you have questions regarding Vision Screening.

Attendance Appeals for Semester 1: Any student who has accrued nine or more absences in any class at FHS has lost credit for the course. Students will receive a detailed attendance report the week of January 7, 2019, showing their absences per class. A student may appeal this loss of credit by completing the attendance appeal form and returning it to the main office. Please note that this process has changed. Parents/guardians will receive an email stating that their student has accumulated 9 or more absences in one or more classes, and as a result, the student has lost credit. Attached to the same email will be the attendance appeal form. To have the attendance appeal considered, the form must be completed and returned to the main office by January 11, 2019. As always, we encourage parents to monitor their student's attendance via the parent connect website at connect@fowlervilleschools.org, and if you have any questions, please be sure to contact the attendance office at 517-223-6044.

Dear FCS families, Thank you again for supporting the May 2018 Bond initiative! One of the goals of the bond is to increase the security of our school buildings. The District has begun work to install secure door access systems throughout the District. Fowlerville High School's door security system is nearly to a point where the system will be up and running. As we bring the system online we keep reminding ourselves that increased security is not always convenient but it is al-

ways comforting and we truly appreciate your patience and understanding moving forward. When FHS's system comes fully online on Wednesday, January 2nd, this is what you need to know: 15 minutes after the start of the regular school day, all doors will be locked, including the Main Entry. **Doors** will open at 6:45 am each school day. All visitors will need to press and release the video doorbell to request entry. It is the illuminated white button, wait until someone greets you. After you are greeted, please state your name and why you are entering the building. You MAY be asked to show a picture ID if the office staff does not recognize you. PLEASE have your photo ID out and ready to show, especially early in the year when everyone is trying to learn who are our regular volunteers. Our intention for checking a photo ID is to help make sure our buildings are as safe as possible. The person greeting you will buzz you in by unlocking the door. Lastly, when the door unlocks to let you in, PLEASE DO NOT hold the door open for the next visitor. Doing so diminishes the effectiveness of the buzz in system and consequently makes the building less secure. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

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

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

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

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

German students at Fowlerville High School are traveling to Germany in June 2020. We are raising money to offer a full, half, and partial scholarship to three lucky travelers. Please considering donating to the Scholarships for Germany fund at https://goo.gl/YP6TeL



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

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



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Pastor Blaine Gaudette and his wife Karen.

Antrim Baptist to usher in the New Year with new pastor

After nearly two years without a pastor, Antrim Baptist Church is pleased to announce the arrival of Pastor Blaine Gaudette and his wife Karen. They arrived from Florida on December 14th, moved into the parsonage on Saturday and started their first day of ministry on Sunday, December 16th. The Gaudettes' first ministry was as Assistant Pastor at Capitol City Baptist Church in Holt from 1974 to 1976. They served as missionaries in Central America for 30 years (1976-2006) where they started up five different churches; one in El Salvador, four in Panama and helped establish another in Guatemala. All six churches are still thriving today. Upon returning to the states, they again established three different Spanish-speaking churches in Maryland, Ohio and Florida. The Gaudettes' work as a team with Karen serving in women and children's ministries as well as music ministry.

The Pastor graduated from Ogemaw Heights High School in West Branch and Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Missouri with a BAC in Missions and Bible where he earned the title of Outstanding Fourth-Year Student. He and Karen have been married for 49 years and have four sons and three grandchildren.

"We interviewed many potential candidates and presented several to the congregation with the Gaudettes being the first to reach the voting stage," said Dave Roddy, a deacon at the church. "The pulpit committee conducted a video conference call with Pastor Gaudette in late September. Within the first few minutes of the interview we knew he was the man God had in mind for Antrim."

The committee consisting of Douglas Helzerman, Randy Hamlity and Dave Roddy moved forward and presented the Gaudettes to the congregation for a vote.

"Catherine Anderson, a member of Antrim Baptist, along with her husband Todd, recommended we reach out to the Gaudettes," said Roddy. "She knew them from Capitol Baptist, where she attended

Pastor Gaudette was voted in as the new pastor on Dec. 8, following several visits and presentations of the Gospel.

years earlier.

"The best things are worth waiting for and Pastor Gaudette has already shown this applies to pastors as well" Roddy said.

One of Pastor Gaudette's ministry goals is to utilize his former ministry skills to reach out to the Spanishspeaking community.

Antrim Baptist Church is located at 4509 E. Lovejoy Rd., Byron, one mile east of North Fowlerville Road.

Service times are: Sunday School 10:00am, Regular Service at 11:00am and evening service at 6:00pm in addition to Wednesday Bible Study and the youth group. If you have any questions, Pastor and Mrs. Gaudette can be reached at 517-223-3126 or join us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/

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Consumers Energy offers important tips to stay safe and warm during winter

With heating equipment a leading cause of fires in December, January and February, Consumers Energy is sharing important safety tips to help Michigan residents stay safe and warm.

"It is our privilege to provide natural gas and electric service to our family, friends and neighbors around the state, but we are also committed to sharing information to help them stay safe during the winter months," said LeeRoy Wells, Jr, vice president of operations support for Consumers Energy.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, heating equipment is a leading cause of home fire deaths. Half of home heating equipment fires are reported during the months of December, January and February. To help prevent a tragedy, follow these simple safety tips:

- --Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like a furnace, fireplaces, wood stove or portable space heater.
 - --Never use your oven to heat your home.
- --Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected annually by a qualified professional.
- -- Turn off portable heaters when leaving the room or going to bed.
- --Never operate portable generators inside a home, garage or near windows. They should be operated outside and at least 25 feet away from a home/building.
- --Install an Underwriters Laboratory (UL) listed carbon monoxide alarm that will activate if this deadly, invisible gas is produced. Most carbon monoxide problems occur in the winter when doors and windows are closed and furnaces are operating.

There are also simple outside tips to stay safe and warm. Keeping natural gas and electric meters and gas furnace intake pipes free of ice and snow is important for safe operation. If snow builds up, it can become compacted and freeze around the meter, causing damage that can interfere with its proper operation and appliances served by that meter.

- --Remove snow by hand, never with shovel, other tools or power snow equipment.
- -- Residents with high-efficiency furnaces should clear the intake pipes (typically two white plastic pipes coming out the side of the home) from piled or drifting snow to prevent possible obstructions that could interfere with safe opera-
- -- Those living in manufactured/mobile homes should safely clear away snow from rooftop chimneys, fresh air intakes and furnace exhaust pipes.

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January 14 through 25 – Kindergarten NWEA Testing

January 16 – Math Night 5:00 – 7:00 pm

January 18 – Early Dismissal (12:02 pm

January 21 – NO SCHOOL

January 25 – PTC Popcorn (50 cents per bag)

February 13 – Student Count Day!

February 22 thru 25 – NO SCHOOL (President's Day Recess)

February 26 – School Resumes

February 26 & 27 – 1st Grade Vision Screening by LCHD

February $28-1^{\text{st}}$ Grade Vision Re-Screening by LCHD

LCHD Vision Screening 1st Grade - The Livingston County Health Department will be at H.T. Smith to vision screen all of our 1st grade students along with any requested referrals. If you do not want your child to have a vision screening done please contact the office before February 26th at 517-223-6430.

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March 10th, Sunday • 10-11:30am

*Then we will take in items on Friday, March 15th from 2pm until 10pm at Fowlerville Jr High as we will be there setting up for the sale the following day Saturday, March 16th 9am-3pm ONE DAY ONLY EVENT!!!!!

Everything is sold by donations as well (there are a few exceptions on some items, those will be priced) everything will be negotiable!!! If you have any questions please contact me at 517-304-3976 call, text or inbox me. Amy Jo Wright Jarvis at 517-223-6225 for any questions.

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Please keep watching for more posts, updates, information in Fowlerville News and Views as we get closer to drop off dates and events!

* FJHS is located at 7677 Sharpe Rd., within the Fowlerville Community Schools complex, between Kreeger Elementary and Fowlerville High School.

Policy states that children are not allowed to transport medication.

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

There are Preschool Openings for the 2018-2019 school year! -Livingston Educational Service Agency Early Childhood Programs continue to enroll for the 2018-2019 school year. There are many 4-year-old openings in the Fowlerville program located at Munn Early Childhood building. Head Start and Great Start Readiness Programs offer no cost/low cost preschool to income eligible or children "at risk" who qualify under federal and state guidelines. Families meeting eligibility guidelines have access to learning opportunities, health and wellness, social and disability

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When: Saturday, January 12th 10:00-11:00 AM

Where: Mid-Michigan PT Specialists 2810 W. Grand River, Howell MI 48843 (¼ Mile East of Tomato Bros. Restaurant)

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You Will Learn:

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Pastor Tom **Tarpley**

Re-evaluating Our Relationship Read John 6:26-71

When Jesus walked the earth, there were many people who followed Him around the countryside. There were His twelve disciples whom Jesus had handpicked to train and prepare them for the purpose of continuing the ministry of spreading the gospel. But the large crowds also included people who followed Him because of the miracles they witnessed and wanted to cash in on the next one. There were those in the crowd who had some urgent need or physical ailment, and they wanted Jesus to take care of it.

Then there were those who followed simply because they were curious and wanted to see what He would do next. While there were others in the crowd who were there only because someone they knew was there. There were people from all walks of life and from places everywhere, following in the crowd that followed Jesus. Even the one who would eventually betray Him, Judas Iscariot, was in the crowd as one of Jesus's original twelve disciples. People followed Jesus for an assortment of reasons, but they were not all seeking after the relationship Jesus wanted to have with them.

• What is my God given purpose?

desires that are driving me?

myself?

with Christ?

their sight?

way back home?

have not learned?

genuine love for both God and man.

to live as God would have us live.

follow Me" (Matt. 16:24).

higher purpose.

life on earth.

built into me?

us to see.

• Am I listening to God or is it my own selfish

• Is my faith in God beneficial to anyone other than

• Am I setting the best example I can, for someone

who may be struggling to connect or reconnect

• How can I help someone who is blind to regain

• How can I help someone who is lost to find their

• Am I living up to the God given potential that God has

• Jesus, what lesson are you trying to teach me that I

There are other questions that keep pouring in tomy

Following Jesus and simply being in the crowd is not the

thoughts, but, so that I don't make this article too long, I will

stop there. I think you all understand what I am trying to get

same as being in a personal relationship with Him. To follow

Him, we merely have to perform a few rituals and make a few

adjustments in our lifestyle. But to be in a relationship with

Jesus requires total surrender of the heart, mind, body and

soul. It requires complete obedience to the will of God and a

"Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and

The Greek term "aparneomai," translated in English as "deny" has the meaning to "disown" or "renounce." Used within the context of the imagery of taking up the cross and

following Jesus, "denying oneself" conveys the sense of a person disassociating himself from his self-interest to serve a

Self-denial is not to deny one's personality, to deny things

as an ascetic or to withdraw from the world. It is instead

the turning away from the idolatry of self-centeredness and

every attempt to orient one's life by the dictates of selfishness

and self-interest.Examine John 5:39-47 and 6:1-36. How

did some perceive salvation and Jesus Christ? What is the

Instead of the people seeing Jesus as the "bread of life,"

The world did not know what salvation and its process

was really like. Life was defined by a culture that did not

seek honor from God. Jesus' call for "denying oneself"

revealed a re-evaluation of worldly norms and values. What the world called life was not life; it was the mere appearance of life. The life Jesus promised was a better life in a different

world. This life is available to all of us who are willing to

receive it. The process is simple. Jesus explained it in John

5:24. "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word,

and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not

come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life."

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the soul-sustaining power of the word of God, people saw

Him as the provider of bread that would assure their bodily

significance of Jesus's message of "denying oneself?"

If our faith in God is to mean anything to God, it has to be unconditionally based on love for Him, trust in His Son, and a desire to please God in every area of ourlives. That means we have to *deny* the wants of our human flesh and seek only

But what about you, if you're following Jesus today? Why do you follow Jesus? What do you want from Him? Are you merely following the crowd and don't want to be left out in case Jesus does something spectacular? Are you

following because of what Jesus can do for you?

As we begin this new year, let us consider re-evaluating our relationship with Jesus. Let us take the time to pause and take a look at our relationship with the Lord and Savior of the world. (Note: This is something that needs to be done more often than once a year. Reevaluating our relationship with Jesus should be an ongoing commitment we make on a daily

We should ask ourselves the tough questions and honestly answer them. When adjustments are needed in our lifestyle, we need to make them quickly. Do not let something become an unhealthy habit that will slowly creep in, and cause our relationship with Jesus to get pushed aside as we pursue other less important activities.

I have been asking myself the following questions as I reevaluate my own relationship with the Lord Jesus.

- What do I really want from Jesus?
- Am I really committed to being His disciple?
- How can I become all that God wants me to be?



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From left were Sherry Prevo, Ed Prevo, State. Rep. Hank Vaupel, and former State Rep. Cindy Denby. Vaupel and Denby were on hand to present the Prevo's with a Special Tribute from the State of Michigan.

Local couple thanked for bringing Santa Claus to Fowlerville community

A local couple were thanked by the Fowlerville Rotary Club and the Christmas in the Ville Committee for bringing Santa Claus to the community for the past 17 years.

Ed and Sherry Prevo were presented with a Special Tribute from the State of Michigan during last Wednesday's Rotary meeting. Ed has served as Santa Claus during that time, a task that has included riding in the annual Christmas Parade and meeting with area children both before and after the parade. During those visits, Sherry has assisted him and handed out the gift bags. The Prevo's also purchased a sleigh that was used in the parade and are donating it to Rotary so it can be used by his replacement.

State Rep. Hank Vaupel and his chief of staff, former State Rep. Cindy Denby, were on hand to present the State Tribute. It read:

LET IT BE KNOWN, That it is with deep appreciation for the hard work and commitment he has displayed for the citizens of Fowlerville that we commend Ed Prevo upon his retirement from Christmas in the Ville as the Village Santa Claus. Ed and his wife Sherry are donating their sleigh to the Christmas in the Ville Committee.

For 17 years, Ed has ushered in the Christmas season in the Village of Fowlerville as the community Santa Claus. For the first few years, his sleigh rested on a farm wagon. A few years ago, Ed and Sherry purchased a larger sleigh, which Ed has kept in immaculate condition. Ed and Mrs. Claus (Pamela Couling) ride in the sleigh with kids from the Make a Wish Foundation and Santa gives them a bear with the year on it. Santa has met with kids in different areas of the village before making the Village Fire Hall his home for the last 13 years

Ed and Sherry have been married for twenty-two years and they have two children and four grandchildren. He owns Prevo Trucking and they are active members in the First United Methodist church and in the Fowlerville Rotary.



IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE, Therefore, This document is signed and dedicated to honor Edward J. Prevo on his retirement as the Village of Fowlerville Santa Claus. We wish him continued success in the years to come.

The document was signed by Vaupel, State Senator Joe Hune, and State Rep. Lana Theis and dated Dec. 25, 2018.





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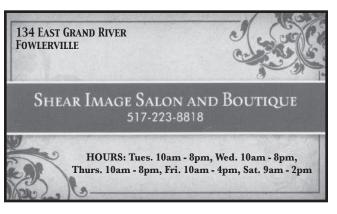
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Huron-Clinton Metroparks has busy year restoring & protecting natural

By Leah Harrison,

Natural Resources Technician/Volunteer Coordinator

The Natural Resources Department (NRD) at the Huron-Clinton Metroparks kept busy in 2018 working to restore and protect natural areas in all 13 Metroparks. Work is conducted year-round with the help of contractors, volunteers, government and non-profit partners to protect diverse ecosystems and meet restoration goals.

In March, prescribed burn season started with burns at Dexter-Huron, Hudson Mills, Huron Meadows, Indian Springs, Kensington and Lake Erie Metroparks. Prescribed burns are used to control undesirable species and maintain fire-dependent ecosystems, which allows native plants to flourish. These burns take place from March to May and are only conducted when weather conditions are ideal for a safe and thorough burn. Overall, 108 acres were burned throughout the Metroparks this year.

Garlic mustard season started in late April and lasted through June. Garlic mustard is an invasive biennial herb that spreads rapidly through woodland ecosystems, crowding out native plant species, if not controlled with concentrated efforts. The NRD worked at Kensington, Huron Meadows, Stony Creek, Hudson Mills, Dexter-Huron, Lower Huron and Oakwoods Metroparks to control garlic mustard in 178 acres throughout these parks. Specific attention was given to important sites in the Metroparks such as an area population of state threatened goldenseal (*Hydrastis canadensis*) to ensure that garlic mustard is not crowding out this sensitive population.

During the summer, the NRD began work to chemically treat or mechanically remove a variety of invasive plant species. Invasive species such as Japanese hedge parsley, black swallow-wort, sericea, Japanese knotweed, Asian bittersweet and woody shrubs were targeted. These species dominate and degrade ecosystems, preventing native species growth. NRD staff visited all 13 parks and 1,418 acres were covered to remove these species from our native ecosystems. Invasive aquatic vegetation was also treated in the lakes at Kensington and Stony Creek Metroparks, the marina at Lake Erie Metropark and Washago Pond at Willow Metropark. The NRD also partnered with the Michigan Nature Association, the

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Nature Conservancy to treat invasive species and accomplish shared restoration goals.

In September and throughout the fall, work was done to treat Phragmites, which is an invasive grass that can be found in wetlands and along shorelines in many of the Metroparks. This grass creates thick stands that block out light for native wetland plants and destroys diverse wildlife habitat. Overall, 315 acres in 10 parks were treated for Phragmites this year.

In 2018, the Metroparks held 33 volunteer days and the NRD benefited from volunteers to help remove garlic mustard, invasive shrubs and collecting native seed to spread to other Metroparks natural areas. This year, volunteers also assisted in planting 3,500 plugs in the grassland outside Stony Creek Nature Center to help restore native plants to the area.

The NRD doesn't stop working just because the weather turns cold as work continues to remove invasive shrubs throughout the Metroparks. Also during the winter months, staff will begin work on plans to continue the relevant work of restoring and protecting our native ecosystems in 2019 and beyond.

To view natural resources management projects for 2019, visit www.metroparks.com/Natural Resources. An updated list should be available by the end of January.

As always, if you would like to volunteer with the NRD, you can find opportunities on our website under the "Get Involved" tab. We hope you can joins us in the field to protect and restore some of the best habitats in southeast Michigan.

George W. Lee Civil War Round Table to meet on Tuesday, Jan. 8

The George W. Lee Civil War Round Table will be meeting this Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 7:00pm. The meeting is at the Livingston County EMS Headquarters Building (aka John E. LaBelle Public Safety Complex), 1911 N. Tooley Rd, Howell. This building is located on the east side of Livingston County Airport. Tooley Road is accessed off of M-59, about a quarter mile east of the intersection of M-59 & Grand River Ave. Park in the main parking lot, and enter through the front main doors, then go to the 2nd floor.

The subject of the meeting will be the Annual Show 'N Tell. Members are encouraged to bring in Civil War related items that they have discovered over the past year or so and talk about them. As in years past, please be able to say a few words about the item, and maybe pass it around.





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Caleb Jenkins Column



Not What, But How

In last week's column, you may recall I challenged you to become more familiar with politics, the happenings of government, and other critical current events in 2019. After it was published, someone approached me and essentially said, "That's great, but how?" That's a fair question since I wasn't all that specific in the last article, so I thought it would behoove me to dive into it at least a little bit now. The foundation of my challenge was essentially predicated on awareness, so I would say that is the first and primary step. It's important to have some level of understanding of what is going on around you.

Now, I'm not asking you to start pursuing a degree in Political Science or anything like that. In fact, we would be in a rough place as a society if Political Science was the only degree being sought! But it doesn't take a college degree to use some common sense when examining the current affairs of America.

Yes, I encourage you to read the news. At least once in a while. It doesn't have to be every day if that's not your thing, but I believe it's beneficial to swing by your preferred news site (I personally prefer Reuters for most of my national and international news, but that's just me) enough to have a general grasp of what is going on in the country. There are many complex issues facing our nation, so it would be unrealistic to expect someone to be a subject matter expert on all of them. However, you can at least gain a general idea on the major issues at stake.

The second and most critical part of this strategy involves the previously mentioned common sense. I'm sure you've heard the saying "common sense isn't so common anymore." Well, that may seem true unfortunately, but I don't think it's a natural phenomenon outside our control as we have been led to believe. Despite its name, common sense sometimes requires purposeful thought and hard work.

You've heard me say a thousand times, don't take things at face value. Utilize some common sense and ask the 'why' questions. Why is this politician doing this? Why does this group oppose this issue? Why is this news site reporting the story this way? Look deeper. Find the 'behind the scenes' story

But don't make it up. That's number three and very important. Some people ask those 'why' questions, and when they can't find an easy answer, they come up with their own.

That's where we get conspiracy theories. It's fine to have your doubts if something seems suspicious, but don't go full-on conspiracy theorist until you have the facts. You'll drive yourself crazy with one wild goose chase after another, and your perception of the world will just get more and more twisted.

Sometimes, there are crazy things out there, so if you really believe something weird is going on, then research it and find out. But just do it with facts, not your own assumptions or what you want to be the facts.

Lastly, do all this without stress. The most common reason I hear why someone chooses to not follow the news or be informed about politics and current events is because it stresses them too much. I feel that; it gets to me sometimes, too. But it shouldn't. We should be approaching this goal with an attitude of "change the things you can and don't stress over what you can't." You can't fix every problem in the world alone. Just do what you can. Act, pray, but let the weight roll off your back. Hopefully, this gives you at least one idea of 'how.'

The Breathers' Club to meet Jan. 8 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.) on the 1st Floor: Community Room of St. Joseph Livingston Hospital in Howell. An informational speaker and pertinent topic are featured each month.Our next Breathers Club is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 8, at noon.Our Pulmonary Rehabilitation Therapist is available to assist and answer questions.

For recorded meeting information call: (517) 545-6020:











Building bridges & inclusion main themes of Michigan Inauguration

By Steve Horton

Building bridges that connect people and inclusion of all Michiganders in the policies of government were the main, overarching themes expressed during the Michigan Inauguration held at the State Capitol grounds on Tuesday, Jan. 1.

The ceremony, which began at 10:30 a.m., before an estimated crowd of over 2,000 onlookers incl

mated crowd of over 2,000 onlookers included the oaths-of-office given to different officials elected by a statewide vote in the recent November General Election.

These included the members elected to the governing boards of Wayne State University, the University of Michigan, and Michigan State University, as well as the State Board of Education, the judges selected to the Michigan Court of Appeals, and the two justices who won seats on the Michigan Supreme Court.

Next up was Dana Nessel, the new Attorney General; followed by Jocelyn Benson, the new Secretary of State; and then Garlin Gilchrist II, the new Lieutenant Governor. Each of them gave a brief speech after being sworn in.

The last up was Michigan's 49th governor, Gretchen Whitmer, who took her oath and then gave a 12-minute address that touched on the two themes, but also offered a few general goals.

While the judicial seats are non-partisan, the rest of the officials who took office ran as Democrats with the party seeing overall gains in Michigan and across the nation. All four of the main state offices—attorney general, secretary of state, governor and lieutenant governor-had been held by Republicans. "I ran for this office on many issues, but for one simple reason," Nessel said. "I wanted the people of Michigan to feel like they truly had a government that really cared about them. And I wanted a government that cared equally about ALL the people of our state, irrespective of income, race, geography, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

"We are all Michiganders," she added. "And we are all entitled to equal protection under the law."

Benson stressed her goal "to make us a national leader in fair and accessible elections, (and) to ensure our legislative districts are drawn by citizens in a nonpartisan manner."

The new secretary of state noted that she had begun her career in Montgomery, Alabama "investigating hate groups and hate crimes throughout the country" and it was there, at the nearby Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma—the site of the famous voters-rights march in 1965 that was met with violence—"That I was instilled with a deep commitment to do everything I could—wherever I was-to continue the work of those leaders who sacrificed everything to protect our sacred right to vote."

Gilchrist talked of the "Rungs of the ladder of aspiration that we climb day by day to make life better for all of the people who call Michigan home."

"It is with those people in mind, my fellow Michiganders, that we stand before you with open minds and open hands," he continued. "From Detroit to Dexter, to Delta County, let us choose to lock arms and walk forward together in the spirit of peace and love, upon one accord, into our shared and connected destiny.

"Let us choose to leave no cry for help unheard, no call for empathy unanswered, and no opportunity for collaboration on the table," Gilchrist said.

Whitmer—who takes office with Republican majorities in both the State House and State Senate--began her remarks by recalling that "Over 60 years ago, Governor G. Mennan Williams—aka "Soap" Williams—a Democrat—worked with a Republican legislature to build the Mackinac Bridge," adding that many doubted it could be done or that political differences could be overcome and that "They even called it 'Soapy's Folly'."

"But together, leaders from both parties, and workers from across the state, proved them all wrong," she noted. "And in November 1957, against the odds, the Mighty Mac opened."

Using the bridge as a metaphor, Whitmer said that she "looked forward to working with you (the House and Senate Republican and Democratic leaders) in the coming weeks and months."

"We may belong to different parties, but we are all here for the same reason," she said. "We are proud Michiganders, first and foremost. And we owe it to the people we serve to cast partisanship aside. To roll up our sleeves. To build bridges together."

Pointing out that "what truly makes Michigan special are the people who call it home," the new governor said, "Our di-



Senator Debbie Stabenow was among those who addressed the audience. Looking on was Governor Rick Snyder and Lt. Governor Brian Calley as well as incoming Governor Gretchen Whitmer and Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist.

verse cultures, backgrounds, and experiences that strengthen the fabric of our communities—from paczki to pasty... and from miner to motorhead.

"And whether you live in Gogebic County, Grosse Ile or Grand Rapids, all Michiganders share some common traits that are part of the legacy we've inherited in the state we call home," she continued, listing those as: "Grit. Humility. Dreaming up something new. Building it with our two hands."

The Governor then talked of the legacy of Michigan and how these traits, and the diversity of the state, have made it "a place and a people "like no other."

And no question that Michigan has as much God-given potential as any place on Earth," she said. "But while potential is universal, opportunity is not. And right now, in Michigan, too few have the opportunity they deserve. That's no easy to admit, but we have to be clear-eyed about the challenges we face. Now is the time to confront our problems head-on and say—in one voice—let's get it done."

Whitmer, noting that her campaign slogan "Fix the damn roads" had captured public attention and helped propel her to success, referred to it in calling for a bi-partisan approach. "We might live in divisive times, but Michigan's problems are not partisan problems," she said. "Potholes are not political. Neither is clean water. Or better skills. Or great schools for our kids."

'I will be a governor for everyone," Whitmer vowed. "And I am committed to working across party lines to ensure that all Michiganders have opportunity. That means rebuilding our roads and bridges, Cleaning up our water, And ensuring that everyone gets the education and skills they need to compete for good-paying jobs. These issues affect us all. These things are the foundation of secure families, strong communities, and a more prosperous state.

"None of us can afford to compromise Michigan's economic future because we won't compromise with one another," she said. "Divided government makes solving problems harder, but not impossible."

She concluded by stating, "Let's join forces, as Michiganders, to build bridges together... Over waters. Between parties, And to a brighter future together.



Gov. Gretchen Whitmer

Inauguration speech by Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer – given on January 1, 2019

My friends, my family, my fellow Michiganders:

It is an incredible honor to address you as the 49th governor of the great state of Michigan.

I would not be here today without my family. Sherry, Sydney, Marc, Dad, Liz, Richard:

Thank you for being by my side on this journey and for inspiring me every day. I love you so much.

I am honored to be joined this morning by Governors Snyder, Granholm, and Blanchard.

If the Spartans weren't on the West Coast and if Governor Milliken were able, there's no question that he and Governor Engler would be here, too.

Each knows the incredible opportunity in -- and sacrifice of -- holding this office. Thank you for your service and your attendance today.

As I reflect on the monumental task that lies ahead, another

one of my predecessors comes to mind.

Over 60 years ago, Governor G. Mennan Williams - aka "Soapy" Williams - a Democrat - worked with a Republican legislature to build the Mackinac Bridge.

At the time, many people believed building a suspension bridge that long was not possible. Others thought the politicians would not be able to put their differences aside to get it done. They even called it "Soapy's Folly."

But together, leaders from both parties, and workers from across the state, proved them all wrong. And in November 1957, against the odds, the Mighty Mac opened.

It connected our peninsulas AND our people. It strengthened our economy. And most of all, it sent a powerful message to the world: Don't ever bet against Michigan.

In the spirit of that great legacy, I want to recognize the incoming legislative leadership – Senate Majority Leader Shirkey; Senate Democratic Leader Ananich; House Speaker Chatfield; and House Democratic Leader Greig – and all of the members of the legislature who are with us today. I look forward to working with you in the coming weeks and months.

We may belong to different parties, but we are all here for the same reason. We are proud Michiganders, first and foremost. And we owe it to the people we serve to cast partisanship aside. To roll up our sleeves. To build bridges together.

I feel lucky to have called Michigan home, my whole life. I grew up in Grand Rapids. I learned to value community and hard work. I got a world-class education at Michigan State in East Lansing. And law school in Detroit. I always knew I would raise my family here.

Because to me, Michigan is more than a place. It's a way of life.

Up North and the lakes in summer. Football in the fall. Hunkering down at home in the winter. Or at the capitol with thousands of your close friends!

And thawing out in the spring . . . if we're lucky.

We love our 4 seasons. We're proud of our traditions. Of course, what truly makes Michigan special are the people who call it home. Our diverse cultures, backgrounds, and experiences that strengthen the fabric of our communities – from paczki to pasty... and from miner to motorhead.

And whether you live in Gogebic County, Grosse Ile or Grand Rapids, all Michiganders share some common traits that are part of the legacy we've inherited in the state we call home.

Grit. Humility. Dreaming up something new. Building it with our own two hands.

That's how we became a hotbed of innovation and created music that moved the world.

It's why Michigan will be forever associated with names like Reuther, Ford, and Aretha.

And it's why, a century after we led a global manufacturing revolution, we still have the best workforce on the planet – from our farmers and factory workers, to our incredible state employees, who work tirelessly every day to keep Michigan going strong. There's no place in the world like Michigan.

No people like Michiganders.

And no question that Michigan has as much God-given potential as any place on Earth.

But while potential is universal, opportunity is not.

And right now, in Michigan, too few have the opportunity they deserve. That's not easy to admit, but we have to be clear-eyed about the challenges we face.

Now is the time to confront our problems head-on and say – in one voice – let's get it done.

Over the past year, as I traveled the state and listened to people's concerns, the same issues came up over and over and over again.

My campaign slogan got a lot of attention, but I didn't come up with it. It was a working mom I met at a hospital in Detroit who told me, "Gretchen, I just want you to fix the damn roads."

I heard similar messages from people in all 83 counties. I heard the same thing from Republicans, Democrats, and Independents.

We might live in divisive times, but Michigan's problems are not partisan problems.

Potholes are not political. Neither is clean water. Or better skills. Or great schools for our kids.

I will be a governor for everyone.

And I am committed to working across party lines to ensure that all Michiganders have opportunity.

That means rebuilding our roads and bridges. Cleaning up our water. And ensuring that everyone gets the education and skills they need to compete for good-paying jobs.

These issues affect us all.

These things are the foundation of secure families, strong communities, and a more prosperous state.

None of us can afford to compromise Michigan's economic future because we won't compromise with one another.

Divided government makes solving problems harder, but

not impossible.

We need to come together now – not as Democrats and

Republicans, but as Michiganders.

So, let's fix our roads, and be the state that's not paralyzed by partisanship, but works together.

And create the blueprint for rebuilding America's crumbling infrastructure.

Let's show the rest of the country how to solve America's literacy crisis, and show them what good government actually looks like.

And let's build a stronger Michigan that is – once again – a center of economic opportunity and mobility for people around the world.

I'm not saying it's going to be easy. Many will question whether we can protect our families and bolster our economy by fixing those damn roads. They may not believe we have the ingenuity to solve the literacy crisis. And no doubt, some are betting against our ability to close the skills gap.

But we are up to it, Michigan.

We have always defied the odds. And we are going to do it again, together. We are going to prove that our shared future is more powerful than the issues that divide us.

If we put our differences aside and get to work, we will come back stronger than ever.

At a time when too many people want to separate us by building walls, we here in Michigan are going to get back to building bridges together.

The story of the Mackinac Bridge reminds us that we can do great things when we work together.

I know I didn't get here on my own.

I'm here because, over the past year, the people of Michigan showed up.

At town halls, at rallies, and in record numbers on Election Day.

I am so grateful that you did. But our work is just beginning. That's why, today, I'm asking you to keep showing up. Keep showing your passion for our state – and demanding action from our leaders.

And let's join forces, as Michiganders, to build bridges together...

Over waters. Between parties. And to a brighter future for all.

Let's get to work Michigan! Thank you.



Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist

Inauguration speech by Michigan Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist II - given on January 1, 2019.

The steps we stand upon this morning are more than the pathway to the chambers of lawmaking and halls of collaboration.

They are stopping points that we, as Michiganders, gather upon every few years to define the goals and promises our state will pursue.

Platforms upon which we pause to examine our past from above as we look to the future ahead with open eyes and open hearts.

Rungs of the ladder of aspiration that we climb day by day to make life better for all of the people who call Michigan

It is with those people in mind, my fellow Michiganders, that we stand before you with open minds and open hands. From Detroit to Dexter, to Delta County, let us choose to lock arms and walk forward together in the spirit of peace and love, upon one accord, into our shared and connected destiny.

Let us choose to leave no cry for help unheard, no call for empathy unanswered, and no opportunity for collaboration on the table.

Thank you to the millions of people who stepped up to participate in our democratic process by voting, volunteering, conversing, and caring about our state. We are all here thanks to you.

We do not ascend these steps alone.

We are lifted here via the visions of the indigenous people, immigrants, and travelers who planted the seeds of their future in our fertile soil, giving rise to the bounty, beauty, and innovation that set our state apart.

ovation that set our state apart.

Lifted by the dreams of grandparents like mine, who

migrated here from Alabama, Arkansas, and all across the world in search of opportunity. In Michigan, they found this pleasant peninsula that marks God's handprint on our planet.

Lifted by the sweat of parents like mine, who believed that Michigan was where their sacrifices would lead to success for their only child.

I stand here alongside my wife Ellen, who I cannot thank enough for being my motivator and foundation. And my children, Garlin and Emily, who's imaginations inspire me to want to enable the imagination and possibility that exist within every person in our state.

Yes, we have specific problems to solve and specific issues to address.

Regardless of our political affiliations or sensibilities, it is up to all of us to participate in leadership and governance in Michigan.

But today, as we reposition our hands on the arc of history, let us remember that the strongest bridges that connect us are rooted in equity, justice, and honesty. If we choose these values today and every day, we, together, will move Michigan forward and leave it better than we found it.

God bless you. And God bless the great state of Michigan.



Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson

Inauguration speech by Michigan Secretary of State Joceyln Benson – given on January 1, 2019

To Governor-elect Whitmer, Lt. Governor-elect Gilchrist, distinguished officials and leaders on this morning's Dais, to my fellow constitutional officers, members of the state Legislature, Judge Damon Keith Family, friends and other distinguished guests.

It is a new day for democracy here in the state of Michigan. I began my career in Montgomery, Alabama investigating hate groups and hate crimes throughout the country.

It was there, standing at the foot of the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama where I was instilled with a deep commitment to do everything I could -- wherever I was -- to continue the work of those leaders in 1965 who sacrificed everything to protect our sacred right to vote.

And now, as your Secretary of State, I will work every day to bring that same commitment as our state's chief election officer to protect your vote, your voice, and our democracy.

And I am ready.

I am ready to work to make us a national leader in fair and accessible elections, to ensure our legislative districts are drawn by citizens in a nonpartisan manner.

I am ready to secure our democracy, and to work with all of you to take Michigan from worst to first in transparency, ethics, and accountability.

I am ready to instill a new standard and expectation for excellent customer service in our state government because every person -- no matter where you live in Michigan – deserves to get-in and-out of our branch offices in less than 30 minutes.

And I stand before you today as a military spouse, ready to help ensure our government works to serve and protect our military service members, families, and veterans just as they have worked to serve and protect all of us.

It is the greatest honor of my life to stand before you now as Michigan's 43rd Secretary of State.

I am grateful for your trust and your support, and I am ready to work as hard as you do every day in my service to you and to the interests of our state, our people, and our democracy.

Thank you.





Attorney General Dana Nessel

Inauguration speech by Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel – given on January 1, 2019

Good morning everyone – and thank you to all of the elected officials – past and present – who are here today. You have paved the way for us and we are grateful beyond measure.

It's impossible for me to overstate how honored and privileged I am to be standing before you today as Attorney General of this incredible state which I have called home throughout all my life.

Two years ago I stood on these same steps after marching with thousands of other women, demanding equality in representation, with the pledge that together we would create a state government that would hear and understand the voices of women in Michigan. So...looking around, feels like that worked out pretty well.

I ran for this office on many issues, but for one simple reason. I wanted the people of Michigan to feel like they truly had a government that really cared about them again. And I wanted a government that cared equally about ALL the people of our state, irrespective of income, race, geography, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

We are all Michiganders. And we are all entitled to equal protection under the law. Every one of us. No matter who we are. With the belief and understanding that the wealthiest CEO from the most powerful corporation doesn't deserve any more rights than the smallest child in the poorest neighborhood. Dignity, respect, and recognition of one's basic humanity, that's not too much to expect of our elected leaders, right? At least I don't think it should be.

John Wesley said it best:
Do all the good you can
By all the means you can
In all the ways you can
In all the places you can
At all the times you can
To all the people you can
For as long as you ever can.

That's what I would like to use the office of Michigan Attorney General to do. Just to help as many people as I possibly can for the time I have there. To use all the power, all the authority and all the resources just to help as many people in this state as possible.

I am not always going to succeed. Sometimes I will falter. Sometimes I will fail. But this I promise: I will always try to do the best I possibly can to bring justice to those who need it most.

So, thank you to my beautiful family. Thank you to my wonderful sons, Alex and Zach, who have endured a lifetime of being made to wear matching t-shirts and in a blink of an eye turned out to be really amazing young men and wonderful people. Thank you to my beautiful wife, Alanna, who has stood by me through all of my greatest triumphs and worst hair days. Thank you to my grandparents who escaped the horrors of war and somehow ended up in Detroit where they proved Michigan was a place where even penniless immigrants who spoke no English and possessed no skills or education, their granddaughter could grow up to become the top lawyer in a state of 10 million people. I will do my best each and every day to honor their memory.

And lastly, thank you to the People of the State of Michigan, for giving me the privilege and honor of standing up in a court of law and having the opportunity to say "Dana Nessel, appearing on behalf of the People." I will never forget why I am there, or who I am there to represent.

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Acoustic Café to feature May Erlewine at this Friday's, Jan. 11, concert

The Acoustic Café is featuring May Erlewine at its concert on Friday, Jan. 11, at The Howell Opera House. The performance runs from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Acoustic Café is an annual music series that features outstanding performers from across the country and is now celebrating its 11th year!

Some people might call May Erlewine "Michigan's Songbird", but her songs have traveled far beyond her home state. One of the most prolific and passionate songwriters of her generation, May's music has touched the hearts of people all over the world. Her words have held solace for weary hearts, offered a light in the darkness and held a lot of space for the pain and joy of being alive in these times. When she starts to sing, there's no way around it. Welcome to the moment, everyone.

Raised in a family rich with art and music, May began writing songs and playing them for the people at a very young age. Her journeys have taken her all over the world, from street corners to renowned stages, May has performed for all walks of life. In her travels, Erlewine came to know the land and the pulse of the people. Her songs show a very real connection and concern with everyday folk.

Tickets for this performance are \$10 and are available at the door. The Acoustic Café series runs every Friday night from January 4th – March 1st. Doors will open at 7:00 pm.



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Williamston Area Senior Center Game Night - come join us at the Williamston Area Senior Center Monday, January 7, 2019 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Pizza and Salad at 4:15 pm. 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.

County Commissioner Randy Schafer will be at the Williamston Area Senior Center on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 and will speak on Senior issues that the County Board of Commissioners may be considering in 2019.

Williamston Red Cedar Garden Club will be making a presentation on the gardens around Williamston and how to get ready for spring flowers on Wednesday, January 9, 2019.

Thursday, January 24, 2019 the Harris Nature Center will make a presentation on Woodpeckers native to this area.

Tuesday, January 22, 2019, DJ Clarinet will perform a clarinet melody to the Seniors during our lunch hour.

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

Presentations in January -

- --Wednesday, January 30, 2019, Mind Games sponsored by the Williamston Area Library; on
- -- Thursday, January 31, 2019 we will have our monthly
- -- Thursday, January 17, 2019 we will have a presentation on Advance Directives and Do Not Resuscitate Orders by Haven in your Home,
- --Wednesday, January 23, 2019 there will be a presentation on the Lions Club Eye Glass Program.

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)

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

Senior Spotlight—Caiden Abner

By Destiny Bird

For senior Caiden Abner, going to school is something to look forward to. Abner shows up each day with a smile on his face, ready to help everyone have a great day.

"I love seeing my friends every day and constantly making memories at school," said Abner.

Caiden is the son to Christopher Abner and Angie Taylor and step-dad Mike Taylor. He's the brother to Chase Abner and step-brother Zachary Taylor who both also attend Webberville Schools.

"My mom has most definitely made the biggest impact on me throughout my high school career," said Abner "She has always pushed me to try my best and never gave up on me when I wanted to stop trying."

Abner attends the Wilson Talent Center for welding, and plans on pursuing welding in his future as well. Abner is constantly doing his best to keep his grades up so that he can succeed in all of his future plans.

During middle school Abner participated in basketball and baseball, but during his high school career he enjoyed those sports with his friends in the stands cheering on his team. Abner has made most of his favorite memories during sporting events with some of his closest friends.

"The one thing I definitely will miss the most is my friends and going to sporting events with them and all the relationships I have made from seeing people every day,"

Abner has made some really close and good bonds with a lot of people at school. He is considered a very kind-hearted person and loves making friends.

"I love his personality and sense of humor. I know I can trust him with anything, he is always in a great mood and I love that," said best friend John Walters.

Abner is a great student, always making sure he's on track and keeping his grades up and always trying his best no matter what. Abner is definitely known most for his continuous positive attitude.

"Caiden is a very kind and welcoming student. He always treats people with kindness and respect," said Principal Andrew Smith. "I hope Caiden continues to work hard at his goals and commits to achieving them."

Abner has definitely left an impression with his constant positivity.

"I think everyone could learn from the way Caiden treats other people. If everyone was as kind and caring as Caiden, the world would become an even better place," said Mr. Smith.



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Steve Horton Column

The Michigan Inauguration: Beginnings & Endings

At the east entrance to the State Capitol grounds, welcoming one and all, is the statue of Austin Blair. A resident of Jackson, he was among those who founded the Republican Party when Whigs, Free Soilers, and dissatisfied Northern Democrats met at Under the Oaks in that city in July of 1854. The party's main purpose, in its beginning, was to prevent the spread of slavery in the western territories and counter the power and influence of Southern slave states in Washington, D.C.

Blair became known as the "Civil War governor" due to his serving as the state's chief executive from 1861 through 1864. Austin and many of his fellow Michiganders were ardent supporters of the union cause and took a hard line to any accommodations to the Southern states when they seceded. The new governor responded to President Lincoln's call for troops and Michigan's were the first to arrive at the nation's capital—much to the new president's relief.

He would go on to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives for six years during the post-Civil War era (1867-73) and is remembered for being a champion of human rights for his opposition to capital punishment and his support of voting rights for blacks and women.

Times change, though, and in more recent years it's been the Democrats, or more specifically the party's progressive wing, who have made civil rights for African-Americans and equal opportunities for women as priorities to be advocated and pursued through governmental legislation and social policies and who have pushed to expand the definition and scope of those rights and opportunities.

This more aggressive stance started with the administration of Franklin Roosevelt and picked up momentum after World War II

In fairness, though, many Republicans, past and present, have also advocated these causes. Still the party, of late, is viewed by many as taking a more cautious and conservative approach to the expanded definition and expanded scope.

This shift is even more apparent with the Michigan Inauguration that we were about to witness on this New Year's morning. Beyond Blair's statue, a large stage had been erected in front of the Capitol building. There, starting at 10:30 a.m., various officials who had been elected to statewide offices, would be taking their oaths of offices.

These (as we watched the ceremony) included members of the three university boards and the state board of education, judges to the Michigan Court of Appeals, and justices to the Michigan Supreme Court.

But front and center stage were the swearing in and speeches by the state's four main executive-branch offices. Of the four, three of them raising their right hand and reciting their oaths were women: Dana Nessel, the new Attorney General; Jocelyn Benson, the new Secretary of State; and Gretchen Whitmer, Michigan's 49th governor. The other official and lone man would be Garlin Gilchrist, the first black to be elected as the state's lieutenant governor.

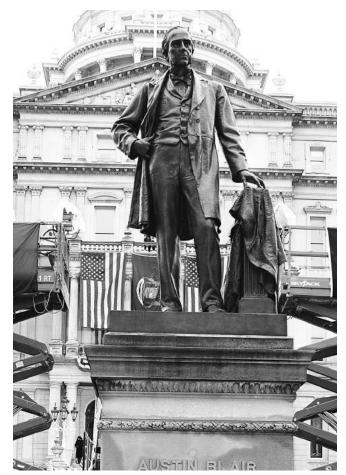
All four are Democrats.

The historical irony of Blair's stance, a founding father of the Republican Party, and Michigan's current situation is not lost. Which is what makes history interesting and nuanced.

DANIEL MULHERN, THE HUSBAND OF former governor Jennifer Granholm and Michigan's first First Gentleman, when interviewed for a news story about the impending inauguration, advised those attending to "dress warmly" and "be sure to be awe-struck." My wife Dawn and I, in our plans to attend the event, heeded the former suggestion. As for being awe-struck, well sports reporters are not supposed to "cheer in the press box" and I suppose the same holds true for those of us covering governmental affairs.

The "awe struck" refers, of course, to the pomp and circumstance that attends this peaceful and orderly transfer of power; a shift of influence and decision-making from one set of individuals to another group and, in this case, from officials belonging to one political party to those affiliated with the other. It is not the taking of power, however, that is the hallmark of our nation, but rather the relinquishing of those reins.

On the stage were Rick Snyder, the departing Republican governor, and his lieutenant governor, Brian Calley. Also in attendance were the Republican and Democratic leaders of the Michigan House and Senate. With both of those legislative chambers still controlled by Republican majorities, the state



The statue of Austin Blair, the Civil War Governor, stands at the east entrance of the State Capitol Grounds.

government will (as they say) be divided for the next four years, and perhaps longer. Whether compromise and common ground will be the rule rather than the exception, or instead gridlock takes hold remains to be seen. Many of us hope for the former; many fear for the latter.

Fueling the concern of inaction and divisiveness is the hard fact that there are partisan diehards—the bomb-throwers and ideological warriors—who view accommodation and negotiation as a vice rather than a virtue. Whether their attitude will mute the voices of moderation and thwart efforts to work across the aisle also remains to be seen.

But on this day such concerns are idle speculation. The attorney general, secretary of state, lieutenant governor, and governor, in their respective speeches, conveyed the excitement and hope that comes with beginning a new adventure, a new challenge, and a new opportunity to shape policy and enact favored initiatives.

With their assumption of office, a different set of priorities and goals, coupled with a different approach and philosophy to governance, have taken place.

For the estimated two thousand-plus in attendance, either seated in the chairs in the roped-off reserve section or standing around the perimeter, most of them supporters of these officials, there is obvious elation, a celebratory mood, and an aura of anticipation for what might lie ahead. They are the ones who knocked on doors, sought signatures on petitions, handed out pamphlets, made the phone calls, and attended the fundraising and meet-the-candidate events on behalf of a particular candidate or the party in general—and in this election their side won the majority vote.

The pendulum, having swung away from them in previous elections, has now swung back. For them and others who share their views, January 1st is not only a new year, but the dawn of a new morning—seemingly sunny and bright.

A FEW DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS, my wife and I attended a different event. We had been invited to a surprise party for Joe Hune, the State Senator who hails from Fowlerville and would be leaving office at the end of the year due to term limits. The event would be a way of saying "good bye" to this phase of his career.

Joe had already given his farewell speech on the floor of the Senate, one of the many senators who were also departing after serving the maximum of eight years in that chamber. Similar speeches were being given in the State House.

In his remarks, Hune expressed appreciation to his family, friends, and staff, highlighted what he considered his major accomplishment, and offered a few humorous and complimentary comments about several of his colleagues. Joe both honored and flattered Dawn and I by including us in his list of those he thanked and referring to us as "like family." Being invited to this party was a further honor and a chance to share this special occasion with a still-young man we'd known since he was a boy and watched grow up and then serve in the legislature.

The party was labeled as a "roast". As such, several people—including past and present legislators of both parties—took turns speaking. There were no sharp barbs, no unpleasant zingers. The 'roast' was more good-natured teasing mingled with heartfelt comments.

I also got up to speak and began by noting that the first year we started the *News & Views*, the year being 1985, we ran a front-page photo of two cute kids, cousins, who were

serving as crown bearers for the Fowlerville High School Homecoming. They were Angie Risdon, age four, and Joey Hune, age five.

"I'm not sure if Angie ever got her picture in the paper again," I said. "But little did we know that this would be the first of many appearances for young Mr. Hune. There were numerous photos of him during the next few years with his 4-H projects, usually a turkey, and then another front-page photo we took when he was selected as the Homecoming King his senior year.

"When he graduated from high school, like a lot of young people head off to college or other pursuits, I didn't figure we'd see much of him," I continued. "But, lo and behold, he decides to run for the State House at the age of 22. I didn't think he had much chance, but then he ends up winning the primary after a recount by two votes and, once again he's on the front page."

I added that over the next six years as a state representative and then, after a two-year hiatus, another eight years as a senator, he had a weekly column in the newspaper, along with his photo appearing on a regular basis when he attended various events.

I had found one of those pictures of Joe, a photo taken when he was a young boy in 4-H, blew it up, and gave it to him.

I finished by saying, "My wife Dawn and I had great affection for the boy in this photo and a high regard for the man he has become. I don't know how best to describe him when he was growing up, but to say he 'wore his heart on his sleeve' and was his own person. And that person was special and unique. He's still special and unique."

The party was held in what's called the Governor's Room. It's near the Capitol and, I was told, serves as a gathering place for fundraisers and other events held by or on behalf of state officials. On the walls are the photographs of past governors, including Harry Kelly, Kim Sigler, G. Mennen Williams, John Swainson, George Romney, William Milliken, James Blanchard, John Engler, Jennifer Granholm, and Rick Snyder. Pictures of both Republicans and Democrats who had headed our state government—the pendulum of power having swung back and forth over the years.

Joe is, if you're not already well aware, a conservative Republican. Yet, as he noted in his farewell speech, "we do not hate each other" in reference to his Democratic colleagues, adding, "I've always tried to befriend the Democratic leaders." He also pointed out that he had worked with Gretchen Whitmer when she was a Senator and they both (for a time) represented parts of Ingham County. The fact that one of those leaders, Jim Ananich, the Senate minority leader, was among those who spoke at the party was a testament to this friendship.

Joe, given his social and political beliefs, was likely disappointed with the recent overall election results. The opposite of the elation that, I'm sure, he felt after the 2016 vote. But on this occasion, surrounded by wife and son, mother and father, and other family members, along with friends, staff members, and fellow legislators, it had to be a bittersweet moment...this ending of a way-of-life and bidding "good bye" to a career he enjoyed over the past 16 years.

As I sat at a table, listening to the others talk, I wondered what was going through the minds of the legislators in the room who, like Joe, would be leaving office in a few days. For a number of years each of them—in varying degrees of influence—had held the reins of power, been among the most important people in our state, and helped shape the governmental policies that directly or indirectly impacted the lives of some 10 million of their fellow Michiganders.

It is an awesome responsibility to be in that position. And quite a change to suddenly become an ex-public official. I'm guessing that some of those leaving are more than ready to go on with their life's next chapter, but for others, this loss of power and position is not exactly an "awesome" moment.

Endings, unlike beginnings, are not generally occasions of hope and excitement, but rather of remembering and reminiscing. But, hopefully, they are accompanied with a sense of accomplishment as well.

But, whatever their mood is at this moment of transition, they did serve in state government. And while it's unlikely any of them will have a statue on the Capitol Square, like Austin Blair, they've now become part of Michigan's long and storied history.

While reporters aren't supposed to "cheer in the press box," I'm not a jaded newsman. The Inauguration, with its visible transfer of power, was an occasion to be awe-struck, but so too was the farewell party. One was a beginning, the other an ending. But each is important to acknowledge and celebrate and pay witness to.

As a Michigander, I thank all those public officials who have left office—our dear friend, Joe Hune, in particular—for their service and dedication, and I wish those officials who have just taken or re-taken their oaths of office my best wishes.

After all, it is not the beginnings or endings that matter most, but the continuing.

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VILLAGE OF FOWLERVILLE 213 SOUTH GRAND AVENUE FOWLERVILLE, MI 48836 517-223-3771 MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 26, 2018 *SYNOPSIS

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

The Regular Village Council Meeting was called to order at 7:48 p.m., in the Council Chambers.

Trustees Present: Bell, Mayhew, Mills, Heath, Helfmann, and Schultheis. Absent: None. Also present: Village Clerk/Manager, Kathryn Arledge, Chief of Police, John Tyler and Village Attorney David Stoker.

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

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

Village Clerk/Manager Arledge administered the Oath of Office to Trustees: Mary Helfmann, Jane Mills and Jim Mayhew. The Village Council Trustees welcomed the new Trustees.

MOTION BELL, SECOND HEATH, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 471, AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF FOWLERVILLE, MICHIGAN AMENDING THE FOWLERVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 30, ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2. ENTITLED TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT PLAN, SECTIONS 30-61 & 30-62. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: HEATH, HELFMANN, MAYHEW, MILLS, SCHULTHEIS AND HILL. NAY: BELL. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BELL, SECOND HEATH, TO APPROVE THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR PLANNING SERVICES, AS PRESENTED AND TO ADD ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OVER AND ABOVE THE FEE SCHEDULE. ROLL CALL VOTE. AYE: BELL, HEATH, SCHULTHEIS, HELFMANN, MAYHEW, MILLS AND HILL. NAY: NONE. UNANIMOUS VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BELL, SECOND HEATH, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:15 P.M., VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathryn M. Arledge, CMMC Village Clerk/Manager (1-6-19 FNV)

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Extra help available for Medicare & prescription drug costs

By Vonda Vantil,

Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Paying out of pocket for prescription drugs can be a burden that many households can't afford. The Extra Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs program was designed to help people in getting the vital medicine they need to live healthy and productive lives.

Anyone who has Medicare can get Medicare prescription drug coverage. Some people with limited resources and income may also be able to get Extra Help to pay for the costs — monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments — related to a Medicare prescription drug plan. Extra Help can be worth up to \$4,900 per year.

To qualify for Extra Help in 2019, your resources must be limited to \$14,390 for an individual or \$28,720 for a married couple living together.

You can apply for Extra Help at www.socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp. You can also call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) to apply over the phone or request an application, or if you prefer, you can apply at your local Social Security office.

To prepare for your application you should:

--Identify the things you own alone, with your spouse, or with someone else, but do not include your home, vehicles, burial plots, life insurance policies, or personal possessions;

- --Review all your income; and
- --Gather your records in advance to save time.

The records you'll need are:

- --Statements that show your account balances at banks, credit unions, or other financial institutions;
 - --Investment statements;
 - --Stock certificates;
 - -- Tax returns;
 - --Pension award letters; and
 - --Payroll slips.

The program was created because there is a great need for prescription drug assistance. Social Security is here to help. To learn more about the Extra Help program, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp.

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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By Beth Lowe, Director

Ringing in the New Year is a time of reflection and joy for many; however, for some the holidays and post-holiday winter months are a time of pain. This group does not need to suffer in silence. Mental health and suicide are subjects that many people are not comfortable talking about. Suicide can happen in every community, every school, every family. It happens in our families, in our schools, and in our community. There are people, agencies, and resources out there to help.

If you are feeling suicidal, say something. Tell your parents, your family, your friends, your doctor, your school counselor. Tell every trusted person you know until you are heard. You can call **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-8255** oronline chat at https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat/, you can contact them via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Tumbler. Hableren espanolat 1-888-628-9454, for the deaf and hard of hearing 1-800-799-4889 and the Veterans Crisis Line can be reached at 1-800-273-8255 or text 838255. Someone is always there to listen 24 hours a day seven days a week 365

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According to the QPR Institute, a suicide prevention program; clues and warning signs can come in several forms. Direct and indirect verbal clues can sound like:

- "I wish I were dead."
- "If such and such happens, I'll kill myself."
- "What's the point of going on?"
- "I'm so tired of it all."
- "Soon I won't be around."

Take these expressions seriously. They are cries for help and need to be investigated. Someone using this language needs support. Behavioral clues can look like: relapse into drug or alcohol abuse, stockpiling of pills, a purchase of a firearm, giving away prized possessions, saying 'goodbye', setting personal/business affairs in order. Situational clues can include a sudden rejection by a loved one, death of a someone close, terminal illness, or a recent unwanted move.

If you suspect someone you love is suicidal, ask. Asking the suicide question does not increase risk. This is a hard question to ask. Indirect questions to ask include:

"Have you been unhappy lately?"

"Have you ever been so unhappy you wish you were dead?"

"When people are as upset as you seem to be, they sometimes wish they were dead. I'm wondering if you feel that way too?"

Direct **questions** you can ask include:

"You look pretty miserable. Are you thinking of killing yourself?"

"Have you ever wanted to stop living?"

"Are you thinking of suicide?"

Once you ask the question, the most important thing you can do is listen. Listen with your **full attention** without judging or interrupting. Try to **persuade** them to get help. Ask them to promise to stay alive... even if it is for a short period of time. This is called a "no-suicide contract". Ask them who else would you like to know that you're feeling this bad? Contact that person directly to broaden the safety net for the suicidal individual.

If you don't feel comfortable asking the suicide question, find someone who can. Don't worry about breaking a trust or being disloyal. Call for help. Call a doctor, a counselor, a mental health professional, or one of the helplines included in this article. **Refer** the suicidal person to mental health professionals, make the appointment and go together or take them to the nearest emergency room or the VA hospital for suicidal veterans.

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National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-8255 online chat at https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat/.

HANDY TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

THE TOWNSHIP OF HANDY WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON JANUARY 24, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M. REGARDING THE APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT SUBMITTED BY FINLEY CONSTRUCTION ON BEHALF OF MICA CRAFTERS, INC. UNDER CHAPTER IX, SECTION 9.3 A TO ALLOW FOR CONSTRUCTION AND SALES OF COUNTERTOPS AND RELATED ACTIVITY AS PERMITTED UNDER SECTION 9.3 A.

The property is commonly known as V/L Grand River Avenue, west of Owosso Rd., Fowlerville, MI and is described as follows:

Situated in the Township of Handy, County of Livingston, State of Michigan: PARCEL A:

A part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 12, Town 3 North, Range 3 East, Handy Township, Livingston County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the East-West 1/4 line, North 87 degrees 09 minutes 17 seconds West 1313.23 feet (recorded as North 86 degrees 43 minutes 13 seconds West 1313.41 feet) from the East 1/4 corner of said Section 12; running thence South 01 degree 43 minutes 04 seconds West 533.56 feet along Detroit Edison's West property line (recorded as South 02 degrees 09 degrees 55 minutes West); thence North 87 degrees 37 minutes 15 seconds West 156.36 feet; thence North 00 degrees 37 minutes 04 seconds West 535.65 feet (recorded as North 00 degrees 10 minutes 15 seconds West); thence South 87 degrees 09 minutes 17 seconds East 178.21 feet along the East-West 1/4 line (recorded as South 86 degrees 43 minutes 13 seconds East) to the point of beginning.

PARCEL B:

A part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 12, Town 3 North, Range 3 East, Handy Township. Livingston County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 12; thence North 87 degrees 09 minutes 17 seconds West 1313.23 feet along the East-West 1/4 line (recorded as North 86 degrees 43 minutes 13 seconds West 1313.41 feet); thence South 01 degree 43 minutes 04 seconds West 533.56 feet to the point of beginning of the land to be described; running thence South 01 degree 43 minutes 04 seconds West 533.56 feet along Detroit Edison's West property line (recorded as South 02 degrees 09 degrees 55 minutes West); thence North 88 degrees 13 minutes 07 seconds West 134.51 feet; thence North 00 degrees 37 minutes 04 seconds West 535.66 feet (recorded as North 00 degrees 10 minutes 15 seconds West); thence South 87 degrees 37 minutes 15 seconds East 156.36 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL C:

A part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 12, Town 3 North, Range 3 East, Handy Township, Livingston County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 12; thence North 87 degrees 09 minutes 17 seconds West 1313.23 feet along the East-West 1/4 line (recorded as North 86 degrees 43 minutes 13 seconds West 1313.41 feet); thence South 01 degree 43 minutes 04 seconds West 1067.12 feet to the point of beginning of the land to be described; running thence South 01 degree 43 minutes 04 seconds West 345.13 feet along Detroit Edison's West property line (recorded as South 02 degrees 09 degrees 55 minutes West); thence North 88 degrees 11 minutes 26 seconds West 120.45 feet along the centerline of Grand River Ave. (recorded as North 87 degrees 39 minutes 02 seconds West); thence North 00 degrees 10 minutes 15 seconds West); thence South 88 degrees 13 minutes 07 seconds East 134.51 feet to the point of beginning.

Tax ID #'s 4705-12-200-018; 4705-12-200-019 and 4705-12-200-020

Owner: Mica Crafters, Inc., a Michigan corporation

A public hearing will be held to consider the application for special use at the Handy Township Planning Commission meeting on January 24, 2019 at the Handy Township Hall at 135 N. Grand Avenue, Fowlerville, MI 48836 (use rear entrance) at 7:00 p.m.

The application and supporting information may be examined at the Handy Township Hall, 135 N. Grand Avenue, Fowlerville, MI 48836 on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Written comments regarding the special use request may be submitted in care of Laura Eisele, Handy Township Clerk at 135 N. Grand Avenue, P.O. Box 189, Fowlerville, MI 48836 before 5 p.m. the day prior to the hearing.

Cathy Elliott Handy Township Planning Commission Secretary (1-6-19 FNV)



Fowlerville Community Schools has unlimited School of Choice openings for K-12th grade students who live outside Fowlerville School's district boundaries. Students would begin on the first day of second semester, Monday, January 21st. Applications are available on the District's web page or by calling (517) 223-6016.

PLEASE BE NOTIFIED THAT THE IOSCO TOWNSHIP BOARD ON **DECEMBER 20, 2018, AT THE IOSCO TOWNSHIP HALL AT 2050 BRADLEY ROAD,** WEBBERVILLE, MI 48892 HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING **ORDINANCE:**

TOWNSHIP OF IOSCO, COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON, STATE OF MICHIGAN **ORDINANCE NO. 8**

THE TOWNSHIP OF IOSCO, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS

PROHIBITION OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS **ORDINANCE NO. 8**

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

THE TOWNSHIP OF IOSCO LIVINGSTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

SECTION I

TITLE

This ordinance shall be known as and may be cited as the losco Township Prohibition of Marijuana Establishments Ordinance.

SECTION II DEFINITIONS

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

SECTION III

PROHIBITION OF MARIJUANA ESTABLISMENTS

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

SECTION IV VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

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

SEVERABLITY

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

SECTION VI REPEAL

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

SECTION VII EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after publication. The losco Township Prohibition of Recreational Marijuana Establishments Ordinance No. 8 was adopted by the losco township Board on December 20th, 2018, and shall have an effective date of thirty days after publication.

The losco Township Prohibition of Recreational Marijuana Establishments Ordinance No. 8, can be purchased, examined, or inspected at the losco Township Hall, 2050 Bradley Road, Webberville, MI 48892 on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons between the hours of 1:00PM and 5:00PM.

> Dan Delmerico Township Clerk (1-6-19 FNV)

Livingston **Acoustic Music Society holding** jam session on **Jan. 19**

The Livingston Acoustic Music Society (LAMS) Jam Sessions are open to interested musicians, singers listeners. We include many different instruments, styles of music and levels from beginners to accomplished.

Location: Fowlerville Church of the Nazarene's Fellowship Hall, 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. For information: https://www.facebook.com/ LivingstonJAM/

Or, come to our next LAMS Jam Session: Saturday, Jan. 19. Starts at 7 p.m.

Scholarship applications being accepted

Applications are now being accepted for scholarships available to Livingston County High School seniors.

The Nielsen Scholarship, funded by Brighton Attorney, Neal D. Nielsen, a University of Michigan Regent Emeritus, is available to any Livingston County High School senior graduating from Brighton, Fowlerville, Hartland, Howell or Pinckney High Schools and who will attend the University of Michigan in the Fall of

The scholarship covers One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars in tuition at the University of Michigan.

The application deadline for scholarship funds is May 1, 2019. Applications are available at the offices of Neal D. Nielsen, 2000 Grand River Annex, Suite 200, Brighton, Michigan 48114.



Michigan House Report

By Dr. Hank Vaupel, 47nd District

On Wednesday, I had the pleasure of attending the Fowlerville Rotary Club meeting and presenting Ed Prevo a state tribute for his many years playing Santa Claus during Christmas in the Ville. Ed brought much joy to residents and visitors through his involvement in the celebration, and now that he is retiring from the role, I felt it was important to recognize all the work he and his wife, Sherry, have done for the community. Thank you for your dedication to Fowlerville!

As 2018 came to a close, I am happy to report Governor Rick Snyder signed several of my bills into law. They include the following:

-- Public Act (PA) 535 of 2018 is part of a package updating laws related to HIV. Updates concerning definitions, testing, and patient consent were made to ensure Michigan law reflects the seriousness of this disease.

-- PA 429 of 2018 makes changes to Michigan's Medigap laws to ensure residents have the access they need to Medicare. A federal act passed in 2015 would have limited access starting next year, but this law keeps oversight in the state and protects citizens.

--PA 593 of 2018 updates 'Kevin's Law' to ensure those with mental health needs are helped earlier to curb homelessness, dangerous behavior, and incarceration. Not only does it benefit those with mental health challenges, but it also saves tax dollars by reducing the state's hospital and incarceration costs.

As always, if you have questions about these or any of my bills, then please feel free to contact my office. I'd love to hear your thoughts.

This month marks the beginning of the 100th Michigan Legislature. As we head back to session, I am excited to continue representing you in Lansing for the next two years. I also look forward to working with newly-elected state Rep. Ann Bollin, who represents southeast Livingston County in the 42nd District, and state Sen. Lana Theis. We'll work hard to be the voice of Livingston in Lansing!

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!

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Livingston County Catholic Charities able to donate care packages & presents

The community came together and brought love, joy and the Christmas spirit to local home-bound and low income county seniors on Dec. 14, along with care packages and Christmas presents to 146 Livingston County seniors.

Through the generous support of many individuals, schools and numerous community organization holiday giving drives, Livingston County Catholic Charities (LCCC) was able to provide Christmas Blessing gift boxes and care packages to Livingston County seniors who are homebound or live at or below 150% of the national poverty level. Each assisted individual or couple is either served through one of LCCC's senior service programs or was referred through our many community partners and churches.

According to Suzanne Snyder, Director of Senior Services, "The last five years we've been averaging 112 seniors and knew the tremendous growth was coming with our aging population. This was the year! With the jump in numbers we put out an additional plea to the community and it was overwhelming how everyone stepped up and hosted drives or stopped by with a donation. We had many new volunteers join us this year in packaging, wrapping gifts and delivering the Christmas Blessing packages. It is because of everyone involved we were able to provide a large array of necessary items for each senior. Thank you and God Bless!

"Collectively, volunteers, the generous donors and organizations provided hundreds of hours of service through this project," Snyder noted. "This is an example of true collaboration between the community, LCCC and many other concerned individuals and organizations. We are truly thankful for this support on behalf of the people that we





Caughtcha DOING SOMETHING GREAT

Chuck Hill thanked for longtime service on Fowlerville Fair Board

By Steve Horton

Chuck Hill was thanked for his longtime service on the Fowlerville Fair Board during a gathering on Dec. 13. Hill, who is 76 and a local resident, has been part of the fair for over 40 years, beginning as a volunteer and then as a longtime board member.

Robert Redinger, the president of the board, presented Hill with a crystal clock as a 'thank you' gift.

Chuck recalled that the late Max Bessert, who was on the board, "got me involved."

"I was assigned to watch the southwest gate, which was for venders only," he recalled. "I stood there and stood there and no one checked on me. Finally, the lady who (at the time) owned a nearby restaurant, stopped and asked if I'd like an egg roll. I said that 'I'd love one.' That kept me going."

Despite that rough start, he stayed on and, soon after, was elected to the board.

Most board members, along with helping where needed, have a realm of responsibility they handle. It might be preparing for the annual fair, serving as the superintendent of a livestock barn and organizing the judging, or putting on a specific event.

Chuck noted that he's overseen the games held in the front of the grounds at the start of Kids Day on Wednesdays for most of his tenure. During the past couple of years he's also handled the Bike Drawing held in the late afternoon. He added that early on he served two years as the board treasurer.

"I'm also in charge of the by-laws, updating them and making sure the fair board follows the procedures that are in those rules," he pointed out. "For example, we're supposed to hold the annual meeting of the Fowlerville Agricultural Society within a certain time after the end of the fair. After that meeting, the board meets and elects officers."

He noted that the board holds work nights in the weeks leading up to the fair where members clean the grounds and buildings, move tables, and do various other tasks to prepare for the upcoming event. A highlight of being a board member, he added, is attending the annual state convention, normally

held in Grand Rapids.

"We decide on the entertainment and sign contracts and also interact with members of other boards," Chuck noted.

"I've thought a few times of resigning," he said, "but I enjoy Kids Day and it's a good board to be part of."

Chuck was born in 1942. His parents were the late Lester and Edna Hill and he has an older sister, Deanna, and a younger brother, Rick. "Mom and Dad lived on Garden Lane when I arrived, then we moved to an apartment in Howell when Dad was drafted into the service during World War II. When he came home, we

moved to Linden where he worked on a dairy farm."

Chuck started school in that community, but the family soon returned to Fowlerville. He grew up on Church Street and graduated in 1961. Among his jobs in high school were cleaning Elm Restaurant, an eatery that was located on North Grand Avenue and then working at Frank's Market. "Howard Dorrance, who was working there at the time, came over to the house and asked if I wanted a job," he recalled. "I stocked cans and ground hamburger in the meat department."

Chuck started out at Western Michigan University, with the goal of becoming a licensed mortician. "The problem was that I had to pay my way, so I'd take a few classes and then I'd quit and work. I got tired of doing that."

However, he did start helping out at Dillingham Funeral Home, a job that included driving the ambulance. He was drafted and served in the U.S. Army from 1964 thru 1966. "I was a military police officer in South Korea and was assigned at Pyongyang, the site of the fortified border between South and North Korea. I was in that country for 18 months."

Upon his return he worked at Dillingham's and then took a fulltime job with MacDonald's Funeral Home in Howell.

Chuck and his wife Carol were married in 1976, and around then he took a job with the Fowlerville Community Schools as a custodian and also became involved with the fair.

"I ended up being a supervisor at the school," he noted,



Chuck Hill, at left, received a crystal clock from Robert Redinger, the president of the Fowlerville Fair Board, as a 'thank you' gift for his 40-plus years as a board member.

adding that he retired in 2005. During those years he also helped at the funeral home—first for the Dillingham's and then the Niblack's.

While he left fulltime employment, Chuck still works part-time at the school. Carol, who is retired after a career working at the bank and then the Village office. also is a parttime employee at the school.

Chuck and Carol lost their son, Brandon, this past July 27th. They have a daughter Heidi and three grandchildren. He noted that his kids grew up attending the fair and now he has had the opportunity to take his grandchildren to the different entertainments, including Kids Day, and to the livestock

Caughtcha Doing Something Great is a feature that appears courtesy of the June and Edward Kellogg Family Dental Foundation. The goal of this feature is to recognize good deeds, positive behavior and accomplishments that make our community a better place to live.





Thank you for your confidence and trust in me throughout my tenure in the legislature.

Have a Happy New Year!

Senator Joe, Marcia and Alex Hune

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